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Cr Linton Reynolds, Mayor
City of Armadale
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Dear Linton

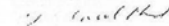
I wish to thank the City of Armadale and in particular members of the Community Heritage Advisory Committee for their continued support for the permanent entry of the Dustroom and Machinery Shed of the Armadale State Brickworks on to the State Heritage Register.

Members of the Brickworks Group were extremely pleased to hear of the entry and appreciate the effort made by the City of Armadale to secure the future of this important remnant of our industrial heritage.

The announcement from the Heritage Council is a significant milestone for our members and supporters who have worked to preserve the history of brickworks in Armadale.

Once again, many thanks to all at the City of Armadale.

Yours sincerely



Kath Coulthard, President
Armadale & Districts Brickworks Preservation Group Inc.



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MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, RACING AND GAMING; MULTICULTURAL INTERESTS AND CITIZENSHIP; GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES; MINISTER ASSISTING THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE; GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE; YOUTH

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TO ALL MAYORS AND PRESIDENTS

CIRCULAR No:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY BOARD REPORT INTO STRUCTURAL AND ELECTORAL REFORM IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

I am pleased to announce that I have finalised my consideration of the recommendations made by the Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB) in its 2006 Inquiry into Local Government Structural and Electoral Reform in Western Australia.

The report was requested in 2005 by the then Minister for Local Government and Regional Development. Since its release, considerable feedback on the report has been received from local governments and communities.

The Board made a range of recommendations including proposals to amalgamate a number of local governments. The Board also recommended the introduction of a new requirement for various financial management plans to be prepared by local governments, the removal of the power for electors to call for a poll when their local government is part of an amalgamation proposal, and a number of other recommendations including the maintenance of existing arrangements in many instances.

I am of the view that a less prescriptive approach on amalgamation and boundary change, not involving legislative amendment, is warranted. Such an approach gives local government the opportunity to address sustainability through its own decisions rather than through structural reform imposed by the State. Hence, I will not be introducing legislative changes associated with local government amalgamation and boundary reform.

The Government will continue to provide support to local governments considering voluntary amalgamation and resource sharing through the Connecting Local Governments initiative. This program has already facilitated a number of reform proposals from local governments in the State.

In relation to financial management and planning, I am aware that considerable effort is being made by the local government sector to improve its overall performance in this area. Given the progress being made, I have decided that the Board's legislative recommendations are not necessary.

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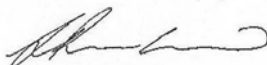
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I am also of the view that the poll provisions in the *Local Government Act 1995* ensure that the community has a direct opportunity to express its view about amalgamation proposals. Thus, I will not be implementing the Board's recommendation to remove the poll provisions.

In response to the electoral reform recommendations of the LGAB, the only legislative change to be pursued is the introduction of the preferential and proportional representation voting system which is currently before Parliament. The remaining recommendations focus largely on maintaining existing arrangements that I support.

In closing, I would like to give credit to the Chairman of the Board, Cr Charlie Gregorini, and the other Board members, for the considerable effort that went into producing the report and for its high standard. The research undertaken and the findings made represent a significant piece of work on local government in Western Australia, and has become a significant reference for those requiring a greater understanding of the sector.

Yours sincerely



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

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ISSUES UPDATE

PROPORTIONAL PREFERENTIAL VOTING OUTCOME

Local Government is extremely disappointed at the outcome of the debate on *Local Government Amendment Bill (No.2) 2006*, and the government's persistence with the introduction of Proportional Preferential Voting (PPV).

However, whilst the majority of the findings and recommendations are disappointing, to some extent they were anticipated.

The primary focus of the Association is now directed towards ensuring that Local Government is appropriately resourced and supported by the State Government, particularly through the Department of Local Government and Regional Development and the State Electoral Office, to meet the requirements of the new voting system.

The Association has asked the Minister for Local Government to provide urgent advice on the implementation strategies to be employed by the State, to prepare both the Local Government sector and the voting public for the change to Proportional Preferential Voting in Local Government elections.

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

FUTURE DIRECTIONS – MAIN ROADS TERM NETWORK CONTRACTS

Main Roads recently facilitated a workshop with Local Government, including Elected Members and regional road group representatives, CEOs and engineers, to explore Local Government involvement in future road maintenance delivery. The workshop involved an overview of Main Roads' current Term Network Contract (TNC) maintenance delivery arrangements, the lessons learnt from the TNCs and discussion of future maintenance delivery options and the potential roles for Local Government. A number of models were discussed including Local Government as a service provider, a prime contractor and as an alliance partner. Participants workshopped the advantages and disadvantages of each

model. A Working Group, chaired by the Association President, will flesh out these models in partnership with Main Roads for consideration by Local Government. Information will inform a position paper that will guide the next generation of maintenance delivery.

For further information, please contact A/Executive Manager Infrastructure, Michelle Mackenzie on 9213 2031 or email mmackenzie@walga.asn.au, or Main Roads' Director Delivery Services, Brian Noble on 9323 4641 or email brian.noble@mainroads.wa.gov.au.

TRAINING UPDATE

The venue for all the following training modules is:

WA Local Government House,
15 Altona Street, West Perth

The cost of each of the modules is as listed below (unless stated):

\$297.00 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
\$324.50 (inc GST) for nonmembers

Elected Member Development Program

Module 9: Ethics and Conduct for an Elected Member

Date: **Monday 25 June**
Time: 9:00am to 12:30pm
Cost: \$148.50 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
\$162.80 (inc GST) for nonmembers

Module 10: Change Management

Date: **Monday 25 June**
Time: 1.00pm to 4:30pm
Cost: \$148.50 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
\$162.80 (inc GST) for nonmembers

Module 8: Community Consultation

Date: **Friday 29 June**
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

Officer Training

Managing Change for Officers

Date: **Friday 1 June**
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

Customer Service and Complaints Handling for Officers

Date: **Friday 15 June**
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

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

HERITAGE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT SEMINAR 2007

The annual Heritage Council of Western Australia seminar will include presentations on local heritage planning, insurance and property values, assessment and registration, developing heritage places and heritage tourism and site visits. The seminar will be held:

Date: **Sunday 10 & Monday 11 June**
Venue: All Season's Sanctuary Golf Resort, Bunbury
Cost: \$385.00 (inc GST)

Please register as soon as possible as numbers are strictly limited to 25 people.

For further information, please contact the Heritage Council of Western Australia's Manager Media and Communications, Neta Gill on 9220 4115 or email neta.gill@hc.wa.gov.au.

SHADE OVER SWIMMING POOLS

Round 3 of the Australian Government's Community Water Grants program is now open and offers grants of up to \$50,000 to help local community organisations save, recycle or improve their local water resources.

The Cancer Council Western Australia is keen to work with any Council that may want to apply for a grant to provide shade over a public swimming pool in an effort to increase water saving, as well as enhance sun protection for the public.

Grant information can be accessed at www.communitywatergrants.gov.au The Cancer Council WA can also assist local councils to develop SunSmart policies for outdoor workers or enhance the provision of quality shade in a range of settings.

Registrations close on **Friday 22 June**.

For further information, please contact SunSmart Local Government Coordinator, Lanny Hoskin on 9212 4361 or email lhoskin@cancerwa.asn.au.

DRINKING WATER CATCHMENTS

A new online service which identifies drinking water catchments throughout the State has been launched by the Department of Water.

The register has been designed to assist State and Local Government decision makers and anyone involved in preparing land use development proposals that may impact on the State's limited drinking water resources.

It is an easy reference guide which lists the Public Drinking Water Source Areas within each Local Government area and provides weblinks to their relevant management plans, such as land use and water management strategies and drinking water source protection plans and assessments.

The register may be viewed online at:

<http://portal.water.wa.gov.au/portal/page/portal/WaterManagement/Publications/OtherPublications>

For further information, please contact the Department of Water's Water Source Protection Branch on 6364 7600 or email drinkingwater@water.wa.gov.au.

SOUND ATTENUATION SUPPORT PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKS

The Department of Culture and the Arts (the Department) has been working in conjunction with a number of State and Local Government agencies on the development of educational material to address noise management issues stemming from contemporary music venues.

Through its Sound Attenuation Support Program (SASP), the Department has been assisting live original music venues to improve sound management and reduce the effects of noise on surrounding residents.

For further information or to obtain a copy of the information pack, please contact the Department of Culture and the Arts' Senior Project Officer, Lyndsay Feltham on 9224 7474.

CHANGES TO THE WATER SERVICES LICENSING (PLUMBERS LICENSING AND PLUMBING STANDARDS) REGULATIONS 2000

The Plumbers Licensing Board has recently written to the Association to inform Local Government that the *Water Services Licensing (Plumbers Licensing and Plumbing Standards) Regulations 2000* are currently being amended, to update the 2003 edition of the Australian plumbing standards AS/NZS 3500. This is part of the Board's strategic plan to have a National Plumbing Standard.

The process is expected to be finalised for implementation on **Sunday 1 July** and on this date the prescribed plumbing standard will incorporate the AS/NZS 3500:2003 parts 0, 1, 2 & 4. Existing plumbing standards will apply for intended plumbing work reported to the Board prior to **Sunday 1 July**. Any work commenced after this date must comply with the proposed new plumbing standards.

For a copy of the letter sent to the Association containing details of the changes, please contact Community Policy Officer, Jacqui Homer on 9213 2006 or email jhomer@walqa.asn.au.

For further information on the plumbing standards, please contact Plumbers Licensing Board's Senior Technical and Education Officer, Dale Froby on 9282 0478 or email dfroby@docep.wa.gov.au.

MEDIA RELEASES

2 May New Stallholder Fees follow Minister's Advice
3 May Contrived, Costly and Confusing Voting Changes for Local Government

DIARY DATES

 Denotes Teleconference

22 May	South West Country Zone
25 May	Goldfields-Esperance Zone
25 May	Avon Midland Country Zone
28 May	South Metropolitan Zone
28 May	Great Southern Country Zone
28 May	Northern Country Zone
28 May	Gascoyne Country Zone
28 May	Pilbara Country Zone
30 May	South East Metropolitan Zone
31 May	Central Metropolitan Zone
31 May	North Metropolitan Zone
31 May	East Metropolitan Zone
31 May	Great Eastern Country Zone 
31 May	Peel Country Zone
TBA	Pilbara Country Zone
1 June	Central Country Zone 
20 July	Avon Midland Country Zone
22 July	South West Country Zone
26 July	North Metropolitan Zone
27 July	Goldfields-Esperance Zone 
30 July	South Metropolitan Zone
30 July	Northern Country Zone
1 August	South East Metropolitan Zone
2 August	East Metropolitan Zone
2 August	Central Metropolitan Zone
2 August	Peel Country Zone
3 August	Great Eastern Country Zone
3 August	Gascoyne Country Zone
3 August	Central Country Zone
5 August	Great Southern Country Zone
3-6 August	Pilbara Country Zone (TBA)
21 September	Avon Midland Country Zone
21 September	Goldfields-Esperance Zone
21 September	Great Eastern Country Zone
21 September	South West Country Zone
24 September	South Metropolitan Zone
24 September	Great Southern Country Zone
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Emergency management for local government



Local government has an important role in emergency management. Emergency management pages have been updated and are now on-line which contain information on national policies and programs, resources, a tool-kit and information strategy as well as the results of several significant ALGA initiatives in relation to emergency management, disaster mitigation and national security. See <http://www.alga.asn.au/policy/emergman/>

The need to provide a national database and increase awareness of the importance of emergency management amongst councils has been highlighted by the National Local Government Emergency Management Survey completed by ALGA as part of the project designed to show the current state of emergency management and preparedness in local government throughout Australia. ALGA is grateful to the Attorney General's Department for funding the resources included on the page.

A record total of 354 survey on-line responses were received from a potential 674 councils. As expected, the natural hazards identified as major risks for a majority of Councils were bushfires, severe storms and floods.

Slightly more than half of the respondents saw emergency management as a very important function of local government, although only 27% saw local government as being very well or quite prepared for emergencies.

The Australian Government's Natural Disasters In Australia report in 2002, floods, bush-fires and tropical cyclones cause more than \$1.4 billion damage to Australian homes, businesses and infrastructure each year. In addition to the substantial economic cost they also cause serious loss and impairment on functioning of urban and regional communities. Given this ongoing threat, and the growing potential of other natural and man-induced disasters be they a pandemic influenza or terrorism, governments at all levels, including local governments are accepting larger and more varied responsibilities to prepare for, manage, respond and recover from such devastating and disruptive impacts.

ALGA has also completed and provided to Emergency Management Australia a study of the 2005-06 grant application by local government for the Local Grants Scheme. The study has provided an insight into the number and types of grants by councils and identifies some factors which have affected the success of applications.

A total of 232 applications for funding were made by Local government bodies under the 2005-06 round of the Local Grants Scheme. NSW accounted for 46% of applications with Queensland next with 15% and Victoria with 12%.

A total of 161 of the 232 applications were successful. Queensland had a 89% success rate followed by NT, Tasmania and Western Australia each with 75%. NSW had a success rate of 58%.

57% of the proposed projects related to planning or other preparedness while just 6% of proposed projects related to prevention or mitigation (although this is to be expected given that there is a separate disaster mitigation funding program run by the Department of Transport and Regional Services).

For more information: Contact Rolf Fenner at ALGA on 02 61229400.

Labor's national conference

Labor has flagged reform of the Financial Assistance Grants to local government if it wins government federally.

In a paper delivered during the ALP National Conference last week, the Shadow Minister for Federal/State Relations, Bob McMullan, said that Labor would look at "broadbanding" or combining a smaller number of Specific Purpose Payments into a larger pool to increase flexibility and reduce administration costs.



ALGA President Cr Paul Bell welcomed the debate. "The PricewaterhouseCoopers report into local government financing recommends a revision of the escalation methodology for FAGs from a mix of population growth and CPI to a new escalation formula tailored to local government cost movements," he said. "The value of these grants as a proportion of total Commonwealth taxation revenue has fallen by 35% from 1.18% in 1993-94 to 0.77% in 2007-08."

Mr McMullan said the states and territories had shown their frustration with COAG by forming the Council for Australian Federation; and by proposing a national reform agenda and the establishment of the COAG Reform Council to drive this agenda.

"An obvious area for reform is that of Specific Purpose Payments (SPPs) from the Commonwealth," he said. "There are three groups of SPP payments: Those paid directly to the states - an estimated \$20.5 billion in 2006-07; those paid through the states - eg FAGs to local governments and grants to non-government schools - an estimated \$7.4 billion in 2006-07; and, those paid direct to Local Government - \$497.1 million in 2006-07.

"There are more than 90 SPPs to states and territories. They each have cumbersome and time consuming reporting requirements, in some cases costing more than the original payment. Many of these requirements are not on the public record, and are only contained in correspondence between the Commonwealth and the interested parties.

"In government, Labor would look at:

- Simplifying and standardising administration and accountability;
- Defining broad principles, objectives and performance measures to concentrate on outcomes, not inputs;
- Allowing flexibility for states and territories to tailor programs to suit local needs - competitive federalism;
- Coordinating programs with existing state or local government programs; and,
- Giving incentives for states and territories to find better ways of doing things.

Meanwhile, the Shadow Trade and Regional Development Minister Simon Crean has outlined Labor's policy on regional development which was debated at the ALP National Conference.

He said that Labor was committed to a location-specific approach to regional development. Labor would create Regional Development Australia (RDA) to build the capacity of the Area Consultative Committees (ACCs) and create a stronger and more participatory regional

development network. "They will be better able to develop strategic plans to determine regional priorities in partnership with the local community and will be better resourced so they can plan for the longer term," he said in an article posted onto the On Line Opinion website.

"They will also play an essential role in identifying their regional infrastructure priorities and the national infrastructure council to be set up by Labor, Infrastructure Australia, will be required to consult with them. The network does not serve to replace local government but to value-add it. Local governments across Australia recognise the need to achieve regional outcomes to find opportunities and meet challenges. RDA will build the invaluable partnerships across shire boundaries between public, private and community sectors.

"This is happening already in some regions but we must ensure all regions benefit from regional partnerships. Regional Development Australia will also provide a forum for people who wish to make a significant contribution to their local community but who wish to do so through a mechanism other than by being elected to government. We must continue to support them."

Mr Crean said another key element in the Labor regional platform was to bring regional policy into mainstream policy-making "rather than just hive off regional development into a separate program."

He said there must be a genuine commitment to localism to enable governments to respond with flexibility to local concerns and to provide a mechanism to ensure governments and departments work together.

Labor would address this with a commitment to break down the national budget by region to identify how much the key portfolios, such as health and education, are spending in each region.

"Local communities must have a greater say in how their needs can be met and provide a mechanism by which key portfolios can respond with flexibility to innovative solutions. regional bodies should be given a decision-making capacity about the distribution of these funds."

Landcare awards open for entries



Landcare Australia encourages all local governments to celebrate their environmental achievements as the 2007-2008 State and Territory Landcare Awards open for entries.

Australian cricketer Glenn McGrath and country music star Adam Brand are leading the call for people around the country to enter the Landcare Awards, to recognise outstanding achievements in Landcare.

There are ten categories with awards to recognise individuals, schools, universities, local councils, primary producers, indigenous groups and many others.

The Leighton Holdings Local Government Landcare Partnerships Award is presented to an outstanding local government organisation, collaborating with its community to manage its local environment and natural resources. The winners in each State and Territory will receive state-wide recognition and be flown to a huge national ceremony held in Canberra in 2008.

In 2006, the national winners Johnstone Shire Council from Far North Queensland (pictured) were presented their award by His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery, the Governor

General of the Commonwealth of Australia, in front of more than 700 people at the 2006 International Landcare Conference.

All information on entering the Landcare Awards, criteria and closing dates for entries is available through www.landcareonline.com.

From the President

I am looking forward to the delivery of the Howard Government's 12th Budget next week. It is always a significant event in the political calendar, but even more so being an election year.



By now you will have received ALGA's 2007-08 Budget Submission 'Delivering Economic Growth and Social Cohesion for Australia.' It contains a comprehensive list of program and policy suggestions from local government which, we believe, reflect the increasingly diverse areas in which local government is now involved from building roads, to aged care services, housing, child care, the environment and emergency management.

Predicting what is in the Budget is always a bit like crystal-ball gazing, and the Treasurer always likes to pull an unexpected rabbit out of the hat such as his reforms to superannuation announced last year.

However, what we do know is that there will be allocations for road funding in the Budget. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport and Regional Services, Mark Vaile, and the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, Jim Lloyd, have already announced the renewal and extension of the Black Spot program and there were reports earlier this year that the Government was considering funding for AusLink 2, including Roads to Recovery, and for regional airports as part of its response to the 'Making Ends Meet' report. In addition, the Government will need to announce what it intends to do with the interstate distribution of the identified Roads Component of the Financial Assistance Grants, given that the extra local road funding for South Australia is in its final year.

We also have some hints from the Prime Minister about what may or may not be in Tuesday's Budget. He has stated that it would be economically responsible and maintain a strong surplus. He said he was well aware that low interest rates meant many households had substantial debt and the best thing that any government could do was keep the economy strong. Whether this strengthens or weakens the chance for large infrastructure spending or tax cuts is anyone's guess and will keep the commentators exercised over coming days.

The Budget provides the first opportunity for the Australian Government to commit to the four-year \$250m Local Community Infrastructure Renewals Fund (LCIRF). This program was recommended by the PricewaterhouseCoopers report into local government financing and would help to address the huge \$14.5b national infrastructure backlog. It would focus on renewing and replacing community infrastructure such as community centres and public halls, swimming pools, walking tracks, ovals and playing fields, libraries and tourism information centres. To invest in upgrading community infrastructure is to improve the health and well-being of communities and, in many cases, would act as a catalyst in the rejuvenation of local economies.

ALGA has been working hard to ensure that the Australian Government and the Opposition are briefed on the outcomes of the PwC report and understand the importance of setting up a fund such as the LCIRF. Our goal is for the major parties to commit to this initiative in the lead-up to the election later this year. A Budget announcement and/or a commitment from the Opposition in the Budget Reply would be a great result but it is far more likely that the LCIRF will be part of both parties' election consideration later in the year. We will have Budget updates on our website on Wednesday night and will put out a special Budget edition of 'ALGA News' next week. Whatever the outcomes, ALGA will continue to focus on

our key priorities and to fight hard for services and programs which will benefit our local communities. I expect there are a few sleepless nights ahead in the lead-up to Tuesday!

Cr Paul Bell AM
ALGA President

Senator seeks intervention on council mergers

Queensland Senator Ron Boswell is seeking federal government intervention to stop the Queensland government amalgamating local councils.

Senator Boswell has written to federal Local Government Minister, Jim Lloyd, asking for the review to be delayed while a joint state and federal review into financially struggling councils is undertaken.

He also has asked Mr Lloyd to consider revoking federal funding to councils that are merged, and questioned whether redrawing of council boundaries contravenes the Local Government Act.

Senator Boswell said the council amalgamations will endanger the economic viability of "far flung" Queensland communities.

He met with local council representatives in north-west Queensland this week.

Release of 'What's New in Regional Statistics'

The inaugural issue of 'What's New in Regional Statistics' (cat. no. 1376.1) is now available.

This biannual newsletter has been prepared as part of the ABS' Regional Statistics Program to provide information on the latest developments in statistics that are relevant to regions, including metropolitan, urban, non-urban and rural areas, and other information of likely interest to researchers, policy makers and other users of small area data.

'What's New in Regional Statistics' highlights products released by the Regional Statistics Program and includes articles on other ABS releases that are relevant to users of regional statistics.

Articles in this issue include:

- The Information Development Plan for Rural and Regional Statistics
- Regional Wages and Salaries
- Rural and Regional Statistics Advisory Group
- National Regional Profile
- New Developments in Geocoding
- 2006 Census Products
- Regional Population Growth
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More than one third of Australian workers avoid public transport due to cost and quality

A new international workplace survey has found that more than a third of Australian workers use a private motor vehicle rather than public transport to travel to work, and most cite quality of service and cost as the main reasons they avoid public transport.

The survey by global recruitment agency, Kelly Services, found that 64% of Australian workers use public transport to travel to and from work while 36% use it only rarely or not at all. Australia's use of public transport was not high by international standards, ranking 15th out of 28 countries in the survey. This is despite that fact that 73% of respondents said that they have the choice of using public transport.

The ACT had the most accessible public transport in Australia with 89% of respondents saying they had the choice of using public transport to get to work. This was followed by NSW (79%), Western Australia (77%), Victoria (75%), South Australia (72%) and Queensland (63%).

When it comes to actually using public transport, by far the highest patronage was in NSW, with 79% using public transport rather than a motor vehicle. This was followed by Western Australia (68%), Victoria (61%), Queensland (59%), South Australia (56%) and the ACT (48%).

When asked what single factor would encourage greater use of public transport, the main issue was 'more convenient access' to services, nominated by 30% of respondents. Other factors were 'more frequent services', cited by 25%, and 'lower prices' (22%). Concern over the price of public transport was most pronounced in Victoria and NSW. Other issues such as improved comfort and better safety or security ranked relatively low in importance.

Winners of PIA National Planning Awards

Victoria has scooped the pool, taking home eight of the 13 awards handed out in Perth as part of the Planning Institute of Australia's National Awards for Planning Excellence.

Victoria picked up awards for the Melbourne & Regional Atlases, the Coastal Spaces Landscape Assessment Study, the City of Melbourne's hallmark CH2 (Council House 2) Building, and Urban Planning Achievement by David Locke Associates in association with The City of Darebin, VIC. The Brisbane City Council's City Centre Master Plan Team picked up the Urban Design Award and the Planning Minister's Award.

For other award winners and more information please see 'media' at www.planning.org.au.

Toowoomba Wins Australian Clean Beach Challenge

Toowoomba on the NSW Central Coast has been named Australia's Cleanest Beach 2007 after winning Keep Australia Beautiful's prestigious Australian Clean Beach Challenge competition, which is proudly supported by the Packaging Stewardship Forum of the Australian Food and Grocery Council.

Toowoomba took out the coveted title ahead of Queensland's Coolumb Beach, Tasmania's Boat Harbour and last year's winner, Victoria's Balnarring Beach.

As well as the top award, Toowoomba also picked up the Friendliest Beach title for its commitment to visitor hospitality and safety.

Keep Australia Beautiful New South Wales Chief Executive Matthew Taylor said Toowoomba Bay Beach performed strongly across all the award criteria and was a deserving winner of the title, Australia's Cleanest Beach 2007.

"Toowoomba Bay is a haven for families and offers outstanding beach facilities, including clean amenities, great parking, multilingual 'talking' signage, a modern and environmentally friendly surf club, playground, barbeque and picnic facilities and a designated dog exercise area," Mr Taylor said.

"Local residents, surf club members and Wyong Council staff keep the beach litter-free and the surf club Nippers remove weeds and plant suitable species provided by the Council to regenerate the foreshore.

"The surf club makes use of recycled water and seaweed collected during beach raking is dried and used as fertiliser on Council parks and reserves."

More than 300 beaches took part in the state competitions. Details of winners are available on www.kabnsw.org.au. Entries for the 2007 NSW Competition open on 1 June.

Mission Australia's 2007 National Survey of Young Australians

Mission Australia is conducting its sixth survey of young Australians aged between 11-24 years. Its primary purpose is to identify and clarify the key and emerging issues for young people. It asks young people about what they value; their concerns; sources of advice and support; involvement in community activities, whether they identify as Indigenous and if they live in or outside a capital city. In 2006, 14,700 young people responded to the survey.

The survey publicly affirms that young people and their views are valued by the community and is a valuable resource for:

- young people themselves
- those working with young people, in helping to evaluate and improve their programs and policies
- those involved in youth issues, including youth organisations, researchers, employers, politicians
- anyone concerned about the wellbeing of young people.

The survey can be completed online at www.missionaustralia.com.au/youthsurvey, or you can contact Kathryn Di Nicola on (02) 9219 2022 for copies to be sent to you.

The closing date for the survey is 29th June for all states and the ACT and 27th July for the Northern Territory.

Copies of the report of the survey findings will be available late in 2007 and broadly distributed.

AHURI Housing Conference - New perspectives on Federal-State relations in housing policy

The conference last week in Melbourne covered:

- the latest research evidence on the outcomes of current Australian housing policy;
- an examination of housing system reform in a range of international settings;
- a comparative and strategic analysis of Federal-State policies in education, health and housing;

- consideration of the implications of participatory decision making and local democracy for the provision of public services such as housing assistance; and
- perspectives on reinventing inter-government collaboration from the point of view of consumers, developers, State/Territory and Federal housing policy departments.

For those who were unable to attend the conference, presentations are now available at www.ahuri.edu.au See events/media/event booking/AHURI conference.

National Best Practice Guidelines Survey - deployment of broadband in greenfield developments

BSR Solutions is undertaking a survey of local governments across Australia to assist the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts better understand the current level of involvement of local government and other planning authorities in developing guidelines for the deployment of broadband to new development sites. Results from this survey and other research will inform further consideration of the development of best-practice guidelines.

The survey is directed at the senior planning officer within a local government authority and will take five to ten minutes to complete. More information about the survey and the survey itself can be found [here](#)

Councils are invited to complete the relevant sections of this survey, regardless of their current involvement with broadband planning or consideration. Completed surveys are requested to be completed by Friday 4 May 2007. For further information please contact Mr Robert Wheeler on 0412866421.

Green purchasing tackles climate change

Victorian councils are demonstrating their commitment to a cleaner, greener environment by spending \$75 million on green products in 2005-06 and continuing to expand their use of green purchasing policies, action plans and green specifications in contracts and tenders.

Municipal Association of Victoria President, Cr Dick Gross said local government's per capita spending on green products had jumped by more than \$14 in five years, now representing \$20.20 per resident since the ECO-Buy program commenced in 2000.

The outstanding achievements of local government were recognised at the annual ECO-Buy Awards for Excellence.

WA Minister calls for innovative projects to benefit regional communities

Regional Development Minister Jon Ford today called for grant applications for non-capital works projects designed to deliver cross regional benefits to country communities.

Mr Ford said grants between \$10,000 and \$250,000 were available from the Western Australian Regional Initiatives Scheme (WARIS) as part of the Government's four year \$80million Regional Investment Fund.

The Minister said WARIS played an important role in creating opportunities to expand the State's potential through encouraging investment, creating jobs and improving services in regional areas.

"The State Government is committed to promoting sustainable regional communities and, through the fund, we are able to provide support for a variety of projects that can benefit entire communities," he said.

"These may include projects relating to tourism and business development, lifelong learning, arts and culture, environment and natural resource management and population retention."

For further information about the scheme, including project eligibility criteria, contact the Department of Local Government and Regional Development on 9217 1500 or freecall (country callers) 1800 620 511.

WARIS details and guidelines are also available on the Department's [website](#).

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Community Visioning - Building Sustainable Futures through Civic Engagement

Internationally acclaimed planner, futurist and architect of public process, Steven Ames will bring this two-day master class on community visioning to Australia in June 2007.

Community visioning is emerging as a dynamic new tool that can help cities, towns and places build strategic vision for the future. As an adjunct to traditional planning, it offers new ways to promote civic foresight, engagement and collaboration in creating more sustainable communities and outcomes. Some of the best International and Australian case studies will be presented during this master class showing how community visioning can better:

- integrate social, economic and environmental dimensions into local planning
- provide a forum to address key issues such as growth and population decline
- promote public dialogue, engagement and consensus
- foster partnerships between government, business and community
- facilitate the revitalisation of communities and places
- strengthen community cohesion and local democracy

This master class will provide a comprehensive introduction and overview of the visioning process and 'how to' guide to effectively developing and implementing a community visioning process. An extensive workshop manual will also be provided with the handbook, *A Guide to Community Visioning*, authored by Steven Ames.

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Solar panel rebate increase may be in Budget

The Prime Minister, John Howard, has hinted the Federal Budget may include an increase in the rebate given to Australians who install solar power panels on their properties.

The rebate, designed to offset the \$10,000 to \$15,000 cost of installation, was introduced six years ago.

"We are going to maintain that scheme, the Treasurer's announced that," Mr Howard said when asked on Southern Cross Radio when the government would increase the rebate on domestic solar panels.

Treasurer Peter Costello said in October that the \$4,000 rebate for households who install solar power panels was not under threat.

Meanwhile Opposition Leader Kevin Rudd outlined a \$300 million green renovation scheme on the last day of Labor's national conference. He said that under the scheme households would be able to borrow up to \$10,000 to fit their homes with solar panels, rainwater tanks and other green products. He said that around 200,000 households on up to \$250,000 a year will be able to take advantage of the program which will offer loans of up to \$10,000, with interest capped at the inflation rate, for green products aimed at making established homes more energy and water efficient.

Local Government Skills Shortage Strategy Released

A national strategy to address skills shortages in local government was released this week at the Local Government Managers Australia National Congress in Hobart. The strategy was developed by a steering committee, chaired by Ms Lynn Russell, CEO of Thuringowa Council, which comprised membership of all major peak bodies associated with local government, including ALGA. The recommendations of the strategy reflect consideration of work underway in this area, particularly that of State and Territory Local Government Associations which have led the way in developing innovative ways to recruit and retain skilled council staff. The strategy's major recommendation, which will be pursued with the Australian Government, calls for the establishment of a virtual centre of excellence which would act as a clearing house for best practice ideas in addressing the skills shortage. The strategy is expected to be uploaded next week on the LGMA's website www.lgma.org.au.

Second funding recipient for Clever Networks announced

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Helen Coonan, has announced the second funding recipient under the first round of the Clever Networks program.

It is proposed that \$2, 139, 884 in funding will be provided by the Australian Government to the Greater Western Area Health Service, with matching funding from the NSW Government.

The Greater Western Area Health Service will use broadband connectivity, together with three advanced clinical systems, to improve patient care in rural and regional areas of New South Wales. This project has been developed in partnership with NSW Health.

The Greater Western Area Health Service (GWAHS) is the largest Area Health Service in New South Wales, covering more than 55 per cent of the state. Clever Networks is a \$113 million Australian Government program that will see smart solutions to improve delivery of services in regional, rural and remote Australia through innovative broadband projects.

Other successful projects to receive Clever Networks first round funding will include virtual healthcare, remotely accessible interactive education services, and delivery of integrated state-wide emergency services.

More information about specific projects will become available as each successful negotiation is concluded on www.dcita.gov.au/clevernetworks

Meanwhile, Wednesday's 'The Australian' reported that Telstra is planning to launch an aggressive new advertising campaign attacking the federal Government over broadband policy, following the collapse of an agreement struck between Communications Minister Helen Coonan and Telstra chief executive Sol Trujillo.

According to the front-page article, after more than a month of negotiations, the Government and Telstra came to terms at the end of last week for the rollout of a new high-speed broadband network worth more than \$4 billion. The arrangement was blocked by Australian Competition and Consumer chairman Graeme Samuel.

High Court dismisses Norfolk Island appeal

The High Court has dismissed a challenge to the validity of commonwealth legislation that requires voters and candidates in Norfolk Island elections to be Australian citizens.

Norfolk Island Chief Minister Geoff Gardner and island resident Geoff Bennett had sought to determine the constitutional status of islanders.

They hoped their case would uphold the democratic rights of Norfolk Islanders and protect their current levels of self-government.

But the court held unanimously that the Norfolk Island Amendment Act was a valid exercise of the commonwealth parliament's constitutional power to make laws for the government of any territory.

More Support for Bushfire Fighters

The Australian Government has announced it will spend an extra \$61.2 million over the next four years, including \$15 million in 2007 08, to fight bushfires.

"The 2007-08 Budget provides funding to extend two bushfire initiatives, aerial fire fighting and the Bushfire Mitigation Program, which help the states, territories and local councils respond to the threat of bushfires," the Prime Minister, John Howard, said.

The Government will provide \$41.2 million over the next four years (\$10 million in 2007 08) to help the states and territories lease aerial firefighting equipment. On a yearly basis, our spending on aerial firefighting will increase by 25 per cent from its current level, \$8 million in 2006 07.

The Government will also spend \$20 million over the next four years (\$5 million in 2007 08) to extend the Bushfire Mitigation Program, which helps fund fire trails and other measures to make it quicker and easier for firefighters to get bushfires under control.

The program was originally due to end in 2006 07. It will now continue until June 2011. The extension of the program will help fund more than 1000 new bushfire mitigation projects around Australia.

The Government introduced the program in 2004 05, and it has already helped fund significant infrastructure works, including the construction or upgrade of over 4000 kilometres of fire trails, the maintenance of more than 9000 kilometres of fire trails, the construction or repair of 58 bridges, the installation of 74 culverts, 39 water tanks, 11 other water supply projects and 88 fire trail signage projects.

All local councils and the state and territory governments are eligible to apply for funding assistance under the program. Fire trails on private land are also eligible for funding when the state or territory government has a written agreement with the landholder about liability, access and maintaining the trail. Further details on www.pm.gov.au.

Local Roads Deterioration Models

ARRB has completed the analysis of condition data collected over the last few years at 100 unsealed road sites across Australia and has developed deterioration models for gravel loss, road roughness and the loss of cross-section shape.

Deterioration models are also being developed for sealed local roads based on 500 sites across Australia. Interim models should be available later this year for cracking, binder hardness, rutting, road roughness and pavement strength.

All deterioration models developed will be provided at no cost to councils that have contributed to the studies. Other councils can purchase the models from ARRB. The contact at ARRB is George Giummarra 03 9881 1563.

Healthy Spaces and Places: National Planning Guidelines Project

The Australian Local Government Association, Planning Institute of Australia and the National Heart Foundation Australia with support from the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing have recently embarked on a project to develop national planning guidelines to provide an integrated approach to the design of healthy built environments for Australians.

This project was a recommendation from the 2005-06 National Speakers Series conducted by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, focusing on the needs of older Australians. These proposed guidelines will have a broader scope and cover all ages.

The need for these guidelines has also been identified amongst planning practitioners and other professions involved in the built environment, reflecting emerging research evidence which demonstrates the linkages between major health issues and the built environment.

It is proposed that the guidelines will take a national perspective and address strategic and practical applications, and include supporting case studies addressing different geographical scales, policy agendas and target groups. The guidelines will have applicability to all levels of government and the development industry and provide an integrated, cross-sectoral approach, highly relevant to policy delivery at the State/Territory and local levels.

There has already been a lot of work done at the State/Territory level around this issue. This project aims to encompass this policy work into the proposed guidelines.

The first stage of the project (currently underway) will review current research and policy settings, undertake targeted stakeholder consultation and develop the broad scope for the draft national planning guidelines. This first stage is being funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.

For further information about the project please contact Mr Matt Lawrence at ALGA on 02 6122 9421 or matt.lawrence@alga.asn.au.

National Water Initiative

At a recent meeting in Canberra, the National Water Commission's Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) highlighted the importance of the National Water Initiative (NWI) to achieving much improved water management across Australia and reiterated the pivotal role of the National Water Commission in driving implementation of the NWI.

ALGA, as a member of the Reference Group, was briefed on progress to date against the Prime Minister's National Plan for Water Security and that this plan was a key opportunity to give effect to the reforms in the NWI.

The Reference Group identified a number of key national water reform priorities. These included the need for further improvements to NWI; consistent water planning across Australia; the need to better clarify water entitlements - particularly bulk entitlements - and environmental allocations; the need for further effort to realise water sensitive urban design and urban water reform objectives; and that building human capacity and the technical skills to deliver reforms is critical.

The Reference Group noted that following the reorganisation of Australian Government water agencies, the Commission had retained its assessment and program management roles and will continue to report independently to the Council of Australian Governments on national water issues and progress against the NWI. A new Environment and Water Resources portfolio has been created as a result of the reorganisation, with Malcolm Turnbull the responsible Minister.

Members attending the meeting included the Australian Bankers' Association, Australian Conservation Foundation, Australian Local Government Association, Australian Water Association, Crawford Fund, Irrigation Association of Australia, Minerals Council of Australia, National Farmers' Federation, National Water Commission, Queensland Farmers' Federation, Water Services Association of Australia and the World Wildlife Fund. The Business Council of Australia is also a member organisation.

Sydney's Town Hall to get facelift

A major restoration planned for Sydney's historic sandstone Town Hall will cost \$60 million and close the building for a year.

A team of stonemasons will work on the crumbling facade, while archaeologists supervise a dig beneath the building, into the earth of Sydney's first cemetery.

The excavated space will then be used for a new plant room.

Inside the 118-year-old building, tradesmen will upgrade wiring, air-conditioning and plumbing.

Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore announced that the work could start next year, saying it was time "to bite the bullet" and rescue the building after years of inaction.

Ms Moore said up to \$60 million would be spent on the five-year project, half of it on purchasing sandstone, if council approved the plan.

Council meetings and administrative offices would be housed in existing City of Sydney buildings during any closure, but a shut down would cost council \$1.5 million in lost events revenue, she said.

Consultant architect Howard Tanner said his restoration plan would put the building in "absolutely perfect order" for the next 25 years - AAP.

Quote of the week

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter."

Dr Martin Luther King

International news

ARTFUL LOO

Central London's famous Soho district is to get a new landmark - a toilet for children and community groups that also aims to be a work of art.

The STG52,000 (\$A125,600) lavatory, which is the height of a bungalow, will provide facilities for community users, who have worked on the design of the egg-shaped "toilet-pod" with the architects.

According to Westminster Council, the toilet has been crafted out of chestnut, oak and other softwoods and has been designed to fit in with local surroundings.

Photography by Elaine Duigenan will decorate the inside of the toilet, while local residents and visitors will also be invited to showcase art in the small building.

Councillor Alan Bradley, of Westminster City Council, which contributed 20,000 to the cost of the lavatory, said: "The toilet is a wonderful idea and it has been a pleasure to work with the local community in delivering such a central feature to the area.

"Not only is the toilet functional but it's also a piece of art."

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Community Safety & Security Conference

Sydney May 17 - 18 2007

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

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

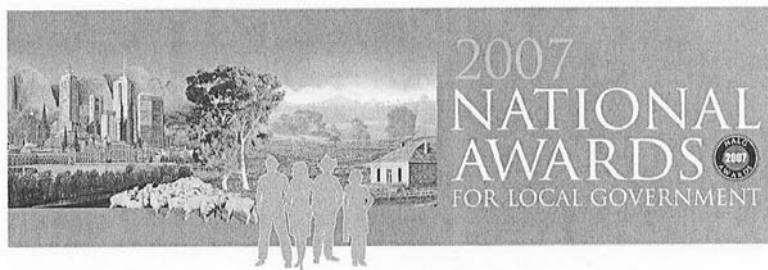
Award-winning initiatives will be presented at the conference including community safety & security services provided to residents by the Cities of Melville and Cockburn in WA, how graffiti and vandalism is being tackled in Queensland, and Sutherland Shire Council's response to the Cronulla riots. As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

Invited expert speakers include Tony Pearce, the Director General, Emergency Management Australia; Assistant Commissioner Frank Prendergast of the Australian Federal Police, and NSW Police Superintendent, Wayne Dedden, the winner of a Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Award in 2006. Senior managers from the City of Monash, Sutherland Shire,

Hervey Bay, City of Charles Sturt, City of Sydney, Logan City and the City of Melbourne will be amongst those addressing this important two-day event.

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

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2007 National Awards for Local Government

entries now open...

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you have any questions or want more information either freecall 1 800 065 113 or email awards@dotars.gov.au. Entries close on Friday 11 May 2007.

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Forthcoming events

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

04 May 2007 [Starlight Day](#)

09 - 10 May 2007 [Ethical Leadership & Governance in the Public Sector 2007](#)

14 - 15 May 2007 [Next Generation Safety Management Conference 2007](#)

14 - 17 May 2007 [National EMS Forum](#)

15 - 16 May 2007 [Legal Reform Summit](#)

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R2R funding until 2014, green light for Strategic Regional P



ALGA President Cr Paul Bell has described the 2007-08 Budget as "an excellent outcome for local government."

"Representations by ALGA and local government have been successful in increasing funding and providing local government with funding certainty for the next 7 years to 2014," he said. Cr Bell was briefed by the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, Jim Lloyd, on Wednesday, on the Budget benefits for local government.

In total the Budget has delivered about \$2.5 billion for local government:

- an immediate allocation for the Strategic Regional Program (\$250 million);
- extending the Roads to Recovery Program by five years (\$1750 million);
- extending the Strategic Regional Program (\$300 million); and
- extending the Blackspots Program (\$350 million)

The commitments in the Budget mean that by 2014, 14 years after it commenced, some \$4.0 billion will have been provided for local roads under the Roads to Recovery and the AusLink Strategic Regional Program.

Strong representations on local airport funding has also resulted in a new program totalling \$22 million to fund remote and isolated airstrips and \$24 million for the continuation of the subsidy to regional airlines for air traffic control charges.

AusLink 2

The Government announced, as had been foreshadowed, the extension of the AusLink Program, known as AusLink 2, from 2008-09 to 2013-14. The government will provide \$22.3 billion under AusLink 2 - a 41% increase over the current program. No new projects were announced in the budget so expect to see a plethora of projects to be funded from these AusLink funds announced in the lead up to the Federal election.

Roads to Recovery

AusLink 2 provides for the continuation of the Roads to Recovery Program to 2013-14 with total funding of \$1750 million. The funding is increased by 14% from \$307.5 million per year to \$350 million from 2009-10 to offset the rising cost of road construction. The Roads to Recovery funds will continue to be distributed directly to councils according to formulas set by the local government grants commissions in each state.

AusLink Strategic Regional Program

The AusLink Strategic Regional Program will also be continued under AusLink 2 with \$300 million being available over the five years. The funding will be allocated following calls for

new applications for funding. The extra funding will be allocated in two \$150 million funding rounds to be held in 2009-10 and 2011-12.

As a short term measure the Government is providing an additional \$250 million to be paid by 30 June 2007. The Government will announce successful projects shortly and councils will be expected to sign funding agreements and be paid by 30 June 2007. This is a very short time frame in which to undertake the necessary negotiations of the funding agreements. Councils that submitted bids should be reviewing those bids, particularly funding arrangements so that if their project is selected they can move quickly with the negotiations.

Blackspots Program

The Blackspots Program is being extended for 6 years from June 2008, when the current program ends, to June 2014 under the umbrella of the AusLink 2 Program. Funding for the program will be increased by 33 percent from \$45 million per year to \$60 million per year starting in 2009-10. In total \$345 million will be made available over the 6 years from June 2008 to June 2014.

The Program will continue to fund relatively low cost safety works such as roundabouts, crash barriers and street lighting at places where there have been serious crashes or where serious crashes are likely to occur. The Australian Government however has announced it will update the state/territory shares of the funding to reflect more up to date population and accident figures.

Budget Overview

Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) to local government will increase in 2007-08 to \$ 1,749 million (consisting of \$1,211.7 million General Purpose Grants and \$537.7 million in local roads grants). This is estimated to be \$65.2 million above the current financial year, and a nominal increase of 3.9%.



Total direct funding for local government in 2007-08 will be \$2,306 million. This includes FAGs, Roads to Recovery and other Specific Purpose Payments (SPPs).

This is in the context of a Federal Budget surplus of \$10.6 billion.

The Government is to fund roads and transport through a renewed Auslink program valued at \$22.3 billion over five years.

Additional initiatives included in the budget include:

- \$10 billion water plan for the Murray-Darling Basin.
- \$2 billion for the renewal of the Natural Heritage Trust
- Increased rebate of up to \$8000 for households installing solar panels.
- From 1 July 2007 rates of Childcare Benefits to increase by 10 per cent on top of indexation.
- \$1.6 billion for aged care initiatives.
- Extended funding for drought relief.
- Personal income tax cuts.

Labor's Budget Response



"This Budget presented the Treasurer an ideal opportunity for the Howard Government to support local communities where they need it most through a Local Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund - but he missed it," - *The Shadow Minister for Local Government, Senator Kate Lundy*

"Federal Labor is committed to the black spot road safety program which is producing real results and saving lives on Australian roads. We will also retain the

Strategic Regional and Roads to Recovery programs, subject to strict and transparent criteria." - *Shadow Minister for Transport, Roads and Tourism, Martin Ferguson*

"This Budget fails to deliver the reform of federal/state relations that has been identified as necessary by a wide variety of individuals, organisations and committees. In the lead up to the election Labor will be offering a reform of the architecture and operation of federal state relations to reduce inefficiency, duplication, and the opportunity for blame shifting and cost shifting, particularly given the public's desire to clarify responsibilities and end the blame game." - *The Shadow Minister for Federal/State Relations Bob McMullan*

This year's Budget had some welcome initiatives for regional Australia. But it will not secure a sustainable future for our regions. The Budget's failure to connect the regions to high speed broadband demonstrates the Government is not committed to build capacity in our regions and equip them for the future." - *The Shadow Treasurer for Trade and Regional Development, Simon Crean*

"Federal Labor's National Water Security Plan for Towns and Cities will ensure Australia urgently deals with our worst water leaks and losses. Under the plan, a Federal Labor Government will invest \$250 million - in matching funds to work in partnership with government and local water authorities to minimise water loss; invest in modern, more efficient water infrastructure and - where appropriate - refurbish older pipes and water systems; and provide funding for practical projects to save water." - *Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Water, Anthony Albanese*

"I believe budgets should not be about the next election. They should be about the next decade. They should reflect the ambition we have for our nation's long-term future... A Labor Government will implement a \$2.5 billion Trades in Schools program over ten years to build new Trades Training Centres and upgrade existing facilities and equipment in all of Australia's 2650 secondary schools - both government and non government. This will mean an investment of \$729 million spread over the four years to 2010-11." - *Federal Labor Leader, Kevin Rudd*

Fight for Local Infrastructure Fund turns to election

ALGA will pursue the Local Community Infrastructure Renewals Fund (LCIRF) in the forthcoming Federal Election ALGA President Cr Paul Bell said after its omission from the Budget.

"Local government is facing an infrastructure backlog of \$14.5b nationally. A LCIRF would focus on renewing and replacing community infrastructure such as community centres and public halls, swimming pools, walking tracks, ovals and playing fields, libraries and tourism information centres," he said.

"Investing in upgrading community infrastructure will improve the health and well-being of communities and, in many cases, act as a catalyst in the rejuvenation of local economies. Our attention must now be focused on making the Fund a reality in the election commitments of both major parties."

Cr Bell urged councils to continue registering their ideas for projects which could be funded through the LCIRF on the ALGA website's Local Community Infrastructure Ideas Register.

"The Register is an invaluable tool in ALGA's advocacy for the Fund which allows us to highlight to Federal Parliamentarians what the Fund would mean at the local level. We now have almost 160 ideas on the Register but we will need many more if our fight for the Fund over the coming months is to be successful."

From the President

After several sleepless nights leading up to the Budget, I was delighted at the result. What we got was the largest single commitment to local roads in any Budget ever delivered – the Australian Government's commitment of \$2.5 billion to local roads and the fact that Roads to Recovery has become a virtual fixture with funding guaranteed until 2014.



There is no doubt that this is a Budget bonanza for local roads and communities around the nation will benefit. The result is a tribute to the hard work of ALGA in terms of chewing off the ears of decision-makers and mounting a strong case for continued funding with the assistance of State Associations. It is also testament to the fact that councils across the nation have proved that local government can deliver well-targeted, efficient and cost-effective services and programs.

The morning after the Budget I met with the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, Jim Lloyd, to confirm details of the funding and thank him for his efforts in pushing the case for local government.

Local government especially welcomes the \$250 million for the AusLink Strategic Regional Program made available immediately. The initial program was over-subscribed by more than a billion dollars and this additional funding goes some way to meeting this enormous unmet demand for economic infrastructure in regional areas.

I have been asking the Government for additional funding for these projects and I now urge councils that have projects selected for funding to move quickly to settle funding agreements with the Australian Government so that funds can be released.

Of major significance are the longer term commitments from the Federal Government to community transport infrastructure through the \$1750 million for the Roads to Recovery Program over the 5 year period of AusLink 2 and the \$300 million for the Strategic Regional Program over the same period.

Roads to Recovery is a highly successful program which, along with the Black Spots Program, has enhanced community safety and boosted economic development in regional economies over the past seven years. ALGA has been working closely with the Government to ensure its continuation and this announcement virtually ensures the program will be a permanent fixture in future Budgets.

Also of note are the announcements supporting air services regional and remote and remote communities. The new program worth \$22 million over 4 years will greatly assist those communities that are having difficulties maintaining their airstrips to safe standards. The continuation of the Enroute Charges Payment Scheme by another 4 years will also assist regional communities by keeping the cost of their air services down.

The Budget was a great fillip for the local communities we serve and represent. But, rest

assured, we will not rest on our laurels. The Local Community Infrastructure Renewals Fund (LCIRF), as recommended by the recent PricewaterhouseCoopers report into local government financing, is an important initiative which local government will continue to push for in the lead-up to the election campaign. To underpin our case, please submit your examples of infrastructure in urgent need of renewal onto the Community Infrastructure Ideas Register. We now have almost 160 entries and they are still flooding in. Thank you and keep them coming!

ALGA's full Budget analysis is available on the ALGA website: www.alga.asn.au.

Cr Paul Bell AM
ALGA President

Childcare

There were a number of announcements in the budget relating to the childcare sector that will be of interest to many local communities.

Changes to payment structures such as the 10% increase in the childcare benefit, and the availability of the 30% rebate to families are positive outcomes for communities across Australia.

The child care sector will also benefit from a number of other initiatives including an additional \$71 million over five years for the Inclusion Support Subsidy program, which will allow 3000 extra children with high support needs to access child care each year.

Other announcements will provide benefits to rural and regional Australia, such as the \$43.8 million (over four years) for regional and remote childcare services including \$1.9 million (over four years) for a program providing \$5,000 grants for new carers to make their homes suitable for family day care.

Family day care will also benefit from \$5.1 million (over four years) for Network Support funding for family day care services to support the new carers, including an increase in in-home care places in rural and remote areas.

Measures to integrate long day care, family day care and outside school hours care into one Child Care Quality Assurance system, and to create a national cross-jurisdictional taskforce to examine a national approach to quality assurance and regulation for early childhood education and care were also funded.

In another positive for regional Australia a budget of \$23.5 million over four years has also been allocated to create 20 new child care service hubs in regional and remote communities with high indigenous populations. These facilities will have the primary role of providing childcare services, however they will also link to other early childhood services.

Health and Ageing Initiatives

The 2007-08 Federal Budget has placed a significant emphasis on addressing chronic disease in the community and to improve health services for those most in need.

Of particular interest to local government is the announcement of a package of measures to improve nutrition and encourage physical activity, including after school programs. A total of \$150 million has been allocated over 4 years in recognition of the links between being overweight or obese and chronic diseases including diabetes, heart disease and stroke. A budget of \$103.5 million over four years was also announced to address the growth in type 2 diabetes.

A number of allocations towards the implementation of immunisation programs were announced as part of the budget including \$51.4 million towards the National Immunisation

Programme - Human Papillomavirus and \$2.3 and \$7.5 million respectively to the rotavirus and Q fever vaccine

There were also a number of positive announcements for rural and regional Australia, including \$156 million over 5 years for the Royal Flying Doctors Service and \$65 million to establish a new regional dental school at Charles Sturt University in New South Wales and \$8.6 million for the Visiting Optometrists Scheme.

The Rural Retention Program will also be continued with increased funding at \$9.6 million over five years, and the rural women's GP Service has had a budget allocation of \$ 4.3 million over 5 years to continue to address the provision of medical services in rural communities.

Programs announced under the "Exceptional Circumstances" package will also increase the amount of funding available for counselling for those in rural and regional areas affected by drought.

The budget also announced a number of initiatives in the area of Indigenous Health & Welfare including a \$ 239 million package (over 5 years) including financial assistance, scholarships, training and employment opportunities for Indigenous youth from rural and remote areas. Indigenous child care and early childhood support services will also receive \$46 million over four years and early intervention and family based health initiatives will receive \$149 million over four years.

Reforms to Indigenous were also included with a package including construction of new houses and an expanded repairs and maintenance budget for existing housing in remote areas funded to the tune of \$294 million over four years. On the Aged care front, the 2007-08 Budget sees the continued implementation of the "Securing the Future of Aged Care for Australians" initiative of the Australian Government.

Many of the initiatives are aimed at improving the quality and regulation of aged care, in addition to increasing the availability of a range of aged care solutions through initiatives such as the provision of \$582.3 million over five years to support increased investment in aged care homes.

The Government will also provide a special capital subsidy to aged care providers of \$3.50 per day for each high care resident during the transition period of 1 July 2007 to 19 March 2008, at a cost of \$96.0 million.

The Government has also announced the provision of \$298.6 million over five years to increase the number of community care packages from the current 20 places per 1,000 people aged 70 years and over, to 25 per 1,000 in 2010-11. This will result in an additional 5,600 Community Aged Care Packages and 1,600 Extended Aged Care at Home Packages provided over four years, aimed at increasing opportunities for older people to continue to reside in their own home for as longer.

The introduction of a new Aged Care Funding Instrument to replace the existing Resident Classification Scale from 20 March 2008, will also of interest to many local Councils and communities.

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National Community Crime Prevention Programme

The Australian Government's National Community Crime Prevention Programme invites incorporated, non-profit community groups and local government to apply for funding for community safety and crime prevention projects. Applications should involve innovative ways of reducing and preventing crime and the fear of crime.

Funding is available under three streams:

Streams	Cost per project
<i>Community Partnerships Stream</i>	up to \$500,000
<i>Indigenous Community Safety Stream</i>	up to \$150,000
<i>Community Safety Stream</i>	up to \$150,000

In addition to projects across Australia, there are also targeted funds for the Greater Western Sydney Region available in each of the three streams.

Specific funding is also available for security related infrastructure, such as closed circuit television systems, where projects are integral to a local community crime prevention strategy.

Applications close at 4pm on Thursday 28 June 2007. Applications must be postmarked or hand delivered on or before the closing date.

Application forms and information are available:

- at www.crimeprevention.gov.au
- from the Strategic Policy Coordination Branch
Attorney-General's Department
Robert Garran Offices
National Circuit
BARTON ACT 2600
- by phoning (02) 6250 6711
- by e-mailing nccppinfo@ag.gov.au



An Australian Government Initiative

Environmental spending

Local government welcomes the Government's continued commitment to fund the National Heritage Trust. The government announced an additional \$2 million over 5 years from 2008 – 09 to continue the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) and the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP). To be known as Phase 3 of the National Heritage Trust, the program will build upon the \$3.1 billion that has already invested through the program since it was first introduced in 1997. As in previous years the Australian Government will be inviting state and territories to contribute matching funding for this program. This funding announcement will ensure that key stakeholders including regional groups and local government will continue to have the opportunity to progress their NRM plans and projects until at least 2014.

The Budget provides a little more detail on the previously announced \$10 billion for the National Plan for Water Security. The Budget major programs include:

- \$3.1 billion over 10 years to address the over allocation in Murray-Darling Basin by buying water entitlements and providing structural adjustment assistance to those in unviable or inefficient irrigation areas. Funding is conditional on governance arrangements for the Murray-Darling Basin;
- \$5.9 billion over 10 years for the National Plan for Water Security. This includes \$4.4 billion over six years from 2011 – 12 to improve water use and efficiency. Specific components of this include:
 - \$3.1 billion for improving delivery systems efficiencies. These measures will, in collaboration with irrigation water providers identify water loss 'hot spots' and undertake target works such as piping, channel lining and system automation in irrigated areas;
 - \$1.6 billion to improve onfarm irrigation;
 - \$617 million to improve water metering monitoring and accounting;
 - \$500 million for practical projects to improve water efficiency and effectiveness of river operations and storage in the Murray-Darling Basin; and
 - \$417 million over 10 years for the Bureau of Meteorology to improve the detail and scope of nationally available water information, which will allow the Bureau to forecast, analyse and publicly report on water resource usage.

In relation to climate change local government notes the Governments commitment of \$126 million over 5 years or an Australian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation and \$103 million over 4 years for CSIRO Climate Adaptation and Energy Research Flagship. It is hoped that the work of these groups will assist local government better understand the issue of climate change and solutions to the many challenges resulting from global warming.

Local government also note and welcome the expansion of the Photovoltaic Rebate Program which provides rebates for the eligible photovoltaic systems. The Government will provide \$150 million over five years. Under the expansion, existing household rebate rates and caps will be doubled from the current level, such that rebates of \$8 per peak watt up to \$8000 will be available to households.

Local government looks forward to further environment initiatives, in particular climate change, following the report by the Prime Ministerial Task Group on emissions trading and in the lead up to the 2007 federal election.

Skilled migration intake to rise

The number of skilled migrants coming to Australia will rise this year as the government tries to prevent skills shortages from becoming a brake on the economy.

Australia's skilled migrant intake will increase by 5,000 - more than five per cent - to 102,500 in 2007-08.

Immigration Minister Kevin Andrews said the increase in migrants with workforce and English language skills would address skills shortages and support economic growth.

"This year's migration program continues the Australian government's focus of keeping the economy strong by keeping pace with the demand for skilled labour and ensuring we have a cohesive, integrated community," he said.

The government will also spend \$85 million to stamp out abuse of Australia's temporary skilled migrant worker scheme.

The Budget allocates \$124 million over five years to pay for the Australian citizenship tests, expected to be rolled out closer to the election.

Indigenous programs

The 2007-08 Indigenous Affairs Budget contains 26 initiatives involving \$815.7 million in new and extended funding over five years focused on remote housing, early childhood, new education opportunities, health and economic independence. These measures have a net fiscal balance impact of \$748.3 million. This will take total spending on Indigenous specific programs to a record \$3.5 billion in 2007-08.

Overcrowded housing in Indigenous communities is a major contributor to social problems, poor health and low school attendance. The Community Housing and Infrastructure Program (CHIP) will be scrapped in July 2008 and replaced by the Australian Remote Indigenous Accommodation (ARIA) Program with additional funding focused on land tenure reform, mainstream public housing, private home ownership and better value for money.

In other practical measures to offer Indigenous people pathways to a better future, the Australian Government is backing an initiative of the National Indigenous Council to provide new opportunities for high quality education by providing more boarding school places for young Indigenous Australians from regional and remote communities.

More than 1600 young people living in remote areas will be able to study away from their home, with more boarding accommodation available in regional centres. The successful Indigenous Youth Mobility Programme will be expanded from 640 to 1500 places and the Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme will be expanded from 250 to 1000 places. One thousand more scholarships for higher education will be created and ABSTUDY entitlements enhanced to better support study away from home.

The Budget provides extra resources for home health visits for children aged 0-8 in remote areas, better access to child-care and playgroups, and funding for research on childhood health and development. Extra funding is provided to strengthen Indigenous primary health care services and for projects to address the misuse of alcohol and other drugs.

The Budget also provides measures to build on reforms commenced last year for the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) programme. More than 800 positions supporting government services through CDEP will be converted into paid employment at a cost of \$97.2 million over four years.

Enroute Air Traffic Control Charges

The Australia Government also announced in the Budget the continuation of its subsidy of the enroute air traffic control charges paid to more than 35 regional airlines and operators. \$24 million will be paid over the next four years including \$6 million in 2007-08.

Remote and Regional Airstrips

The Budget included a very welcome provision of \$22 million over the next four years (\$1.5 million in 2007-08) to improve the safety at up to 300 airstrips in remote and isolated areas of Australia. These are airstrips previously owned by the Commonwealth and handed over to local government. This funding recognises the importance of air services to remote and isolated communities and the reality that these communities do not have the financial capacity to properly maintain these airstrips.

The funding will be available on a competitive basis for airstrips that:

- receive weekly air services under the RASS scheme or are eligible to receive air services under the scheme; or
- would be eligible to receive RASS services if the airstrip was upgraded to meet the scheme's safety standards; or
- need a better airstrip to support the operations of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Local government financial assistance grants(1), 2007-08

The Commonwealth Grants Commission's Report on the Review of the Interstate Distribution of Local Road Grants is available [here](#).

	General Purpose (\$M)	Local Roads (\$M)	Total (\$M)	Increase (2) %
NSW	403.1	156.0	559.1	3.9
VIC	299.4	110.9	410.2	3.9
QLD	237.1	100.7	337.8	3.9
WA	120.2	82.2	202.4	3.9
SA(3)	91.6	29.5	121.1	3.9
TAS	28.9	28.5	57.4	3.9
NT	12.1	12.6	24.7	3.9
ACT	19.4	17.2	36.6	3.9
Total	1,211.7	537.7	1,749.4	3.9

Quote of the week

"The government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases. If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it"
Former US President and Hollywood actor Ronald Reagan

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Community Safety & Security Conference Sydney May 17 - 18 2007

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

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

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

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

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

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Forthcoming events

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

- 14 - 15 May 2007 [Next Generation Safety Management Conference 2007](#)
- 14 - 17 May 2007 [National EMS Forum](#)
- 15 - 16 May 2007 [Legal Reform Summit](#)
- 15 - 16 May 2007 [Metropolitan Planning Summit](#)
- 17 - 18 May 2007 [Community Safety and Security](#)
- 21 - 25 May 2007 [5th Australian Stream Management Conference](#)
- 21 - 27 May 2007 [National Chiropractic Care Week 2007](#)
- 22 - 23 May 2007 [2007 Urban Salinity Conference](#)
- 22 - 25 May 2007 [Strategic Management Accounting Series 2007](#)

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MEDIA RELEASE

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Federal Budget calls for State response on Local Infrastructure

Road funding announcements in yesterday's Federal Budget have renewed pressure on the State Government to take action to address critical infrastructure needs around Western Australia.

WA Local Government Association President, Cr Bill Mitchell emphasised that while the Federal Budget had gone some way to redressing local infrastructure needs, the State Government now needed to make a serious contribution.

"If the State and Federal Budgets are to compliment each other and achieve the best strategic outcomes for WA communities, then we would expect that our State investment proposals to the Treasurer for Safer Local Roads, Roads to Indigenous Communities, Bridge Infrastructure and Asset Management will make sense, given the emphasis on road funding as the major Local Government take away from the Federal Budget," Cr Mitchell said.

"We are particularly pleased to see the government's commitment to local roads infrastructure in the form of an increase in the funding for, and duration of, the Roads to Recovery program, which we hope will herald a permanent commitment to the program. We also welcome the immediate availability of \$250 million for the AusLink Strategic Regional Program.

"The maintenance of Local Government financial assistance grants in real terms at around \$1.2bn, and Local Roads Grants at \$537m, will see Councils hold the line on these important funding sources and will contribute to addressing the challenge of sustainability faced by many Local Governments."

However, Cr Mitchell said Local Government was disappointed that the Federal Government hadn't as yet responded to the national campaign for a Local Community Infrastructure Renewal Program.

The Association, through its national partner the Australian Local Government Association, had campaigned hard for funding to be provided for local community infrastructure – buildings, recreation centres, halls, pools, ovals, sports courts, walking trails, tourism facilities – as part of the budget announcements. ALGA commissioned research has identified that Local Government is facing an infrastructure backlog of around \$14.5bn nationally. In WA this backlog is well in excess of \$1.75bn.

Economic commentators have already observed that this budget is as significant for what it *doesn't* say, as much as for what has been revealed.

"It's very clear that the Federal Government has a lot more to say in terms of funding announcements in the count down to the election, and we're hopeful that the real investment in local infrastructure is to be revealed as part of that process," Cr Mitchell said.

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WALGA INFOPAGE

To: Chief Executive Officer **From:** Deputy CEO
Organisation: All Councils **Date:** 15 May 2007
Reference:
Subject: Federal and State Budget Highlights **Priority:**

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Federal and State Budget announcements last Tuesday and Thursday have been analysed by Association staff in an attempt to identify funding implications for Local Governments.• The key points of interest, as we see them, are set out below.
Action Required:	None

FEDERAL BUDGET – KEY POINTS

Environment

- \$2 billion for the renewal of the Natural Heritage Trust.
- \$200 million over six years for Community Water Grants Program - a competitive grants program with grants of up to \$50,000.
- \$50 million over 4 years for Environmental Stewardship Programs. Under this program private land managers will be contracted for up to 15 years to protect and improve assets of environmental significance.
- Increased rebate of up to \$8000 for household solar panels.

Rural Health & Remote Communities

- \$294 million over four years to reform Indigenous housing in remote areas.
- \$65 million over four years for a new regional dental school.
- \$8.6 million for the Visiting Optometrists Scheme.
- \$10.5 million over four years to undertake preparations to manage the social and community impacts in the event of an influenza pandemic.
- \$4.3 million over 5 years to continue Rural Women's GP Service in rural communities
- \$9.6 million over five years for the Rural Retention Program.
- \$14.6 million allocated to implementing an Indigenous Communities Illicit Drug Initiative.

Drought

Drought assistance initiatives announced include increased funding for:

- Rural Financial Counselling Services.
- Professional Advice.
- Planning Grants.

For the first time, Exceptional Circumstances (EC) assistance is now available to agriculturally dependent small business operators whose clients are from EC declared areas.

Regional Airports

- \$22 million over 4 years for regional airports. These funds are to contribute to improving the safety of 300 airstrips in remote and isolated areas.
- \$24 million for the continuation of subsidy of en-route air traffic control charges.

Roads

- Roads to Recovery (R2R) was extended to 2014, with funds increased by 14% from \$307 million per annum to \$350 million per annum from 2009-10.
- The AusLink Strategic Regional program was funded, with \$250 million to be paid to Councils by 30 June 2007, and a further \$300 to be allocated in two \$150 million funding rounds to be held in 2009-10 and 2011-12.
- Black-spot funding was renewed for 6 years from 2008 to 2014. Funding for the program will be increased by 33 percent from \$45 million per year to \$60 million per year starting in 2009-10. In total \$345 million will be made available over the 6 years from June 2008 to June 2014.

The full State by State split up of the national transport cake is revealed in the following tables:

Land Transport Funding - 2007-08

AusLink funding programs	NSW \$m	Vic \$m	Qld \$m	WA \$m	SA \$m	Tas \$m	NT \$m	ACT \$m	Other \$m	Total \$m
Total 2007-08	781.1	566.1	766.2	308.0	194.7	86.8	65.7	19.8	47.8	\$2836.3
AusLink Investment Programme	498.5	331.5	580.1	165.9	116.7	40.0	38.7	0.5	47.7	\$1819.5
AusLink Black Spot Programme	14.3	10.4	8.9	5.0	3.5	1.1	0.7	0.6	-	44.5
AusLink Strategic Regional Roads	26.7	12.9	13.9	6.5	3.9	7.2	4.7	0.0	-	75.7
AusLink Roads to Recovery	85.6	62.5	62.5	48.5	27.7	10.0	9.0	1.5	0.2	307.5
Total AusLink Programme	625.1	417.3	665.4	225.8	151.7	58.3	53.1	2.6	47.8	\$2247.2
Whitehorse/Springvale Road Intersection	-	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
Wodonga Rail Bypass	-	20.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.0
Additional funding for SA local roads	-	-	-	-	13.5	-	-	-	-	13.5
Federation Fund	-	15.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.0
Untied Local Road Grants	156.0	110.9	100.7	82.2	29.5	28.5	12.6	17.2	-	537.7

Funding for Local Roads in 2007-08

Local roads funding – 2007-08

State	Roads to Recovery \$m	Identified local roads grants \$m	AusLink Strategic Regional \$m	Total \$m
Total	307.5	551.1	75.7	934.3
New South Wales	85.6	156.6	26.7	268.3
Victoria	62.5	110.9	12.9	186.3
Queensland	62.5	100.7	13.9	177.1
Western Australia	48.5	82.2	6.5	137.2
South Australia	27.7	29.5	3.9	61.1
<i>Additional funding for SA local roads</i>	-	13.5	-	13.5
Tasmania	10.0	28.5	7.2	45.7
Northern Territory	9.0	12.6	4.7	26.3
Australian Capital Territory	1.5	17.2	0.0	18.7
Indian Ocean Territories	0.2	-	0.0	0.2

STATE BUDGET – KEY POINTS

There are some **State Budget** initiatives which may hold interest for Local Governments, albeit many of them indirectly.

Health

The budget is providing for the employment of an extra 200 nurses, and the 'Hospital in the Home' program will expand to enable the treatment of 220 patients a day.

Education

The budget will provide funding for 34,600 apprenticeships and traineeships and upgrades to training facilities. It also provides for a school teacher recruitment program, which may go some way towards easing the teaching shortfall in some communities.

Environment

In the budget the State has committed \$101 million over five years for the implementation of a climate change package to be managed by the Office of Energy and the newly created Office of Climate Change. The five year package includes:

- A \$36.5 million Low Emission Energy Development Fund to support technology breakthroughs and large-scale reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
- \$19.5 million to purchase 20% of the Government's electricity requirements from renewable energy sources by 2010.
- Development of legislation that creates a mandatory energy efficiency scheme for large and medium sized power consumers.

There is also funding for the development of new water sources for the State, which includes either tapping the Yarragadee aquifer in the south west or development of a new desalination plant.

Substantial omissions from the budgets include:

FEDERAL : No funding announcement was forthcoming on the much anticipated Local Community Infrastructure Renewal Program, which was the primary recommendation of the PriceWaterhouseCoopers report to ALGA on financial sustainability.

STATE : No new investment in fostering Local Government Sustainability, Asset Management or Emergency Management.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Association is currently seeking a detailed briefing from the Department of Local Government on its specific budget allocation and associated policy and service initiatives for 2007-08.

(NOTE: Information utilised in this analysis has been sourced from the ALGA and State and Federal Treasury websites.)

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- Jeanne Hume commences in the casual position of Library Clerk, as at 1 May 2007.
- Krystale McGowan commences in the casual position of Library Clerk, as at 1 May 2007.
- Sarah Ratcliffe commences in the temporary (18 month) position of Community Development Officer - Safety, as at 7 May 2007.
- Melanie Houghton commences in the temporary (6 month) position of Assistant Environmental Health Officer, as at 8 May 2007.
- Ruth Aspinall commences in the temporary (12 month maternity-leave contract) position of Community Development Officer – Families & Children, as at 14 May 2007.
- Yvonne Austin commences in the temporary position of Trainee Indigenous Community Development Officer, as at 14 May 2007.
- Lindsay Cameron commences in the permanent position of Backhoe Operator, as at 14 May 2007.
- Christopher Howell commences in the permanent position of Parks Maintenance Operator, as at 28 May 2007.
- Paul Leslie commences in the permanent position of Parks Maintenance Operator, as at 28 May 2007.
- Stephen Taupin commences in the permanent position of IT Support Officer, as at 5 June 2007.
- Robert Ewing commences in the temporary (18 month) position of Community Development Officer – Art & Culture, as at 5 June 2007.

Staff Leaving:

- Cathie Stark resigns from her position of Library Clerk, Kelmscott Library, effective 8 June 2007.
- Danny Niendieker resigns from his position of Drainage Worker, effective 12 July 2007.
- Clinton Young resigns from his position of Drainage Worker, effective 15 May 2007.

Other Staff Movements:

- Denham Heliams has been successful in gaining permanent employment in the Ranger role, effective 14 May 2007.

Current Recruitment Activity:

- Development Systems Coordinator –position on hold.
- Project Manager, Major City Projects – position on hold.
- Backhoe Operator – recruitment complete.
- Supervisor Streetscapes – re-advertised.
- IT Support Officer – interviews completed, recruitment progressing.
- Trainee Indigenous Community Development Coordinator – recruitment complete.
- Community Ranger – recruitment complete.
- Community Development Officer, Families & Children – recruitment complete.
- Community Development Officer, Safety – recruitment complete.
- Community Development Officer, Art & Culture – recruitment complete.
- Secretarial Assistant, CEO's Office – recruitment complete.
- Administration Officer, Tech Services – internally advertised, closes 4 May 2007.
- Events Co-ordinator – applications close, 18 May 2007.
- Building Surveyor – applications close, 18 May 2007.
- Parks Services Officer – applications close, 18 May 2007.
- Supervisor Streetscapes – applications close, 18 May 2007.

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<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
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<u>Greenhouse Building Rating System</u> <i>Refer T14/2/07</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Property Services
<u>Offroad Vehicle Area ReferT32/4/07)</u>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Executive Director

Updated comments will be provided in the next Information Bulletin.

TECHNICAL SERVICES WORKS PROGRAMME
April - June 2007

	April	May	June
Civil Works	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road • Gilwell/Page roundabout • McNess Drive • Third/Bruns/Gillam intersection • Lake Road drainage • Footpath construction program <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor footpath repairs • Pothole repairs • Street furniture repairs • Contract road sweeping • Road Resurfacing Programme 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road • McNess Drive • Third/Bruns/Gillam intersection • Lake Road drainage • Rails Crescent subsoil drainage • Lot 600 Armadale Road • Footpath construction program <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor footpath repairs • Pothole repairs • Street furniture repairs • Contract road sweeping • Road Resurfacing Programme 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road • McNess Drive • Lake Road drainage • Lot 600 Armadale Road • Ranford Road • Footpath construction program <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor footpath repairs • Pothole repairs • Street furniture repairs • Contract road sweeping • Road Resurfacing Programme
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct 1C & precinct 2 • Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) • Armadale Plaza Development (westzone) • Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd Stg 3 • Lot 38B Wright Road (Arion Estate Stg 3) • Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park) • Lot 604 Waterwheel Road Stg 2 • Chiltern Estate Stg 6 • Champion Drive Subdivision • Lots 20 & 28 Westfield Road • Lot 19 Westfield Road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct precinct 2 • Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) • Armadale Plaza Development (westzone) • Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd Stg 3 • Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park) Stg 1 • Lot 604 Waterwheel Road Stg 2 • Chiltern Estate Stg 6 • Champion Drive Subdivision • Lots 20 & 28 Westfield Road • Lot 19 Westfield Road. • Champion Lakes Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct precinct 2 • Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) • Armadale Plaza Development (westzone) • Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd Stg 3 • Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park) Stg 1 & 2 • Lot 604 Waterwheel Road Stg 3 & POS • Chiltern Estate Stg 6 • Champion Drive Subdivision • Lots 20 & 28 Westfield Road • Lot 19 Westfield Road.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Champion Lakes Development Lot 37 Westfield Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lot 37 Westfield Road Forrestdale Business Park Lot 14 & 29 Westfield Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Champion Lakes Development Lot 37 Westfield Road Forrestdale Business Park Lot 14 & 29 Westfield Road
Design & Engineering	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prospect Road Warton Road Stage I Ranford Road Stage II Roundabout Forrest/Green Roundabout Church/Green/Sixth Road Little John Traffic Calming Streich Avenue Soldiers Road Abbey/Armadaile/Railway Intersection <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slab Gully Drainage System 	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seville Drive – Traffic Calming Owen Road – reconstruction Lowanna Way – reconstruction Warton Road Stage I Ranford Road Stage II O’Sullivan Drive – Traffic Calming Abbey/Armadaile/Railway Intersection Soldiers Road <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carawatha Avenue – Sub soil Drainage. 	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowanna Way – reconstruction Ranford Road Stage II Abbey/Armadaile/Railway Intersection Soldiers Road Forrest/Green Avenue roundabout <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carawatha Avenue – Sub Soil Drainage.
Parks and Reserves	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground Strategy Street/Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armadaile Rd/ Anstey Rd Armadaile Rd/ 12th Rd Lake Road/ Railway Ave Floodlighting - Gwynne Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armadaile Bowling Club William Skeet Oval Cross Park – Resurfacing Tennis Courts 	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground Strategy Street/Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armadaile Rd/ Anstey Rd Armadaile Rd/ 12th Rd Lake Road/ Railway Ave Floodlighting - Gwynne Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armadaile Bowling Club William Skeet Oval Armadaile Road Verge Improvements 	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground Strategy Street/Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Road/ Railway Ave Corfield St Floodlighting - Gwynne Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armadaile Bowling Club William Skeet Oval Armadaile Road Verge Improvements Armadaile Aquatic Centre Landscaping

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	<p>Asset Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rushton Park Memorial - Bollards • Play equipment Citywide – General Works • Street Tree Replacement Programme <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule mowing • Street Tree Pruning (Precinct 4) Forrestdale • Sports Oval changeovers • Lake Road/Champion Drive – Streetscape Improvements 	<p>Asset Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play Equipment Citywide – General Works • Street Tree Replacement Programme <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule Mowing • Street Tree Pruning (Precinct 4) 	<p>Asset Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play Equipment Citywide – General Works • Street Tree Replacement Programme <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule Mowing • Streetscape Maintenance • Completion of Street Tree Pruning • Industrial Area Maintenance
Property Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools ▪ Armadale Aquatic Centre - Refurbishment of pool linings and building maintenance for season 07/08 ▪ Administration Internal Refurbishment ▪ Kelmscott Redevelopment – Evaluation of Designs submitted for Proposed Kelmscott Library ▪ Tourist Centre – Display area alterations and new counter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools ▪ Armadale Aquatic Centre - Refurbishment of pool linings and building maintenance for season 07/08 ▪ Administration Internal Refurbishment ▪ Tourist Centre – Display area alterations and new counter ▪ Westfield Child Health – Internal works ▪ Administration Air Conditioning replacement project – Programming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools ▪ Armadale Aquatic Centre - Refurbishment of pool linings and building maintenance for season 07/08 ▪ Administration Internal Refurbishment ▪ Tourist Centre – Display area alterations and new counter ▪ Administration Air Conditioning replacement project – Programming works for installation

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**BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING No. 278 SUNDAY 29th APRIL 2007**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr Guenter Best Mrs Elaine Hutchinson
Mrs Irene Morcombe (Treasurer) Mrs Penny Versteeg
Mr Jim Hutchinson Mr Bill Ladyman (Secretary)
Mr Kim Sarti (Projects)

APOLOGIES

Ms Miriam Stanborough Mr Ron Withnell

NEW MEMBER

Ms Caralyn Lagrange

Cr Best declared the meeting open at 1:15 pm
Minutes of previous meeting held 28th March 2007 accepted as being correct.
Mr Sarti/Mrs Hutchinson. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Committee vacancy – Ms Lagrange was welcomed to the meeting as a new member.
Management Plan 1997-2007 Review – Committee considered Attachment “A” from last month’s minutes which was a timetable for completing the review. Mr Sarti and Mr Ladyman will be meeting with Mrs Corinne Omacini on 5th June to discuss implementation of each action point before the June committee meeting.
Dieback control treatment programme – Mr Sarti has sent a Letter of Engagement to Dieback Treatment Services for \$7,000 of treatment this year:
\$2,000 XT 1
\$2,000 XT ? [Community Conservation Grant 2006/07]
\$3,000 XT 64 [SALP 2007]
Weed control – [2/273] The letter to be sent to neighbours of the park has been signed by Cr Best. It will be accompanied by a colour brochure on weeds and Ms Stanborough has stated it will be distributed before next meeting [3/275].
DEC Fire Access Track – Mr Thompson not present to report on access track to be established from the south western corner of the Bungendore southern boundary into DEC bushland (Lot 200) to give fire access to a steep piece of country not accessible from the Wungong.
Fire Access Track N2 – was blocked by fallen tree. Mr Thompson not present to report.
Community Conservation Grant 2006/07 – Mr Ladyman delivered cheque for \$3,000 to the Treasurer. XT expenditure code to be allocated by Treasurer.
Alcoa Bravo! – A cheque for \$US 250 via Ms Stanborough was delivered to the Treasurer.
Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2006 – Ms Stanborough obtained Cr Best’s signature and posted the report to Swan Catchment Council.
Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2008 – Mr Sarti has prepared a \$6,210 grant application for: \$750 Seedlings, \$1,100 Weed control, \$300 Feral bee control, \$1,000 Feral pig control, \$2,000 Dieback treatment, \$1,000 Dieback interpretive signage. It’s uncertain whether the \$1,000 for signage will

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be approved and if not, a request to be made to redirect for dieback treatment. Still awaiting letters of support to complete the application by 1st May.

2007/08 Budget proposal – The budget proposal was forwarded by email to Mrs Omacini and Tech Services with the February Minutes. Mr Ladyman to check Mr Lantermier has the proposal in hand.

Revised Flora of Bungendore Park report – Mr Sarti is still working on the draft report from Jeff Lewis (Author). Maps etc. are being redrawn by City of Armadale's Planning Department. Perhaps a book launch event in July.

Routed log sign at Albany Highway entrance – majority of bushes in front of the routed log have been trimmed – some more work to be done. Mr Griffiths not present to report. [7/268]

Kangaroo shooting – Mr Sarti reported that on 5-4-2007 he received a follow-up phone call from Adam Meyer (DEC) regarding the Black-gloved Wallaby found shot in the park.

Fungi Foray – Perth Urban Bushland Fungi project team has scheduled Sunday 1st July for a Fungi Foray commencing 10:00 am – awaiting further details [2/277]. Cr Best has booked the Bedfordale Hall

Voluntary Hours – Committee members submitted their Voluntary Hours forms.

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

Bungendore Park Management Committee authorises members and volunteers to perform maintenance works and management activities for the ensuing year as, and when, required.

Moved Stanborough/Ladyman Carried 24/01/Activity since last meeting includes: Mr Sarti - patrolling

AWAITING COMPLETION AND/OR REPLY

Dieback Information Group seminar – Mr Sarti has made a donation offer on behalf of the Committee to DIG, still awaiting a response. He has spoken to Mr Tuffnell about a response. Lots 302 and 303 – possible purchase by WAPC – awaiting a response from the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure on this matter to Mr Simpson's letter of 22-11-2006. Mr Simpson's office has followed this up [2/275]

Hardstand gravel at Admiral Road entrance – work not yet carried out. Ms Stanborough has followed up with the Works Depot [4/271]

Works schedule for 2007 – including Dieback Assessment and Plan report for walk track realignment and/or closures and impact on directional signs, wayside interpretive signs, maps at information display shelter etc. Messrs Sarti and Ladyman have begun with a tour of the park in March to determine work to be done. [2/274]

GRANTS IN PROGRESS

Community Conservation 2003/2004	\$900	[XT72]
Regional Parks Community 2006 grant	\$2,810.50	[XT67]
Regional Parks Community 2007 grant	\$2,200	[XT65]
Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2007 (07S05)	\$6,210	[XT64]
Alcoa Bravo! Grant 2005	\$305.35	received
Alcoa Bravo! Grant 2006	\$US250	received
Community Conservation Grant 2006/2007	\$3,000	received

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – completed Final acquittal form for 2006 landcare project.

Dieback Treatment Services – Letter of Engagement for treatment in 2007.

Dr Kyle Armstrong – copy of Bungendore Park map and gate access key #29.

DEC, Regional Parks Unit – Letter of Engagement for Feral Pig control in 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

DEC – letter re “Your Guide to Perth’s Regional Parks”
DEC – Community Conservation Grants : letter with cheque for \$3,000.
Greening Australia – membership renewal.
Conservation Council – appeal for Bushland Campaign donation.

INFORMATION RECEIVED

UBC Urban Bushland Council – Coming events:
DWG Dieback Working Group - a flyer from new Project Officer Danielle Witham. New Dieback Portal: dieback.org.au
Native Flora Technologies – price/plant list of species available (predominately wetland species).

FINANCE

Details	Amount \$	Expenditure Type
W Ladyman – PO Box rent renewal	70.00	XT 7
Pest-R-Jim – weed spraying, Invoice #2863	\$731.50	XT67
Pest-R-Jim – weed spraying, Invoice #2863	\$343.50	XT64
Kim Sarti – photocopying	\$2.20	XT65
Kim Sarti – photocopying	\$14.65	XT64
Greening Australia membership renewal	\$55.00	XT 7

Ms Lagrange/Mrs Hutchinson Carried

BUSHCARE & ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr Ladyman not present at the last meeting. No minutes received as yet. Next meeting 9th May

GENERAL BUSINESS

Post office box rent renewal – final notice received as it had not been paid by City of Armadale. Mr Ladyman has since paid the fee. Mrs Morcombe to enquire with Accounts Payable to stop a further cheque being raised.

Recently installed access gate on Southern boundary – Committee confirmed that gate be called Gate ‘M’ for updating of maps.

Bats of Bungendore Park – Ecologist Dr Kyle Armstrong is an expert on WA bats and has agreed to do some preliminary studies on the bat species within the park.

Dale Little Athletics Club – has approached City of Armadale regarding use of Bedforddale Hall and Bungendore Park on 26th May and 18th August. A map was tabled in which Corinne Omacini has recommended a route to be followed that does not go through dieback-free areas.

Site evaluation and Post-planting review – Members of the Committee visited sites planted last year and noted areas needing new plantings this season. It was felt survival rate in Pit 10 was about 70% with Pit 6 slightly lower (maybe because it’s more exposed). Agreed to continue with in-fill planting with a trial of 100 seedlings into a severe Dieback-affected site on Dryandra Drive for possible future revegetation of Dieback areas. See attached map for 2007 planting proposal.

Pit #10

Main pit area (seedlings including over-storey) 210 plants
Northern section (Mr Withnell to arrange mattock holes) 50 plants
South-western section (Mr Withnell to arrange mattock holes) 100 plants

Pit #6

West side of Dryandra Drive (including over-storey) 300 plants
East side of Dryandra Drive (including over-storey) 240 plants
Dryandra Drive trial plot 100 plants

Total: 1,000 plants

DIARY OF EVENTS

2007	Date	Events
APRIL	29	Post-planting review
MAY		
JUNE		
JULY	1 27 29	Fungi Foray Schools Tree Day National Tree Day
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER		Threatened Species Day
OCTOBER		Weedbuster Week
NOVEMBER		Bungendore Bush Breakfast?
DECEMBER		BEAC End-of-Year function

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS

7/268	Mr Griffiths to make visible routed log sign
4/271	Ms Stanborough to follow up Admiral Rd entrance jobs
2/277	Mr Sarti to follow up potential Fungi Foray in July with Fungi project team.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (4th Wednesday)

7:30 pm Wednesday 23rd May 2007

Meeting declared closed at 2:20 pm which was followed by the post-planting review.

W Ladyman
Secretary

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

LETTER FROM RECYCLE WORK HONOURING BOB SUTTON FOR ZERO HERO AWARD



RESCUING RECYCLABLES & PREVENTING WORKPLACE WASTE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**RECYCLE
@WORK**

10 April 2007

Bob Sutton
Co-ordinator Waste Services
City of Armadale
Orchard Avenue
Armadale WA 6112

Dear Bob,

On behalf of the Recycle @ Work program it is my pleasure to invite you as our guest to attend the Armadale Chamber of Commerce & Industry's sundowner on Monday 30 April at the new Champion Lakes (Cnr Lake & Ypress Road, Kelmscott) at 5:45pm. It is a very special occasion and we are delighted to have as our guests the Hon. Alannah McTiernan, Member for Armadale, Minister for Planning and Infrastructure Minister, Nigel Satterley and Hon. Kay Hallahan representing the Armadale Redevelopment Authority.

We would like to recognise your personal leadership, commitment, energy to recycling by presenting you with an honorary Zero Hero Award at the sundowner.

Zero Hero Awards are an integral part of the Recycle @ Work program recognising businesses and special individuals who are showing leadership in their efforts to prevent waste by improved recycling.

Presentations would include:

- A brief overview of the *Recycle @ Work* program by Amcor Recycling
- City of Armadale Mayor Cr Linton Reynolds to congratulate and give an overview of local business recycling leadership including Armadale Shopping City, Home Style Furniture and the City of Armadale's Bob Sutton
- All attendees will receive an information pack and materials to use in their own workplaces.
- Local media will be notified and photography will be arranged for use in newsletters and online.

Mary Henry is coordinating the *Recycle @ Work* event and will liase with you further, she can be contacted on 9291 6764 or 0417 188 562.

We very much hope you can join us on this occasion.

Yours sincerely,
Jamie Young
State Manager



MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

This year's Waste & Recycle Conference themed *Planning in an Uncertain Climate: A Delicate Balancing Act*, will be held at the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle from 10-14 September 2007. It will focus on finding acceptable solutions to the growing production of waste with the right balance between economic, social and environmental needs. A call for papers and sponsorship options will be available from the Waste & Recycle website. For more information visit www.wasteandrecycle.com.au



WASTE & RECYCLE 2007 CONFERENCE
Planning in an Uncertain Climate: A Delicate Balancing Act!

WE WANT YOU IN KAL

On Monday 14 May 2007, the Municipal Waste Advisory Council's (MWAC) Officers Advisory Group (OAG) will be undertaking a non-metropolitan meeting in the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. Members and Officers in the area. ♦ Any issues raised by Local Governments in the area.



The Workshop will be held on Monday 14 May 2007 at the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. Topics which will be discussed include: ♦ The Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (WARR) Bill; ♦ Container Deposit Systems (CDS); ♦ Zero Waste Plans (ZWP); and Any Officers or Elected Members in the area who are interested in attending the workshop, please contact Shelley Inglis on 9213 2062 or email singlis@walgga.asn.au by Wednesday 9 May 2007.

MWAC SUBMISSIONS AVAILABLE

Following a Workshop held on Wednesday 14 February 2007, the Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) has developed a submission on the Waste Management Board paper (WMB), *Technology and Market Development for Tyre Derived Products*. MWAC has also developed a submission on the WMB's paper, *Waste and Recycling Infrastructure Census*. The WMB's papers are available from the Zero Waste website www.zerowastewa.com.au MWAC's submissions are available from the WasteNet website www.wastenet.net.au



USED OIL—NOT GOING AWAY

The situation regarding used oil recycling in WA is still critical. Collection of used oil is occurring but only in a limited fashion.

It should be emphasised that the Federal Government, through the Product Stewardship for Used Oil Program has provided numerous Local Governments with used oil collection infrastructure. Local Government has played its part by facilitating the collection of

the used oil, working on the understanding that the Federal Government will ensure markets for the material. However, market development has not yet occurred.

WA Local Government Association President, Cr Mitchell said "State and Federal Governments need to work together to provide immediate help for Local Governments in Western Australia; otherwise all the good work of the community will go to waste."

Local Government, other interested groups and individuals need to bring this issue to the attention of the State and Federal Environment Ministers to ensure that the issue continues to be the focus of action.

For more information (and contact details for the Ministers) please contact Shelley Inglis 9213 2062 or email singlis@walga.asn.au

Planet Ark Recycling Hotline recently received an unusual call from a police station in WA wanting to know how to correctly dispose of illegal porn magazines. The Hotline was able to advise them of a nearby recycling shredding service.



(Source: www.RecyclingNearYou.com.au)

SAG INVESTIGATION OUT NOW

The Stakeholder Advisory Group on Best Practice Container Deposit Systems (CDS) for Western Australia has released a report which includes the findings and background information on their investigation process and deliberations.

The report, *Stakeholder Advisory Group Investigation into Best Practice Container Deposit Systems for Western*

Australia is available from www.zerowastewa.com.au Consultants, McLennan Magasanik Associates, have been employed by the State Government to undertake a full economic analysis, including triple bottom line consideration, of CDS in WA.

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council will be providing a response to the Waste

Management Board on the paper. If you have comments please contact Megan Graham on 9213 2086 or email mgraham@walga.asn.au

The Western Australian Local Government Association Policy Statement on best practice CDS for WA is available from the WasteNet Website www.wastenet.net.au

HOLE CAPACITY OF PERTH

The concern has been raised with the Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) that there may be a shortfall in landfill space in the Perth metropolitan area under certain circumstances. These would include emergencies where additional waste, above and beyond current predictions, is generated.

In order to understand the current and potential capacity for waste to landfill in the Perth metropolitan area, MWAC is conducting a survey of all landfill operators.

The results of this survey will be used to provide a consolidated picture of landfill in the Perth region.

Landfill operators who received the survey are asked to email it back to Shelley Inglis as soon as possible. The consolidated results will be provided back to all operators who respond.

For more information contact Shelley Inglis on 9213 2062 or email singlis@walga.asn.au

KISS MY WAAMI

Local Governments' Expressions of Interest (Eoi) to participate in WA Asset Management Improvement (WAAMI) Program need to be registered with the Association by Monday 30 April 2007.

WAAMI is a structured asset management programme that develops the capacity of Local Government to determine their asset renewal funding gap through the auditing, planning and management of infrastructure assets.

For further information, please visit www.walga.asn.au or contact A/Executive Manager Infrastructure, Michelle Mackenzie on 9213 2031.



CREDIT TO THE SMRC

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) has recently closed tenders to sell more than 111,000 tonnes worth of greenhouse gas abatement units.

The 111,000 credits were approved by the Australian Greenhouse Office (AGO), in recognition of methane gas abatement achieved at the waste composting facility at the Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) in Canning Vale.

The Canning Vale waste processing facility diverts from landfill the household rubbish of more than

350,000 residents. When the disposal of organic matter to landfill is avoided through composting, methane emissions are avoided.



It is the net difference in emissions between landfilling and composting that gives the SMRC its Verified Emission Reductions (VERs), also known as carbon credits.

In Australia, Carbon Trading is voluntary and the credits are purchased by companies, organisations and individuals

wishing to offset their carbon footprints or become carbon neutral.

The SMRC composting facility has temporarily stopped accepting material.

Council Chairman Doug Thompson said the Council decision to implement a temporary closure was made to ensure the community as not affected as final remedial work was carried out.

For more information contact Chuck Ellis at the SMRC on 9329 2714.

IT EQUIPMENT REST HOME

On Saturday 31 March 2007 the City of South Perth, in partnership with the South



East Metropolitan Regional Council (SEMRC), held a computer

drop-off day at the Collier Park Waste Transfer Station.

On the day, 72 residents of South Perth brought along their used IT equipment, most of which was at least seven years old.

The computers are now with Direct Recycling, who is dismantling the computers as a part of their own trial in recycling computer parts.

For more information contact Sarah Muirhead at the SEMRC on 9391 6033.

CLASSY NEW HOLES

The Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) is currently constructing a new Class III landfill cell to contain 1.1 million cubic metres of commercial and



municipal waste, and a new Class

IV cell to contain 300,000 cubic metres of low hazard contaminated soil at their Red Hill Waste Management Facility.

As a part of the project additional leachate ponds are also being constructed. The

construction works are expected to be completed by May 2007, costing in excess of \$8 million.

For more information visit www.emrc.org.au

(Source: EMRC Newsletter March 2007)



(Source: www.planetark.org)

NPC ROUND 2

The National Packaging Covenant (NPC) is currently seeking Stage 1 Expressions of Interest for project funding with the jurisdictional project group (JPG). Funding is available for projects that cost-effectively deliver against the goals and targets of the covenant which are:

- ◆ Increased recovery of 'away from home' sources;
- ◆ Supporting Local Government adoption of good practice kerbside and drop-off recycling systems;
- ◆ Expansion of materials that can be recycled, including market development;
- ◆ Increased Public Awareness;
- ◆ Litter reduction and prevention programs; and
- ◆ Improved data collection

Round 2 of NPC Project Funding closes Wednesday 2 May 2007. For more information visit www.zerowastewa.com.au or Joanna Cooper on jcooper@packagingcovenant.org.au



CENTENNIAL PUBLICATION

To celebrate the 100th issue of the Information Bulletin the Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) has developed the A-Z of waste at MWAC.



to the WMB's paper on *Used Industrial Plastics in WA*; J- Joint Ground Water Monitoring Contract- MWAC administers the joint ground water monitoring contract, the current

tonnes of material from landfill;

S- Strategic Waste Initiative Scheme (SWIS)- MWAC has received SWIS funding for its Battery Study;

T- Tyres- MWAC has developed submissions on the WMB papers *Used Tyre Review of Management at Landfill* and *Used Tyre Stockpile Guidelines*;

U- Used Oil- MWAC administered the distribution of Used Oil Collection Infrastructure to 62 LG's;

V- Variation to NEPM- MWAC has developed a submission to the *Proposed Variation to the NEPM*;

W- Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (WARR) Bill- MWAC has produced a submission on the WARR Bill 2006 and has a Policy Statement on Waste Management Legislation;

W- WasteNet Website- All of the MWAC Policy Statements, Submissions and general information is available from the wonderful WasteNet Website;

X- X² Issue of Information Bulletin- MWAC Information Bulletin is celebrating its 100th Issue;

Y- Young Waste Professionals- MWAC Staff are all involved with the Young Waste Professionals; and

Z- Zero Waste Plans (ZWP)- MWAC has been collaborating with the DEC in development of ZWPs.

A company in Japan has produced a new line called 'Treasure Chairs', chairs for office use reproduced from difficult-to-recycle car seats.



(Japan for Sustainability, n.55)

A- Auditing Continuity Data Compilation (AC/DC) Scheme- a recycling rebate scheme for Local Government (LG) administered by MWAC;

B- Battery Collection Model Study- a study being conducted by MWAC, funded through SWIS;

C- Container Deposit Systems (CDS)- MWAC has developed a Policy Statement on Best Practice CDS;

D- Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC)- MWAC works closely with the DEC on a number of projects;

E- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)- MWAC has developed a Policy Statement on EPR;

F- Fridge Magnets- MWAC has promotional fridge magnets on where to correctly dispose of your used oil;

G- Glass Market Development- MWAC has developed a submission on the Waste Management Boards (WMB) paper, *Used Glass Market Development*;

H- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)- MWAC has developed a Policy Statement on HHW.

I- Industrial Plastics- MWAC has developed a submission

K- Kerbside Recycling- MWAC collects and records Kerbside Recycling data for WA in the AC/DC Scheme;

L- Landfill Levy and Strategic Waste Funding- MWAC has developed a Policy Statement on the Landfill Levy;

M- Market Development- MWAC has developed a submission on the WMB paper *Technology and Market Development for Tyre Derived Products*;

N- National Packaging Covenant (NPC)- WALGA is a signatory of the NPC and is hosting the next meeting in Perth;

O- Organics- MWAC is currently developing an Organics Policy Statement;

P- Productivity Commission (PC) Report- MWAC produced developed a number of Submissions on the PC Report;

Q- Quality- MWAC produced a range of quality papers in 2006, all outlined in the 2006 MWAC Annual Summary;

R- Resource Recovery Rebate Scheme (RRRS)- over its lifetime, the RRRS (administered by MWAC) provided over \$15 million to Local Government and assisted with the diversion of 1.5 million

ZERO DISCUSSION

The Conservation Council is holding an Environmental Matters Information Evening 'Getting to Zero Waste' 7:30 Thursday 26 April 2007.

It will be based on discussion of waste management in Western Australia, the Towards

Zero Waste targets and Container Deposit Systems (CDS). Guest speakers will include Barry Carbon, Chair of the Waste Management Board,

Mark Batty, Executive Manager Environment & Waste of the Western Australian Local Government Association

and Conservation Council representatives. The evening will be held at City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi St, West Perth.

To register email conswa@conservationwa.as.n.au or phone 9420 7266.





TIME OF GRACE TO END

The Contaminated Sites Act 2003 came into force on 1 December 2006. The introduction of this act established a six-month grace period allowing the reporting of contaminated sites without facing legal action.

The Department of Environment and Conservation has received 134 reports so far, 43% from Local Government, 39% from businesses and 18% from Government sectors.

For more information visit www.dec.wa.gov.au

(Source: Environmental Management News, 22 March 2007).

SKILLS TO PAY THE BILLS

At Skyworks, held this Australia Day, the rubbish collected for the whole of the event (both North and South of River and including Kings Park) was 36.87 tonnes.

Coast Blues and Roots festival in Fremantle, recycling efforts were highly successful - of the 220 cubic metres of waste generated, 70% was recycled. At a similar event held earlier in the year, Southbound Music Festival, 77% of the 160 cubic metres of waste generated was recycled.

These results were made possible through collaboration of festival promoters Sunset Events and Green Skills Inc. As a non profit environmental organisation, Green Skills recently received funding from the Strategic Waste Initiative Scheme (SWIS) to pilot a series of 'Towards Zero Waste Public Events' to be held in 2007. Based on their pilot SWIS Project Green Skills are developing a Public Event Recycling Consulting Service, which will be able to assist Local government, business and community groups to develop and implement public place recycling programs.

Public place recycling at events is a difficult challenge. At another event, the West

For more information contact Tracey Bell of Green Skills on 9360 6667.

The average household in Britain throws away almost a third of all the food it buys. The main causes of food wastage were: purchasing more food than needed; keeping food in refrigerators above correct temperature; and food going out of date.



(Source: www.news.independent.co.uk)

LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUBE

Following the Federal Government's indication they will be moving towards the use of fluorescent lighting, questions have been raised about the safety of recycling the tubes, which contain mercury.

The Waste Management Board has listed companies that offer fluorescent tube pick up and recycling services in Western Australia.

For more information visit www.zerowastewa.com.au

COMPOST—BE AWARE

To celebrate International Conservation (DEC) has developed a calendar of events to promote composting and recycled organics throughout the metropolitan region.

For more information or to get involved visit www.compostweek.com.au

STAMP OF APPROVAL?

The Waste Management Board recently commissioned a review of the Green Stamp Program in WA.

The aim was to objectively assess and review the program for its strengths and weaknesses as well as opportunities for improvement. The review is available www.zerowastewa.com.au

ARK UP

The Planet Ark Website, launched in November 2006, contains details for recycling and safe waste disposal in all 672 Council areas around Australia.

There have been over 250,000 visits to the website since its launch.

Alternatively, for those without access to the web, there is a recycling hotline - 1300 733 712.

Staff have encountered some challenging questions such as how to recycle pigeon manure, a swimming pool and even the foam from a fire extinguisher.

Electronic waste remains the main area that people seek clarification on - the most common recycling queries involve computers, printer cartridges and mobile phones.

For more information visit www.RecyclingNearYou.com.au

Over 3 billion disposable nappies are thrown away in the UK each year with 90% ending up in landfill. This is a cost of 67 million Pounds for Local Authorities.



(Source: RRF, 23 March 2007)

SA RETAIL & PESTS

Retail Guide
Zero Waste SA has released a guide to help retailers reduce their waste. The guide gives practical advice for how shop managers and tenants can cut the amount of waste going to landfill. It is not a specific guide but rather provides general concepts and opportunities to consider in

planning and launching an effective and ongoing program. For more information visit www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au

(Source: Environmental Management News, 30 March 2007)

Compost Pest
Compost SA has co-funded a research position at SARDI

looking into the disease suppressive characteristics of compost.

With Federal and SA Government backing, Mathew Ayres will begin full-scale field trials this year.

(Source: Inside Waste, March/April 2007)

EVOLUTION AWARDS

The National Packaging Covenant (NPC), with support of the Packaging Council of Australia, is holding the Evolution awards in order to publicly acknowledge brand



owners and retailers for outstanding effort in packaging and waste management. NPC signatories are invited to apply and nominations close Tuesday 15 May 2007. For more information visit www.ferret.com.au/FerretAwards/2006EvoAwards.asp

RECYCLE OR ELSE

Sydney City Council, as well as several other Local Governments in NSW, have demanded the NSW Government enforce already existing legislation and require manufacturers to collect and

recycle e-waste. The NSW Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001 included provisions for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for certain

wastes of concern. electronics was one of these wastes.

(Source: Environmental Management News, 19 March 2007)

COMPOST YOUR CUTLERY

Global food packaging company Huhtamaki has introduced a range of compostable plastic products to the Australian market.

It plans to introduce a clearly visible brand mark on its

BioWare range of corn-starch based products, including plates, cups and cutlery, to make it easier for customers to choose products that appear



and function like the traditional version, but which are more sustainable.

(Source: Environmental Management News 28 March 2007)



DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UK

Battery Trials
WRAP in the UK has launched a Community Drop-Off Battery Recycling Trial.



Residents will be encouraged to recycle their batteries by depositing them at special collection points located through the community. It will collect AAA, AA, C and D size batteries as well as button, mobile phone, laptop and rechargeable

batteries. The trial will run for one year and its results will help the Government identify the most cost effective ways of meeting the EU Battery Directive, which requires a 25% collection of used batteries.

For more information visit www.wrap.org.uk

(Source: Wrap Newsletter, March 2007)

Sampled Out

A new quality Protocol on Composting has been released in the UK. Some composters and farmers were unhappy with the protocol soil tests requirements, which had to occur for every hectare of land for which the compost is used, before, and then every 20 years after using it.

(Source: www.letsrecycle.com)

SCORE E

Consumers will now be able to review the environmental impact of electronic goods at Wal-Mart Stores as companies that supply electronic goods are forced to

evaluate their products. A scorecard system will become compulsory in 2008 and evaluate products on their energy efficiency, durability,

ability to be upgraded, end of life solutions and amount of packaging.

(Source: Environmental Management News, 14 March 2007)

TIRED OF TYRES

The Irish Government is consulting on draft regulations which will establish a clear producer responsibility audit system to track the movement of waste tyres from the time they are

discarded until they are either reused or processed for recycling or reuse.



For more information visit www.environ.ie

(Source: www.letsrecycle.com)

DON'T WASTE LATEX

Engineers at the State University of New Jersey, USA, have developed a process to recycle waste latex paint, the largest component of household



hazardous waste, by blending it with common plastics.

It was found that paint blended with polyethylene exhibited similar characteristics and performance as pure polyethylene, with the

advantage of consuming unwanted paint and reducing amount of HDPE used.

For more information visit <http://urwebsrv.rutgers.edu>

(Source: RRF, 30 March 2007)

FILL TAX

The European Commission is exploring the possibility of a Europe-wide tax on landfill.

A Green Paper has been released which has further discussion about the use of other market-based instruments.

For more information visit www.ec.europa.eu

(Source: www.letsrecycle.com)

Two operators of a demolition company in the UK have been jailed for 20 months for illegally dumping asbestos and excavation waste.



(Source: www.letsrecycle.com)

MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Next Meeting
 Date: 20 June 2007
 Time: 4.00 pm
 Venue: Local Government House

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



Visit WasteNet www.wastenet.net.au

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**2007
 CALENDAR OF
 EVENTS**

- 23-24 April 2007 Identifi Plast 2007
 Concert Noble, Brussels, Belgium
 For more information visit www.plasticseurope.org
- 26 April 2007 Conservation Council Getting to Zero Waste Information Evening
 7:30pm, City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi St, West Perth
 RSVP April 19 to consrwa@conservationwa.asn.au
 For more information visit www.conservationwa.asn.au
- 6-12 May 2007 International Compost Awareness Week
 For more information visit www.compostweek.com.au
- 11-12 May 2007 Australian Tidy Towns Awards
 Ballarat, Victoria
 For more information visit www.kab.org.au/tydtowns
- 20-22 June 2007 12th International Congress for Battery Recycling
 Budapest, Hungary
 For more information visit www.icm.ch
- 18-20 July 2007 Banksia Awards
 Sydney, NSW
 For more information visit www.banksiafdn.com
- 18-20 July 2007 National Energy from Waste Conference 2007
 Sydney, NSW
 For more information visit www.wmaa.asn.au
- 2 August 2007 4th Australian Wine Industry Environmental Conference
 Adelaide Convention Centre
 For more information visit www.awitc.com.au
- 27 August–2 September 2007 Keep Australia Beautiful Week
 For more information visit www.kab.org.au
- 10-14 September 2007 Waste & Recycle 2007 Conference
 Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle
 For more information visit www.wasteandrecycle.com.au
- 19-21 November 2007 2nd National Landfill and Transfer Station Conference
 Melbourne, Victoria
 For more information visit www.wmaa.asn.au

**2007
 CALENDAR OF
 SUBMISSIONS**

- 3 May 2007 National Packaging Covenant Round 2 Expressions of Interest
 For more information visit www.wastenet.net.au



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



MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL
 "Getting the Environment Right"

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

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

MWAC focuses its work in three main areas:

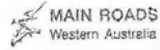
- The proactive development of policy on priority issues;
- Comprehensive representation of Local Government views on legislation, regulations, administrative policy and related matters; and
- The delivery of grant funded programs consistent with Local Government priorities.



LETTER FROM MAIN ROADS WA REGARDING PROCLAMATION OF TONKIN HIGHWAY



Enquiries: Ray Tollefsen on 9323 4473
Our Ref: 05/3108
Your Ref: CB:CB



AGN: 53 860 676 021

24 April 2007



Mr R Tame
Chief Executive Officer
City of Armadale
Locked Bag 2
ARMADALE WA 6992

Dear Mr Tame

PROCLAMATION OF TONKIN HIGHWAY FROM MILLS ROAD TO THOMAS ROAD AS A 'HIGHWAY'

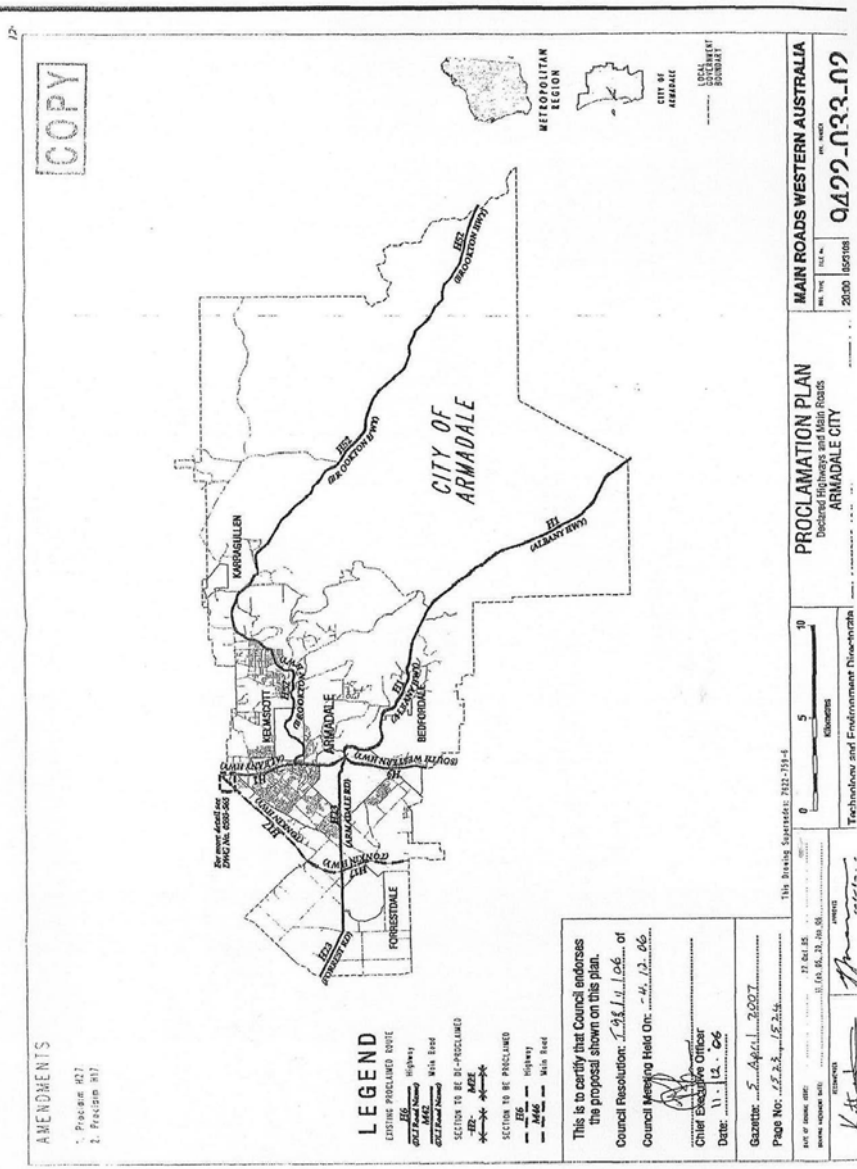
I refer to previous correspondence with Council regarding proclamation of Tonkin Highway from Mills Road to Thomas Road as a 'highway' and advise that the proclamation was published in the Government Gazette of 5 April, with an effective date of 5 April 2007.

Attached for your retention is a copy of proclamation drawings 9422-033-02 and 0593-565 which have had gazette notice details added to them. A copy of the Gazette notice is also attached for your information and records.

If you require any further information regarding the proclamation action, please contact A/Road Classification Manager, Ray Tollefsen, on 9323 4473.

Yours sincerely

Kathryn Martin
A/MANAGER ROAD ASSET PLANNING



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AMENDMENTS

1. Proclamation R27
2. Proclamation R37

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This is to certify that Council endorses the proposal shown on this plan.

Council Resolution: 138/11/06 of

Council Meeting Held On: 12/12/06

Chief Executive Officer
 Date: 12/12/06

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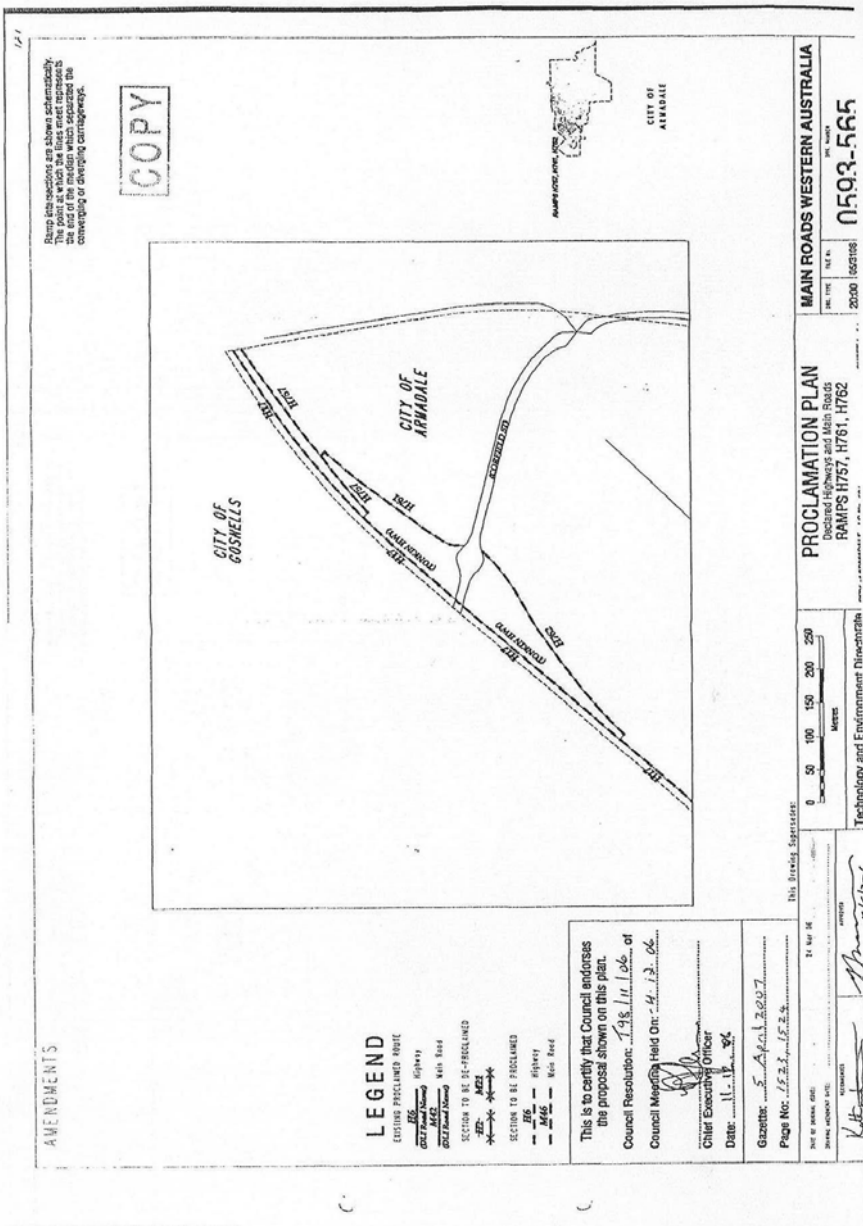
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PROCLAMATION PLAN
 Declared Highways and Main Roads
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT
 CITY OF ARMADALE



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 Council Meeting Held On: 4.12.06
 Chief Executive Officer
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PROCLAMATION PLAN
 Declared Highway and Main Roads
 RAMPS H757, H761, H762
 MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA
 2006 (S6918)
 0503-566

[Signature]
 Chief Executive Officer

5 April 2007

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, WA

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— PART 1 —

PROCLAMATIONS

AA101*

**MAIN ROADS ACT 1980
PROCLAMATION**

Western Australia
By His Excellency
Doctor Kenneth Cornelius Michael,
Companion of the Order of Australia,
Governor of the State of Western Australia
KENNETH CORNELIUS MICHAEL
Governor

[L.S.]

MRWA 06/3161

I, the Governor, acting under Section 13 of the *Main Roads Act 1980* and on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Main Roads, declare—

- (a) that the roads or sections of roads as shown on the drawings listed in Schedule 1 to this proclamation, excluding any footpaths, shall be highways as from and including 5 April 2007;
- (b) that the roads or sections of roads as shown on the drawings listed in Schedule 2 to this proclamation, including any footpaths, shall be highways as from and including 5 April 2007;
- (c) that the roads or sections of roads as shown on the drawings listed in Schedule 3 to this proclamation shall cease to be highways as from and including 5 April 2007;
- (d) that the roads or sections of roads as shown on the drawings listed in Schedule 4 to this proclamation, excluding any footpaths, shall be main roads as from and including 5 April 2007;
- (e) that the roads or sections of roads as shown on the drawings listed in Schedule 5 to this proclamation shall cease to be main roads as from and including 5 April 2007.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the said State at Perth on 27 March 2007.

By Command of the Governor,

A. MacTIERNAN, Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.

Schedule 1

MRWA Road No.	MRWA Road Name	Local Government Authority	As delineated on attached drawing number(s)
H5	Great Eastern Highway	Kellerberrin	9522-218-01, 0493-328
H5	Great Eastern Highway	Mundaring	9422-137-02, 0693-003, 0693-004, 0693-005, 0693-006, 0693-007, 0693-008
H6	Great Northern Highway	Cue	9522-161-02, 0693-345, 0693-346
H6	Great Northern Highway	Halls Creek	9522-006-02, 9522-007-01, 0593-546
H13	Canning Highway	East Fremantle	9432-031-01

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MRWA Road No.	MRWA Road Name	Local Government Authority	As delineated on attached drawing number(s)
H49	Goldfields Highway	Leonora and Wiluna	9522-091-01, 9522-092-01, 0293-285, 9322-099-01, 0293-282, 0493-231, 0493-232, 9522-100-01
H525, H533, H649, H726-H729	Albany Highway/Canning Highway/Great Eastern Highway interchange ramps, Causeway West End ramps and Causeway bus lanes	Perth and Victoria Park	9422-036-02, 0393-070, 0393-443, 9422-044-02, 0593-449

Schedule 2

MRWA Road No.	MRWA Road Name	Local Government Authority	As delineated on attached drawing number(s)
H580, H581, H582, H583	Lesch Highway Ramps at Albany Highway	Canning	9422-034-02, 0593-283
H633, H634, H635, H636	Roe Highway Ramps at Orrong Road	Canning	9422-034-02, 0593-001
H30	Graham Farmer Freeway	Belmont and Victoria Park	9522-070-01, 0593-280, 9422-044-02, 0593-279
H650, H654, H660, H671, H674, H677, H680, H681	Graham Farmer Freeway Ramps at Great Eastern Highway, Belmont Racecourse, East Parade, Lord Street and Mitchell Freeway	Belmont, Perth and Victoria Park	9522-070-01, 0593-280, 9422-038-02, 0393-069, 0393-068, 9422-044-02, 0593-279, 0593-278
H520, H526, H528, H672, H673, H773	Mitchell Freeway Ramps at Hamilton Interchange, Murray Street and Hay Street	Perth	9422-038-02, 0393-068, 0393-071
H17	Tonkin Highway	Armadale, Gosnells and Serpentine-Jarrabdale	9422-033-02, 0593-665, 9422-124-02, 0693-002, 0693-001, 0593-564, 9522-191-01
H756-H766	Tonkin Highway Ramps at Albany Highway and Corfield Street	Armadale and Gosnells	9422-033-02, 0593-665, 9422-124-02, 0693-001, 0593-564

Schedule 3

MRWA Road No.	MRWA Road Name	Local Government Authority	As delineated on attached drawing number(s)
H5	Great Eastern Highway	Kellerberrin	9522-218-01, 0493-235
H6	Great Eastern Highway	Mundaring	9422-137-02, 0693-003, 0693-004, 0693-005, 0693-006, 0693-

5 April 2007

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, WA

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MRWA Road No.	MRWA Road Name	Local Government Authority	As delineated on attached drawing number(s)
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H6	Great Northern Highway	Cue	9522-161-02, 0893-345, 0593-346
H6	Great Northern Highway	Halls Creek	9522-006-02, 9522-007-01, 0593-546
H49	Goldfields Highway	Leonora and Wiluna	9522-091-01, 0293-283, 9522-092-01, 9522-099-01, 0293-282, 0493-231, 0493-232, 9522-100-01
H16	Mitchell Freeway	Perth	9422-038-2, 0393-068
H084, H085, H086	Causeway West End Ramps	Perth	9422-038-02, 0893-070
H17	Tonkin Highway	Cossella	9422-124-02, 0693-002

Schedule 4

MRWA Road No.	MRWA Road Name	Local Government Authority	As delineated on attached drawing number(s)
M10	Chidlow-York Road	Mundaring	9422-137-02, 0693-008

Schedule 5

MRWA Road No.	MRWA Road Name	Local Government Authority	As delineated on attached drawing number(s)
M10	Chidlow-York Road	Mundaring	9422-137-02, 0693-008

ARMADALE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

AB301*

Armadale Redevelopment Act 2001

**Armadale Redevelopment Amendment
 Regulations 2006**

Made by the Governor in Executive Council.

1. Citation

These regulations are the *Armadale Redevelopment Amendment Regulations 2006*.

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OUTSTANDING REPORT

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – APRIL 2007		
ITEM	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
<p><i>Kelmscott Soccer Club – Proposal to Use Pries Park (February 2004) (August 2004)</i> That a report to the October 2004 Community Services Committee meeting be prepared that identifies the issues associated with the Kelmscott Soccer Club's future, canvassing possible options for Council's consideration and recommending a strategy for the future use and development of both Frye Park, Pries Park and other relevant alternatives. (C120/8/04).</p>	Recreation Services	Matter reported to the November 2004 Community Services Committee Meeting. Council resolved not to approve the Kelmscott Soccer Club's request to relocate to Pries Park at this time. Further consultation to occur with the Club and an additional report to be presented to Council as part of the 15 Year Financial Plan Workshops for 2007 and the 2007 Needs & Feasibility Study for the provision of Active Sporting Reserves within the City.
<p><i>Councillors' Items - Cr Zelones – Update on Review of Council's Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for Armadale Cultural Facilities: Final Report (September 2006)</i> Cr Zelones requested an update and review of Council's Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for Armadale Cultural Facilities: Final Report. (C58/9/06)</p>	Community Development	An update will be provided to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee when workloads and available resources allow.
<p><i>**John Dunn Oval – Seasonal Use (December 2006)</i> That Council convene a Councillor Workshop in January 2007 to consider and discuss future ground use requirements at John Dunn Oval and other City of Armadale facilities (C75/12/06).</p>	Recreation Services	A Councillor Workshop will be convened as part of the 2007 Needs & Feasibility Study for the provision of Active Sporting Reserves within the City.
<p><i>Councillors' Items – Reg. Williams Reserve (January 2007)</i> Cr Munn requested that consideration be given to set up a pre-planning process with community input for the redevelopment of Reg. Williams Reserve. (C9/1/07).</p>	Community Development	An update will be provided to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee when workloads and available resources allow. Subject to the outcome of the 15 Year Financial Plan Workshop for 2007.
<p><i>Matters for Referral to Standing Committees – Without Discussion – Youth Events at the Armadale Aquatic Centre</i> Officers to research and report back to Council on the type and scale of youth event the City could facilitate at the Aquatic Centre. (C23/3/07)</p>	Recreation Services	An update will be provided to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee when workloads and available resources allow.

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LIBRARY & HERITAGE SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2007

1. LIBRARY SERVICES

1.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

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

1.2 Library Extension Activities

1.2.1 School Holiday Report

Report – *April 2007 School Holiday Programme*
Prepared by – *Sharon Lapierre, Rita Lennon and Shirley Reilly, Assistant Librarians, Armadale, Kelmscott/Westfield Libraries*

Topic: Myths and Legends : Arachne the Spinner, Dragons, Superheroes and Fairies

Presenters: Assistant Librarians Sharon Lapierre, Rita Lennon and Shirley Reilly

Dates: 12th April, 18th April, 19th April, 2007

Venue: Kelmscott, Armadale and Westfield Libraries

No. Attending: 38 children

KMS : 8 children ; ARM : 18 children, 8 adults ; WST : 12 children ; 6 adults

Comments:

An enthusiastic group listened to the Greek legend of how Arachne the weaver became the first spider. We then constructed webs in gold and silver thread on branches and added a colourful spider. The group were shown other books containing myths and legends from the library and several were borrowed. A very constructive and worthwhile session.

Dragons appeared at Armadale Library on Wednesday the 18th April. Prospective dragon owners were first tested on their ability to keep a real dragon as a pet, using guidelines from "How to raise and keep a dragon" by John Topsell, and "Dr Ernest Drake's dragonology", which were eagerly perused by children as they waited for the session to start. We also looked at pictures of different dragons to give the kids ideas to create their own. Templates of scary and not so scary dragons were provided as well, using shortened poster tubes as bodies. Some of the kids turned into dragons by making scary dragon masks to wear over their

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heads. There were lots of happy faces and we received positive feedback from staff and attendees.

Superheroes and fairies dressed up and invaded Westfield Library on Thursday 19th April. A superhero story of “Max” by Bob Graham was read to the children and then they had the choice of making a magnet, bookmark, mobile, door hanger and mask using templates of fairy or superhero pictures. Lots of glitter (fairy dust) and fun was had by all.

1.2.2 Conference Report

Shirley Reilly attended the conference *Learning Futures: Public Libraries for the new generations in Australia and New Zealand* that was held in Adelaide in March 2007. Her report on the conference is attached. (**Refer to Attachment “CA-2”.**)

As well as completing the report, a presentation will be made to the professional library staff on the conference and study tour.

2. HERITAGE SERVICES

2.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

The Heritage Department’s statistical performance indicators report for the month of April 2007 is attached. (**Refer to Attachment “CA-3”.**)

2.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

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

Minnawarra Festival

Over two hundred people visited the Birtwistle Local Studies Library during the weekend of the Minnawarra Festival. Available to speak to anyone with an interest in family history was a local genealogist. Local historians were also on hand to talk to people interested in the history of the district. Displays at the library included information on local churches, Araluen and I.T Birtwistle. Volunteers walked amongst the crowds giving out leaflets and encouraging people to visit the library.

A highlight of the festival was meeting Ivor Birtwistle’s sister-in-law who after being handed a leaflet was amazed to see a library named after her family. On visiting the library she was excited by the Birtwistle display and plans to return with other members of the family.

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Paper Preservation and Restoration Training

The City of Armadale Historian/Local Studies Librarian attended the first of a two part training program for the preservation and restoration of paper based materials. The training was facilitated by the proprietor of Preservation Services who is highly qualified in the area of paper based preservation.

The training is designed to give insight into the types of materials that are stored in a local studies library, what influences causes them to deteriorate and the best ways to protect items against deterioration. The information provided was extremely useful in caring for materials in the Birtwistle Local Studies Library Collection.

2.3 History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

Volunteer Training

History House Museum volunteers attended Armed Hold Up Training which was provided by the City of Armadale. Feedback from volunteers was very positive and said it was beneficial to them.

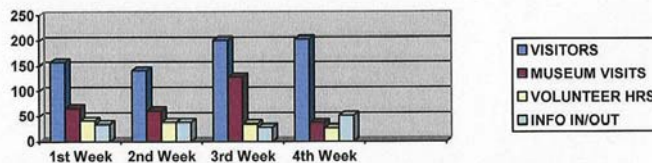
Canning River / Dyargaroo Exhibition

The exhibit has finished at History House Museum. The exhibit received positive feedback from audiences. It is now available to community groups and schools to use. To make this exhibition a permanent fixture of the museum an online version is being developed. This will allow people from around the world to view the exhibit.

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3. VISITOR SERVICING

3.1 APRIL 2007 VISITOR CENTRE FIGURES:



Phone Enquiry	Info Sent	VISITORS	Metro	Intra State	Inter State	O/seas	Vol Hours	Museum Visits
124	152	702	512	22	62	106	141	292

Visitor Centre Open: 189 hours
Volunteer Hours per Week: 35 hours
Average Visitors per Week: 178
Average Visitor Spend – Day Visitor: \$35,100
(Based on \$50 per person who came into the Visitor Centre staying one day in our area. This is a conservative figure as current guidelines are based on \$80 per person each day)
Average Spend – Including Accommodation: \$49,350
(Based on \$150 per person – there are 365 beds available in Armadale of which 90% were booked every night during the past month.)

3.2.1 Armadale Visitor Centre Report

(Report prepared by Yvonne Bradfield Visitor Centre Coordinator)

OVERVIEW:

It is pleasing to report that over 700 people visited the Visitor Centre during the month of April 07. This figure was reached even though the Centre was closed for three days during the month due to Easter and Anzac Day.

Over 140 volunteer hours were contributed to the Centre in the month of April 07. Volunteers assist within a wide range of tasks in the day-to-day management of the Centre. Their consistent support is most appreciated and highly valued.

The City of Armadale Visitor Centre provides a free booking service for all accommodation and tours as well as promoting our region, servicing our Members, the community and all visitor enquiries.

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MARKETING & PARTNERSHIPS:

The Armadale Redevelopment Authority, in consultation with the Visitor Centre Coordinator and the City of Armadale, has completed a consultant's brief with the objectives of establishing a weekend Growers Market within the City Central Precinct.

Expressions of Interest close at 5.00pm on Friday the 18th May 2007.

A large "Escape to Armadale" advertisement appeared in the West Australian Newspaper Saturday edition on 28th April 2007.

Other advertisements have now been completed that will appear in the "Winter Escapes" Lift-out in the West Australian on Saturday 2nd June 07. Cooperation was sort and obtained from within the membership of the Centre to place a shared advert in the above "Escapes" campaign.

The Coordinator assisted several Members of the Visitor Centre by providing resource materials, contacts and guidance within industry guidelines. This confidential free service is provided to Members of the Centre to assist in the professional development of tourism within our region.

In preparation for the installation of Brochure Racking that is in line with Level One Accreditation for Visitor Servicing, much of the furniture and infrastructure within the Centre was shifted.

New Centre Opening hours commenced during the month of April.

This allows for effective Level One compliance as well as assisting in the upcoming Ticket Master agency at the Centre. Our hours are as follows:

Monday to Friday: 9am – 5pm

Saturday & Sunday: 10am – 3pm

Roleystone Theatre has borrowed two period type chairs for use as production props in their production of "The Club" over the next month. They will return the chairs late May.

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

1. Animal Control

1.1 Dogs

Ranger Services has received three hundred and forty three (343) requests for assistance during this report period. Whilst the overall number of requests for assistance is slightly higher than the comparable period of April 2006, it is pleasing to note a 4% reduction in the number of reported dog attacks in the progressive total.

Dog attacks on people, other animals and livestock is of serious concern, and there has been considerable pressure on both State and Local Governments to take action. Ranger Services continue the development of educational, training and management programmes that are adequate and appropriate to reduce both the seriousness and frequency of dog attacks.

1.2 Livestock

During this report period Ranger Services attended to eleven (11) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on the road.

2. Vehicles

2.1 Parking

Ranger Services received sixty four (64) requests for assistance, and issued nine (9) infringement notices in regard to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

The progressive total for the number of Infringements issued in the vicinity of schools still remains relatively low. This may be attributed to the ongoing extensive schools education programme conducted by Ranger Services and the "Safety around Schools Programme" which is an initiative by the WA Road Safety Council.

2.2 Abandoned Vehicles

The number of abandoned vehicles dealt with by Ranger Services continues to be of concern, with seven (7) being recorded during this report period.

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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 seventeen (17) 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 ninety three (93) requests for assistance during the report period, which is slightly less when compared to the same period last year.

4. General

4.1 Dog Registrations

A check of the City dog register confirmed that there are a considerable number of outstanding dog registrations from the previous registration period. Consequently, Ranger Services is currently carrying out dog registration checks throughout the district.

4.2 Bushfire CRC Forum

This year the Bushfire CRC forum is being held in conjunction with, and part of the post Season Captains Forum. A decision to combine North and South Metropolitan Brigade Officers' and Captains' Forum was taken after some discussion to allow guest speakers who have limited time available in WA to address as many people as possible. This forum will be hosted by FESA at the University Club of Western Australia. This has also been done to limit the number of forums during the year and will be a one-off event.

The format for the day will be as follows:

- The CRC report will commence at 0800 with guest speakers from the CRC and the CFA. This session will conclude at 1230 hours at which time lunch will be served.
- At around 1315 -1330 the Brigade Officers' and Captains' Agenda items will be addressed with the aim to conclude by 1500hours.

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- If brigades have items to discuss and wish to remain separated as North and South, rooms will be provided to allow such separation.

4.3 Roleystone Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade (VBFB) 50th Anniversary

The Roleystone VBFB will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary during this year and is planning a number of community events leading up to the reunion finale in order to celebrate the achievements of the Brigade over the past 50 years. The feature events scheduled to date are –

- **Open Day, 15th September 2007.**
 The Brigade will open its doors to the community show casing their history, skills and equipment that is used, past and present. Other emergency and volunteer services from within the City of Armadale, such as the State Emergency Service (SES) will also be invited to join in the open day to celebrate and acknowledge the involvement of all emergency services in the community.
- **The 50th Anniversary Reunion Lunch, 27th October 2007**
 The Brigade will be inviting past and current members, and other associates to thank them for the services they have provided to the Roleystone Community over the past 50 years.

5. April 2007 Statistics

<i>DOGS</i>	April 2007	April 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Wandering	42	50	516	416	up 24%
Dogs for Pick Up	32	26	362	288	up 26%
Barking	28	31	212	244	down 12%
Attacks	19	13	160	167	down 4%
Lost & Found	50	75	646	763	down 15%
General Information	11	9	84	93	down 10%
Sub Total	182	204	1980	1971	Same
Office Phone Enquiries	161	116	1829	1329	up 38%
Total	343	320	3809	3300	up 15.5%

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<i>PARKING / VEHICLES</i>	April 2007	April 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
General Parking	20	9	135	123	up 10%
Trucks	6	7	49	35	up 40%
School Parking	0	1	18	25	down 25%
Abandoned Vehicles	7	8	171	145	up 18%
Off Road Vehicles	17	8	143	111	up 29%
Sub Total	50	33	516	439	up 18%
Office Phone Enquiries	14	8	199	109	up 83%
Total	64	41	715	548	up 31%

<i>LIVESTOCK</i>	April 2007	April 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Lost & Found	0	1	43	11	up 290%
General	10	13	91	100	down 9%
Sub Total	10	14	134	111	up 20%
Office Phone Enquiries	1	0	55	30	up 8%
Total	11	14	189	141	up 34%

<i>LITTER</i>	April 2007	April 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
General Information	0	0	0	0	
Private Property	1	0	19	12	up 58%
Roadside / Reserve	6	4	56	39	up 44%
Verge	3	4	26	25	
Sub Total	10	8	101	76	up 33%
Office Phone Enquiries	2	0	19	10	
Total	12	8	120	86	

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<i>FIRE</i>	April 2007	April 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Burning Off / General Information	6	8	48	42	up 14%
Firebreak / Hazard	7	3	126	137	down 10%
Sub Total	13	11	174	179	down 2%
Office Phone Enquiries	80	132	413	454	down 9%
Total	93	143	587	633	down 8%

<i>GENERAL</i>	April 2007	April 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
General Information	3	6	25	44	down 45%
Sub Total	3	6	25	44	
Office Phone Enquiries - Cats	12	7	110	130	down 15%
Office Phone Enquiries - General	3	5	134	199	down 30%
Total	15	12	244	329	down 25%

<i>TOTAL</i>	April 2007	April 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Sub Total Reports / Complaints	268	276	2930	2820	up 4%
Total Office Phone Enquiries	273	268	2759	2261	up 22%
Total Reports / Complaints	541	544	5689	5081	up 12%

<i>WARNINGS</i>	April 2007	April 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Dogs	5	12	163	161	
Parking	7	1	176	118	up 50%
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	4	2	up 100%
Litter	0	0	4	14	down 70%
Fire & Fire Orders	0	1	13	55	down 75%
Other	0	0	0	0	
Total	12	14	360	350	up 3%

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<i>INFRINGEMENTS</i>	April 2007	April 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Dogs	47	14	331	309	up 7%
Parking	9	9	317	293	up 8%
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	17	3	up 4.5%
Litter	4	9	21	22	
Fire	0	1	48	48	
Other	0	0	2	0	
Total	60	33	736	675	up 9%
NUMBER WITHDRAWN	5	7	107	92	up 16%
Number Paid	64	41	574	458	up 25%

<i>IMPOUNDED DOGS</i>	April 2007	April 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Claimed	37	16	348	296	up 18%
Sold	0	7	26	37	down 30%
Destroyed	12	11	118	155	down 24%
Vet / Rescue	2	3	66	60	up 10%
Stolen	0	0	0	0	
Total	51	37	558	548	up 2%

<i>IMPOUNDED VEHICLES</i>	April 2007	April 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Vehicles	3	2	65	49	up 33%
Motor Cycles	0	0	0	1	
Total	3	2	65	50	up 30%

<i>IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK</i>	April 2007	April 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Sheep	0	1	5	4	up 25%
Horses	0	0	0	1	
Cows	0	0	0	3	
Goats	0	0	0	5	
Pigs	0	0	0	0	
Deer	0	0	0	0	
Other	0	0	0	0	
Total	0	1	5	13	down 60%

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<i>COURT PROSECUTIONS</i>	April 2007	April 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Dog	0	6	37	44	down 15%
Fire	0	0	0	0	
Parking	1	0	1	1	
Litter	0	0	0	0	
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0	
Total	1	6	39	45	down 15%
No. of Guilty Verdicts	1	6	32	45	down 30%

<i>FINES ENFORCEMENT</i>	April 2007	April 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Infringements sent to FER	7	62	220	274	down 20%

<i>DOG REGISTRATIONS</i>	April 2007	April 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
New Dog Registrations	64	70	703	695	up 1%
Renewed Dog Registrations	27	18	1729	1970	down 12%
Total	91	70	2432	2665	down 8.5%

<i>PHONES CALLS</i>	April 2007	April 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Office – Rangers calling Office	22	21	235	210	up 11%
Office – Messages for Staff	27	23	464	464	
Office – Referred to Other	18	7	201	160	up 26%
Calls to Rangers' Private Residences via Diverter	6	10	115	124	down 7%
TOTAL	73	61	1015	958	

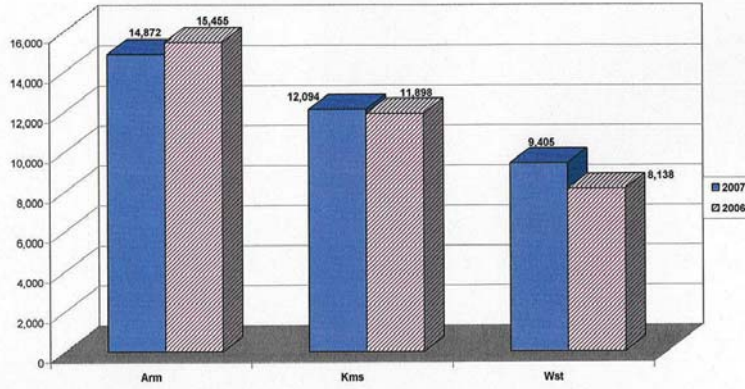
MINUTES OF OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Armada Police & Community Youth Club Extraordinary Committee Meeting of 7 February 2007. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-4”.)**

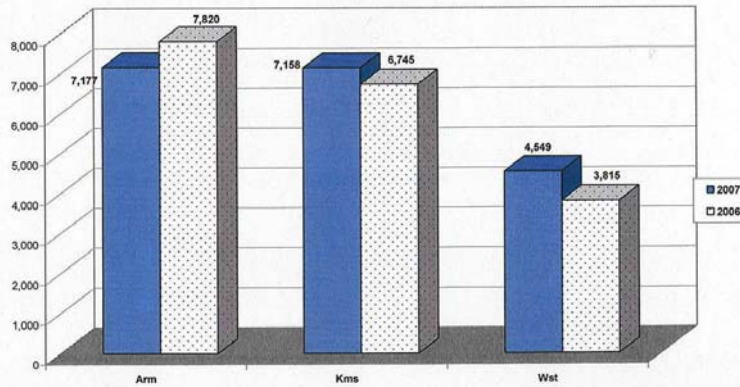
Disability Advisory Committee Meeting of 6 February 2007. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-5”.)**

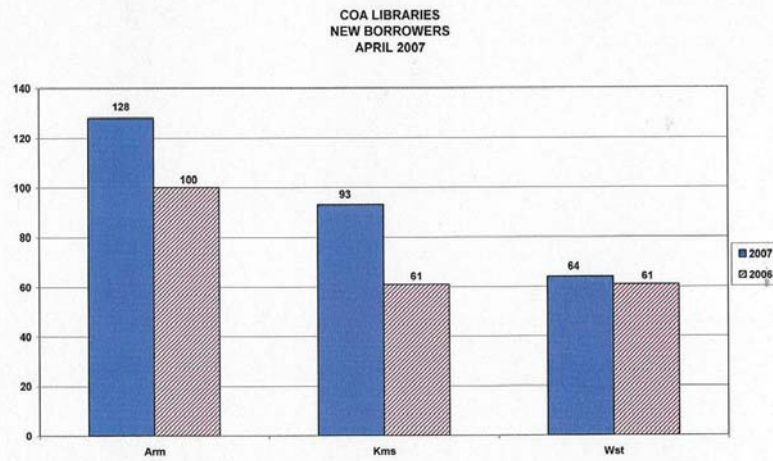
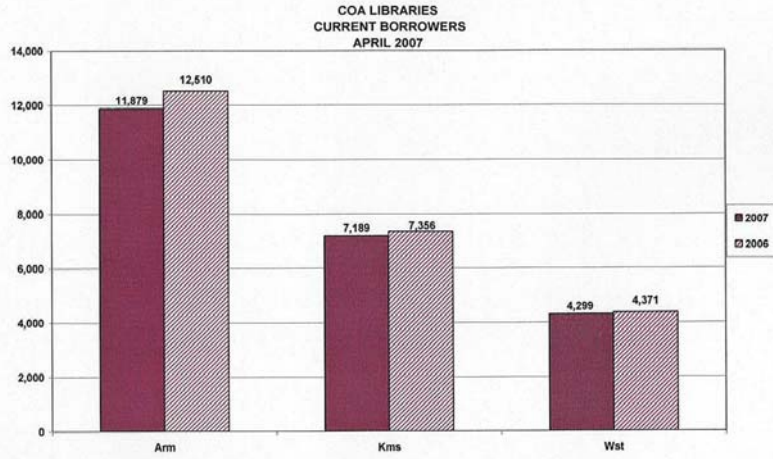
Youth Advisory Committee Meeting of 26 February 2007. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-6”.)**

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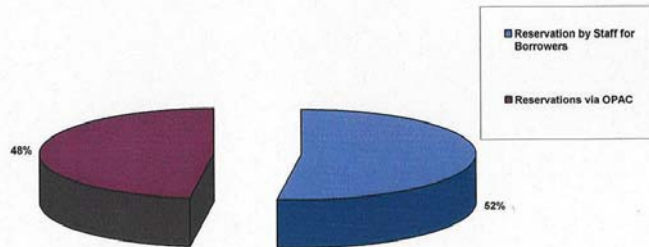


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**LEARNING FUTURES : PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOR NEW GENERATIONS IN
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALND**

Held at the Rockford Hotel Adelaide, 9-10 March, 2007

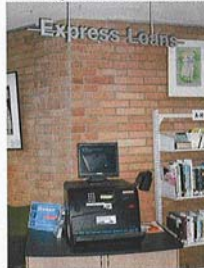
Attended by: Shirley Reilly, Assistant Librarian, City of Armadale Libraries

This conference was the second of a series of professional thematic conferences on issues, opportunities and challenges for public libraries in Australia and New Zealand on the topic of improving and extending library services and support for young people in their critical development years. Twenty three half hour sessions on a wide variety of issues and programs were covered. About 150 delegates attended the conference.

Pre-Conference Study Tour

A half day pre-conference study tour was held on Thursday 8 March, 2007. Four public libraries in Adelaide were visited. Some photographs of these are attached. The tour gave the opportunity to see first hand innovative ideas for buildings, library layouts, housing of materials and delivery of programs. The libraries visited were:

- Hamra Centre Library (City of West Torrens) – winner of the 2006 Libraries Board of SA Jim Crawford Award for Innovation.
Youth programs developed with forums for youth, partnerships with police cadets, multicultural and refugee groups to positively engage youth at the library.



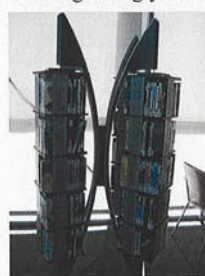
- Munno Para Shopping Centre Library (City of Playford) showcased in the presentation of conference papers at the City of Armadale in June 2005.
Youth and young family focused service designed with specific zones including internet café, music hub with Foxtel channel, Xbox, youth magazine and book collections.



- Tree Gully Library (City of Tea Tree Gully)
Council has a goal of providing learning opportunities for young people. This library has a Children’s and Youth Services Officer dedicated to supporting local teachers and students which has resulted in a quadrupling of database access figures and 1000 young people visiting the library.



- Mawson Lakes Library (City of Salisbury) was also showcased at the City of Armadale in June 2005. A joint use library with a school and university campus focusing strongly on service and embraces retail concepts in its service delivery.



Some of the libraries are located in lower socioeconomic areas with various relevant social issues. It was interesting to note the Council’s commitment to the important community role of their libraries and the recognition of children’s and young adult services.

Conference

The Conference was held over two days on 9-10 March, 2007. Here is a brief overview of the papers presented.

Life after Fenwick: library services for children in Australia – past, present, future

This paper presented an overview of library service provision for children in Australia and the impact of the Fenwick Report.

Library service for children in New Zealand – past, present, future

Website: www.library.christchurch.org.nz

A greater emphasis is now placed on outreach to schools and programs in the library to attract clients. Librarians need to continually reinvent themselves to remain relevant.

Better Beginnings: getting books into Mirrabooka, Western Australia

Website: www.better-beginnings.com.au

Margaret Kett from the State Library of Western Australia spoke about the Better Beginnings Family Literacy Program and the whole of area approach used in Mirrabooka.

The Cool Babies Program (NSW)

A free 6 week Community College course aimed at empowering parents to understand their role as their child's first and most important teacher. The course covers the importance of reading, singing, talking and playing with babies. A culturally appropriate family storybook was made by the parent about their child to keep. Some fantastic examples were shown.

Building community partnerships with Bookstart programs (Qld)

The success of such programs often depends on the quality of partnerships with key agencies and their workers. A “Born to Read” bag was distributed to all babies born at Caboolture Hospital (2100 in total), Rhyme Time is held at the library and “Let's Read” kits have been given to 900 families. Important points for libraries to consider when doing outreach programs – a service agreement was put in place between the Council and key early childhood agencies:

- The library is a program, not a building
- We need to provide families with a stepping stone to the library
- Library programs should embed the importance of reading aloud with parents and children
- Requires consistency of staffing to sustain often fragile relationships

Not just another 4 year project (WA)

Lucia Ravi from the Better Beginnings team at the State Library of Western Australia described how the program is evaluated using quantitative and qualitative data from public libraries and the progress that has been made since the pilot project began.

South Australian public libraries, their communities and The Little Big Book Club

Website: www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au

The program's main aim is to promote the importance of reading to children via a statewide “book club”. This is done through the website and partnerships with The Advertiser newspaper promoting selected books and associated activities to various age groups. Public libraries are included in the promotions and supporting materials are also provided.

Supporting family literacy through cultural storytelling (Vic)

Website: www.humelibraries.vic.gov.au

A bilingual storytelling program in the Hume district has proven very popular. The story times are held outside of the library at different locations where culturally and linguistically diverse families gather e.g. playgroups. This type of outreach removes barriers and shows acceptance and respect of CALD in the community. The program has

still led people to use the library and has modeled to the parents how to read to their children.

A hug in the supermarket: a school holiday based student employment program (Tas)

Launceston Library has paid students to help with library programs including school holiday activities, the development of content on the library website and students reading books to younger children. Students apply to be a part of the program through their school and attend an interview with a panel. Local businesses are involved with providing funding for the program.

A collaborative summer reading program: enabling public libraries to offer quality programs to children regardless of library size and circumstances (NZ)

An incentive based, themed reading program for children 2-11 years. The program is complemented by activities and guest artist sessions. A folder is given to participants and a contract is signed by parent and child. Children must also visit the library 4 times.

Productive partnerships: public and school libraries promoting lifelong learning (Qld)

Website: www.mackwestss.eq.edu.au

Margaret Spillman, a teacher-librarian from Mackay West State School gave a captivating paper on the dynamic relationship that has been built between the school and public library called “Productive Partnerships” aimed at connecting kids to their local public library. The school website has links to the local library on their webpage. Other initiatives include work shadowing, library monitors, encouraging Year 1’s and 2’s to use the public library and orientation for Year 7’s.

Children, young adults and joint use libraries (SA)

A small, rural community library at the Cleve School Community Library concentrates on helping students by giving them what they want, not what we think they want.

Creating clubs which connect with children: the Bookbusters experience (NZ)

Website: www.wcl.govt.nz

A summer reading program in Wellington using effective branding such as mascots, letterheads, stickers etc. and is held longer than just the school holidays. Children get together to share books they have enjoyed and receive a certificate upon completion.

The second day of the conference had an emphasis on Young Adult programs

Connecting young adults and libraries in the 21st century (USA)

Website: www.connectingya.com

Patrick Jones presented a passionate and humorous paper on how young adults think and how libraries need to respond to their needs to make libraries more appealing. We need to rethink our goals, reprioritize resources, reshape buildings and re-energize our services to engage this group of current and future library users.

Boys, blokes, books and bytes (Vic)

Website: www.slv.vic.gov.au

The Centre for Youth Literature developed a pilot program between community, school and public libraries to encourage adolescent boys to read in two communities. Some of the initiatives included a launch with free books, school incursions “bookgigs” using a

YA author, an actor, an AFL footballer, reading time, blogs and bookgroups. Funding was provided by the Department of Education and Training.

Rejuvenating a public library through children’s and young adult programs (NSW)

Website: www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au

Declining library usage in the Blue Mountains area prompted new strategies to engage young and potential users. These included weekly story times, holiday activities, youth nights, discos, theme nights and appealing library spaces. Media coverage was very important to the success of the programs too.

SubTxt06: a new look program for teens (NZ)

Wellington City Libraries created this program to promote library services to teens. It has an online focus and teens listen to, read and review a variety of texts to earn points to bid at an auction. Texting to their mobile phones is used to communicate to them to promote the program.

Community through youth: Auckland City Libraries experience (NZ)

Website: www.aucklandcitylibraries.com

A homework centre called Akozone run by a facilitator with teaching skills was funded at the Glen Innes Community Library. 17 flat screen computers with dvd drives and cd burners are available. Food for the kids after school was also provided. This program has led to the library emerging as a place for the extended family.

Click first, ask questions later: understanding teen online behaviour (NSW)

This session provided an overview of how teenagers engage with technology today, particularly the internet (YouTube, MySpace, blogging, ebay, itunes) and how libraries can tailor their services to engage teens to encourage use of the library. There is a need to go out to high schools and promote library services such as EBSCO and Britannica Online to improve usage.

Supporting information literacy in the online environment (NZ)

Website: AnyQuestions.co.nz

A virtual reference service using a whole of country collaboration between public libraries, the Ministry of Education and the National Library of New Zealand supporting students (10-15 years of age) in finding quality information on the internet. The key goal of this program is promoting information literacy.

The AskNow! Chat reference service: present and future (ACT)

Website: www.asknow.gov.au

This is an Australia-wide virtual reference service. Messages are typed via an internet connection from the user to a librarian. This supplements a traditional reference service. The service is offered Monday to Friday from 9am-7pm. Singapore and New Zealand librarians participate in the service too. It is used widely by students, mainly under the age of 24.

Working with schools, parents and other community groups (NSW)

Website: www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au

Fairfield City Library Service has used partnerships with schools, parents and other community groups to maximize their budgets and community impact. Some of the programs have included –

- Homework Centres for Years 3-8 with a trained teacher available for 2 nights per week in 2 branches;
- Story Time partnerships using Council staff to tell a story e.g. Ranger talking about animal control, brought a dog to the session, Waste Services talking to the children about recycling.
- HSC lectures and workshops – partnering with schools
- On-line tutoring service for Years 4-12
- A marquee (called the Red Tent) used in parks, at festivals for library promotion, storytelling, “read every day” promotion.
- Multilanguage story time – parents and other community members read stories and sing songs in their language
- Transition to school program – aims to facilitate the move from early childhood to primary school by providing informal learning experiences through playgroups and story time.

You’ll pick it up as you go along: professional development in library service for young people (NSW)

Mylee Joseph of the State Library of NSW commenced her presentation with a detailed job description of a Young People’s Services Librarian. Staff in YPS positions should be innovative, enthusiastic and highly skilled. Burnout is common when we are trying to accomplish so much, with so little time and resources. She advised us to keep a sense of humour, network, plan, set realistic goals, use technology to communicate with other professionals. Work shadowing and mentoring are important ways to bring new people into our profession.

Overall, the conference was interesting and stimulating and it was great to see and hear of so many initiatives that “think outside the square”. Some of the messages I have taken away from the conference are that we need to respond to what our users want and not what we think they want. To provide successful innovative programs that change lives, we need to have Council and financial support that recognizes the value of what libraries are trying to achieve in making their communities more vibrant and connected. Research is proving that investment in the early years lays important foundations for the future wellbeing of our children. Government is increasingly recognizing the longer term cost effectiveness of higher investment in the early years. Public libraries can play an important role in delivering relevant, capacity building programs for young people that help develop important life skills and promote lifelong learning. We need to make our libraries appealing to parents with young children, the children themselves and young adults who are the users of our libraries both now and in the future. We need to provide relevant services and programs for our community housed in appropriate buildings with access to technology for all.

I would like to thank Council and my Manager, Patricia Walker for giving me the opportunity to attend an excellent conference.

Shirley Reilly
Assistant Librarian

Month: April

Year: 2007

Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	Apr 07	Apr 06	Jul 06 – Apr 07	Jul 05 – Apr 06
	Reference Enquiries	40	7	129
Research Enquiries	3	5	69	41
Visitor Attendance	192	460	466	854
Volunteer Hours	76	59	480	447

Oral History Programme				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	Apr 07	April 06	Jul 06 – Apr 07	Jul 05 – Apr 06
	Letters sent	2	0	12
Interviews Completed	1	0	14	25
Transcripts Completed	1	1	9	11
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	25	13.5	303	204.5
Volunteer Hours – Interviewing	6	1.5	54	87
Digitising recordings	9	NA	NA	NA

Month: April Year: 2007

History House Museum	Current Month	Year to date		
		April 06	July 06- April 07	Jul 05 - April 06
Visitors	406	867	1,674	2,020
Volunteer Hours	158	113	1,272	1,272
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum	April 07	April 06	Jul 06 – April 07	Jul 05 – April 06
	292	N/A	2,501	N/A

**ARMADALE POLICE AND COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB
EXTRAORDINARY COMMITTEE MEETING**

DATE: Wednesday 7th February 2007

VENUE: Armadale PCYC

MEETING OPENED: 6.00pm

CHAIR PERSON: Snr Sgt Mal Ward

MINUTE TAKER: S/C Kaylene McTernan

PRESENT:

Snr Sgt Mal Ward	S/C Kaylene McTernan
Ben Boekholt	Pam Walker
Cr Alison Cominelli	Alex Lewis
Kerri-Anne Davey	John Landwehr
Pat Quinlivan	Paul McMinn

GUESTS: Sgt Archibald – Zone Manager – State Office PCYC
Freddie Tan – General Manager – State Office PCYC

APOLOGIES: Carl Askew Wayne Mauer
Paul McMinn to arrive late

General Manager of PCYC welcomed all committee members and guests to the extraordinary meeting and explained that to the meeting that there would be a vote to determine whether the Armadale PCYC would continue to operate from the Armadale Arena or return to champion drive.

The General Manager then asked Senior Sergeant Mal Ward, OIC of Armadale Police Station if he would consider taking the position of President of the Armadale PCYC Management Committee. Senior Sergeant Ward accepted.

The General Manager asked for a motion from the floor to accept Senior Sergeant Ward as the President of committee.

Motion: That Senior Sergeant Ward be accepted as the President of the Committee
Second: Cr Alison Cominelli

General Manager Freddie Tan then opened a discussion and asked for any issues that need to be discussed about the Management Agreement.

Kerri-Anne Davey raised an issue of security of the crèche doors – due to a break in that occurred whilst the Police Rangers were on a sleep over at the centre. Kerri-Anne stated that the issue has been resolved.

John Landwehr asked Pat Quinlivan from the City of Armadale to explain the Management Agreement to the committee.

Pat Quinlivan – City of Armadale explained that a report that S/CGeoff Sims (previous manager) had been adopted and changes had been made to the management agreement that reduced the contribution made by PCYC to the maintenance of the building. The contribution was now anything over \$2000 the City of Armadale would be responsible for which was reduced from \$5000.

Discussion then ensued about maintenance and Pat Quinlivan mentioned the \$45,000 grant that S/C Kaylene McTernan was successful in achieving from the Outer Metropolitan Community Fund.

S/C Kaylene McTernan then explained what the funding would achieve, which included upgraded security and safety for patrons using the facility. Changes include;

- Security fence (solid fence) to the crèche area. This would reduce access to the building from the rear of the premises – as there has been break ins previously due to access through the crèche playground area.
- The front doors would be replaced with automatic front doors which would allow better access for the disabled and parents with prams.
- The front of the building will also get a new office/reception area, which creates natural surveillance of the car-park and centre.
- Access control at the front so as to reduce access to the building without first attending the reception desk.
- Access control to the kiosk area in the form of glass fold back panels, door etc to reduce theft.

S/C Kaylene McTernan

Snr Sgt Ward then discussed the security of the Armadale Arena vs Champion Drive. Snr Sgt Ward spoke about the Arena having neighbours and passing traffic, however the Champion Drive building did not. He then spoke about receiving free crime prevention advice from the Community Policing free of charge to identify any changes that could be made to the security of the building.

Photographs of Champion Drive were passed around the table for committee members to peruse.

General Manager Freddie Tan then pointed out that the OMCF grant would not be transferable to champion drive.

Cr Cominelli spoke about the current location and the variety of activities operating at the centre.

Pat Quinlivan explained the council wanted to make this partnership work and that the management agreement was set up in good faith. He explained that changes had been made to the management agreement which were identified by the previous manager. Pat stated that he believed that the changes made have effectively become part of the then management agreement. Pat acknowledged that there were some initial problems, including maintenance that appears to be have worked out. Pat then spoke about the underwriting of the operating deficit. Pat also spoke about capital works projects can be put forward in the budget.

Cr Cominelli spoke about being the Chair of the Community Development Committee at the City of Armadale and acknowledges that there were some initial teething problems with the partnership, however in the last nine months things were really starting to turn around. Staff are working well and things are going a lot better. Alison also spoke about the draft budget at the council and that some notice would need to be given.

Sgt Archibald then spoke about the lease on Champion drive and the Management Agreement at Townley Street and about the fact that one would have to be surrendered. He spoke about the term remaining on Champion Drive been until 2018. Sgt Archibald asked Pat Quinlivan about the term and expiration date.

Pat Quinlivan referred to the management agreement and a discussion ensued.

Freddie Tan then suggested that the vote for staying at the Arena could be made subject to the term being discussed. Such as 2021.

Sgt Archibald spoke about the Police Human Resources and acknowledged that there had not been an assistant manager for some time and that Kaylene has been doing an outstanding job, given that she is supposed to be .5 and has been doing extra hours due to her good grace. Sgt Archibald acknowledged that there was a need to provide administrative support and that there was a lot of work going on behind the scenes to have the assistant managers position filled.

At 6.31pm Paul McMinn attended the meeting.

Sgt Archibald then went on the say that once the staff are on board he sees the future as being outstanding.

Alex Lewis then spoke about the job that Kaylene was doing and said that she was doing an excellent job and stated that it would be such a shame to lose her. Alex stated that she thought it would be a mistake to miss out on someone that is so dedicated.

Sgt Archibald stated that HR issues were quite complicated and he would not be able to say if Kaylene stays or goes.

Alex Lewis made further comment that when Tracy went her .5 was not filled and that if that happened and the assistant manager position filled then it would make a big difference. Alex went on to say that it would be silly to have another change in management.

Freddie Tan thanked Alex Lewis for her comments and acknowledged that the job of manager had been made more difficult due to lack of resources.

Kerry-Anne Davy then spoke about how positive it had been recently, she said that she has never seen so much advertising for the PCYC and promotion in the newspapers.

Freddie Tan said that it had been very positive.

Kerry-Anne stated that that was due to Kaylene.

Alex Lewis then asked a question of Pat Quinlivan regarding the maintenance and asked how long we would have to wait if something needed fixing.

Pat Quinlivan explained the process of priority that the City of Armadale works upon, he said that if something was not safe, then it would be dealt with as a matter of priority.

Discussion on maintenance ensued.

Alex Lewis also discussed the PCYC sign at the front of the building and stated that it did not reflect the image. Alex explained that she has been told by local residents that they did not realise that it was a PCYC.

Paul McMinn apologised that he was late due to school and that he had a letter from Ivan Bulich about the management agreement. Paul McMinn read the letter to the meeting, starting with the budget. (Mr Bulich did not formally submit his letter and it has not been received at the centre).

Mr Bulich's first comment was that two previous managers preferred to return to the old premises. Second comment was that the previous manager had submitted a budget of \$150,000 and that the current manager has submitted a budget of \$250,000. Third comment was that in the event that the shire would resume control of the centre and they PCYC would be forced to look for another venue.

Paul McMinn was interrupted by John Landwehr who suggested that we would need to deal with the issues point by point.

Cr Cominelli made comment that the council had committed to an original agreement of a reducing deficit, however that had been changed to \$100,000 and would certainly not be prepared to fund \$250,000. Cr Cominelli said that council were certainly happy with the way things were going presently.

A discussion ensued about talk that the City would place a recreation manager in and the PCYC would be tenants.

Pat Quinlivan explained that it was an idea floated and was not supported by PCYC State office. The idea was that Council would run the centre and the Police Officers would be left to focus on the crime prevention programs / PCYC activities.

Sgt Archibald spoke about the PCYC structure and explained that with a PCYC Manager and Assistant manager there would be a dedicated 80hrs per week. Sgt Archibald said that he could see the path is on the way up. He would expect growth and improvement. He assured the committee that there would be an assistant manager within the next two months.

Cr Cominelli said that if PCYC decided to take the path of relinquishing management then PCYC would be vi-ng for space. Cr Cominelli stated that with Police Management PCYC keeps ownership of the space.

Alex asked Sgt Archibald if there was another Part-time officer to work with Kaylene. Alex asked Kaylene if she could work with another part-time officer and Kaylene replied yes and that she had previously worked with Tracy.

Sgt Archibald then said that it was not as easy as that and that State Office would make a decision on what was best for the centre.

Freddie Tan then focussed on some of the questions that Mr Bulich had raised in his letter. Mr Tan stated that there was a question about the crèche.

Alex Lewis said that the committee had discussed this matter many times before and it has been resolved that the crèche would continue to operate.

S/C McTernan spoke about the demographic that utilised the facilities and that is women with young children during the day and that if the crèche was cut you would lose those people who pay to use the gym. S/C McTernan then spoke about the Armadale PCYC focus which was to fill the centre during the day with the community and after school hours provide as many youth activities as possible. S/C McTernan explained that we don't want to provide services to youth during the day as this would encourage truancy and go against the Police anti-truancy projects.

S/C McTernan then discussed the grant that have been successful, such as the sport and rec funding which includes the use of the crèche. This pays the wages of the women operating the crèche. The grant is to encourage women with children to use the centre. Participants in the netball program on offer will pay to play their support, however the crèche will be paid for by the grant. By bringing new people in to the centre we are showcasing what we have on offer and we can then encourage people to take up our activities.

Paul McMinn then interrupted and said that the other point that Ivan wanted to make, to be placed on the record is that an independent arbitrator was not engaged to conduct a suitability and sustainability survey. Somebody asked ‘What was the question?’

Alex Lewis then said that we are all adults and we should be able to make up our own minds. Alex was supported by Kerri-Anne Davy who stated that they were aware of what the old centre was like – the history and what the new centre is like, we have been through the management agreement and we are all adults.

Freddie Tan then prompted that it was time to vote on the matter.

Vote: The Armadale Management Committee votes to continue occupancy at the Armadale Arena, Townley Street Armadale. The Federation will advise the City of Armadale accordingly.

Motion Carried: 9 in favour
Two votes against: Paul McMinn and Ivan Bulich(by proxy).
Moved: Alex Lewis
Seconded: Pam Walker

Alex Lewis then asked if she could say something. Alex said that she wanted to remind everybody of what the committee was here for.

Pat Quinlivan spoke about looking forward to
Cr Cominelli then said thankyou for the decision, she explained that the City had been a bit concerned about leaving he other building without any tenants in Champion Drive and that they could now offer the building to other community groups.

Freddie Tan then thanked the meeting for the vote and explained that he would now take the result of that vote to the PCYC State Committee.

Sgt Archibald then said that Inspector Leonhardt would attend the next committee meeting in two weeks.

Meeting closed at 7.05pm

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE **DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** HELD IN THE **CITY OF ARMADALE COMMITTEE ROOM**, COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE, ON **TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2007 AT 9.10 AM**

PRESENT:

Mrs Pat Hart	City of Armadale Councillor – Chairperson
Mr Ian Townson	City of Armadale Building Services Manager
Mr Ron Fisher	Community Representative
Mrs Nonnie Wickens	Community Representative
Ms Louise Hansen	Southern District Support Association
Mr Lance Hogg	Disability Services Commission [9.15 am to 9.52 am]

APOLOGIES:

Mrs Gail Nesci	Armadale Health Service
Mr John Glassford	City of Armadale Property Services Manager
Mr Tony Cutajar	Community Representative

OBSERVERS: Nil

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Justin Ifould	City of Armadale Community Development Officer (Seniors & Disabilities) – CD Officer
Ms Anita Woodmass	Armadale Redevelopment Authority
Ms Merissa Van Der Linden	COA Project Manager – Armadale Learning Precinct.

Public: Nil

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

DEPUTATION

Nil

QUESTION TIME

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DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6 FEBRUARY 2007

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ATTACHMENTS

1. PRESENTATION

1.1 Ordinary Meeting – 5 December 2006.

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee meeting held on 5 December 2006, are confirmed.

Moved: Mr Ron Fisher

Seconded: Mr Ian Townson

CARRIED (5/0).

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1 COA Community Development Officer Report. – (Mr J Ifould)

2.1.1 Report on items from previous meeting.

- *Item 2.1 Memorial Park Disability Play Circuit. Is being targeted for the Community Development - Seniors and Disabilities budget for the 2007/08 Financial Year. Other Directorates will be approached for support as well as investigation into other funding sources as a matter of course. Members suggested that other considerations include shade, such as that provided by sail-like covers, and that Rotary Clubs and the like be approached as other funding sources are sought.*

2.1.2 DAIP Update

- *Mobility Map and Disability Access & Inclusion Directory – Still working with Asset Management team and IT at the City to recruit internal staff resources to coordinate data collection process. The GPS equipment required is available.*
- *The City submitted an Expression of Interest (copies provided) for the ‘Expanding Physical Activity Opportunities for People with Disabilities Grant’ being offered by the Premier’s Physical Activity Taskforce through Healthways. The project idea involved a Swimming & Aquatic Therapy Program to be based at the Armadale Aquatic Centre. The Expression of Interest was successful with the City now able to submit a full grant application. The CD Officer has worked very closely with Mr Hogg in both detailing the successful Expression of Interest and acquiring the relevant support to go with it. The City is very thankful for Mr Hogg’s ongoing support, commitment and*

contribution to this proposed project. The City has liaised with the Premier’s Physical Activity Taskforce representative in regard to the full application. It was suggested that the City concentrate on expanding in the area of the partnerships that are anticipated to be created. Full applications are due by 28th February. With the Committee’s in-principle support the CD Officer proposed that the City go ahead with a full application and continue to work closely with Mr Hogg, and any other interested Committee Members, in the detailing of it. Members agreed.

2.1.3 Correspondence received – Various documents.

- *Brochure – Department of Sport and Recreation WA – ‘Fair Play’ Strategic framework for inclusive sport and recreation.*
- *Brochure – City of Armadale - Libraries & Museum Calendar of Events Summer 2006-2007.*

2.2 **Armadale Redevelopment Authority (ARA) Update – (Ms A Woodmass)**

Ms Woodmass informed Members that in relation to Armadale Shopping City the travelator and lift from the Jull Street Mall entrance to the planned food court should be completed by the end of the year. Ms Woodmass noted however that the travelators would be fairly steep. Ms Woodmass added that there had been some issues in relation to pedestrian access off of Church Avenue but that this existed near the big Jarrah Tree. Ms Woodmass also reported that there had been some comments/requests fielded by both the City and the ARA in relation to a lack of weather protection for the ACROD Bays in the new upstairs car park (adjacent to Church Avenue). Ms Woodmass informed Members that she had approached ING with this and that they were not opposed to providing it. Ms Woodmass added that signage for the two sets of disabled toilets at the centre had now been provided.

Ms Woodmass reported that the Development Application for the Kelmscott Train Station redevelopment had been submitted, with the Building License to be issued soon. Ms Woodmass noted that the Public Transport Authority were currently experiencing price hikes but that car park alterations, such as the landscaping, would be starting soon. Ms Woodmass explained that the concept of the ‘separated road crossing’, of which the Committee had already been informed at a previous meeting, was currently an unfunded initiative having been costed out at 35 million dollars. Associated with this were some traffic modelling issues.

Ms Woodmass informed Members that in relation to the development around the Kelmscott Precinct Concept Plan there would be the demolition of the derelict shops which exist on the corner of Denny

Avenue through and up to the KFC fast food outlet. The intent is then to build a new ‘Town Centre’ type of building with this and the adjacent shops then overlooking the station as part of a casual visual surveillance concept. The aim of this new ‘Centre’ also being to try and capture people in the area and the consequent patronage of the local shops, businesses, and attractions that exist which will result.

3. URGENT ITEMS

No items.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary Meeting of DAC is scheduled to be held on Tuesday the 6th March 2007 at 9am.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.52AM

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE CITY OF ARMADALE FUNCTION ROOM, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2007 AT 5.00 PM

PRESENT:	Ms Katie Hully Ms Carol Surgeon Mr Borun Murray Mr Jarryd Urbas Mr Ben Ritacca Mr Leighton Cotter Cr. Ruth Butterfield	Community Representative Community Representative Armadale SHS Representative Community Representative Carey Baptist College Representative Kelmscott SHS Representative Councillor
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APOLOGIES:	Ms Keira Bassula Ms Melissa Northcott Mr Matthew Baskerville	Community Representative Community Representative Community Representative
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OBSERVERS: Nil

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Megan Farr City of Armadale Community Development Officer (Youth)

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil.

It has been requested that the YAC consider holding meetings on an alternative week night. Several members are unable to attend Monday night meetings due to conflicting University, Tafe and work timetables. The committee will discuss alternative times and days for meetings in an attempt to accommodate as many members as possible.

Various days and times were discussed. All YAC members present at the meeting agreed that Wednesday, 5pm to 7pm, is the most suitable day/time for meetings. Megan Jones will check the City’s Meeting Diary re room availability.

Resolved

The YAC proposes to change the day of meetings from Monday evening (5pm to 7pm) to Wednesday evening (5pm to 7pm), pending room availability.

Moved: Leighton Cotter
Seconded: Cr. Ruth Butterfield

Carried

3.2 2007 National Youth Week Event – Armadale Battle of the Brekky School Cook Off

The City of Armadale in partnership with the South Metro Public Health Unit is organising the Armadale ‘Battle of the Brekky’s School Cook Off’ in celebration of National Youth Week 2007.

Local high schools will be invited to participate in the competition. Teams of up to four students will be required to come up with a nutritious breakfast meal incorporating four challenge ingredients. A well-known Chef, Peter Manifis, will work with the students to assist them with the task. Peter will also visit the schools prior to the competition to talk about careers in Hospitality and to promote healthy eating.

The competition will take place at the Armadale City Shopping Centre on Friday the 23rd of March (9am to 12pm). Students will create their meal and present it for judging. The dish will be judged on nutrition, presentation, creativity, taste and use of challenge ingredients. It is proposed that the judges of the competition will include a Nutritionist, a Chef, the Armadale City Mayor (to be confirmed) and a YAC member.

It is requested that the YAC nominates a committee member to participate as a Judge for the Armadale Battle of the Brekky School Cook Off Competition. The nominated YAC member will be required to attend the event and join the judging panel to score the various dishes to determine a winning school (team).

The YAC discussed the request and agreed that it would be worth supporting. Katie Hully nominated herself to represent the YAC at the event. Carol Surgeon volunteered to participate if Katie Hully is not available on the day.

Resolved

The YAC nominates Katie Hully to represent the committee as a Judge at the Armadale Battle of the Brekky School Cook Off event.

Moved: Cr Ruth Butterfield
Seconded: Leighton Cotter
Carried

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Youth Precinct Study Update: Skate Park Survey (Megan Jones)

Skate parks are a significant component of the Youth Precinct Study. The City is aware of the pressure from the community to address the issue and come up with a solution, particularly in response to the current media attention and behaviour of some of the skaters in the CBD.

Skate parks can be a contentious issue. The community appears to be divided in regards to building a skate park in Armadale. The City has therefore enlisted the support of Catalyse Researching Firm to develop a survey to obtain feedback from the community. The survey will be distributed to 3000 residents at random with the Examiner Newspaper next week. Catalyse will then analyse the results and produce a report. The report will be presented to Council to facilitate further direction regarding skate parks.

The YAC discussed the survey (enclosed with agenda). The committee agreed that the survey was very comprehensive and informative. However, some members thought that it was too long and somewhat confusing.

It was agreed that the skate park issue needs to be resolved as soon as possible as a result of increasing pressure from the community and media attention.

Megan Jones advised that committee that she would endeavour to organise a presentation from Catalyse Researching Firm on the results of the survey in time for the next YAC meeting, if possible.

4.2 Roleystone Youth Event (Carol Surgeon)

The City of Armadale is working with the Roleystone Local Drug Action Group to plan and deliver a Youth event at the Cross Park Skate facility in Roleystone.

The purpose of the event is to consult with local youth about new developments in the area, including possible upgrades of the skate park. The event will involve a skate clinic, a DJ and promotion of an interactive ‘MySpace’ web page. The MySpace account will keep young people updated with what’s going on in the region, and to allow them to provide feedback and to make comment. The event will take place on Saturday March 17th, 3pm to 6pm.

Carol Surgeon has been working with the Roleystone Local Drug Action Group to assist with the planning of the event. Carol has also been involved in establishing the community ‘My Space’. Carol explained that the purpose of the account is to allow local youth to have a say about what goes on in their community, and to be keep young people updated with what’s happening in Roleystone. The site has already attracted a number of local youth and it is hoped that the event will encourage even more young people to visit the site and provide feedback about the region. Carol will be responsible for monitoring and maintaining the site.

YAC members were invited to attend the Roleystone Youth Event. Carol Surgeon also encouraged the committee to visit the My Space site.

4.3 Armadale FoodCENTS Program (Megan Jones)

The City of Armadale Community Development Department is working on a Health Promotion project. The project will include a number of strategies designed to promote healthy lifestyles. One aspect of the project will involve delivering FoodCENTS workshops to local residents, and young people.

The FoodCENTS program is a Red Cross initiative. The program consists of a series of workshops designed to educate people about healthy eating, menu planning, shopping on a budget and how to cook nutritious meals.

The workshops are supported by the City of Armadale. The Armadale Community Family Centre will host a series of workshops for families and local residents.

The Armadale Youth Centre will also host a series of workshops. Local young people will be encouraged to participate. The workshops will be promoted through schools and the community. YAC members are encouraged to attend. All workshops are free of charge.

Megan Jones will provide YAC members with a list of dates/times of the workshops when available.

4.4 Correspondence

The following correspondence was presented at the meeting:

- 4.41 Information – Invitation for YAC to attend the Bedfordale Festival
- 4.42 Information – 2007 WA Youth Awards
- 4.43 Information – FoodCENTS Program
- 4.44 Examiner Article – Rock N Dale Coverage

5. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

5.1 Travel/Vehicle Allowance

Cr Ruth Butterfield enquired about travel/vehicle allowance for YAC members. The committee queried whether it would be possible to be reimbursed for travel expenses to and from YAC members. Megan Jones will investigate and report back at the next meeting.

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was declared closed at 6.48pm.

The next meeting is to be confirmed.

