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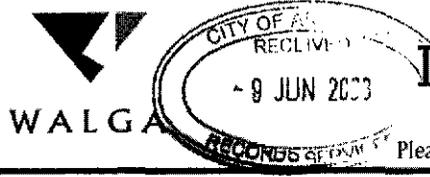
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ROADS AND TRANSPORT FORUM 2008 – SPEAKERS' PRESENTATIONS

A successful Roads and Transport Forum was held in May with attendance from over 260 delegates across Western Australia.

Speakers' presentations from Forum are located on the WALGA website at: www.walga.asn.au/about/policy/infrastructure/roads_forum_2008/2008_presentations.

Presentations have been listed in accordance with the four session times.

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

SUCCESSFUL CRIME PREVENTION PARTNERSHIPS SEMINAR

The Office of Crime Prevention invites Local Government to attend a special presentation by Peter Homel, Research Manager for Crime Reduction and Review at the Australian Institute of Criminology and Adjunct Professor at Griffith University's School of Criminology.

The seminar will explore why some crime prevention partnerships appear to be more successful than others despite similar partners and governance arrangements. This presentation summarises the latest on good crime prevention partnerships and uses experiences from Australia, Canada, the USA, New Zealand, the UK and other parts of Europe to explain the key components of effectiveness.

Date: **Wednesday 25 June**

Time: 1:00pm to 2:30pm including question time, followed by refreshments

Venue: To be advised

Cost: Free

Note: Numbers strictly limited

RSVP: By **Friday 20 June** to Robyn Shaw robyn.shaw@ocp.wa.gov.au

For further information or to RSVP for the seminar, please contact OCP's Robyn Shaw on 9222 8947 or email robyn.shaw@ocp.wa.gov.au

STATE STRATEGY RENEWAL – OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION (OCP)

The Office of Crime Prevention (OCP) are seeking sector feedback to review the first three of a series of discussion/ feedback papers designed to renew the current 2004 Community Safety and Crime Prevention State strategy.

The feedback papers are designed to inform the renewal of the State Strategy, and to generate discussion on key issues such as:

- how does the State strategic approach compare with current international evidence?
- what progress have we made in delivery of the 2004 Strategy commitments and what gaps are evident?
- what do the evaluation results on programs commenced under the Strategy tell us about how we should do business in the future?

The three papers currently available for input and feedback are:

1: [Better Practice in crime prevention #1](#)

2: [Partnerships for crime prevention #2](#)

3: [Audit of 2004 Strategy commitments #3](#)

Copies of the papers can be found on the OCP website:

www.crimeprevention.wa.gov.au/StateStrategy/StateStrategyRenewal/tabid/1478/Default.aspx

The deadline for feedback to OCP is **Friday, 1 August**.

WALGA is developing a position paper for member council consideration on the three papers outlined above, and the feedback on the WALGA discussion paper on the Community

Safety and Crime prevention partnerships circulated in February 2008.

In the interim WALGA would appreciate if member Councils forward a copy of their individual submissions.

For further information, please contact Community Policy Manager, Jodie Holbrook 9213 2044 or email jholbrook@walga.asn.au

WORKSHOP – IMPROVING OUTCOMES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT/ PATF RELATIONSHIP

In 2007 the Premier's Physical Activity Taskforce (PATF) developed its *Strategic Implementation Plan 2011* to coordinate the various stakeholders involved in physical activity in Western Australia.

The plan is a live document that seeks to engage Local Government to create a range of physical activity outcomes and has incorporated limited feedback from WALGA and the PATF's Local Government Working Group which has representation from 10 metropolitan Local Governments.

However the plan is not the result of a formal consultation with Local Government and it is felt that both the plan and the Taskforce's relationships with Local Government will benefit from dedicated input by Local Government.

To this end WALGA will hold a two hour workshop to provide an opportunity for recreation, community development, environmental health, planning and other staff and Elected Members to input on:

- what outcomes Local Governments want from involvement with the PATF
- the strategies the PATF should employ to secure these outcomes
- how should this be best represented in the PATF Strategic Implementation Plan 2008-2011, and
- how the relationship between Local Governments, WALGA and PATF can be made more effective.

Date: **Monday 14 July**

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

1st Floor, Local Government House
15 Altona St, West Perth

For further information or to register, please contact Community Policy Officer, Jed Handmer on 9213 2082 or email jhandmer@walga.asn.au

SPORT AND RECREATION CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Department of Sport and Recreation together with WASF, PLA WA, LIWA Aquatics and Fitness WA have created the Sport and Recreation Career Development Program.

This program offers students and early career professionals an opportunity to enhance their leadership skills, better their industry networks and improve their understanding about the sport and recreation sector.

The program has three categories and details of each, along with an application form can be found at www.dsr.wa.gov.au. Applications close at 4pm Friday 20 June.

For further information, please contact DSR Graduate Officer, Elisabeth Bradshaw on 9492 9719 or email elisabeth.bradshaw@dsr.wa.gov.au

LANDGATE'S INTENT TO COMBINE INTERACTIVE AND DOCUMENT FEES

Subject to the approval of the Governor, Landgate is redefining its online products and pricing as part of its annual review of its fees and charges proposed to commence from 1 July 2008.

The review includes an amalgamation of interactive search functions for names and other indices with primary search functions for obtaining copies of documentation such as a *Certificate of Title, Check Search, Survey (Diagram, Deposited Plan and Strata Plan)*.

This means that *Land Enquiry* subscribers will be able to search for online information using multiple screens without incurring interactive fees - except when searching screens for *Power of Attorney* detail and for *Sales Enquiry* listings.

Benefits include:

- access to multiple screens without incurring additional charges
- certainty about the cost of obtaining land information online
- easier to track costs, and
- simplified invoicing

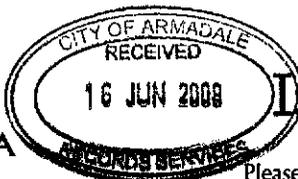
Further information can be found at: www.landgate.wa.gov.au/corporate.nsf/web/Proposed+new+scale+of+fees Comments about the proposed amalgamation of interactive search fees with hard copy document fees, can be submitted via email to feesfeedback@landgate.wa.gov.au

For further information, please contact Landgate Senior Marketing Officer, Rita Swain on 9273 7078 or email Rita.Swain@landgate.wa.gov.au

DIARY DATES

 Denotes Teleconference

2008	
24 July	North Metropolitan Zone
21 July	South Metropolitan Zone
23 July	South-East Metropolitan Zone
24 July	Central Metropolitan Zone
24 July	East Metropolitan Zone
25 July	Avon Midland Country Zone
25 July	Goldfields Esperance Country Zone [†]
25 July	South West Country Zone
28 July	Northern Country Zone
29 July	Peel Country Zone
31 July	Gascoyne Country Zone
1 August	Kimberley Country Zone
1 August	Great Southern Country Zone
1 August	Central Country Zone joint with Great Eastern Country Zone
3 August	Pilbara Country Zone
18 September	North Metropolitan Zone
19 September	Avon Midland Country Zone
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- INFOPAGE – BUS STOP INFRASTRUCTURE RESPONSIBILITY
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ISSUES UPDATE

VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Association is pleased to advise that the current round of vacancies is now open. The closing date is **4pm Thursday 17 July**.

Unsigned or late nominations will not be accepted. Please email your completed applications to nominations@walga.asn.au. Please note a signature or name is required on nominations submitted by email.

Current vacancies are:

- WA Local Government Grants Commission
- Local Government and Community Road Safety Committee
- Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
- Tourism Industry Reference Group
- Economic Regulation Authority Consumer Consultative Committee
- Roadside Conservation Committee
- Keep Australia Beautiful Council
- Road Freight Transport Industry Council
- State Wetlands Coordinating Committee
- Country Housing Authority Board
- Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Advisory Committee

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENTION 2008 – REGISTRATION DEADLINE

A reminder that all registrations for the Local Government Convention 2008 are due by **Wednesday, 2 July**.

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

ADVERTISING

From August 2008, Marketforce will no longer be the advertising supplier to Local Government. The State Government have appointed Adcorp Australia Limited as the new service provider for Non-Campaign Advertising.

The new contract will be effective from August 2008, and prior to this time information will be provided on how to access services and place media bookings from the new agency.

WALGA will continue to maintain a single Local Government account and manage advertising billing. The media discounts that flow from whole of Government advertising will continue to be rebated to WALGA members under the current system. Local Government represents an approximate one third share of the \$20 million annual Government spend on non-campaign advertising services.

For further information, please contact Business Development Manager, Andrew Blitz on 9213 2046 or email ablitz@walga.asn.au

GOVERNANCE POLICY UPDATE – FEEDBACK REQUESTED

Two Discussion Papers – *Compulsory Voting in Local Government Elections* and *Stand Down Provisions* – have been circulated to all Councils.

Each Discussion Paper is accompanied by a survey in order for WALGA to gather Council feedback on these two issues, with all Discussion Papers and surveys available from www.walga.asn.au/about/policy/governance

WALGA is seeking feedback on Compulsory Voting to facilitate State Council's development of a sector-wide policy position. The InfoPage and Discussion Paper provide a template for Council response which is requested to be submitted by **Friday 25 July**.

For further information on Compulsory Voting, please contact Governance Policy Officer, Tim Lane on 9213 2029 or tlane@walga.asn.au

WALGA is seeking feedback on Stand Down Provisions under consideration by the Department of Local Government and Regional Development, permitting the standing down of individual Elected Members under investigation or being prosecuted by a statutory authority. Council responses are requested to be submitted by **Friday 11 July**.

For further information on Stand Down Provisions, please contact Manager Local Government Advisory Services, James McGovern on 9213 2093 or jmcgovern@walga.asn.au

TRAINING UPDATE

The venue for all the following training modules (unless stated) is:

Local Government House
15 Altona St, West Perth

Each of the training modules runs from 9:00am to 4:30pm with a cost of \$297 for Workplace Solutions Members, or \$324.50 for nonmembers.

Elected Member Development Program

Module 15: Sustainable Asset Management

Date: **Tuesday 24 June**

Module 5: Meetings

Date: **Saturday 28 June**

Officer Professional Development

Letters and Report Writing in Local Government

Date: **Thursday 19 June**

Preparing Agendas and Minutes in Local Government

Date: **Friday 20 June**

Preparing Agendas and Minutes in Local Government

Date: **Thursday 3 July**

Venue: City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

JobScope

Date: **Thursday 10 July**

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

CCTV

A new WALGA Preferred Supplier contract has been formalised for CCTV. RVG Crime and Graffiti Prevention and Chubb Security have been appointed to the panel. The offer includes both fixed and mobile solutions, with cabled and wireless options. A discount formula which will deliver at least 10% off the cost of hardware has been contracted.

The systems accessible through the panel have been technically evaluated against specifications, ensuring operability to meet the complex security and reporting needs of the sector, including the provision of judicial evidence. It is anticipated that Councils procuring

under the panel will save tens of thousands of dollars on the cost of CCTV systems, in addition to benefiting from a sector level investment into an advanced procurement process. Information packages will be distributed shortly.

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

ENERGY PROCUREMENT

The price analysis and qualitative evaluation of the new Local Government Energy contract has been concluded, and results will be distributed to participating organisations. A briefing session for this project will be hosted on **Thursday 19 June** at the University of Western Australia.

For further information or to register attendance please email Business Development Coordinator, Geoff Alcock on golcock@walga.asn.au.

DRAFT STATE NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN OUT FOR COMMENT

The State Government invites stakeholder feedback on the State's draft Natural Resource Management (NRM) Plan. The State Government has prepared the draft Plan to provide leadership on NRM and improve coordination of the State's significant investment in protecting and enhancing its valuable and unique natural resources. The Plan and a feedback sheet to guide stakeholder input are available at www.nrm.wa.gov.au/draftNRMPlan.htm.

WALGA will provide a composite submission based on member feedback. To enable WALGA to respond in a timely manner, please forward submissions to Jessica Sheppard, NRM Facilitator, at jshppard@walga.asn.au or fax 9322 2611 by **Friday 29 August**. Alternatively comments can be forwarded directly to Sarah Bellamy at the State NRM Office, sbellamy@agric.wa.gov.au by **Tuesday 9 September**.

A series of regional forums are being held during the consultation period, details of which are provided in the Infopage enclosed in this week's mailbag.

For further information, please contact the NRM Facilitator, Jessica Sheppard on 9213 2027 or jshppard@walga.asn.au.

TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD) TOOLBOX FOR PLANNERS IN WA

This short course is to be presented by Dr John L. Renne the CEO of the TOD Group based in New Orleans. The course is geared towards planners working in the area of TOD in Perth and the workshop will cover the basics of how TOD is a tool for sustainable development.

Date: **Tuesday 24 June**

Time: 9.00am to 5.00pm

Venue: Graduate School of Business, Curtin University
Cost: \$250; or \$150 for employees of sponsoring organisations

Enclosed in this week's mailbag is an Infopage outlining the course details.

For further information or to register please phone PATREC on 9266 3295 or email patrec@curtin.edu.au

ALGA NEWSLETTER - 6 June 2008

A place in the sun for local government



Constitutional recognition is the 'hot topic' at the moment for councils around Australia.

Councils will now have received Constitutional Recognition Kits from their State and Territory Associations encouraging them to hold council conversations on the options for constitutional recognition and almost 20 councils have already held such conversations.

ALGA is convening an Experts Forum in August, comprising 80-100 representatives, which will review and refine the options for recognition as well as develop and refine the yes and no cases, and the possible ways forward in terms of process. This work will then feed in to ALGA's Constitutional Summit to be held from 8-11 December 2008 in Melbourne. At this Summit local government will have the opportunity to clarify and decide on the style of recognition which should be pursued and the strategy for taking constitutional recognition forward.

ALGA President Cr Paul Bell urged all councils to be involved. "At this stage South Australian and West Australian councils are leading the way in terms of the number of 'council conversations' that are taking place," he said. "I would like to see councils from all states participating."

Cr Bell said he was delighted with the level of debate. "Constitutional recognition means many things to many people. However, there are some strong themes coming out of the initial discussions. Through their feedback forms, councils are saying that constitutional recognition must be more than symbolic and that a key outcome must be to ensure the sustainability of local government through infrastructure renewal and a guaranteed funding stream. I am also hearing the strong messages that constitutional recognition will be a pathway to formally recognise the role of local government, provide greater autonomy from the state government and address the burden of cost-shifting."

Cr Bell said the push to achieve constitutional recognition of local government had been given new impetus with the Rudd Government which had promised to consult, during its first term, with local government on the process for achieving constitutional recognition.

More information on 'Council Conversations' and a copy of the kit and feedback form are available at www.alga.asn.au/constitutionalrecognition

Inquiry into a new regional development funding program



ALGA President Cr Paul Bell met with Independent MP Tony Windsor last week to discuss local government's interest in regional development funding and in developing a new transparent and accountable model.

"Local government is the closest sphere of government to the people and, councils, which are democratically elected, are true representatives of local communities," Cr Bell said. "This needs to be reflected in the committee's deliberations and on deciding on a new funding model."

"Community infrastructure is in decline around Australia and local government is proposing a Local Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund to fix the ailing existing infrastructure around Australia, particularly infrastructure such as swimming pools, playgrounds, ovals, walking tracks, senior citizen centre, libraries and council-run meals on wheels facilities. I strongly believe we should fix what we have first, before building a whole lot of new infrastructure that councils will need to spend millions on maintaining."

Mr Windsor has been appointed as an adviser to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government inquiry into a new regional development funding program.

The Committee is to make recommendations on ways to invest funding in regional economic development and community infrastructure with the aim of enhancing the sustainability and livability of Australia's regions. It will also report on the Australian National Audit Office's Performance Audit of the Regional Partnerships Program.

Mr Windsor encouraged local government to make a submission to the inquiry by the closing date of 30 June 2008. ALGA is currently preparing a submission which will propose a new model with a focus on investment in existing community infrastructure. State and Territory Associations and local councils are encouraged to lodge submissions. Further information at www.aph.gov.au/itrdlg

ALGA President meets with Opposition Local Government Spokeswoman



ALGA President Cr Paul Bell met last week with the Shadow Parliamentary Secretary on Local Government, Sophie Mirabella, to discuss local government's constitutional recognition summit in December 2008 and the 'council conversations' which are currently taking place.

"I was delighted by Ms Mirabella's understanding of the process we are undertaking and I expect that this meeting will be the first of many as we seek to gain bipartisan support in the lead-up to our Summit and at the political level as we move towards a possible referendum on constitutional recognition for local government."

"We have the best opportunity for a generation to achieve our cherished goal of constitutional recognition for local government, however, we must get it right and I will work hard to get the support of the Opposition, the States and the Australian people, to maximise our chances of success."

From the President



Today's column is not just about my views, it is about yours; and about our opportunity together to shape the future. By now councils will have received information about timetable for constitutional recognition and

the need to be involved in 'council conversations' through State and Territory Local Government Associations. ALGA, in conjunction with the associations, has been working on developing a credible, engaging and representative strategy to take forward the issue of constitutional recognition of local government.

Constitutional recognition is the big adventure facing local government as we tread *through the early years of the 21st century*. We have a roadmap, a timetable and conversations are already taking place. We have an opportunity to get it right and ensure that we lock in local government's place in the federation through formal recognition in the constitution.

I am convinced that for local government to reach its full potential and to be best placed to handle the *myriad of challenges facing local government in the early part of the 21st century*, we must have formal constitutional status as a full and equal partner with the states and Commonwealth. Our lack of recognition is not simply an anachronism. It is a gross oversight that for over 160 years local government has served the people of Australia as a democratically elected sphere of government without recognition in its own right.

To paraphrase the great Abraham Lincoln, local government has always been by the people, for the people and of the people. The birth of local government in Australia attests to this. The first local government in Australia was formed on 31 October 1840 with the election of a mayor, three aldermen and fifteen councillors to the new Adelaide Corporation. This followed a petition from the residents (totalling around 2000) for the "rights and privileges" of their own council. A truly representative and 'grass-roots' beginning!

The input from the conversations will inform the development of the business papers for the Local Government Constitutional Summit to be held in Melbourne 8-11 December 2008.

Now it is up to you!

In its simplest form we need to know:

- a. whether your council supports constitutional recognition of local government
- b. your views on what your council would like to see achieved from constitutional recognition of local government
- c. what your council wants like to see in the Australian Constitution
- d. what you think we need to do to gain sufficient community support to win a referendum, if and when one was put to the Australian people.

To assist us in this plan, we need input from all councils on a number of key issues. You can help by conducting a 'conversation' within your council on this topic. Materials, including facts sheets, to assist you and your council to conduct this conversation are available on the web for download. Feel free to copy and distribute this material.

In providing feedback councils should consider:

- The relative benefits to your community
- The likelihood of gaining Commonwealth support for each objective
- The risks of taking multiple or complex issues to the electorate
- The likelihood of opposition.

Councils are asked to complete an [online feedback form](#)

Cr Paul Bell AM
ALGA President

ALGA submission on climate change and coastal communities

ALGA has made a submission to the current House of Representatives Inquiry into climate change and environmental impacts on coastal communities. The Inquiry is being conducted by the House Standing Committee on Climate Change, Water, Environment and the Arts, and is examining:

- existing policies and programs related to coastal zone management, taking in the catchment-coast-ocean continuum
- the environmental impacts of coastal population growth and mechanisms to promote sustainable use of coastal resources
- the impact of climate change on coastal areas and strategies to deal with climate change adaptation, particularly in response to projected sea level rise
- mechanisms to promote sustainable coastal communities
- governance and institutional arrangements for the coastal zone.

The ALGA submission noted the important responsibilities of local government in many coastal areas, including:

- land use planning
- significant aspects of environmental management, including the provision of waste removal and treatment services, and the provision of water, drainage and sewerage services
- management of many coastal reserves and other coastal buffer areas
- provision and management of public infrastructure such as roads, recreational areas and parks.

The submission went on to identify key requirements for local government to address the impacts of climate change in coastal areas, including:

- minimisation of potential overlaps and conflicts within and between State/Territory and Australian Government legislation, policies and programs
- accurate timely data on current coastal population growth and demographic change

- sound estimates of future water availability, for both surface and ground water
- timely advice on emerging technologies for environmental services such as waste removal and treatment, and water, drainage and sewerage
- a nationally consistent basis for the estimation of projected sea level rise over time
- nationally endorsed approaches for estimation of the resultant inland extent of inundation
- a nationally consistent, transparent, approach to the insurance of infrastructure in the coastal zone
- legal protection and funding where local government infrastructure cannot be insured.

The ALGA submission is on the Committee [website](#), along with submissions from some state associations and councils. Not all submissions made to the Inquiry are on the website yet; more will be added in the near future.

TAS: Dog bites woman, man bites back

A man says he is fighting a legal battle to defend his family's waterfront home after one of his pet dogs allegedly attacked a woman walking across his yard.

His kelpies, Elsie and Puppet, have been doing a long stretch in a Tasmanian pound while Mr Paul Craige, 42, takes on his local council and police over dangerous dog laws and property rights.

The dogs have chalked up more than 16 months - or 10 "dog years" - so far in George Town Council's animal lock-up since January last year.

Their fate remains in limbo at least until the legal imbroglio returns to Launceston Magistrates Court later this month, after a series of adjournments.

But Mr Craige says he is not optimistic about an outcome soon for Elsie and her daughter Puppet.

The alleged victim, a middle-aged woman, told police she received medical treatment for bruising and broken skin on her upper arm caused by a dog bite on January 8, 2007.

Mr Craige faces two charges relating to the attack. He is also suing the council that presides over George Town, a developing Tamar River tourist town which now crowds around the family's central, 100-year-old residential property.

Mr Craige, a single-parent pensioner with two teenaged children, has pleaded not guilty to being the owner of a dog that attacked a person on public property.

He says the site of the attack - the "path" - is his family's private property and the public have not established a right of way over it. He denies any direct knowledge of the attack.

Mr Craige has also pleaded not guilty to creating a public nuisance after trying to fence off the path.

These charges will be heard in the Launceston Magistrates Court again on June 26.

The case is expected to be referred to the Supreme Court.

The George Town Council is being sued by Mr Craige for the immediate return of one of his dogs and for \$10,000 to cover his legal costs.

He says the council was entitled to take only one of the dogs because only one dog was blamed for the attack.

On top of Mr Craige's legal bill, the dogs have racked up a pound bill worth more than \$10,000 at \$11-a-day for each dog's keep. (AAP)

National Rural Women's Summit

The Minister for the Status of Women, Tanya Plibersek, will hold a National Rural Women's Summit at the end of June. This summit will look at opportunities for improving social and economic outcomes for rural women and increasing their participation in a range of policy areas, including agriculture and regional development. During estimates last week, Minister Conroy said that after the summit, Minister Albanese would be reviewing the Rural Women's Advisory Council and strengthen the role the body plays in terms of policy advice and development. More information will be available [here](#) as details are confirmed.

Capital City Mayors take up CitySwitch Green Office

Council of Capital City Lord Mayors' Chairman, Michael Harbison, Lord Mayor of Adelaide, announced today that the world leading sustainability program CitySwitch Green Office is being taken up by the cities of Adelaide, Melbourne and Perth.

"The CCCLM is excited that this program will be rolled out in three states, following its success in the City of Sydney," Lord Mayor Michael Harbison said. "The project will increase awareness of energy efficiency as well as providing ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions." CitySwitch Green Office is an extension of the successful 3CBDs Greenhouse Initiative, launched in 2005 by City of Sydney, North Sydney Council and Parramatta City Council with the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC).

Those interested in joining the program should visit www.cityswitch.net.au for more details.

MAV website to help future councillors

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) has launched a website for people considering standing for council at general elections around Victoria.

Visit www.standforcouncil.com.au for information about eligibility to stand for council, the role of a councillor, types of decisions councillors make, the time commitment involved, election processes and campaigning tips.

All councils in Victoria will hold general elections in November 2008.

Forum on housing affordability for an ageing Australia

Last week, ALGA attended the COTA over 50s National Policy Council Forum on Affordable Housing for Older Australians in Canberra.

The Forum was opened by the Minister for Ageing, the Hon Justine Elliott MP, and featured a closing address from the Minister for Housing, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP. Both Ministers outlined the importance to the Federal Government of policies and programs that encourage older Australians to stay at home as long as possible, consistent with the desires of most older Australians.

Many thought-provoking facts and statistics underlining the significance of the housing affordability needs of the ageing population were presented at the Forum. For example, within the next ten years, around 400,000 older Australians will be in the rental market. This raises issues such as what housing is most appropriate to them, and how should older Australians' independence be enabled for as long as possible?

Key note speaker Professor Hal Kendig (University of Sydney) indicated strongly that affordable housing for older Australians is a realistic goal, especially if it is supported by co-operative federalism. The Chair of the NSW Working Group on Housing and Accommodation discussed a leading edge project, the Clarence Valley Affordable Housing Model. The project involves Clarence Valley Council (mid-north coast, NSW) playing a key role in providing affordable housing for older Australians, with 'minimal impact on its operations.' A copy of the slides from this presentation can be found by clicking on the link to the Affordable Housing Forum 29 May 2008 at www.cotaover50s.org.au.

In addition, two luncheon addresses emphasised the value of older Australians in our society. The first of these was given by Ms Iris White, Manager of Aboriginal Education and Training for the Illawarra Institute of TAFE NSW. The second luncheon address was given by Australia's Inaugural Ambassador for Ageing, Ms Noeline Brown, who focused upon the contribution that older Australians give to others, especially through volunteer community work.

The clear message at the Forum was that housing for all people is fundamental to their wellbeing, and that all other interventions are ineffectual without it.

World conference on ageing to be staged in Melbourne in 2010

The Minister for Ageing, Justine Elliott, has announced that Melbourne has secured the right to host the 10th International Federation on Ageing (IFA) Global Conference on Ageing in 2010 as a result of a successful bid by the Victorian Council on the Ageing.

The international conference is one of the largest international gatherings of world experts in the field of ageing.

It is expected that the conference will attract more than 2,000 delegates and will inject more than \$8 million into the economy.

This is the second time Australia will host the Conference, with Western Australia successfully hosting the event in 2002.

Workplace and Risk Summit

Early bird registration for the MAV Workplace and Risk Summit from 6 - 8 August at Telstra Dome is now open. The program features presentations, workshops and panel discussions on current issues facing councils including employment branding, cultural change, contract management, managing organisation-wide excellence in risk management and fraud. The full conference program will be distributed in the coming weeks. Cost to attend the three-day summit is \$700, a saving of \$50 if registering and paying by 30 June. For a copy of the registration form or other registration options, go to www.mav.asn.au/workplace. Contact Ann Tok, 9667 5557, atok@mav.asn.au

National Local Roads and Transport Congress - last chance

There is still time to register for the 2008 National Local Roads and Transport Congress being held in Shepparton Victoria for 15 - 17 June.

This is the premier national local government transport event for the year. It brings together key political and industry stakeholders. This year there is a strong freight transport theme as well as the implications for local government of the new Labor Government in Canberra.

There are more than 25 speakers that will examine and discuss a wide range of transport and transported related issues relevant to local government. As always, there will be the opportunity to question the key people who make decisions that impact on local government.

The theme of the Congress "Securing the First Mile" reflects the role of local government plays in the national freight task. We want to emphasise at the Congress that the first or last mile of a freight journey must not be taken for granted. It is important that we show the Federal Government and the road transport industry that they need to pay attention to the local road system or it has the potential to be the weak link in the overall transport system.

We need your support by attending the Congress.

More details and registration information is available at www.alga.asn.au/roadscongress.

Supporting women leaders in the Pacific

Australia will work with Pacific Governments and the UN to strengthen women's leadership in the region. Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance, Bob McMullan, said women were significantly under-represented in decision-making positions in the Pacific. "An average 2.5 per cent of members of parliaments in the Pacific region are women, compared with a world average of 17.7 per cent," said Mr McMullan.

We will train women at a local level in governance and leadership issues, undertake research on the barriers and successful pathways to women's leadership and develop communication and training materials for use in the region," said Mr McMullan.

Mr McMullan said improved gender equality reduces poverty and directly stimulated growth by helping more women become productive paid workers. It also has beneficial effects on child well-being.

Push to include rate pegging in review

Local Government has welcomed an Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) review of council revenue, but says the State Government has a responsibility to include rate pegging in the terms of reference.

NSW Local Government Minister Paul Lynch said the Government remained committed to the system of rate-pegging, which was introduced 31 years ago.

However, the review would look at whether the tribunal should play a role in the process.

The review would consider the financial impact of rates and charges on families and pensioners, the role of councils in delivering services, their financial position, revenue sources and differences between councils.

The Local Government Association called for rate pegging to be included in the terms of reference.

"NSW is the only state in Australia that has rate pegging, and it is well known it is preventing councils from providing the services and facilities our communities need," president, Cr Genia McCaffery, said.

"We welcome the State Government's acknowledgement that councils are under funded and being squeezed at both ends," President of the Local Government Association of NSW, Cr Genia McCaffery said.

"Rate pegging, cost shifting, the State's planning laws and increased pressure on existing services are just some of the challenges councils are facing trying to maintain communities that are fit to live in."

The Associations' will forward a submission on behalf of the sector which will include the call for the removal or relaxation of rate pegging, a reduction in the practice of cost shifting and increased funding.

Binge Bars - Melbourne

Another 30 Melbourne bars and clubs have joined a fight against the Victorian government's 2am lockout.

Last month Premier John Brumby announced a trial three-month nightclub lockout to curb late night violence in the inner city.

But on Friday, a tribunal gave a temporary exemption to 47 venues as long as they met strict conditions. Over 80 applications have flooded in.

World Environment Day 2008: The local has become global

On World Environment Day yesterday, ICLEI Oceania joined more than 280 councils across Australia and New Zealand in celebrating the achievements and ongoing work of local government in the fight against climate change.

With an international network of over 800 councils, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability has demonstrated that local government has a significant role to play in meeting the challenges presented by climate change.

Over the past 11 years ICLEI's regional office, ICLEI Oceania, has been working with local government in Australia and New Zealand to protect the environment for current and future generations. As a not-for-profit organisation, ICLEI Oceania has achieved this by helping councils to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve water management and apply sustainability principles to the planning and delivery of community services.

Local governments have already taken bold steps to protect the environment and influence their communities to 'kick' many unsustainable habits through local action. Over 13 million tonnes of carbon emissions have been abated since the start of ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection® program in Australia, while 118 Australian councils are working to improve sustainable water management and inspire behavioural change in their communities through ICLEI's Water Campaign™. For more information about ICLEI Oceania see www.iclei.org/oceania

NSW Budget - infrastructure boost, but libraries left out in cold

Water saving initiatives, national parks and the fight against climate change have all received a funding boost with \$986 million dollars spent on the environment in this week's NSW budget.

Climate Change and Environment Minister Verity Firth says \$30 million will be spent over the next four years to minimise bushfire risk across the state's national parks with 16 million to upgrade radio networks in remote areas.

\$90 million will be dedicated to tackling global warming, with rebates to encourage climate friendly living in homes.

And a \$137 million water fund will be set up to buy water entitlements to improve the state's rivers and give long term sustainability to farming and regional communities.

There's performance payments for local councils which improve recycling systems and cut landfill, high resolution satellite imagery to help cut illegal clearing, and a crackdown on illegal dumping.

NSW councils have welcomed the significant boost to infrastructure funding in the NSW Budget, but say the lack of direct help to Local Government flies in the face of the recognition the sector is under funded.

The Budget has also done little new to address the \$8 billion infrastructure back log facing the sector.

"The State Government's acknowledgement that infrastructure in NSW requires significant improvement is welcomed," President of the Local Government Association, Cr Genia McCaffery said.

"The Aboriginal Water and Sewerage Program is also a fantastic initiative, and we look forward to working with the Government to implement it.

President of the Shires Association of NSW, Cr Bruce Miller welcomed the continued funding for timber bridges and the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Supply Program (CTWSSP).

"Many rural and regional communities depend on this funding to maintain their local infrastructure, so we welcome the Government's ongoing commitment," Cr Miller said.

"The failure to increase library funding is of particular concern given the strength of the arguments for a substantial increase - including the risk of closure of some country libraries.

"The slight increase in funding for local and regional roads is a plus, but like a lot of the announcements, it falls short of real increases to costs through the CPI."

Amalgamated councils let down in Qld

The state government had seriously underestimated the massive costs amalgamated councils were facing when it framed yesterday's budget, Local Government Association of Queensland president, Cr Paul Bell said today.

"It appears there will be no additional funding beyond the \$27.1 million allocated by the government last year following the recommendations of its Local Government Reform Commission," Cr Bell said.

"At that time, the LGAQ emphasised that ongoing funding support would be needed by these councils over the three-year transition phase to March, 2011," he said.

"The government has resolved that no new funding would be offered to councils to help them implement the amalgamation process - a process imposed on them by the government itself.

"The government has said it would consider individual submissions made to it on a case-by-case basis.

Cr Bell said the LGAQ executive was encouraging all councils involved to make submissions without delay.

"It is a high priority for the LGAQ. We will continue to press the government for adequate and timely reimbursement of these on-going costs," Cr Bell said.

Environment Minister says Govt committed to getting rid of plastic bags

The federal government remains committed to the phase-out of plastic bags, Environment Minister Peter Garrett says.

In April, federal and state environment ministers failed to agree on a national levy or ban on plastic bags.

"When we met to look at this issue of plastic bags, there were a number of issues on the table; the states couldn't agree on those options," Mr Garrett told ABC TV.

"We're committed to a phase-out but we recognise that the timeline has been extended."

ALGA recently attended the first meeting of the Government/Industry Working Group on plastic bags.

Infrastructure Australia meets

The twelve members of the new *Infrastructure Australia* Advisory Council met on Wednesday for the first time.

The Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Anthony Albanese, said the task before the Council was immense: to develop a blueprint for fixing and modernising the nation's transport, water, energy and communications infrastructure.

"In accordance with the Infrastructure Australia Act 2008, I have written to the Council outlining the Government's expectations. First and foremost, they are charged with completing the work program laid down by COAG:

1. By October, developing nationally consistent Public Private Partnership guidelines to make it easier and cheaper for the private industry to partner with government and invest in nation building infrastructure;
2. By the end of the year, finalising the National Audit - a comprehensive and unprecedented stocktake of the nation's infrastructure; and

3. By March 2009, compiling and delivering to COAG the first National Priority List to guide billions of dollars of investment in economically significant infrastructure - a process based on a rigorous assessment and prioritization of the nation's infrastructure needs, including in the area of public transport and tackling urban congestion."

Minister Albanese said the work and advice of Infrastructure Australia would inform the Government's allocations from the \$20 billion Building Australia Fund.

The inaugural members of Infrastructure Australia are:

- *Sir Rod Eddington - Chair*
- The Hon Mark Birrell
- Mr Jim Hallion
- Dr Ken Henry AC
- Mr Phil Hennessy
- Mr Anthony Kannis
- Mr Terry Moran AO
- Professor Peter Newman
- Ms Heather Ridout
- Mr Ross Rolfe
- Dr Kerry Schott
- Mr Garry Weaven

Australian Automobile Association - National Climate Change Summit

This Summit held in Canberra on 3 June heard a wide range of speakers from industry and government discuss the future of the motor vehicles in an environment of shortages and rising oil prices and concerns about the emission of greenhouse gas from vehicles.

The transport sector produces about 16% of total greenhouse emission in Australia about half of which comes from cars and the rest from trucks and other forms of transport. The largest single producer of emission is the electricity generation.

The overriding message was that despite the increasing prices of oil, fossil fuels would continue to dominate as the energy source for vehicles. The Summit also heard that the era of cheap oil is over and that society and industry must adapt.

Statistics showed the strong trend in Australia towards smaller four cylinder cars. Somewhat disturbingly, they also showed that the local government vehicle fleet had a much higher proportion of six cylinder vehicles than either state governments, industry or the general community and only slightly less than the Commonwealth Government.

The Summit heard of developments in biofuels and the need to recognize that it was unlikely that this source would ever replace oil. There are already indications that the level of use of food crops for biofuels is contributing to the world food shortages. Technology under development to use enzymes to breakdown cellulose was showing considerable promise and would bolster the supply of biofuels.

There are rapid developments underway in vehicle technology to improve fuel efficiency such as plug-in hybrid cars which could be available within 3 years. The International Energy Agency estimates that the technologies currently under development will reduce fuel consumption by 50 % by 2030.

The ultimate alternative fuel to oil is hydrogen. This is a fuel that will produce no emissions and has been trialled in Australia. The major drawbacks of hydrogen is that its the production uses electricity and the need to establish a dedicated distribution system. Hydrogen fuel cell cars were estimated to be more than 30 years away.

Speakers also pointed out that consumers, with the increasing price of oil, will be making decisions to use alternative transport modes, especially in urban areas, and decisions about location of homes and employment. However this would only be possible if governments made decisions to invest in public transport to give commuters options.

In this regard, Minister Albanese spoke of the role of Infrastructure Australia in advising the government about investment decisions from the Building Australia Fund and specifically mentioned the role of Professor Peter Newman. Professor Newman is the member of Infrastructure Australia with local government experience. More details of the Summit can be found on the Australian Automobile Association [website](#)

Strategic Transport Planning

The MAV is hosting a national conference on strategic transport planning from 20 – 21 August at Spring Street Conference Centre, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne. Speakers include Professor Richard Slaughter, Foresight International; Ineke Spape, Netherlands National Board for Traffic and Transport Safety; Thomas Malone, MIT Sloan School of Management, USA; and Peter Newman, Infrastructure Australia board member. Cost to attend is \$495 incl. GST. For a copy of the program, go to www.mav.asn.au/transport08. Contact John Hennessy, 9667 5525, jhennessy@mav.asn.au

Quote of the week

"Nothing amuses me more than the easy manner with which everybody settles the abundance of those who have a great deal less than themselves"

Jane Austen, 'Mansfield Park'

International news 

A new study published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention underscores the powerful momentum across the country to pass strong smoke-free workplace laws that protect all workers and the public from the serious health hazards of secondhand smoke.

Michigan and Pennsylvania have the most immediate opportunities to join the growing list of smoke-free states and communities. In Michigan, the state House should vote as soon as possible to concur with HB 4163, the comprehensive smoke-free legislation recently passed by a wide margin in the state Senate. In Pennsylvania, a legislative conference committee should approve legislation that rejects exemptions for bars and casinos and grants local governments the authority to enact their own, stronger smoke-free laws.

According to the CDC study, published in this week's issue of the CDC journal *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)*, the number of states with strong smoke-free laws tripled and the number with no such laws was halved between 2005 and 2007. During the study period, 18 states strengthened smoke-free protections in private sector worksites, 18 states strengthened protections in restaurants, and 12 states strengthened protections in bars (there was some overlap in these states). No state weakened smoke-free protections.

Since the study period, several more states have enacted smoke-free laws that include restaurants and bars. Today, 24 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have enacted such laws. The states are: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and Washington. Once these laws are fully implemented, more than 53 percent of the U.S. population will live in jurisdictions with smoke-free laws that include restaurants and bars.

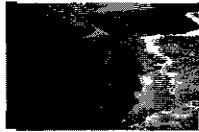
Forthcoming events

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

- 06 June 2008 2008 World Environment Day Awards
- 10 - 13 June 2008 Health and Social Impact Assessment Short course
- 17 - 18 June 2008 Retail World
- 17 - 18 June 2008 3rd Regional Perspectives Conference
- 17 - 18 June 2008 ARF National Roads Summit
- 18 - 19 June 2008 8th Transport Colloquium
- 18 - 20 June 2008 Australasian Housing Researchers' Conference
- 19 June 2008 FTA Public Sector Finance and Treasury Management Conference
- 23 - 24 June 2008 Information Architecture in the Public Sector Conference 2008
- 06 - 11 July 2008 Twelfth National School in Park Management

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Councils vie for a slice of \$100 million for Coastcare



Councils are reminded that applications close at 5.00 pm Friday 25 July 2008 for the Community Coastcare grants.

The new investment jointly administered by Minister Garrett and Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister, Tony Burke is designed to help local communities undertake vital beach and coastal protection and restoration projects right around the country.

Minister Garrett said Community Coastcare would draw upon the wealth of community skills and knowledge of our coast and beaches, providing grants to community groups for projects to protect and improve the environmental values of the nation's coastline.

Community Coastcare will offer communities grants up to \$50,000. Grants of up to \$250,000 will also be available for larger-scale works that are targeted in high priority coastal areas.

Up to \$20 million in 2008-09 would be provided for a range of activities varying from protecting nesting sites for endangered species to restoring sand dunes and preventing coastal erosion to educating people about the affects of global warming and climate change.

Mr Burke urged all eligible groups to apply for the funding.

"I would encourage a range of groups to apply, including farmers, landcare groups, surf clubs, Indigenous groups, schools, local councils and regional natural resource management bodies," Mr Burke said. "This program is a great way for them to be involved in helping to protect the coastline."

For more information including application forms visit: www.nrm.gov.au

Local Government recognised in Queen's birthday honours



Local government stood out this week in the Queen's birthday honours with serving and former mayors and councillors receiving awards across a range of categories.

Perhaps the most famous name listed was that of the late James Kemsley, best known as a cartoonist and illustrator of the "Ginger Meggs" comic strip and former councillor, Wingecarribee Shire Council (1987-1995), posthumously awarded a Medal OAM General Division Award for services to the community as an illustrator, through local government and the Bradman Foundation.

Three women from local government also received awards. Denise Frances McGill (Medal OAM General Division) for service to the community through local government and the Parliament of Victoria; Dianne Marion Thorley (Member AM General Division)

for service to local government and to the community of the Toowoomba region; and Cr Beverley Giegerl (Medal, OAM, General Division) for service to local government and to the community, particularly through the provision of library services.

Other OAM General Division Medal recipients are Gordon Stewart Millar from Longford, Tasmania; Mr Michael Morton-Evans from Mosman NSW; Mr Patrick Brown of Harden NSW; Cr John Anderson of North Nowra, NSW; Mr Luciano Rossetti of Pakenham, Victoria; Mr Desmond Seymour of Miling, WA; Mr Thomas Sullivan of Goondiwindi, Qld; former Mayor Ken Jarvis of Geelong, Victoria; Mr Ian Woodcock of Lightning Ridge, NSW; and Mr William Hine of Marrawah, Tasmania.

Members of AM General Division of Australia are: Douglas Shire Council Mayor Mr Michael Berwick of Daintree, Qld; Shire President of Plantagenet, Cr Kevin Forbes of Mt Barker, WA; and former Mayor, Town of Victoria Park and life member of WALGA, Mr John Lee of Carlisle, WA.

There were two recipients of the Public Service Medal (PSM) with local government connections - Paul Henry from Inverell, NSW, for outstanding public service, particularly to the Inverell Shire Council; and Mr Gary John Stevenson of North Rockhampton, Qld, for outstanding public service and leadership within local government 'particularly through local government reforms.'

Of a total of 458 who received honours, 138 were women, representing 30.1% of the total.

ALGA President meets head of Opposition's federalism taskforce



ALGA President Cr Paul Bell recently met with Kevin Andrews MP, the head of the Opposition's federalism taskforce, to discuss local government's view of its role in the federation.

Mr Andrews said the 6-member taskforce, which also includes Shadow Local Government spokeswoman Sophie Mirabella, had met and was looking at federal-state-local structures and would examine solutions to improve accountability and funding formulae.

"There is no doubt that federalism is not working as well as it should.

There are a number of factors at play here. We will identify as comprehensively as possible what the problems are and tease out some proposed solutions and what we can practically do to fix the current situation," Mr Andrews, a former Minister in the Howard Government, said.

Mr Andrews said the taskforce would work towards a broad consensus on the way forward and would run parallel to the Opposition's tax inquiry by Henry Ergas. He was planning a series of meetings with stakeholders, including State and Territory Local Government Associations, in August.

From the President



The issue of fair funding is inextricably linked to federal-state-local government relations. As I write, there are at least three inquiries into these issues at the federal level. The broad issue of intergovernmental relations and funding is also under consideration by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG).

ALGA is preparing a submission for the review of taxation announced by the Treasurer in the recent Budget and ALGA is also keen to have input into the Opposition's two inquiries, the federalism taskforce headed by Kevin Andrew MP and the Henry Ergas inquiry into taxation.

I was impressed by the candour expressed in a speech this week by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation, Lindsay Tanner, to the Centre for Economic Development Australia (CEDA).

Wearing his deregulation hat, he delivered a powerful case for reform of the federation. The conceptual approach he outlined was taking deregulation across the federation - an approach he described as 'regulate nationally, deliver locally.'

His words sum up the situation facing Australia at the moment and while referring to the Federal-State relationship, they could equally apply to local government and indeed support the case for a strong, vibrant local sphere of government. He says: 'If Australian families are to enjoy world-class services in areas such as health, education and housing, the federal-state policy architecture must focus less on micromanagement and more on delivering outcomes at the local level. And all of this must be underpinned by reform to Federal-State financial frameworks - with a focus on outcomes, a new transparency of performance against agreed milestones, and strong incentives to drive results.'

At the 2020 Summit, I was heartened by delegates talking about a new model for federation, which focused on cooperation and a national approach to solving problems. The Summit proposed that an Independent Federation Commission be set up to streamline regulation among the spheres of government. It called for a rethink of the roles and responsibilities of the Commonwealth, states and local government. In his CEDA speech, Minister Tanner says: 'Throughout the summit and across Australia there is recognition that our federation is a mess.' He gives an example of one major Australian business recently which found it took two years and eight different state and local government processes to get approval to transport an unusually shaped load by trailer between Victoria and Queensland. That is simply not good enough in a modern 21st century economy. The Prime Minister will respond to the recommendations of the 2020 Summit, including the idea of a Federation Commission, by the end of 2008.

What would a redesigned federation look like? Local government would like to see an end to all types of cost-shifting, an end to state government interference in local government, proper funding of local government services and a greater ability to fulfil its charter to its ratepayers. That would be a good start. We would also like it to include Constitutional Recognition for local government which will be fleshed out

by ALGA's upcoming Constitutional Summit in December, and definitely a clear outline of roles and responsibilities between the different spheres of government. We are delighted to be a part of this important debate and will continue to advocate for change that will enhance the wellbeing of our local communities and improve the quality of life of all Australians.

Cr Paul Bell AM
ALGA President

Aged Care Planning Advisory Committees

The Minister for Ageing, Mrs Justine Elliot, has called for nominations to the Aged Care Planning Advisory Committee to provide input into the 2008 Aged Care Planning process.

The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking applications. These committees are being established in each State and Territory.

Their principal functions are to assess the aged care needs of the community and advise the Department on an appropriate distribution of aged care places, within specified aged care planning regions.

Members are appointed for up to two years in an honorary capacity. Nominations, which close on June 27, will be assessed and members will be appointed following a national advertisement and a competitive assessment process undertaken independently by the Department of Health and Ageing.

Full eligibility criteria is available on 1-800-500-853.

Preserving Queensland council websites

The State Library of Queensland recently archived the websites of Queensland local government councils affected by the amalgamation. The websites were captured in PANDORA - Australia's web archive - during the early months of 2008.

PANDORA - "Preserving and Accessing Networked Documentary Resources of Australia" - is a growing collection of significant Australian online publications and websites. Built collaboratively - with ten Australian cultural collecting agencies contributing - PANDORA is now becoming a significant source of Australia's online documentary heritage. In 2004, PANDORA was placed on the Memory of the World Australian Register.

Many of the 94 Queensland council websites copied into the archive by State Library have since disappeared from the live internet. Now captured for posterity, the council websites will be available for future generations of researchers, and make a valuable contribution to documenting the heritage and history of local government in Queensland.

The State Library of Queensland has archived over a thousand Queensland websites and publications into PANDORA, covering various aspects of Queensland life, history and culture. State Library currently contributes several hundred titles each year. The

Library's participation in PANDORA ensures that Queensland's online documentary heritage will be preserved.

The PANDORA archive is freely available on the internet. The collection of Queensland council websites can be found [here](#).

For further information about the PANDORA archive, or to suggest a site to include in the archive, please contact the State Library of Queensland on tel. (07) 3840 7880 or email pandora@slq.qld.gov.au

Garrett's green light for waste dump

Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett says the government will fulfill a Howard-government era policy to build a nuclear waste dump.

The proposal, believed to include several locations in the Northern Territory, was opposed by Mr Garrett before the election. But Mr Garrett now says he was "fully committed" to a applying stringent environmental checks to any nuclear waste facility that he approved.

"The situation is that the policy commitments that were made before coming into government will be fulfilled," Mr Garrett told reporters in Melbourne this week.

"When a proposal comes to me I'll treat it as I would in the ordinary course of business.

"We have always said, and I have always said, that our task is to make sure that we apply the appropriate environmental laws scrupulously and diligently. We want to have a world's best practice approach on these issues. We will have that. I am fully committed to it."

Mr Garrett's comments follow Howard-government legislation, the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act, which paved the way for the dump to go ahead. (AAP)

Hiring intentions slow down

Business conditions and confidence stabilised in May but recent evidence of a slowing local economy has resulted in companies cutting back their hiring intentions, a survey says.

The National Australia Bank monthly business survey showed that business conditions remained at their lowest level since December 2002 at plus-seven index points.

The weakness in sales and profits have caused employers to reassess plans to add new workers.

The employment indicator fell four index points to plus-five points.

"There does appear to be a significant rethink by business about the demand for labour going forward," said the report, written by NAB economists Alan Oster, Jeff Oughton and John Sharma.

The report said there had been a "significant acceleration" in mining wages, while salaries in the wholesaling and manufacturing sectors are increasing at above or near average rates.

Vic: Sacked councillors banned from renominating for four years

Changes to Victoria's local government laws will mean councillors who are sacked will be banned from re-nominating for four years.

The new laws, introduced in the Victorian parliament, also aim to stamp out dummy candidates ahead of council elections in November.

Under the changes, nominations will have to be made in person to eliminate illegitimate candidates.

People who only occupy a single vehicle car park, or boat mooring in a municipality will be excluded from enrolling to vote, and candidates, voters and scrutineers who make false declarations will face two thousand dollar fines.

The changes will reform local government elections before Victoria's 79 councils go to the polls simultaneously for the first time on November 29.

NSW: New database helps Australians reconnect with their past

A new ancestry database can help Australians learn the stories of their forebears who came here as free settlers in the nineteenth and early 20th centuries.

The data base was officially launched by www.ancestry.com.au at Sydney's Maritime Museum.

After launching the records of 160,000 transported convicts on the site last year, their latest addition of 8.9 million names - including those of 3 million free settlers - makes www.ancestry.com.au the most complete collection of early Australian family history records available online, says spokesman Brad Argent.

Retiree Kevin Yeats from Lindfield, on Sydney's north shore, discovered his ancestor, James Tysoe, was the illegitimate son of an illegitimate mother. Tysoe was orphaned by the age of two. Despite his humble beginnings, Tysoe was elected to the first Armidale municipal council, helped establish the Armidale Express newspaper and co-founded a successful tin mining company.

More support for aged care providers with the ACFI

Aged care providers - including rural and smaller ones or those with specific needs - will be able to get practical advice on the new funding model from a dedicated free advisory service. Department of Health and Ageing recently appointed KPMG - which

has set up a project office - to deal with requests for assistance from Australia's 2,870 nursing homes as they make the transition to new funding arrangements.

The Australian Government recognised some may need help making the change and the service will provide \$3 million in business advice.

The new funding model - known as the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) - replaced the Resident Classification Scheme on March 20 this year. It had bi-partisan support. Requests will be made through a dedicated webpage or a telephone hotline. -- 1-800-633-719 or www.acfi.kpmg.com.au.

In addition, the Australian Government has already indicated that it will monitor the implementation of the new funding model for aged care through the ACFI Reference Group - which was set up by the previous government. The Australian Government has reiterated its commitment to review the ACFI in 18 months.

Access Economics will independently analyse the first 20,000 ACFI claims received to check if it is performing as predicted. Results of this analysis will be available in July.

National Broadband Network submissions

The Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator Stephen Conroy, has reminded stakeholders of upcoming deadlines for regulatory issues and remote areas broadband solutions submissions.

Submissions on regulatory issues associated with the National Broadband Network (NBN) close on 25 June 2008. Submissions on broadband solutions for remote areas close on 30 June 2008.

More information on the National Broadband Network and the submissions process can be found on the Department's [website](#).

Youth binge drinking a major problem

Police say binge drinking is a serious problem in Sydney, warning young people to go home if they are drunk rather than loiter around pubs and clubs.

Young people are getting drunk, kicked out of pubs and loitering on the street, leading to assaults, crime and other anti-social behaviour.

Licensed premises are working with police to avoid imposing lockouts such as those seen in Melbourne, but police warn they may be forced to introduce them.

Police targeting drug and alcohol-fuelled crime made 70 arrests in central Sydney over the Queen's Birthday long weekend as part of Operation Rolling Thunder.

Victorian police say anti-social behaviour on Melbourne's streets decreased this weekend during the city's new 2am lockout for licensed venues.

State and federal ministers will meet next month to discuss binge drinking problems in Australia.

Coburg - the newest Solar City

A community program exploring how low-income households can become more sustainable will be a feature of Australia's latest Solar Cities project.

Environment Minister Peter Garrett has announced \$4.9 million in Australian Government funding for the Coburg Solar City, the 6th in the Solar Cities program.

"I am particularly pleased that a key feature of the Coburg Solar City will be the development of an 'Energy Hub', a community enterprise providing energy retrofit services for low income and public housing tenants," Mr Garrett said.

"Led by the Moreland Energy Foundation Ltd in partnership with the Moreland City Council, the Victorian Government and the Brotherhood of St Laurence, the Coburg Solar City project will ensure that assistance gets to those who need it most in finding sustainable energy solutions. We expect around 1000 low income households to benefit from energy efficiency audits and retrofitting," Mr Garrett said.

Coburg joins Adelaide, Townsville, Blacktown, Alice Springs and Central Victoria as part of the \$94 million Solar Cities initiative.

Responding to Sea Level Rise

One of the key issues for coastal and tidal councils is the impact of sea level rise (SLR) over the long term, and more immediately the impact of the combination of storm surges and high tides on a council's coastal infrastructure.

An IPWEA national conference focusing on engineering practical climate change solutions is being held in Coffs Harbour NSW from 3-5 August 2008. The Conference will be an opportunity to learn from the experiences of many local governments that have been involved in the development of coastal and estuarine management response to sea level rise. The focus is on practical strategies and solutions.

The target audience is engineers, planners, consultants, technical staff, elected members and CEO's. There has been a very strong response to the Call for Papers which has resulted in two streams of papers being presented. Topic areas covered include the extent and impact of SLR, risk management and adaptation responses, land use planning, storm tide events, community engagement, emergency management responses and planning, and more.

Registrations are now open. Early bird registrations close 4th July 2008.

Healthy Spaces and Places

The draft Healthy Spaces and Places guide is now available for public comment on the ALGA website: www.alga.asn.au

ALGA President Cr Paul Bell encouraged councils to comment on the guide and participate in soon-to-be announced workshops. "There are natural parallels with councils' push to upgrade existing community infrastructure such as ovals, walking tracks, cycle paths and swimming pools," Cr Bell said. "Active communities are healthy communities." These will be available at www.planning.org.au

The Australian Local Government Association, the National Heart Foundation of Australia, and the Planning Institute of Australia have collaborated on the Healthy Spaces and Places project with funding assistance from the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.

The Healthy Spaces and Places initiative aims to strengthen knowledge about the importance of promoting the ongoing development and improvement of built environments where Australians live, work and play. There is a growing body of evidence that the design and management of the built environment is associated with levels of physical activity.

Minister Garrett responds to ALGA President

Environment Minister Peter Garrett replied on 3 June to the 18 March letter from ALGA President Cr Paul Bell seeking a review of the new Australian Government's decision to cease funding for the Local Government Natural Resource Facilitator Network. The eight facilitators, employed through ALGA and the state and territory local government associations, worked closely with councils on a wide range of natural resource management matters.

In his reply, Minister Garrett noted that a single national local government coordinator would be appointed, to work for the Australian Government. The Minister stated that this coordinator would have a role in '...identifying opportunities for partnerships with local councils that can help achieve the Government's outcomes and priorities under Caring for our Country.' Watch this space.

Housing Affordability Fund

Acting Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Housing Minister Tanya Plibersek launched a Housing Affordability Fund (HAF) Consultation Paper in Sydney on Wednesday this week. Under this program, the Australian Government is investing \$512 million in a Housing Affordability Fund to lower the cost of building new homes by tackling the critical supply side issues of the length of time taken to bring new houses to sale and the impact of infrastructure charges. The consultation period for the HAF is open until 17 July 2008. ALGA will make a submission but State and Territory Associations and councils are also encouraged to have their say.

Melbourne to stay on stage 3a water bans until Nov 30

Melbourne will remain on stage 3a water restrictions until at least November 30.

The decision will spare the city stage four restrictions, despite dams plunging close to the trigger point for tougher water bans. Water Minister Tim Holding says it'll enable businesses including nurseries, car washes and landscape gardeners, to keep operating through the drought.

Melbourne has been on stage 3a restrictions since April 2007, despite storages dipping below the trigger point. Under 3a water bans, gardeners can only water two mornings a week, but commercial car washes can continue to operate and councils can maintain one-in-four sporting grounds.

Council wins UN award

A South-East Queensland council has won a United Nations award for environmental management.

Ipswich City Council was named the overall environmental management winner in the local government category at the 2008 United Nations Association of Australia World Environment Day Awards held in Melbourne last Friday.

The council joined the Cities for Climate Change program set up by the United Nations in 2000 and in 2002 set a target of reducing carbon emission by 20 per cent by 2010.

Ipswich Mayor Paul Pisasale said the city had made several changes which had been recognised by the United Nations Association of Australia.

"What we have done is created a partnership with the community," Cr Pisasale said.

"We've set up honorary ranger programs, we've set up partnerships with local conservation groups and we pay the rates on areas of land that have been set aside as conservation areas," he said.

Cr Pisasale said more land had been set aside for the program, putting the council "on track" to meet its carbon emission targets.

It is the second major international gong for Ipswich, which was named the world's most liveable mid-sized city by the United Nations last year.

Reporting on greenhouse gas emissions - NGER System

The introduction of the *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act* in 2007 raised some potentially significant issues for local government. ALGA and the state/territory associations have been working on these matters for some time.

ALGA had further discussions with senior staff of the Emissions Reporting and Analysis Branch in the Department of Climate Change (DCC) last week, to clarify further some key issues for local government.

The central issue is whether councils will need to report; this will be determined by both their corporate status and their emissions, energy production and energy consumption. There are two threshold sets: those associated with corporations and those associated with facilities under the control of corporations.

The determination of whether a council is a corporation is a complex issue. In relation to emission/production/consumption thresholds, individual councils will need to collect and analyse their data. Reporting requirements, data collection and

management standards, etc. will be detailed in the forthcoming regulations and technical guidelines. For further information please see below.

Advice from the Department is briefly as follows.

Current status of the Regulations and the Technical Guidelines

The Regulations, which were the subject of the Regulations Policy Paper put out for comment in February, will be finalised by the end of June. DCC has just provided an explanatory document on its [NGERS website](#) illustrating the key differences in approach which have resulted as the Regulations have been developed.

The Technical Guidelines, which were put out in draft form in a discussion paper in December 2007, will also be finalised as legislation by the end of June. They will be placed on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments, (and will be available online through www.comlaw.gov.au/ - as will the Regulations).

Access to training/capacity building for councils, state associations and ALGA

Information sessions for potential reporting entities and others will be held in mid-July, as will more detailed workshops. These will be publicised through methods including emails to those on the DCC NGERS stakeholder database. This list includes a contact officer from ALGA and from each of the state/territory associations.

In addition, ALGA has offered DCC the opportunity to provide regular updates on implementation of the reporting framework to local government through 'ALGA News'.

DCC is producing a simplified set of guidelines, which will be posted on the NGERS website in July. Case studies will be developed between July and December, and also posted on the website.

DCC is also producing a discussion paper on the auditing of data collection and management under the Act.

DCC will also have a calculator online in mid-June to enable potential reporting entities to estimate their emissions with regard to the thresholds.

Tasmanian State Budget

A new project was announced in yesterday's Tasmanian State Budget, aimed at strengthening local government.

Funding of \$200,000 is designed to help position Tasmanian local government to respond to the strategic issues facing the sector.

The Minister for Local Government, Jim Cox, said that the Stronger Councils, Better Services project would help local government to strengthen its financial sustainability, and improve the governance and service delivery of councils across the State.

Mr Cox said the project would be run jointly between the State Government and local government, through LGAT.

The project would also review the role and activities of the Local Government Board; allow the State Government to work with the Local Government Association of Tasmania on the implementation of recommendations arising from the report on the financial sustainability of councils commissioned by the Association in 2007, and co-ordinate implementation of national frameworks on asset and financial management that have been endorsed by the Local Government and Planning Ministers' Council.

2008 SA State Budget

The Budget speech, media releases and the full budget papers can be found on the State Government's Budget website linked above or at: www.statebudget.sa.gov.au/.

The LGA's initial media response to the budget can be found here: [State Budget Response](#).

ALGA submission on waste management

ALGA has made a submission to the current Senate *Inquiry into the Management of Australia's Waste Streams*. The Inquiry is being conducted by the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts, and is examining management of Australia's waste streams, with particular reference to:

- trends in waste production in Australia across household, consumer, commercial and industrial waste streams
- effectiveness of existing strategies to reduce, recover or reuse waste from different waste streams
- potential new strategies to reduce, recover or reuse waste from different waste streams
- the economic, environmental and social benefits and costs of such strategies
- policy priorities to maximise the efficiency and efficacy of efforts to reduce, recover or reuse waste from different waste streams and
- consideration of the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008.

The ALGA submission noted amongst other points:

- effective waste management should be based on waste minimisation, through collaborative work between manufacturers and importers of products and materials, and all three levels of government
- the changing composition and increasing volume of the Australian waste stream present significant challenges to local government, which is the principal agency managing waste in Australia
- innovative cost-effective market and non-market mechanisms to reduce the waste stream and to encourage recycling are possible and should be explored by the Australian and State/Territory Governments
- additional support to local government may be required to encourage recycling in remote, rural and regional Australia.

The ALGA submission is on the Committee [website](#), along with submissions from some State Associations and councils.

Qld: Motorists vote for worst roads

Motorists have voted more than 360 of Queensland's roads as "unroadworthy" in a new survey by motoring club RACQ.

Beechmont Road, between Lower Beechmont and Beechmont, was voted the worst main road.

Gap Creek Road, between The Gap and Kenmore Hills, in the Brisbane City Council area, was voted the worst local authority road for its unsealed and slippery surface.

"The survey shows all levels of government that there is still much more to be done to address the backlog in repairs, to maintain existing roads and to improve their standard for future travel needs," Mr Wikman said.

He said the RACQ would use the results to continue to lobby governments for road upgrades. Queensland's worst roads as voted by RACQ members.

Top five worst local authority roads:

1. Gap Creek Road, between The Gap and Kenmore Hills (Brisbane City Council)
2. Malcomson Street, between Mackay-Bucasia Road and Mackay-Slade Point Road (Mackay City Council)
3. Old Toogoom Road, between Toogoom Road and Torbanlea (Hervey Bay City Council)
4. Bonna Road, between Isis Highway and End of Bonna Road (Burnett Shire Council)
5. Illaweena Street, between Gowan Road and Wembley Road (Brisbane City Council); and Bellthorpe Range Road, Nonmus Road to Keir Road (Caboolture Shire Council).

Quote of the week

"I cannot fix on the hour, or the spot, or the look, or the words, which laid the foundation. It is too long ago. I was in the middle before I knew that I had begun."

Mr Darcy, when asked by Elizabeth how he came to fall in love with her.

International news 

A 'Self Diagnostic Tool' that has been designed by the Global Planners Network to give all those engaged in planning around the world a means to assess the capacity for planning in their country and to compare this with the development challenges that face it.

The questions in the Self Diagnostic Tool walk the individual or organisation through a structured assessment of their own capacity to act as agents of change and make settlements more sustainable through planning. By working through the questions they hope participants will learn more about the priorities for planning in their own country or region, and examine potential responses to them.

The Self Diagnostic Tool is designed to help nations and territories compare themselves with nations and territories facing similar challenges.

In short, organisational and individual responses are designed to help build a coherent global picture of capacity, in each region of the world.

The Global Planners Network will analyse the data to enhance current understanding of the different ways that planning is done. This will help highlight where the main gaps in capacity are, both geographically and functionally, and show where knowledge could most usefully be transferred and exchanged.

Anyone who practises any of the activities falling under the very broad umbrella of the planning of settlements (e.g. town or regional planning; zoning & land use; urban design; and environmental, economic, social, or infrastructure planning) is welcome to work through the Self Diagnostic Tool. For further information or to access the tool please [click here](#).



Benchmarking Best Practice in Local Govt conference

CEOs from a number of councils, including the Chair of the Local Government Business Excellence Network, Peter Gesling, will share their insights into how councils can implement advanced and innovative management strategies to create best practice outcomes.

The 2008 Benchmarking Best Practice in Local Government Conference, to be held in Sydney on 28-29 July, will hear presentations from senior local government managers and leading advisory firms. They will present case studies and provide detailed advice on how councils can drive organisational improvements, achieve productivity gains, reduce costs, and deliver high levels of service to their local community.

Speakers such as the City of Marion's CEO Mark Searle; Logan City Council's CEO Chris Rose and Ararat Rural City Council CEO, Steve Chapple, will outline the dynamics of improved staff culture and increased performance levels within their respective organisations.

Innovation is at the core of enhanced local government performance and this conference will bring together some of the most outstanding practitioners of continuous improvement within local government across Australia. It will provide delegates with the detailed and specific tools to implement lasting improvements in their own council operations across a range of functions.

The best practice case studies will cover areas such as: improving council workforce culture; staff productivity and retention; financial management; risk management; environmental sustainability; and information technology.

For further information about the conference, visit
www.halledit.com.au/conferences phone (03) 8534 5000 or email
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INNOVATION IN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT SUMMIT



**Wednesday August 6 and Thursday, August 7
Dockside Convention Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney**

This important conference will feature presentations and case studies about the latest technologies and innovations being used by local governments to improve their planning and development assessment processes. A particular focus will be an expert update on the Federal Government's \$30 million rollout of electronic development assessments (eDAs).

In light of the increasing emphasis being placed by federal and state governments on the need for councils to improve the efficiency of development assessment, as well as local governments needing to overcome the shortage of qualified planning staff, this national summit will arm planners, senior council managers, and councillors with the latest advice and best practice planning benchmarks to address these issues.

Top level speakers will include:-

- Tanya Plibersek, the Federal Housing Minister
- Robyn Barrow, the Chair of the eDA National Steering Committee
- Peter Allen, the Chair of the Development Assessment Forum
- Di Jay, the CEO, Planning Institute of Australia
- Chris Johnson, Executive Director, Special Projects, NSW Dept of Planning

Case studies from leading councils will focus on:-

- Optimising development assessment performance through new technology and better processes.
- Achieving a best practice workplace environment within a council planning unit.
- Delivering best practice urban design outcomes through innovative planning.
- Achieving sustainable urban development through innovative strategic planning.
- Innovative planning mechanisms for encouraging sustainable development

The summit will provide attendees with detailed information about the current and future direction of government development assessment policies and technological innovation.

For further information about the summit, visit www.halledit.com.au/conferences or phone (03) 8534 5000 or email denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au

Forthcoming events

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

- 06 - 11 July 2008 Twelfth National School in Park Management
- 09 - 11 July 2008 National Local Government Environment Conference
- 09 - 11 July 2008 AUCEA National Conference 2008

Media Release

09 May 2008

Missed Opportunity to Redress Genuine Need

The State Government has chosen what is “nice to have” rather than “what is needed” in its capital works program outlined in today’s State Budget.

WA Local Government Association President Cr Bill Mitchell said the State Government has missed an opportunity to redress a \$1.75 billion backlog in maintaining Local Government infrastructure.

He said the \$26.1b capital works program to build a new football stadium in Subiaco; a new museum at East Perth; and have a nicer Perth waterfront is at the expense of basic services such as roads and associated infrastructure in predominately non-metropolitan areas.

“Much of the economic prosperity that has enabled the State Government to enjoy a \$1.85 billion surplus comes from the resources sector and its activities in regional Western Australia,” Cr Mitchell said.

“The capital works program announced today that ignores the \$1.75 billion backlog in Local Government infrastructure and emphasises the disconnection between where the State’s wealth is generated and where it is spent.

“There needs to be a balance in both metropolitan and regional investment and, more importantly, between what is nice to have and what is needed.

“If the State Government can not find a way to redress the infrastructure backlog when enjoying consecutive budget surpluses in excess of \$1.8 billion then when will it?”

Cr Mitchell said to redress the anomaly of 72% of the State roads only being funded by 27% of vehicle registrations, WALGA had lobbied for an additional \$80m for local road without success.

“We are still examining the Budget papers but so far we have only been able to identify an additional \$4.35 million for public libraries, to take it up to \$10.8m, as the lone additional commitment for Local Government beyond indexed adjustments,” Cr Mitchell said.

“This State Budget is a missed opportunity to redress genuine areas of need in favor of projects that will be iconic and popular with metropolitan voters.

“It locks the State into a capital works program for the next four years during which time even Treasury estimates significant reductions in the size of the available surplus.”



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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- ❑ Administration Officer (Recreation) – commences 19/6/08.
- ❑ Streamcare Promoter (Casual) – commence 19/6/08.
- ❑ Waste Collection Vehicle Operator – commence 23/6/08.

Staff Leaving:

- ❑ Crossover Officer, retirement effective 15/7/08.

Other Staff Movements (Internal):

- ❑ Records Officer, successful in position of Administration Officer (Technical Services) Commences in new role 30/6/08.
- ❑ Library Clerk, casual to part-time commencing 24/6/08.
- ❑ Parks Maintenance Operator to Irrigation Fitter commenced 10/6/08.

Current Recruitment Activity:

- ❑ Asset Management Coordinator – position on hold.
- ❑ Senior Designer – position on hold.
- ❑ Engineering Surveyor – position on hold.
- ❑ Engineering Design & Drafting/Technical Officer – interview to be scheduled.
- ❑ Subdivision Engineer – position on hold.
- ❑ Parks Technical Officer – applications closed 6/6/08, no suitable applicants – to be reviewed.
- ❑ Cadet Building Surveyor – position on hold.
- ❑ Plant Operator/Waste Collection Vehicle Operator – interviews complete, recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Director – City Projects – position withdrawn.
- ❑ Manager – City Projects – recruitment proceeding.
- ❑ Supervisor Development & Assets – applications close 6/6/08, no suitable applicants – to be reviewed.
- ❑ Environmental Health Officer – applications close 6/6/08, interview scheduled 18/6/08.



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

TECHNICAL SERVICES WORKS PROGRAMME**May - July 2008**

	May	June	July
Civil Works	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Road Stage 1 • Ranford Road Stage 2 • Footpath Construction programme • Wright Rd upgrade • Railway Ave/Merrifield Rd roundabout. • Green Ave/Church Ave/Wungong Rd • Wungong Rd/Seventh Rd • Slab Gully drainage • Heritage Rd Rehabilitation • Carrawatha Ave Rehabilitation <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath, kerb and drainage repairs • Pothole and road failure repairs • Contract road sweeping 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Road Stage 1 • Ranford Road Stage 2 • Wright Rd upgrade • Railway Ave/Merrifield Rd roundabout. • Green Ave/Church Ave/Wungong Rd • Wungong Rd/Seventh Rd • Lowanna/Challis (Black Spot) • Slab Gully drainage • Heritage Rd • Carrawatha Ave • Soldiers Rd repairs • Poad/Hesketh (Black Spot) • Lowanna/Challis (Black Spot) <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath, kerb and drainage repairs • Pothole and road failure repairs • Contract road sweeping 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Road Stage 1 • Ranford Road Stage 2 • Ranford Road Stage 3 • Wright Rd drainage upgrade • Green Ave/Church Ave/Wungong Rd • Wungong Rd/Seventh Rd • Heritage Rd upgrade • Soldiers Rd repairs • Harrison Rd upgrade <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct 3 & 4 • Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) • Armadale Plaza Development (Westzone) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct 3 & 4 • Armadale Plaza Development (Westzone) • Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park) Stg 3&4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct 3 & 4 • Armadale Plaza Development (Westzone) • Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park) Stg 3&4

Information Items from the Technical Services Directorate

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd Stg 4 • Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park) Stg 3&4 • Lot 604 Waterwheel Road Stg 3 & POS • Forrestdale Business Park • Lot 14 & 29 Westfield Road • Lot 80 Lake Road. • Lot 27 Lake Road • Lot 123 Canns Road • Chilten Estate –Stg 7 • Lot 1 & 2 Ninth Rd • Champion Lakes Stg 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot 604 Waterwheel Road Stg 3 & POS • Forrestdale Business Park • Lot 14 & 29 Westfield Road • Lot 27 Lake Road • Lot 123 Canns Road • Chilten Estate –Stg 7 • Lot 1 & 2 Ninth Rd • Champion Lakes Stg 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot 604 Waterwheel Road Stg 3 & POS • Forrestdale Business Park • Lot 14 & 29 Westfield Road • Lot 27 Lake Road • Lot 123 Canns Road • Chilten Estate –Stg 7 • Lot 1 & 2 Ninth Rd • Champion Lakes Stg 2 • Irimple Road – Lot 4 & 160
<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warton Rd (Dual Carriageway) • Westfield Stage 2 (Champion-Grovelands) • Orchard Ave, Stage 2 (completion) • Heritage Drive; Rehab Grant • Carawatha Ave; • Roundabout (Church/Wungong) • Ranford Rd; Stage 2 Dual Carriageway <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slab Gully, Stage 3b • Carawatha Ave – Subsoil Drainage • Leys Rise - Outfall structure • Katrina Tce – Subsoil Drainage 	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warton Rd (Dual Carriageway) • Westfield Stage 2 • Ranford Rd; Stage 2 lighting & drainage • Harrison Road • Soldiers Road • Wungong Road (roundabout to Seventh) <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slab Gully, Stage 3b • Leys Rise - Outfall structure • Banyard Road – Twin System 	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warton Rd (Dual Carriageway) • Ranford Rd; Stage 2 lighting & drainage • Wungong Rd – Widening • RSL – Carpark proposal • Abbey/Railway/Armada <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banyard Road – Twin System 	

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Parks and Reserves	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Strategy • Park Improvements – Rushton Park • Tree Preservation – Ficus Tree Removals • Nature Reserves Improvements • Oval Lighting Projects- Alfred Skeet. <p>Asset Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play Equipment – General Works <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule Mowing • Streetscape Maintenance • Street Tree Pruning – Seville Grove, Forestdale, Brookdale. 	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Strategy • Park Improvements – Rushton Park • Tree Preservation – Ficus Tree Removals • Nature Reserves Improvements • Oval Lighting Project- Alfred Skeet • Tree Planting Citywide • Memorial Park Improvements • Corfield St Streetscape Improvements <p>Asset Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play Equipment – Westfield Res • Play Equipment – Bryan Gel Res • Play Equipment – William Skeet Res <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule Mowing • Streetscape Maintenance • Street Tree Pruning – Seville Grove, Forestdale, Brookdale. 	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Strategy • Park Improvements – Rushton Park • Tree Preservation – Ficus Tree Removals • Nature Reserves Improvements • Memorial Park Improvements <p>Asset Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule Mowing • Streetscape Maintenance
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MINUTES

ARMADALE GOSNELLS LANDCARE GROUP MEETING NO. 124

**HELD IN THE FUNCTION ROOM AT THE CITY OF
ARMADALE ON WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY 2008 AT 6.05 PM**

1. Attendance & Apologies

Member/Deputy Member	Affiliations
Mr Cam Clay	Chairperson Bedfordale Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
Cr Pat Hart	Armadale City River Care Group
Ms Gwen Watson	Armadale City River Care Group
Ms Sue Williams	Friends of Wright Brook
Mr Steven Aldersea	Friends of Neerigen Brook
Ms Julie Robert	SERCUL
Mr Greg Davis	Guest Speaker – Department of Water [6.05 pm to 6.50 pm]
Mr Ron Van Delft	City of Armadale – Senior Environmental Planner
Mr Toby Rees	Environmental Officer – City of Gosnells
Ms Crystal McIvor	Community Landcare Coordinator
Mr Matt Grimby	River Restoration Officer
Mrs Yvonne Ward	Minute Secretary
Apologies:	
Mr Adrian Choules	Friends of Goolamrup
Mr Ken Downsborough	Palomino Reserve Catchment Group
Mr Peter Carrigg	Community Representative
Cr Ron Mitchell	Councillor – City of Gosnells
Cr Ruth Butterfield	Councillor – City of Armadale
Ms Regina Drummond	Friends of Brixton Street Wetlands
Ms Paula Haro	Environmental Officer – City of Armadale

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 23 April 2008

RECOMMEND

That the Minutes of the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group Meeting held on 23 April be received.

MOVED Ms Gwen Watson

SECONDED Ms Sue Williams

CARRIED

3. Guest Speaker

Mr. Greg Davis of the Department of Water provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Forestdale Arterial Drainage Scheme, the Department of Water's role in drainage and the Southern River Integrated Land and Water Management Strategy. (**Refer to Attachment "A-1"**.)

Greg Davis advised that the Department of Water had sent a brief note to their Minister advising that matching State money is needed in order to progress projects. He advised that the City of Gosnells and Armadale will be priority 1 and 2 off the rank to look at storm management plans and on ground work.

It was suggested that a letter be written to the Minister expressing concern regarding the award of matching funding by the State for the urban water renewal.

RECOMMEND

That a letter be written to the Minister of Water Resources requesting him to lobby the State Government to provide matching funding for the urban water renewal program.

**MOVED Mr Cam Clay
SECONDED Cr Pat Hart**

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

9. *Champion Lakes (26 March 2008)*

The Community Landcare Coordinator advised that she had received advice from Ken Downsborough that he will provide a report to the June 2008 AGLG Meeting on the matter of the sea grass.

5. Correspondence In – May 2008

- 5.1 Letter: Department of indigenous Affairs consent letter for SALP 2009 application
- 5.2 Letter: Murdoch University - request to complete a survey on Environmental Community Organisations
- 5.3 Pamphlet: 11th International Riversymposium
- 5.4 Flyer: Cardboard Recycling Company
- 5.5 Pamphlet: Westpac Banking solutions
- 5.6 Statement: Westpac Bank - Cash management Account
- 5.7 Statement: Westpac Bank - Cheque Account
- 5.8 Recipient Created Tax Invoice: Lotterywest repayment for Stage 2: \$4376.90
CMP
- 5.9 Invoice: Optus Mobile Phone account for May \$103.48
- 5.10 Invoice: Perry Environmental Contracting - Palomino Reserve \$1270.50
- 5.11 Purchase Order Confirmation City of Gosnells - Riverbank 08 Funding
- 5.12 Invoice: Bluesands Environmental - Stage 2 Payment: \$4376.90
- 5.13 Certificate: Catchments, Corridors and Coasts Participation

- 5.14 Newsletter: Urban Bushland Council Events List for 2008 and invitations to various events
- 5.15 Strategy: Swan River Trust Foreshore Assessment and Management Strategy document and CD
- 5.16 Invitation: Seniors Recreation Council - various invitations to events
- 5.17 Rental Booking Contract: City of Gosnells - John Okey Davis Park Catchment Activity Day
- 5.18 Delivery Confirmation: Australia Post (SALP Application)
- 5.19 Paper: Water Corporation's 50 year Plan
- 5.20 Magazine: Landcare Australia March 2008 edition
- 5.21 Invoice: Ecojobs - Bickley rd Basin \$ 454.30
- 5.22 Invoice: Perry Environmental Contracting - Fancote Park \$2365.00
- 5.23 Invoice: The Leagues Pty Ltd - AGLG Uniform Embroidery \$142.56
- 5.24 Invoice: Allmark and Associates - AGLG Name Badges \$112.20
- 5.25 Strategy: Water Corporation - water forever - 50 year Plan
- 5.26 Invoice: Street Signs - AGLG Car Door Magnets x 2 sets \$242.00
- 5.27 Invoice: Bandicoot Nursery Seedling delivery \$3421.75
- 5.28 Magazine: Thinking Bush march 2008
- 5.29 Letter: Department of Water - producing an E-newsletter now, rather than *Water Solutions* the old hard copy version.
- 5.30 Letter: New website for community groups etc. in the City of Armadale produced by Our Community Online - www.armadale.wa.au
- 5.31 Invitation: City of Armadale - BEAC 08/09 Grant application form and guidelines
- 5.32 Registration: Dieback Information Group Conference 2008 - 4th July
- 5.33 Invitation: Alcoa Dieback Combat Day - 12th July
- 5.34 Invoice: Martin's Environmental: Weed Control @ Westfield Heron Reserve \$396.00

6. Correspondence Out – May 2008

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- 6.5 Letter: Lotterywest reimbursement for Stage 2 of the CMP \$4376.90
- 6.6 Report: 1/4ly report for Bickley Rd Comp Basin to the Swan River Trust
- 6.7 Letter: Water Corporation - reply regarding \$20,000 grant to offset Pumping Station at Palomino Reserve
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The Community Landcare Coordinator advised that, in regard to the \$20,000 offset for the Pumping Station at Palomino Reserve, a reply had been received from the Water Corporation that a cheque would be forthcoming in the very near future.

RECOMMEND

That the correspondence be received.

**MOVED Mr Steven Aldersea
SECONDED Cr Pat Hart**

CARRIED

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was verbally reported and is attached to these Minutes. (Refer to Attachment "A-2".)

RECOMMEND

That the Treasurer's Report be received.

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

CARRIED

8. Chairman's Report

Nil

9. Notification of Special Resolution – Alteration to the Rules of the Constitution

The Community Landcare Coordinator advised that AGLG is currently reviewing its Constitution. A copy of the current Constitution and table, with suggested changes/amendments for the updated version, was circulated to members present. It is intended that a copy of these documents will be mailed to all members. The next meeting of AGLG on 25 June 2008 will be advertised as a Special Resolution Meeting to primarily put forward a motion to alter the rules of the Constitution. A normal general meeting will follow. Comments/suggestions regarding the updated Constitution were requested.

Meeting adjourned at 7.20 pm and resumed at 7.40 pm.

10. Champion Lakes

Nil

10 Tonkin Highway Construction Project (26 March 2008)

The Senior Environmental Planner echoed of a number of concerns relating to the construction of Tonkin Highway including:

- the Community Reference Group had not met for some time;
- there were a number of wetland issues which were of concern to AGLG;
- A lack of information on whether the wetland offset package and Threatened Ecological Communities offset package had been implemented was leading to

speculation that the environmental conditions were not being met in a timely manner.

Action:

The Secretary to write a letter to Main Roads and the EPA Service Unit requesting that the Community Reference Group meet or be informed of progress regarding Wetland offset package and Threatened Ecological Communities offset package as the lack of information is leading to speculation that the environmental conditions are not being met in a timely manner.

11. Bushcare & Environmental Advisory Committee

11.1 Guest Speaker – Mr Geoff Love

Mr Geoff Love from GHD Consultants provided information to the group about a project to develop a Natural Asset Management Framework for the Wungong Redevelopment Area and the City.

11.2 Attendance by Reserve Custodians

Friends of Hall Road Bridle Trail - Mr Dawson advised that the group have fire management concerns. Last year the reserve was sprayed for weeds which also killed plantings. It has been requested that the reserve is burnt this year in Autumn. The Environmental Officer advised that Hall Road Bridle Trail Reserve is scheduled to be burnt this year. The Friends Group will be weed spraying (Freesias and Watsonia) prior to planting.

Peaceful Ponds – Ms Colley advised that seedlings planted last year are doing well. Concerned about a large bare patch of ground in the reserve. Requested that the two benches removed when the path was put in be reinstalled. Mr Clay will organise when the benches are to be reinstalled.

11.3 BEAC Grants 2008/2009

Groups were encouraged to begin thinking of requests for BEAC funds in 2008/2009. The following friends groups received BEAC grants in 2007/2008.

- Friends of Wright Brook
- Roleystone Dieback Action Group
- Bungendore Park Management Committee
- Armadale Settlers Common Management Committee

Groups are reminded that the acquittal of funds is required prior to the end of the financial year.

The Environmental Officer advised a letter had been written and will be sent to all Friends Groups regarding submissions for the 2008/09 grants. Groups have until 30 June to submit applications.

11.4 Streamcare Program

- City of Armadale has advertised for a new 'Streamcare Program Officer' – One application was received and has yet to be assessed.
- Streamcare Promotion 2007 summary report – The Environmental Officer will provide a copy at the next meeting.

11.5 Reserves Scheduled to be burnt in 2008

- Reserves scheduled to be burnt 2008:
 - Hall Rd (Michael Rd to Trevor Court) – The Manager Ranger & Emergency Services has already ordered the burn. Robbie from the Roleystone Brigade is arranging.
 - Springdale Oval;
 - Birtwistle Reserve (Reserve 30231 off Peel Road);
 - Armadale Settlers Common ;
 - Bungendore,

12. City of Gosnells – Environmental Officer

12.1 Pioneer Park

The Environmental Officer advised that in March 2008 a fire occurred in Pioneer Park burning out a large area. The area contained a number of *Callystachys* and as a result of the fire many of the plants have died. It was decided to try and direct seed the area due to the timing of the fire and the consequential lack of available tubestock for this planting season. The area has been under weed control for about five years so fingers are now being crossed as to a good result. A report will be provided to a future AGLG meeting on how successful the experiment was.

Cr Pat Hart requested that the experiment be documented for future reference.

13. City of Armadale – Environmental Officer

[The following report was provided by the Environmental Officer who was unable to attend the meeting.]

13.1 Outer Metro Community Grant - Dieback

The dieback cleaning stations have been installed at Lloyd Hughes, Bungendore Park and Armadale Settlers' Common. The dieback information signs (2 for each reserve) are being finalised and will then be installed.

13.2 BEAC grants

A letter has been sent to all Friends Groups asking for submissions for the 2008/09 BEAC Grants. They have been given until 30 June to get applications in.

13.3 Mapping

Weed, vegetation condition and fire breaks will be mapped in all reserves (except Bungendore Park and Settlers' Common) this winter.

13.4 NAIA database

Have received the NAIA database from the PBP. This information will be used along with weed and vegetation condition surveys to prioritise weed control for the winter.

13.5 Kelmscott Fishcare Site Fence

Approval from the Swan River Trust has been received. Martins Environmental Services will be putting the fence up shortly.

13.6 Clearing permit

Clearing application for Ranford Road – Reserve 30477 and 1 Hatch Court has been approved subject to a flora survey for 2 species of DRF.

[The following report was provided by the Senior Environmental Planner]

13.7 Piping of Neerigen Brook

The Senior Environmental Planner advised on progress regarding a retrospective planning application to pipe Neerigen Brook currently with the State Administrative Tribunal. An existing approval for a equestrian development had been obtained that included a requirement to rehabilitate the Brook, but the owner since piped that section of the brook. There was originally 12 meters of pipe, but this was extended through to 90 metres of pipe. The landowner applied for retrospective planning approval for the pipe which was declined by Council. It was then referred to the State Administrative Tribunal. The City has been negotiating with the landowner and he has now removed 20 metres off each end of the pipe (40 metres) and he has created a 9 metre section in the middle to allow riffles etc. It is a compromise but a win. This case confirms that piping of the Brook is unacceptable or if it is done it has to meet a number of key criteria.

13.8 Resignation of Streamcare Coordinator

Gwen Watson has tendered her resignation as Streamcare Coordinator. Gwen has generously offered to provide a handover. The position has been advertised and a recommendation for a replacement is currently in place.

13.9 City of Armadale – Survey of Reserves

The City of Armadale carries out a survey of its Reserves every 3 to 4 years. A survey of all Council's Reserves that are less than 17 ha will be carried out for weeds etc. during the next few months by the City of Armadale Environmental Officer.

14. Staff Reports – May 2008

14.1 Community Landcare Coordinator's (CLC) Report – May 2008

[Refer to Attachment "A-3" for report.]

14.2 Community Restoration Coordinator's Report – May 2008

- 1 Implement AGLG projects relating to the Upper Canning, Wungong and Southern Rivers and associated tributaries within the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells.

Some of the duties will entail the following areas of project management:

- Manage annual nursery orders, deliveries and distribution.
- First nursery delivery from Bandicoot.
- Coordinate the site preparation of all the AGLG project sites which includes weed management strategies.
- Site inspection at Champion Dve, McNeil Road and Astley – Organised weed control – 28, 30 April
- Site inspections and coordination of weed control at all River Bank and SALP sites – 15, 16, 19, 20 May
- Implement the on ground work component (planting of AGLG Sites) of all AGLG projects.
- Coordinate and attend friends, community groups (including schools) and corporate planting days.

Sent a letter out to all schools in Armadale and Gosnells asking if they would like to do any planting days. Had a fairly good response with a number of schools keen to take part including Sacred Heart PS, Campbell PS, John Wollaston, Brookdale Adventist, John Calvin, Armadale Home Schooling and Armadale PS. We are in the process of booking all these schools in at different sites.

Met with Armadale Home Schooling, Armadale PS in order to plan for planting days and weed control.

- Organise the supply of plants, tools and refreshments where possible to all planting days
- Support and encourage non friends community groups involvement of on ground activities; i.e. planting and manual weeding
- Implement monitoring of all the AGLG Project sites. This includes but not limited to monitoring survival rates and photo points.
- Keep in close contact and update regularly the Community Landcare Coordinator and the staff of the relevant departments of the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells about all AGLG on ground works.

Maintained communication with Crystal on all plans for this year's on ground works.

In contact with Shane Wasley re weed control at Slab Gully.

- 2 Develop and support new Rivercare groups in the City of Gosnells and the City of Armadale; assist these groups in developing and implementing Council-approved river restoration and other environmental rehabilitation plans and in developing funding applications in consultation with the Community Landcare Coordinator.

- 3 Assist with the facilitation and coordination of AGLG promotional event days such as workshops and shows with a view to increasing the number and range of people involved and increase Friends Group memberships.
- 4 Assist with the planning and implementation of the AGLG's Catchment Management Plan.
- 5 Assist the Coordinator in providing consulting or contracting services to the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells and organisations seeking the Group's services in relation to catchment management, waterway protection and rehabilitation.
 - Site Inspection and overview of Slab Gully Stage 3 with Parks and Gardens and Juergen Gossman
 - Developed reveg plan for Williams Rd Main Drain
 - Developed rehabilitation plan for Heron Reserve
 - Assisted with the 2009 SALP application April 24, 30, May 1
- 6 Other duties as required by AGLG that may include, but are not limited to:
 - Support Sub regional NRM Planning and implementation.
 - Report monthly to the AGLG Management Committee and General Committee.
 - Report bi-monthly to the Regional Body – SERCUL.

Attended and reported at SERCUL general meeting 15th May

- Attend monthly Committee Meetings out of normal working hours.
- Participate in Regional Catchment management initiatives.

Attended Southern River Briefing Session 14th May.

- Undertake environmental monitoring and data collection.

- 7 Maintain and/or improve professional skills through training and networking.

15. Friends Groups

15.1 Friends of Wright Brook – Sue Williams

There is quite a lot of water running over the rocks and through the Brook at the moment, which is very pleasing to see. Yesterday, Brett Kuhlmann and Martin's Environmental Services sprayed the weeds in the Reserve. Members of the Friends Group are now looking forward to the start of planting work which is planned for the end of June.

15.2 Armadale City Rivercare – Gwen Watson

The proposed fence is eagerly awaited and planting work is planned for the Kelmscott School site in the near future.

16. General Business

16.1 NRM Funding – Cr Hart

Cr Hart advised that there were ongoing issues regarding continuing NRM funding for approved projects.

16.2 SERCUL (3) Year Project – Julie Robert

SERCUL landed the small to medium industry project that Paul Locke has been working on for quite some time. It received \$75,000 from the Waste Management Board at the beginning of the year but needed two more lots of \$75,000 to get the project up and running. \$75,000 was received from the Department of Water last week and \$75,000 from the City of Canning this week. As a result of the funding allocation, the program can now be started on 1 July 2008, which is great news.

16.3 Cutting down of Trees on Reserve off Mount Street – Senior Planning Officer

A number of trees have been cut down on land owned by the Dept. of Planning & Infrastructure in Mount Street, Kelmscott. The City of Armadale Compliance Officer spoke to all the neighbours adjoining the Reserve, however, no-one has reported seeing anything. Therefore, the City has not been able to take action. The Compliance Officer's report and photo have been forwarded to the Swan River Trust.

16.4 Concern about 100 year Flood – Senior Planning Officer

Following on from information provided by the Guest Speaker, the City's Senior Environmental Planner briefly described the outcome of preliminary studies of the flood storage requirements arising from a 1 in 100 year flood event assuming urbanisation has progressed as expected in the long term. Areas totalling up to 25ha would be needed to accommodate 1 in 100 year flood events as well as existing wetlands. Options are being explored and it will take a while to work through the investigative, regulatory and environmental process.

17. Next Meeting– Wednesday, 25 June 2008

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

[Due to renovations currently being undertaken at the City of Gosnells, AGLG meetings will be held at the City of Armadale from July to November 2008.]

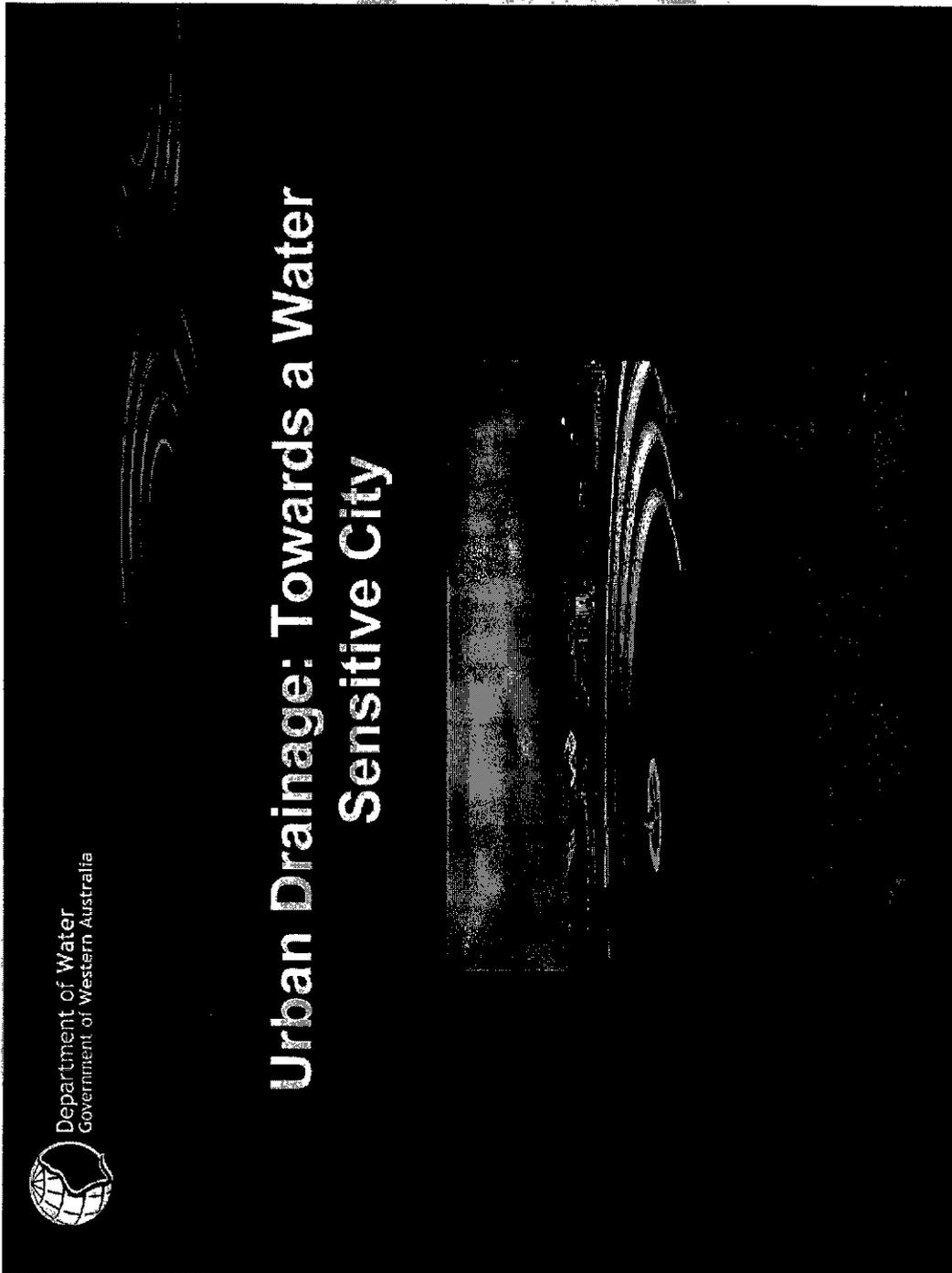
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MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30 PM

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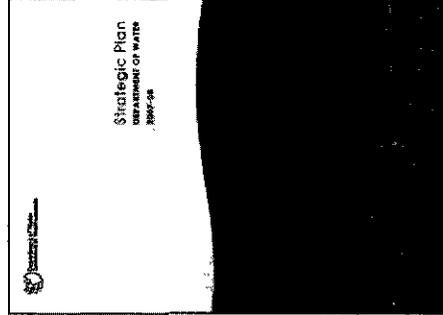

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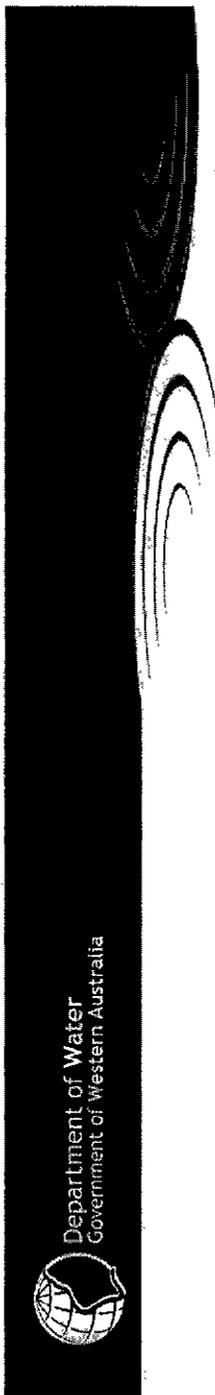
Urban Drainage: Towards a Water Sensitive City



Department of Water's role

- Established November 2005
- Government announced the new department would take a leading role in strategic drainage planning and governance





Department of Water's drainage role

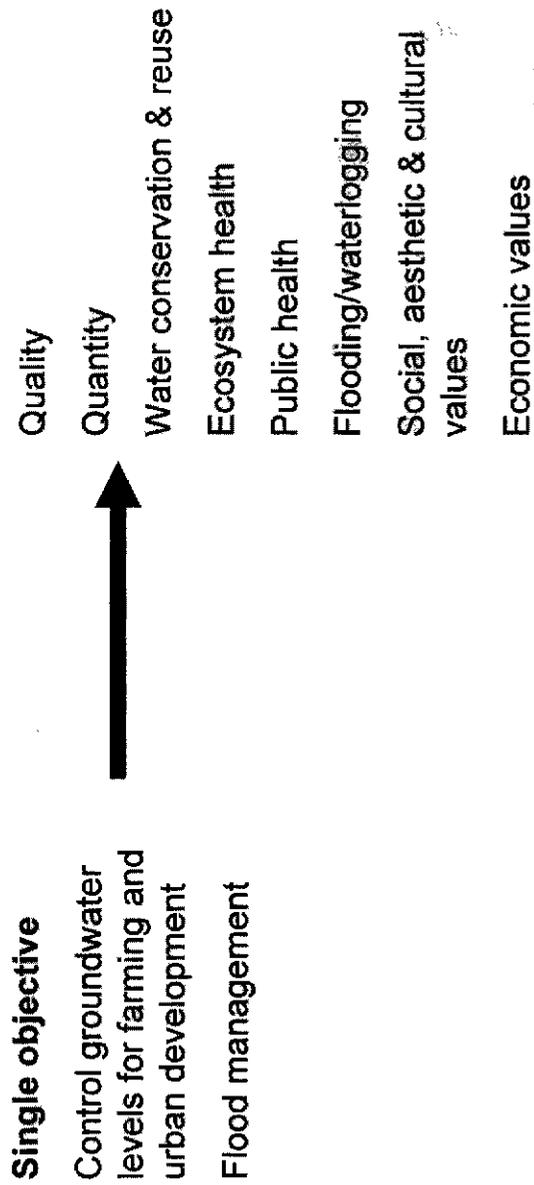
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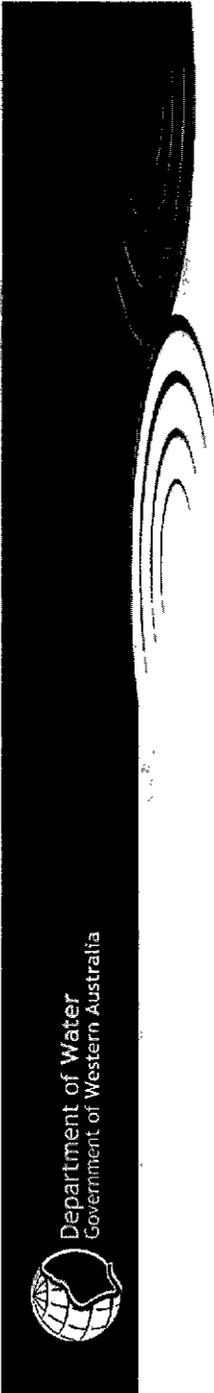
- Urban drainage
- Coastal drainage
- Wheatbelt drainage

Develop governance and funding models frameworks



Changing the approach - Objectives





Changing the approach - Governance

**Complex range of
managers**



**Clear governance
arrangements**

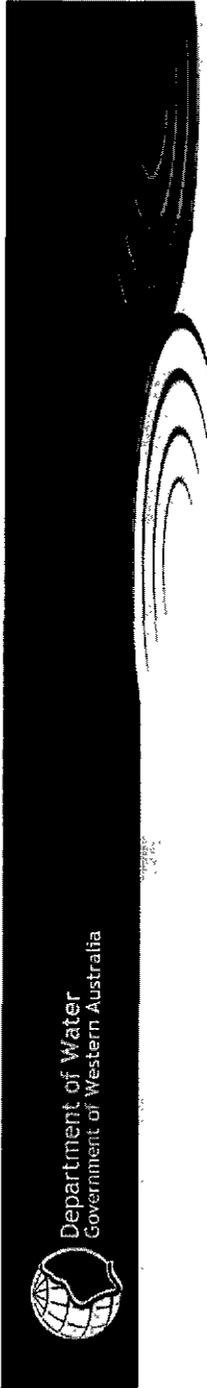
Drainage & water planning

Statutory planning systems

**Installation & maintenance of
drainage schemes**

Funding for management

**Water quality & quantity
addressed**



Changing the approach - Land Use Planning

Subdivision approval
condition

“Develop a drainage and
nutrient management plan.”



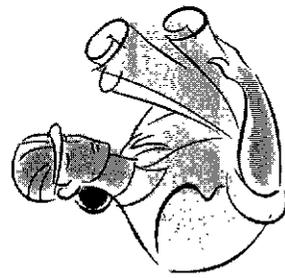
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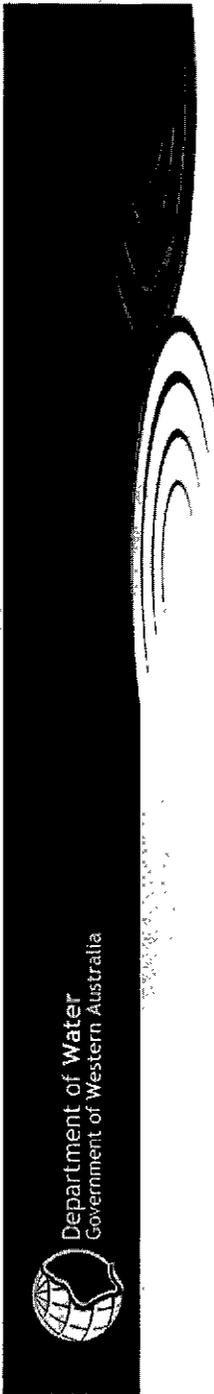
Region schemes

Town planning schemes

Structure planning

Guidance on incorporation of
drainage principles at more
detailed levels of development
(e.g. Stormwater Management
Manual)





Current challenges

Easy areas

Been developed

Low groundwater levels

High infiltration rates



Problematic areas

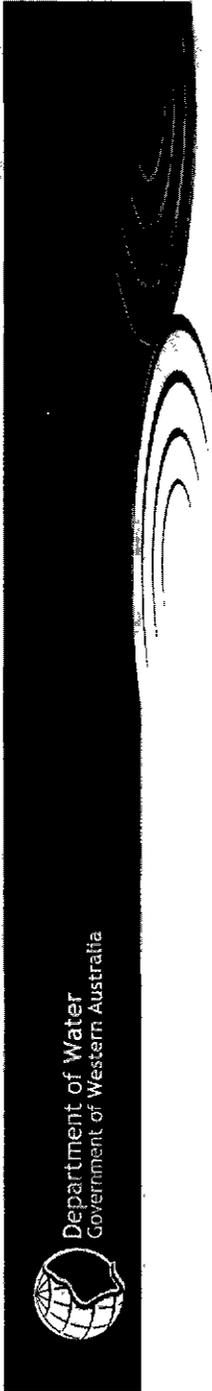
High groundwater levels

High nutrients

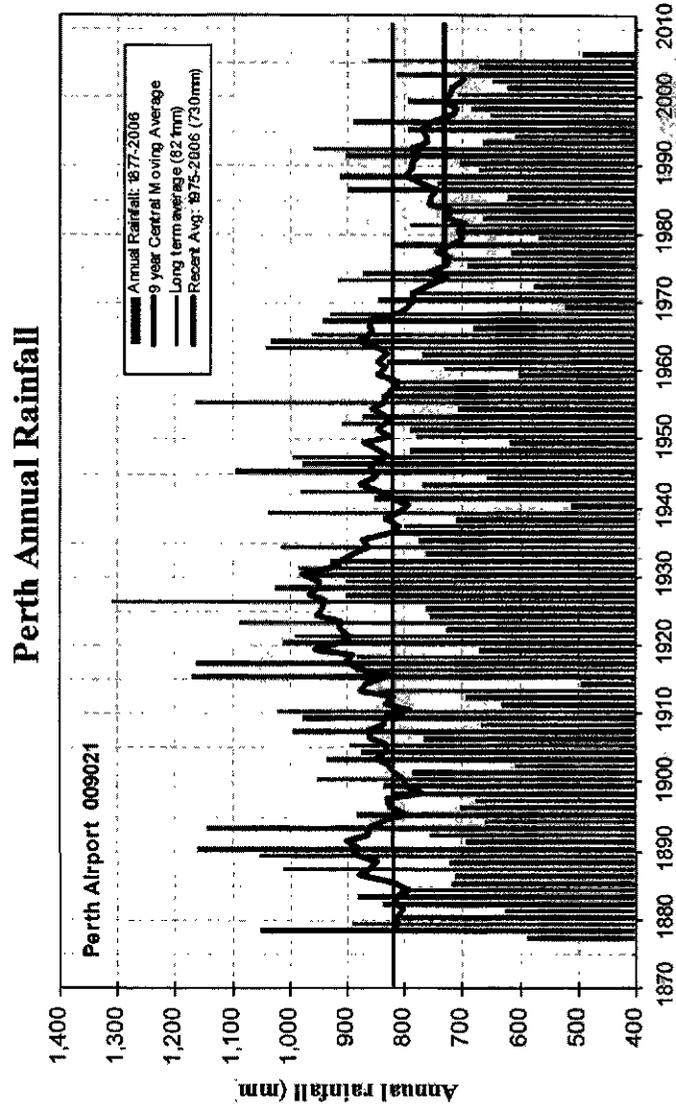
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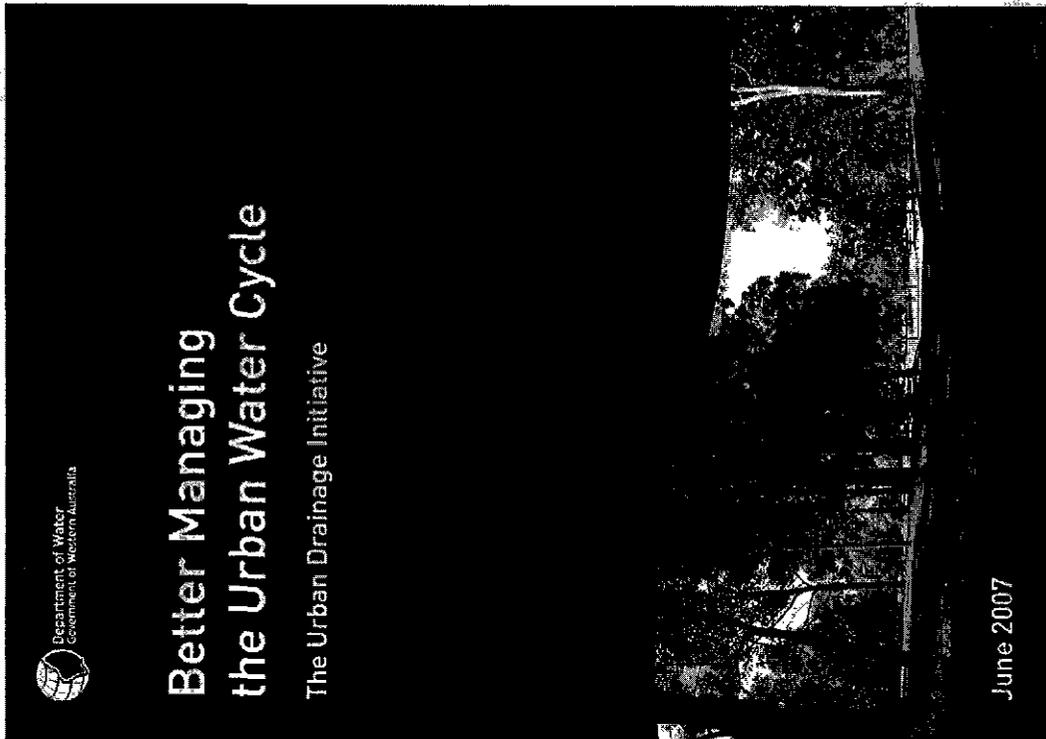
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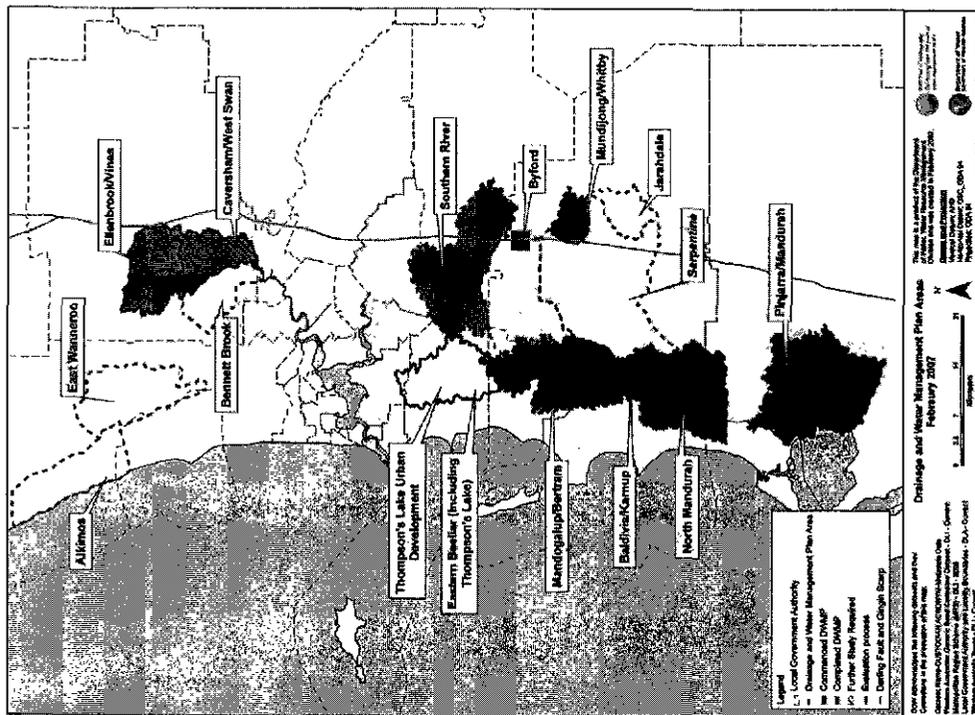
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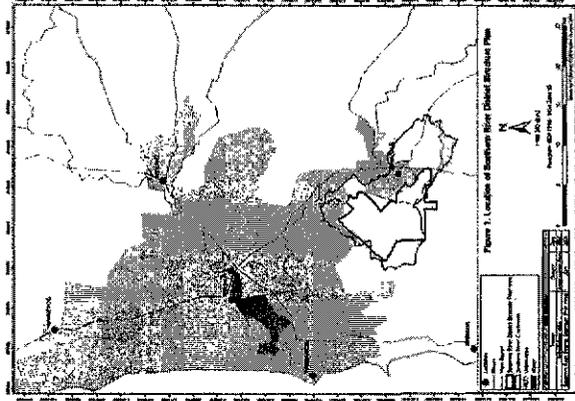




**Southern River Structure
Plan MOU
Learnings and the Way
Forward**

Context

- January 2001 – Southern River / Forrestdale / Brookdale / Wungong District Structure Plan
 - April 2002 – Urban Water Management Strategy
 - October 2003 – Memorandum of Understanding
- EPA requested that the outcomes of the Southern River water cycle plan be reported back to the EPA
- February 2006 – Interim Approach for Integrating Urban Water Management with Land Use Planning within the Southern River Area



Current outcomes

- Southern River Interim Integrated Land and Water Management Plan (replaces water cycle plan)



- Forrestdale Main Drain - Arterial Drainage Scheme

Southern River Water Coordinating Group



- WAPC (DPI)
- City of Armadale
- City of Gosnells
- Water Corporation
- Swan River Trust
- Armadale Redevelopment Authority
- Department of Water (Chair)
- Department of Environment and Conservation
- CSIRO
- Swan Catchment Council

Southern River ILWMP – Key Strategies

- Protection of environmental assets from the potential impacts of development
- Surface water management to protect infrastructure and assets and receiving environments
- Groundwater management to protect infrastructure and assets, ecosystems and water resources
- Water Quality Management measures for urban development in the Southern River Catchment
- Water conservation and improvement in water use efficiency
- Interim Approach for Integrating Urban Water Management with Land Use Planning
- Forrestdale Main Drain Arterial Drainage Scheme (ADS)

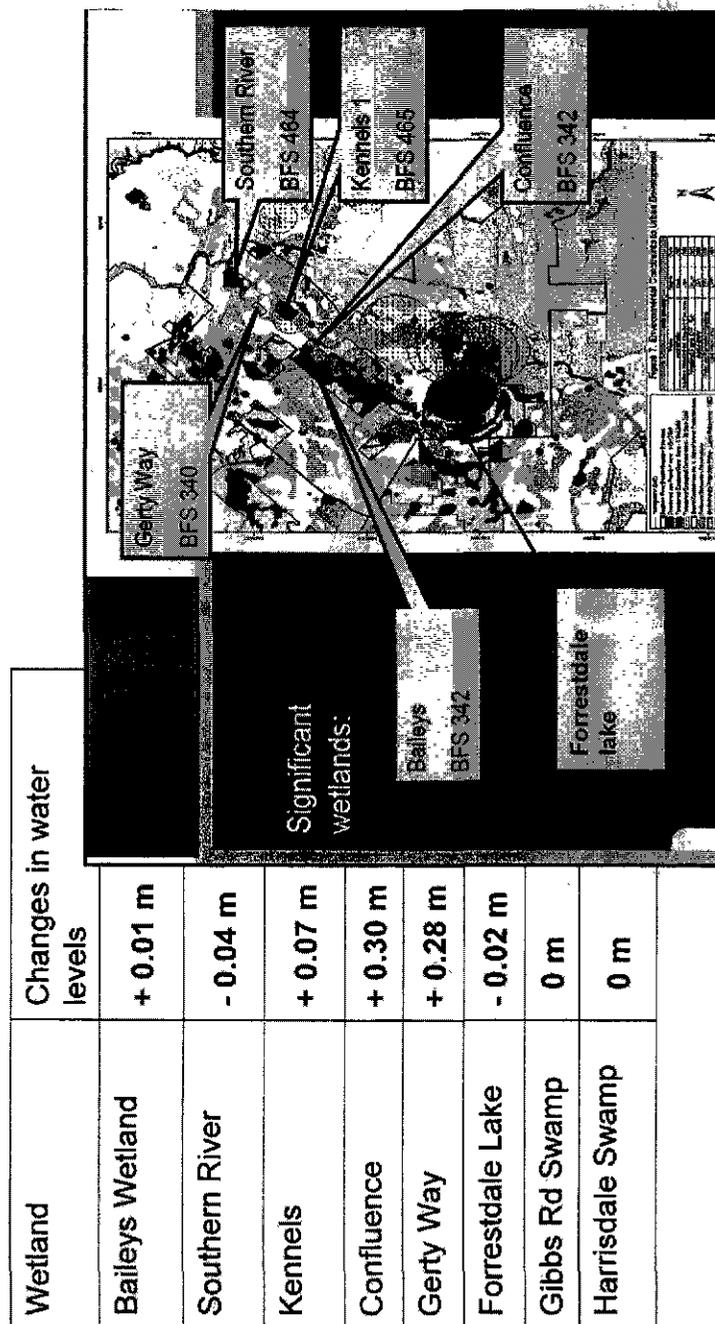
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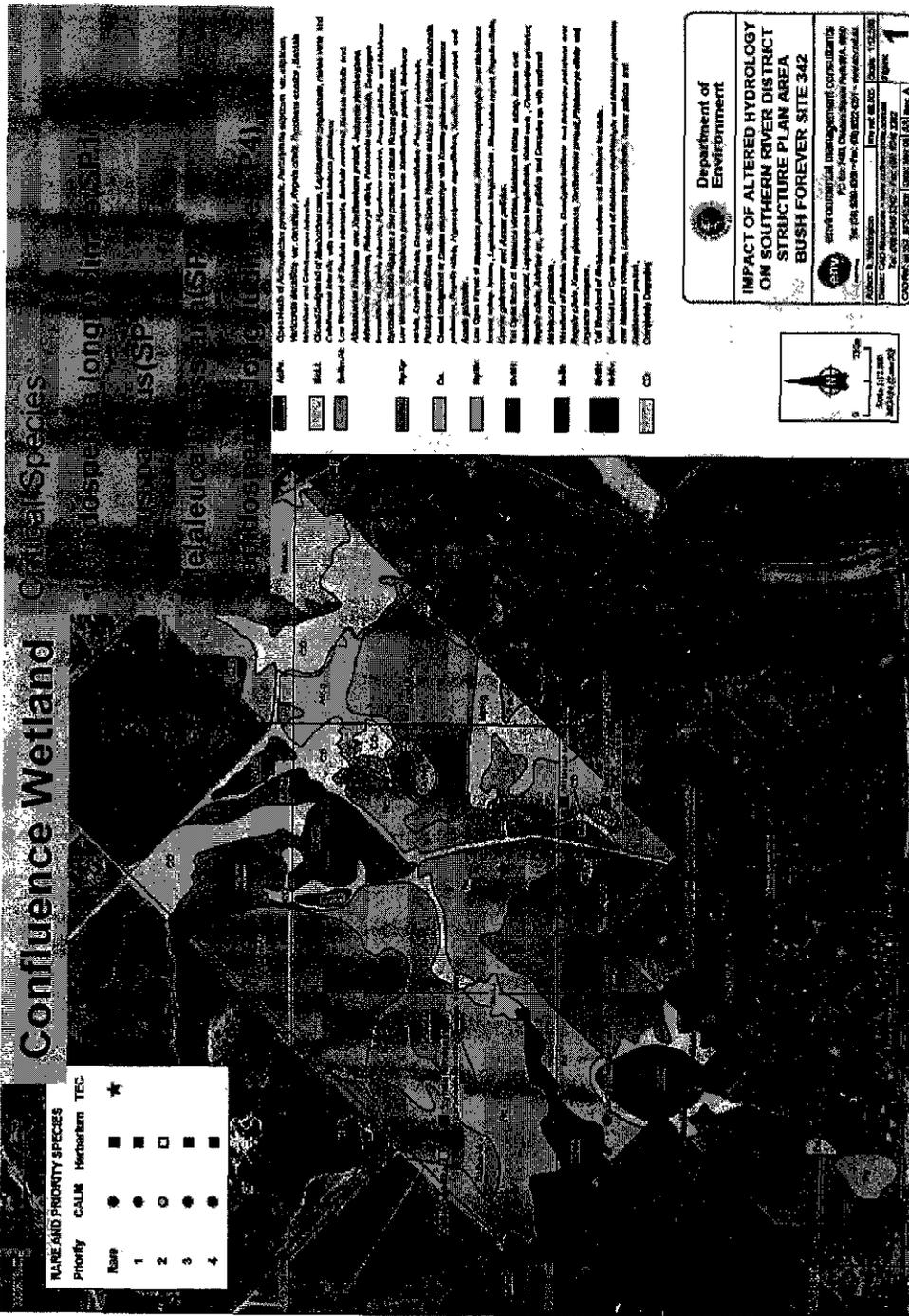
- **The implementation of the strategy will be largely through the land planning system – at both re-zoning, structure planning and subdivision.**
- **Proposals that follow the intent and recommendations of the ILWMS should not require referral to the EPA (MoU).**
- **DoW will assess water quality and quantity data from the Forrestdale MD and Wungong Water gauging stations. Together with data from Anaconda Drive (Gosnells) a picture of performance against water quality targets will emerge (adaptive management).**

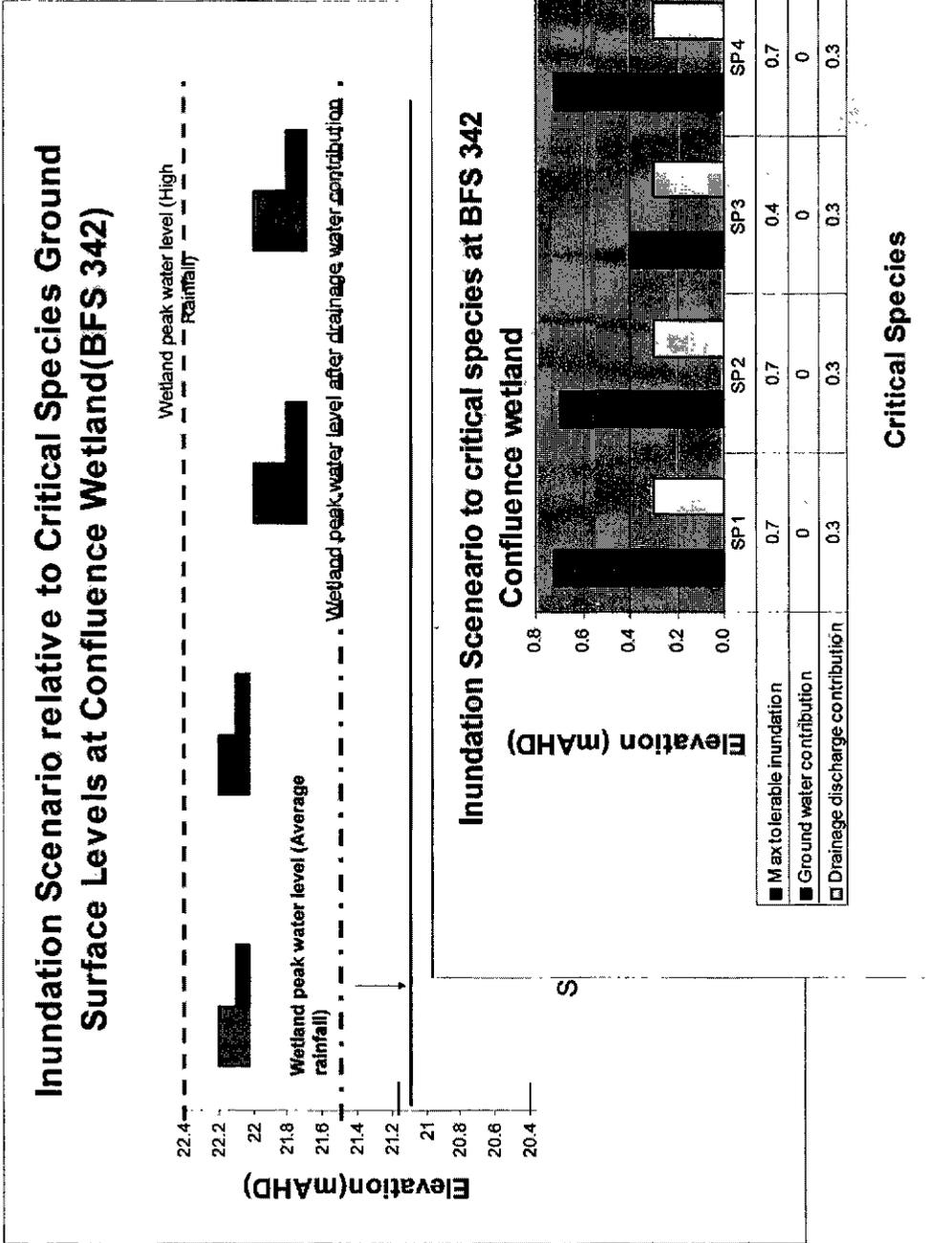
2. Forrestdale Main Drain Arterial Drainage Scheme Purpose:

To adapt the design of the artificial drainage scheme (developed in the 1960's) to deliver improved environmental outcomes as well as performing flood protection functions.

Changes in wetland water level due to drainage discharges in a 100-year ARI event (Post Development)







Forrestdale Main Drain ADS

Conclusions:

- Surface water flows - minor contributor to wetland water level
- Hydrologic driver - seasonal groundwater fluctuations
- Climate variability has a greater impact on wetland-ecosystems than the drainage scheme

Forrestdale ADS Conclusions contd..

- Surface water flows to & through wetlands (drainage system) will be maintained with similar hydrologic and hydraulic characteristics as existing (*Water Sensitive Urban Design*)
- ADS could be engineered to allow management of flows to wetlands during dry periods

KEY PRINCIPLES & OUTCOMES

- Hydrologic impacts of land use change should be managed within the 'development area'.
- For ecological protection, focus of hydrologic/ hydraulic designs shall be on frequent (less than 1 yr recurrent interval) rainfall events.
- The focus for management of infrequent (greater than 1 yr recurrent interval) large rainfall events shall be via use of natural (or naturalised) channels and floodplains at the Local, District and Regional scales.

AGLG Inc	
Balance sheet as at	<u>Apr 30, 2008</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Current/Savings	
036-032 180573	25,425.69
036-032 25-5854 CMA	230,488.66
Petty cash	47.20
Total Current/Savings	<u>255,961.55</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>255,961.55</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>255,961.55</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Tax Payable	-884.09
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>-884.09</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-884.09</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-884.09</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>256,845.64</u>
EQUITY	
Opening Bal Equity	356,769.46
Retained Earnings	-356,462.56
Net Income	256,538.74
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>256,845.64</u>

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AGLG Inc Bank Reconciliation A/c 180573							Balance
Beginning Balance	Type	Date	Num	Name	Cir	Amount	36,774.76
Cleared Transactions							
Cheques and Payments - 6 Items							
	Cheque	19/03/2008	201081	Martins Environmental Services	✓	-5,045.70	-5,045.70
	Cheque	02/04/2008	201083	Martins Environmental Services	✓	-2,640.00	-7,685.70
	Cheque	02/04/2008	201082	Optus	✓	-103.48	-7,789.18
	Cheque	14/04/2008	201085	Joondalup Marquees	✓	-655.00	-8,444.18
	Cheque	14/04/2008	201084	Martins Environmental Services	✓	-742.50	-9,186.68
	Cheque	22/04/2008	201086	Ferry Environmental Contracting	✓	-1,270.50	-10,457.18
						-10,457.18	-10,457.18
Total Cheques and Payments							
Deposits and Credits - 2 Items							
	Payment	15/04/2008	1138	AGLG Operations	✓	327.50	327.50
	Deposit	30/04/2008			✓	4,261.00	4,588.50
						4,588.50	4,588.50
Total Deposits and Credits							
Total Cleared Transactions							
						-5,868.68	-5,868.68
Cleared Balance							
						-5,868.68	29,906.07
Uncleared Transactions							
Cheques and Payments - 2 Items							
	Cheque	22/04/2008	201087	Blue Sands Environmental		-4,376.90	-4,376.90
	Cheque	30/04/2008	201088	Optus		-103.48	-4,480.38
						-4,480.38	-4,480.38
Total Cheques and Payments							
Total Uncleared Transactions							
						-4,480.38	-4,480.38
Register Balance as of 30/04/2008							
						-10,349.06	25,425.69
New Transactions							
Cheques and Payments - 3 Items							
	Cheque	02/05/2008	201091	Green Skills (Ecojobs)		-454.30	-454.30
	Cheque	02/05/2008	201090	Cash		-172.80	-627.10
	Cheque	02/05/2008	201089	Leagues Pty Ltd		-142.58	-769.66
						-769.66	-769.66
Total Cheques and Payments							
						-769.66	-769.66
Total New Transactions							
						-11,118.72	24,666.02
Ending Balance							

AGLG Inc						
Bank Reconciliation A/c 255854						
Beginning Balance	Type	Date	Num	Name	Cir	Balance
Cleared Transactions						229,772.67
Cheques and Payments - 1 item	Cheque	01/04/2008	Bank Fees	Westpac Bank	√	-1.65
Total Cheques and Payments						-1.65
Deposits and Credits - 1 item						
Total Deposits and Credits	Deposit	30/04/2008			√	717.64
Total Cleared Transactions						717.64
Cleared Balance						230,488.66
Register Balance as of 30/04/2008						230,488.66
Ending Balance						230,488.66

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AGLG Inc Budget Overview	AGLG Operations May 2008	Bickley Rd Basin-SRT May 2008	Brookwood May 2008	Champion Drive May 2008	Corrledale Place May 2008	Empire Way Reserve May 2008
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
Astley Street						
Bendigo donation						
Champion to Tonkin.						
City of Armadale						
Admin						
City of Armadale - Other			216.23	7,434.16		
Total City of Armadale			216.23	7,434.16		
City of Gosnells						
Community River Restoration Off						
Income Rollover	1,598.33					
Interest Received	-3,979.00					
Lotterywest CMP						
Operations	-6,858.04					
Admin & Phone	-514.19					
Equipment	-2,614.33					
Events						
Operations - Other	30,762.30					
Total Operations	20,775.74					
Patchings Crossing	2,181.82				762.14	
Riverbank 07						
Riverbank 08.						
SALP 07						
SALP 08						
Swan River Trust						
Plants			246.59			4,986.36
Weed Control	-2,514.45		1,652.73			
Swan River Trust - Other	-4,551.20					
Total Swan River Trust	8,991.32					
WWF	1,825.67					
Yellow Fish						
Total Income	20,576.89	1,825.67	3,338.28	7,434.16	762.14	4,986.36
Gross Profit	20,576.89	1,825.67	3,338.28	7,434.16	762.14	4,986.36
Net Ordinary Income	20,576.89	1,825.67	3,338.28	7,434.16	762.14	4,986.36
Net Income	20,576.89	1,825.67	3,338.28	7,434.16	762.14	4,986.36

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<u>Fancote Park</u> <u>May 2008</u>	<u>Fletcher Park</u> <u>May 2008</u>	<u>Goolamrup</u> <u>May 2008</u>	<u>Homestead Park</u> <u>May 2008</u>	<u>John Okey Davis</u> <u>May 2008</u>	<u>Kelmscott P8</u> <u>May 2008</u>	<u>Main Roads</u> <u>May 2008</u>	<u>Mary Carroll - 20 Friends</u> <u>May 2008</u>	<u>Neerigen Brook</u> <u>May 2008</u>	<u>Palomino</u> <u>May 2008</u>
<u>485.37</u>		<u>114.09</u>				<u>-7,410.00</u>	<u>454.55</u>		<u>10.00</u>
<u>485.37</u>		<u>114.09</u>		<u>4,985.41</u>		<u>38,767.25</u>			<u>10.00</u>
<u>1,035.14</u>	<u>2,723.39</u>	<u>285.00</u>	<u>-3,051.86</u>	<u>2,843.14</u>	<u>1,335.46</u>		<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>566.36</u>	<u>3,355.42</u> <u>22,627.27</u>
<u>1,520.51</u>	<u>1,315.45</u>					<u>31,357.25</u>		<u>566.36</u>	<u>25,992.69</u>
<u>4,036.84</u>	<u>4,036.84</u>	<u>409.09</u>	<u>-3,051.86</u>	<u>7,828.55</u>	<u>1,335.46</u>	<u>31,357.25</u>	<u>2,454.55</u>	<u>566.36</u>	<u>25,992.69</u>
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<u>Peaceful Ponds</u> <u>May 2008</u>	<u>Roley Pools</u> <u>May 2008</u>	<u>Salaries</u> <u>May 2008</u>	<u>Slab Gully</u> <u>May 2008</u>	<u>Southernwood Park</u> <u>May 2008</u>	<u>Streamcote</u> <u>May 2008</u>	<u>Westfield Heron Reserve</u> <u>May 2008</u>	<u>Wright Brook</u> <u>May 2008</u>	<u>Yellow Fish</u> <u>May 2008</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>May 2008</u>
	475.35	-8,051.00	15,374.32		3,855.00	398.36	306.41		-7,410.00
	475.35	-8,051.00	15,374.32		3,855.00	398.36	306.41		454.55
		107,438.87							38,787.25
									3,855.00
									16,763.29
									20,618.29
									6,208.14
									107,438.87
									2,000.00
									1,598.33
									-3,878.00
									-6,858.04
									-514.19
									-2,614.33
									30,762.30
									20,775.74
									2,181.82
									6,552.02
									-3,051.86
									13,775.65
									45,504.55
3,990.91				4,054.10		1,156.55	1,673.24		-2,514.45
				2,763.64		7,734.55	1,849.09		-4,551.20
									8,891.32
									1,825.67
									1,315.45
									1,863.27
3,990.91	756.49	99,387.87	15,374.32	6,817.74	3,855.00	9,289.46	3,828.74	1,863.27	256,538.74
3,990.91	756.49	99,387.87	15,374.32	6,817.74	3,855.00	9,289.46	3,828.74	1,863.27	256,538.74
3,990.91	756.49	99,387.87	15,374.32	6,817.74	3,955.00	9,289.46	3,828.74	1,863.27	256,538.74
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DATE	ACTIVITY	Administration	Team Delivery	Finance	Planning	Funding	On Ground	Workplan	Region	Consulting	HR Management	Asst CRRO	Training	Reporting	Education/Professional	Meetings	Community	Stakeholders	Total
1/05/2008	SALP site inspections and 2009 SALP Application	6.00		1.50	8.00														8.00
2/05/2008	General Admin, finances																		7.50
3/05/2008																			0.00
4/05/2008	Sick leave																		0.00
5/05/2008	Powerpoint preparation for SRT for Professional Development Day presentation.	3.50																	0.00
6/05/2008	Professional Development Day	3.50																	7.50
7/05/2008	Meeting With CoA Payroll Officer regarding AGLG salary breakdown, completion of quarterly report for Bickley Road Compensation Basin, Finances with Sandy, lotterywest equipment grant application guidelines, admin	1.00		3.50	1.00								2.00						7.50
9/05/2008	Aquital SALP 07 project	2.50											5.00						7.50
10/05/2008																			0.00
11/05/2008	Finances, correspondence report	4.50		3.00															7.50
12/05/2008	Worked with Julie on work plan and procedure development			7.50															7.50
13/05/2008	Attended SRT WQIP Southern River Catchment Presentation, Riverbank Signage for Cordiale Springs and Roley Pools.	2.00						3.50						2.00					7.50
14/05/2008	SERCUL Meeting, South Region Meeting	1.50																	7.50
15/05/2008	Picked up Magnet Signage for the AGLG vehicles.	6.00												1.50					7.50
16/05/2008																			0.00
17/05/2008																			0.00
18/05/2008																			0.00
19/05/2008	Correspondence Report, Finances, Site visit to Kelmscott Fishcare site with Stuart Martin, Assisted CRRO With Site funding allocations for weed control	3.00		2.00		1.25													7.25
20/05/2008	Financial planning with Sandy, SLIP information & mapping training at SERCUL with SCC, work planning and procedure development with Julie.	0.50		1.50	4.50						1.00								7.50
21/05/2008	Sent funding proposal to coca cola & Landcare Australia for funding at Roley Pools, Organised planting day schedules with Matt, Superannuation meeting, sent out media release for the CoA newsletter, Picked up mail, completed a survey for Murdoch Universit	0.50			2.00									1.50	1.00				7.00
22/05/2008																			0.00
23/05/2008																			0.00
24/05/2008																			0.00
25/05/2008																			0.00
26/05/2008	Meeting with Ron do Matt's 3 month Review									1.00									1.00
27/05/2008																			0.00
28/05/2008	AGLG meeting															4.00			4.00
29/05/2008																			0.00
30/05/2008																			0.00
31/05/2008																			0.00
TOTAL		34.50	0.00	11.50	15.00	10.00	1.25	0.00	3.50	0.00	2.00	1.00	7.00	13.00	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	109.75

KEY:

- CRRO Community River Restoration Officer
- SCC Swan Catchment Council
- SERCUL South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare
- CoA City of Armadale
- CoG City of Gosnells
- SRT Swan River Trust
- CLC Community Landcare Coordinator
- Weekend
- P/H Public Holiday
- A/L Annual Leave
- Sick Sick
- RDO Rostered Day Off
- SRT Swan River Trust

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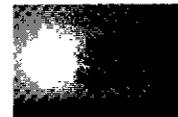


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- Methods for improving workforce culture examined
- Why managers must ensure councillors are educated on financial management issues
- Auburn uses KPIs to monitor council performance
- Implementing a best practice OH&S system
- How councils can install effective audit committees
- Implementing best practice document management
- Adelaide develops leading-edge internal reporting system
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How better leadership can improve council performance

- Written by June Shine, Executive Manager at Port Stephens Council.

Council CEOs from across Australia detail within this article the various successful leadership initiatives they have implemented to improve the culture and performance levels of their workforces.

City of Marion CEO Mark Searle, Baw Baw Shire CEO Glenn Patterson and Hobart City Council CEO Brent Armstrong discuss extensively how they and other senior managers within their administrations have, through good leadership, improved organisational performance and culture.

The three councils, members of the Australian Local Government Business Excellence Network, have each utilised the Australian Business Excellence Framework to benchmark their organisations' performance levels and help engender a culture of continuous improvement within their workforces.

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Logan successfully enhances its workforce culture

- Written by Logan City Council Working Together Coordinator, Julie Carter

Logan City Council's development of a sophisticated system for measuring and maintaining a vibrant staff culture that has boosted workforce output and improved employee retention is analysed within the May/June edition of Council Manager magazine.

Logan's successful efforts to improve its workforce culture included creating a full-time position entitled: 'Culture Journey Initiatives Coordinator'.

This officer has promoted and fostered the culture change throughout the organisation by working with staff to develop and implement cultural change initiatives.

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CEO speaks out on Port Phillip's pursuit of performance improvement

- Featuring an exclusive interview with City of Port Phillip CEO, David Spokes

In an extensive interview with Council Manager, City of Port Phillip CEO, David Spokes, details the controversial performance improvement measures he is seeking to implement within his council's administration.

In this article, Mr Spokes details the range of innovative measures introduced within the organisation to improve staff flexibility and adaptability in order to meet the evolving tasks of modern-day local government.

He also discusses Port Phillip's contentious appointment of a change management consultancy to assist with the council's pursuit of continuous improvement.

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Methods for improving workforce culture examined

Methods that councils can use to improve their workforce culture are extensively examined in this edition of Council Manager.

Growing numbers of council managers are recognising that the cultural traits and behaviours of their workforce play a crucial role in organisational performance.

A feature article in this edition contains comment from senior local government managers such as Baw Baw Shire CEO Glenn Patterson and City of Whittlesea Director of Corporate and Economic Development, John Francis, on how their councils are seeking to optimise their workforce cultures and performance levels through a range of innovative measures.

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Why managers must ensure councillors are educated on financial management issues

- Written by Pittwater Council General Manager, Mark Ferguson

In this article, Pittwater Council's GM, Mark Ferguson, details why council managers must ensure councillors are aware of their financial management responsibilities and how elected members can be assisted to carry them out.

This article details how local government managers can install ongoing education processes for councillors that provide them with sufficient knowledge about municipal financial issues and empower elected members to address them.

Mr Ferguson uses the article to stress that councillors' knowledge of their fiscal responsibilities and ability to carry them out is fundamental to whether a council can become truly financially sustainable.

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Auburn uses KPIs to monitor council performance

- Written by Auburn Council's Manager – Strategy, Alia Karaman

Auburn Council is developing a comprehensive suite of key performance indicators to help the council monitor whether it is adhering to its long-term strategic plan.

The New South Wales council is implementing a series of KPIs that point to overall performance and reflect the health of the organisation.

The KPIs will measure economic, environmental, social and governance parameters, enabling the council to track whether it is adhering to its strategic plan.

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Implementing a best practice OH&S system

- Written by Wollongong City Council Employee Health & Safety Manager, Shaun Martin

Council Manager's May/June edition also includes an article that details the highly successful OH&S system that has been implemented by Wollongong City Council within its organisation.

The council successfully developed a new OH&S framework that created a shift in workforce culture by ingraining the consideration of safety within the council's day-to-day activities.

Wollongong's OH&S model has been designed to drive continuous improvement in workforce safety, enable the monitoring of where OH&S performance needs to be improved within the organisation, and, at the same time, simplify the council's OH&S processes.

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How councils can install effective audit committees

- Written by Jeff Simpson, Internal Auditor of Wyong Shire and Secretary of the NSW branch of The Institute of Internal Auditors

In this article, Mr Simpson details why more councils need to install audit committees that meet good practice benchmarks in order to ensure strong governance structures exist within their organisations.

This article describes: the fundamental ingredients to establishing a best practice audit committee; the issues a local government audit committee should consider as part of its operations; the questions an audit committee should be asking its council, and from where audit committee members should be sourced.

Mr Simpson also reveals how audit committees' role in local government can be strengthened through means such as enhancing the transparency of their work and by ensuring their operations meet good practice guidelines.

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Implementing best practice document management

- By Liverpool Plains Shire's Director Corporate Services, Mike Urquhart

This article details how Liverpool Plains Shire has designed an award-winning electronic document management system that has been tailored to suit the needs of a local government administration.

The system has generated an array of efficiency gains and cost savings for the council, which is preparing to on-sell the 'Tr@cer' document management system to other local governments.

Liverpool Plains Shire developed the system's software itself after finding that no other "off-the-shelf" document management system suited the municipality's administrative functions.

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Adelaide develops leading-edge internal reporting system

- By Adelaide City Council's David Heath, Judy Speck & Sharyn Dellbridge

Adelaide City Council has devised an innovative internal reporting system that has significantly improved the efficiency of the council's internal communication and document management processes.

In partnership with a local software development company, Adelaide City Council has implemented the 'Integrated Council Reporting System' – a fully integrated reporting system that has streamlined internal communications within the organisation.

The web-based system has enabled the online submission, review and approval of council reports, the installation of a common database for the storage of data and the creation of electronic alerts for staff to review reports and carry out actions.

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Benchmarking Best Practice in Local Government conference

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■ **To be held at Dockside, Darling Harbour, Sydney**

Speakers including the Chair of the Local Government Business Excellence Network, Peter Gesling, local government CEOs and senior directors will detail how councils can implement advanced and innovative management tools at the forthcoming **2008 Benchmarking Best Practice In Local Government Conference**.

To be held in Sydney from July 28-29, the conference will feature top speakers from councils and advisory firms who will present case studies and supply detailed advice on how councils can improve organisational culture and performance, cut costs, and deliver high levels of service to their local community.

Peter Gesling, also the General Manager of Port Stephens Council, will detail how growing numbers of councils from across Australia are using the Local Government Business Excellence Network to develop a culture of continuous improvement within their workforce and boost organisational performance.

Other speakers include Mark Searle, the CEO of the City of Marion, and Steve Chapple, the CEO of Ararat Rural City Council, both of whom will explain how they have improved staff culture and increased performance levels within their respective organisations.

This conference has been specifically designed to provide councils with a unique opportunity to benchmark their own organisation's performance against a wide range of leading-edge projects undertaken by Australia's most innovative local governments.

This event will feature case studies of local government best practice in areas such as:

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MATTERS OUTSTANDING REPORT

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

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LIBRARY & HERITAGE SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2008

1. LIBRARY SERVICES

1.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

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

1.2 Library Extension Activities

1.2.1 National Simultaneous Storytime

Report – *National Simultaneous Storytime*
Prepared by – *Barbara Boulton,*
Librarian, Kelmscott Library

Topic: National Simultaneous Storytime 2008
Presenters: Dee Rohan (Ranger Services Department, City of Armadale)
Date: Wednesday, 21st May 2008
Time: 11.00am
Venue: Kelmscott Library
No. Attending: 18 children ; 7 adults



Comments: This is the eighth year of the National Simultaneous Story Time. "Arthur", written by Amanda Graham and illustrated by Donna Gynell was read across the country at various venues such as libraries and schools.

Dee was a great ambassador for dogs, explaining that dogs are a responsibility for a long time, and that they need love and care, just like the other members of the family. There was a lively discussion about all the different pets that the children, Dee herself, and the librarian's family owned. Other animals that live with humans were also discussed. The names of some of the pets, and

the stories behind the names, and opinions on what make good pets provided lots of reactions varying from laughs to shrieks of horror – especially regarding pet mice.

Because "Arthur" is a "plain brown dog" the children were given a "plain brown" paper bag, containing all the parts needed to make a cute "plain brown" paper bag dog puppet. Some dogs were coloured with patches to make them "not plain"!

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A special “animal” morning tea, with teddy biscuits and fairy bread was enthusiastically enjoyed by all.

A small group from Riverdale Child Care Centre attended, as well as a home-school family, two mums and bubs from Westfield Library’s baby Rhyme Time and a few other mothers and children.

Lots of “dog” books, both JK and Non-fiction were on display, and were well picked over.

The event was quite successful and was a wonderful way to promote literacy, the library and books to preschool and homeschooled children.

1.2.2 E Session

Report – *E Talk* – *Carla Van Raay - Author*

Prepared by – *Barbara Boulton, Librarian, Kelmscott Library*

Topic: Author Talk

Presenter: *Carla Van Raay, Author of God’s callgirl and Desire: awakening God’s woman (newly released).*

Date: Friday 23 May 2008

Time: 10.30am – 11.30am

Venue: Kelmscott Library

No. Attending: 27



Comments:

Carla entered a convent at the age of eighteen, left it at thirty, was married with a child at thirty-two, and became a prostitute at the age of 34. *God’s callgirl* is her autobiography of that part of her life.

Carla proved to be a delightful speaker. She is highly intelligent, articulate and very funny. She began the session by giving a very short précis of her life, and reading a couple of paragraphs from her first book. She had the audience (including a couple of men) by turns laughing, embarrassed, and sometimes sad with her life story. She told of her childhood, life in the convent, and the reasons she entered it. She also spoke of her conscious decision to become a prostitute, the reasons behind it, and her life since giving that way of life up. Carla read a few paragraphs from both books to explain how she was thinking at particular times in her life.

She was particularly accommodating with answering questions from the audience about her life, and was happy to autograph copies of her books for anyone who had brought their copy along.

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Had the weather been kinder, the very appreciative crowd would have been even bigger than it was.

1.2.3 E Session

Report – *E Talk – Bernadette Santo-Spirito – Grow WA.*
Prepared by – *Barbara Boulton, Librarian, Kelmscott Library*

Topic: 12-step recovery-focuses program for mental health
Presenter: Bernadette Santo-Spirito

Date: 30 May 2008
Time: 10.30am – 11.30am
Venue: Kelmscott Library

No. Attending: 5

Comments:

Bernadette explained the history of the organisation to the group. Grow was begun in 1957, so celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2007. It is led by community members. Over the years, a 12-step program has evolved that aims to both prevent mental illness and rehabilitate those who have suffered from it.

Some of the group shared their own stories, and discussion of what works for some people, and possible reasons why different things work for different people.

Although the numbers were small, those who attended felt that they gained a lot from the session. The display of library resources was gratefully acknowledged, as was the library's hospitality.

2. HERITAGE SERVICES

2.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

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

2.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library

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

Genealogy Training at State Library

The Historian/Local Studies Librarian attended the last two sessions of genealogy training at the State Library. The first session held in the morning was

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a tour around the Battye Library in reference to materials held there which are useful for family history research. The tour also included a visit to the genealogy centre on the first floor where volunteers from Western Australian Genealogical Society are available three days a week to help people with their family history research.

The second session in the afternoon was titled “Pathways to the Past: Family History for Beginners”. This was particularly helpful in providing information in useful family history research resources; the result being some new materials being ordered for the Birtwistle Local Studies Library Family History Research Centre.

The sessions not only provided useful information but reinforced that the Birtwistle Local Studies Library is providing an excellent service at the local level for family history researchers.

Display at the Volunteer Resource Centre Morning Tea

A display promoting the Birtwistle Local Studies Library and its volunteers was placed at a volunteer morning tea held at the Armadale Hall.

The display contained information on the type of materials and services available at the library as well as photographs of volunteers contributing the library’s operation.

A poster encouraging anyone who has keyboard skills to consider joining the oral history team transcribing recorded interviews was also part of the display.

As the Birtwistle Local Studies Library continues to progress, the need for skilled volunteers who are committed to the preservation of the district’s history has increased.

“Let’s Come Together to Discuss Historical Issues”

The Historian/Local Studies Librarian accepted an invitation to a meeting to “Discuss Historical Issues” at the City of Armadale Champion Centre. The meeting was organised by staff at the centre and was also attended by the City of Armadale Indigenous Community Development Officer, Indigenous Trainee Business/Clerical Officer, three local historians, two local indigenous police officers and a local elder.

The importance of local indigenous history being part of the City of Armadale local history collection and the fact that the library currently does not contain any local indigenous history was stressed by the Local History Librarian.

She also discussed with the group the role the local studies library can provide in the collection, archiving and storage of local indigenous history which include:

- Training in the use of digital equipment for oral histories
- Storage of information including recorded stories

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- Archiving of information
- Organising the accessibility of materials for research which may include restricting access to sensitive information
- Archiving, storage and cataloguing of photographs

The group agreed to the importance of “Building a library of historical facts and accounts focusing on the City of Armadale” and the significance of such a project.

This being the case another meeting has been organised for June.

2.3 History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

Volunteer Week Event

History House Museum and Birtwistle Local Studies Library set up a display at the City of Armadale Volunteer Week event at the Armadale Hall on the 15 May 2008. It was there to inform volunteers about volunteering at the museum and local studies library.

History House Museum Interpretation Plan – Final Draft

History House Museum is now in possession of the final draft of the Interpretation Plan. Preparations are being made to start implementing elements of the interpretation plan by applying for a Lotterywest Interpretation of Cultural Heritage grant. This would be to implement the first exhibition mentioned in Stage 1.

Kalamunda Historical Society Visit

On 4 May, History House Museum hosted a visit from members of the Kalamunda Historical Society. Members were taken on a tour of History House Museum and the Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum. From this visit the museum received a donation of a school certificate from a former student of the Armadale School dated 1905.

Launch of Museums Australia (WA) Metro Branch Brochure

On 16 May, a new brochure from Museum Australia promoting museums in the metropolitan area was launched. The brochure includes entries for History House Museum, Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum and the Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

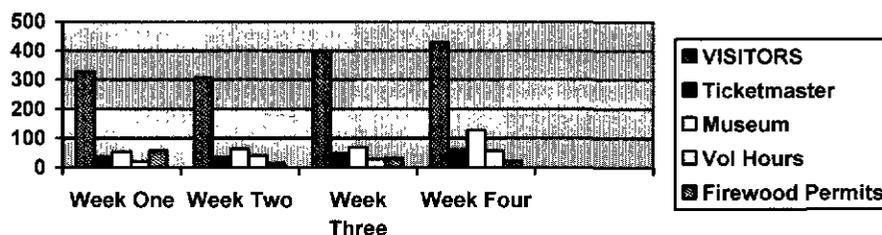
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3. VISITOR SERVICING

3.1 Statistical Performance Indicators:

1468 people came to the Centre for the month May 2008 compared to **1010** for May 2007. That is an increase of **458** persons enjoying the resources and services of the Visitor Centre – an average of **367 people each week**.

MAY STATS:



Visitors	Ticketmaster	Visitors Less Ticketmaster	Volunteer Hours	Museum	Firewood Permits	Mail Outs	Overseas Visitors
1468	182	1286	145	311	128	176	61

VISITOR CENTRE OPENED FOR 219 HOURS

AVERAGE VISITORS PER WEEK: 367
VOLUNTEER HOURS PER WEEK: 36

VISITOR CENTRE - DOLLAR VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY:

Average Visitor Spend – Day Visitor:

\$ 2,068 per day = \$ 14,475 per week = \$ 57,900 per month

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

Average Spend – Including Accommodation:

\$ 1,443 per night = \$ 10,100 per week = \$ 40,400 per month

Figure is calculated as Visitor Centre Visitors less Day Visitor, Ticketmaster and Firewood Permits Using Intra, Inter and Overseas figures for the month.

MAY 08 - TOTAL TOURISM DOLLAR VALUE: \$ 98,300

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3.2 Visitor Centre

(Report prepared by Yvonne Bradfield, Visitor Centre Coordinator)

The month of May saw, yet again, an increase in the number of people using the Visitor Centre. A new staff member, Sarah Bennett, who commenced at the Centre on 21 May 2008 as a Permanent Part Time Tourism Officer, comes from a tourism related background, with marketing abilities and already is proving to be a valued member of the Visitor Centre team.

Tourism Strategic Plan

An initial meeting was held on 14th May with Mr Matthew Bird of RBA Consulting following their appointment to undertake the Tourism Strategic Plan for the Visitor Centre. *The completion date for the consultant report is Friday, 29 August, allowing for appropriate consultation to take place.*

Local Business Display

In keeping with its policy of supporting local artists and craft people, the visitor Centre recently obtained a display of Sally Hanbury's work. *Adorned By Sally* is an independently owned Jewellery design label, specializing in unique handcrafted jewellery.

Sally Hanbury is an Armadale resident who, in May this year, was chosen as one of 25 finalists in a National Jewellery Competition. Her design was chosen and Ms Hanbury has now been commissioned to make the piece using precious metals and gemstones. She will fly to Melbourne in July for the presentation event of this prestigious award. Her unique jewellery is showcased and on sale at the Armadale Visitor Centre.

Advertising

Work continues on an editorial and a full page advertisement in the well known travel and tourism publication 'SCOOP'.

There have been steady enquiries in response to the Visitor Centre's placement of advertising in the Winter Escape Magazine, with bookings for operators.

The Perth Region Tourism Organisation trading as Experience Perth has confirmed that Armadale will be included in its presentations at the upcoming Perth ATE 2008 event.

Co-operative Partnerships

The Coordinator has approached the Armadale Society of Artists requesting their assistance and cooperation in developing a partnership with the Visitor Centre. The Society will display member's works at the Centre on a rotational basis allowing the Visitor Centre to engage and inspire visitors to our community and facilitating the growth of community interaction with their local Visitor Centre.

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MANAGER RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2008

1. Animal Control

1.1 Dogs

Ranger Services received three hundred and eighty three (383) requests for assistance during this report period. Whilst the overall number of requests for assistance is only slightly higher than the comparable period of 2007, it is disappointing to note a 12% increase in the number of reported dog attacks.

Dog attacks on people, other animals and livestock continues to be of serious concern, and there has been considerable pressure on both State and Local Governments to take action in regard to dogs considered to be dangerous and restricted breeds. Ranger Services continue to make available 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 twenty three (23) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on the road.

1.3 Court Action

The following information relates to legal action taken by Ranger Services pursuant to the provisions of the Dog Act 1976. These matters were heard and determined in the Armadale Magistrate's Court during the month of May 2008.

NAME	OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Maja Paliosac	Dog Attack (on another animal)	Guilty	700	110.20	810.20
Esme Hansen	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	1,200	110.20	1,310.20
Patrina Naicker	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	800	110.20	910.20
Cherro Kirkup	Dog Attack (on another animal)	Guilty	800	110.20	910.20
Debbie-Anne Carroll	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	1,000	110.20	1,110.20

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2. Vehicles

2.1 Parking

Ranger Services received sixty six (66) requests for assistance, and issued thirty seven (37) infringement notices in regard to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

2.2 Abandoned Vehicles

The number of abandoned vehicles dealt with by Ranger Services continues to be of concern, with twenty five (25) being recorded during this report period.

2.3 Commercial Vehicles (Trucks)

The number of reports received in relation to trucks being parked in residential areas for extended periods has fallen slightly during this report period, notwithstanding Rangers will continue to be vigilant in this area of operations.

2.4 Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Services attended to fourteen (14) 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 two hundred and seven (207) requests for assistance during the report period, which represents a 23% increase from the same period last year.

4. General

On Wednesday, 28 May 2008, the Manager Ranger & Emergency Services, in company with the AWARE Project Officer, Mr. Ryan Janes, attended the Local Government Emergency Management Conference 2008, which was held at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre.

More than ever local governments and local communities are being called upon to undertake long term planning and protection for their communities in the event of natural and made disasters

The Conference theme, "*Building Community Resilience*" is an important subject for local emergency management as it aims to build a resilient community and to

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give them ownership and the tools to tackle the issues surrounding a possible disaster.

The Conference was opened by the Hon. John Kobelke, Minister Police & Emergency Services and a number of key note speakers imparted considerable knowledge surrounding emergency management to assist local government and their local emergency management fraternity to carry out changes in the future.

5. Statistics – May 2008

<i>DOGS</i>	May 2008	May 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Wandering	45	63	478	579	Down 18%
Dogs for Pick Up	46	41	463	403	Up 15%
Barking	18	33	278	245	Up 13%
Attacks	16	13	193	173	Up 12%
Lost & Found	86	91	969	737	Up 31%
General Information	4	11	96	95	Same
Sub Total	215	252	2477	2232	Up 11%
Office Phone Enquiries	168	162	1953	1991	Down 2%
Total	383	414	4430	4223	Up 5%

<i>PARKING / VEHICLES</i>	May 2008	May 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
General Parking	13	13	175	148	Up 18%
Trucks	3	5	51	54	Down 5%
School Parking	1	2	14	20	Down 30%
Abandoned Vehicles	25	12	218	183	Up 19%
Off Road Vehicles	14	15	168	158	Up 6%
Sub Total	56	47	626	563	Up 11%
Office Phone Enquiries	10	6	217	205	Up 6%
Total	66	53	843	768	Up 10%

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LIVESTOCK	May 2008	May 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Lost & Found	1	0	51	43	Up 19%
General	12	12	59	103	Down 42%
Sub Total	13	12	110	146	Down 24%
Office Phone Enquiries	10	6	71	61	Up 16%
Total	23	18	131	207	down 12%

LITTER	May 2008	May 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
General Information	2	0	2	0	Up 100%
Private Property	4	4	33	23	Up 43%
Roadside / Reserve	4	3	71	59	Up 20%
Verge	2	10	51	36	Up 42%
Sub Total	12	17	157	118	Up 33%
Office Phone Enquiries	4	1	55	20	Up 175%
Total	16	18	212	138	Up 54%

FIRE	May 2008	May 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Burning Off / General Information	19	3	47	51	Down 6%
Firebreak / Hazard	0	10	271	136	Up 99%
Sub Total	19	13	318	187	Up 70%
Office Phone Enquiries	188	172	635	585	Up 9%
Total	207	185	953	772	Up 23%

GENERAL	May 2008	May 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
General Information	8	4	47	29	Up 62%
Sub Total	8	4	47	29	Up 62%
Office Phone Enquiries - Cats	11	21	108	131	Down 15%
Office Phone Enquiries - General	14	7	151	141	Up 7%
Total	22	28	306	299	Up 2%

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TOTAL	May 2008	May 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Sub Total Reports / Complaints	323	345	3735	3275	Up 14%
Total Office Phone Enquiries	405	375	3190	3134	Up 2%
Total Reports / Complaints	728	720	7925	6409	Up 8%

WARNINGS	May 2008	May 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Dogs	55	15	235	178	Up 32%
Parking	19	26	189	202	Down 6%
Off Road Vehicles	0	10	13	14	Down 5%
Litter	0	0	1	4	Down 75%
Fire & Fire Orders	0	4	44	17	Up 158%
Other	0	0	4	0	Up 100%
Total	74	55	386	415	Up 17%

INFRINGEMENTS	May 2008	May 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Dogs	56	72	437	402	Up 9%
Parking	37	29	513	346	Up 48%
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	53	18	Up 194%
Litter	14	25	70	46	Up 52%
Fire	4	3	62	51	Up 22%
Other	0	0	8	2	Up 300%
Total	111	129	1093	865	Up 32%
NUMBER WITHDRAWN	19	11	167	118	Up 42%
Number Paid	88	82	846	656	Up 29%

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IMPOUNDED DOGS	May 2008	May 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Claimed	50	41	472	389	Up 22%
Sold	4	6	37	32	Up 16%
Destroyed	21	29	195	147	Up 33%
Vet / Rescue	6	6	58	72	Down 20%
Stolen	0	0	1	0	Up 100%
Total	81	82	763	640	Up 19%

IMPOUNDED VEHICLES	May 2008	May 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Vehicles	9	4	69	69	Same
Motor Cycles	0	0	34	0	Up 100%
Total	9	4	103	69	Up 49%

IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK	May 2008	May 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Sheep	1	1	8	6	Up 25%
Horses	0	0	3	0	Up 100%
Cows	0	0	0	0	Same
Goats	0	0	0	0	Same
Pigs	0	0	0	0	Same
Deer	0	0	0	0	Same
Other	0	0	0	0	Same
Total	1	1	11	6	Up 83%

COURT PROSECUTIONS	May 2008	May 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Dog	5	2	51	39	Up 31%
Fire	0	0	0	0	Same
Parking	0	0	2	1	Up 100%
Litter	0	0	0	0	Same
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0	Same
Total	5	2	53	40	Up 33%
No. of Guilty Verdicts	5	2	53	34	Up 56%

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<i>FINES ENFORCEMENT</i>	May 2008	May 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Infringements sent to FER	17	49	367	269	Up 36%

<i>DOG REGISTRATIONS</i>	May 2008	May 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
New Dog Registrations	351	103	1117	806	Up 39%
Renewed Dog Registrations	111	32	1819	1761	Up 3%
	462	134	2936	2567	Up 14%
Total Animals on System	11190	N/A		N/A	

<i>PHONES CALLS</i>	May 2008	May 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Office – Rangers calling Office	31	33	415	268	Up 55%
Office – Messages for Staff	20	27	393	491	Down 20%
Office – Referred to Other	6	18	156	219	Down 25%
Calls to Rangers' Private Residences via Diverter	5	34	41	149	Down 70%
TOTAL	62	112	1005	1127	Down 11%

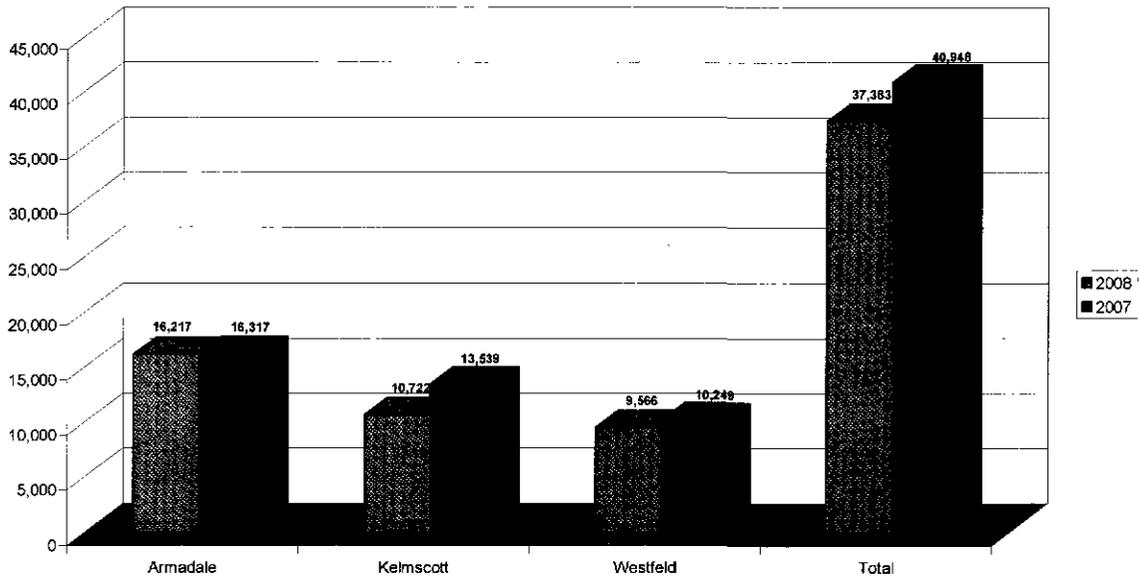
MINUTES OF OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Armadale Youth Advisory Meeting of 26 May 2008. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-3”.)**

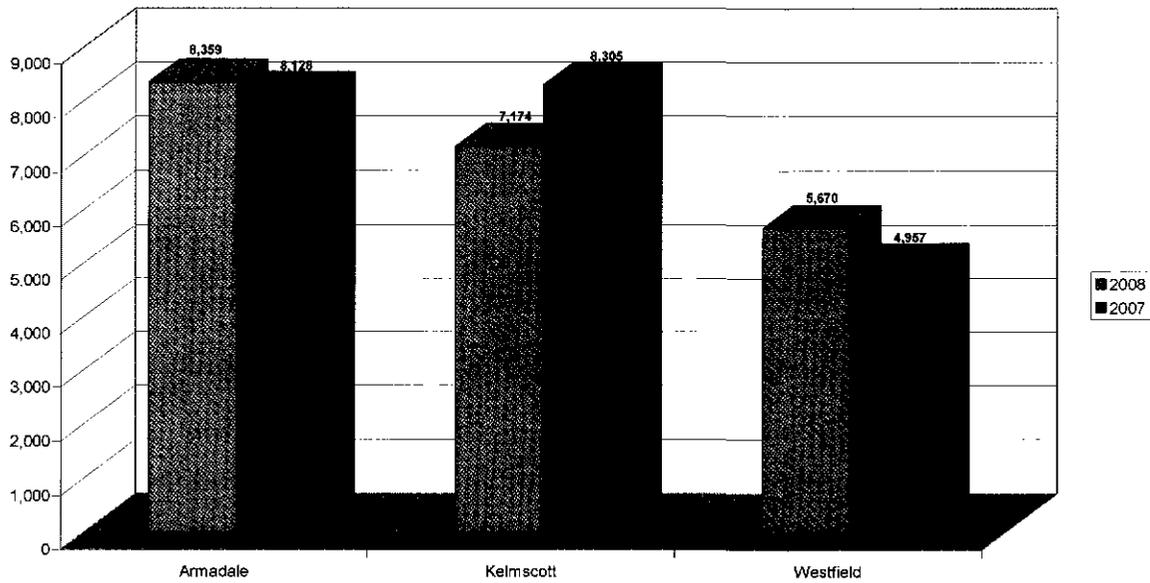
Disability Advisory Team Meeting of 6 May 2008. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-4”.)**

Seniors’ Interests Advisory Meeting of 15 May 2008. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-5”.)**

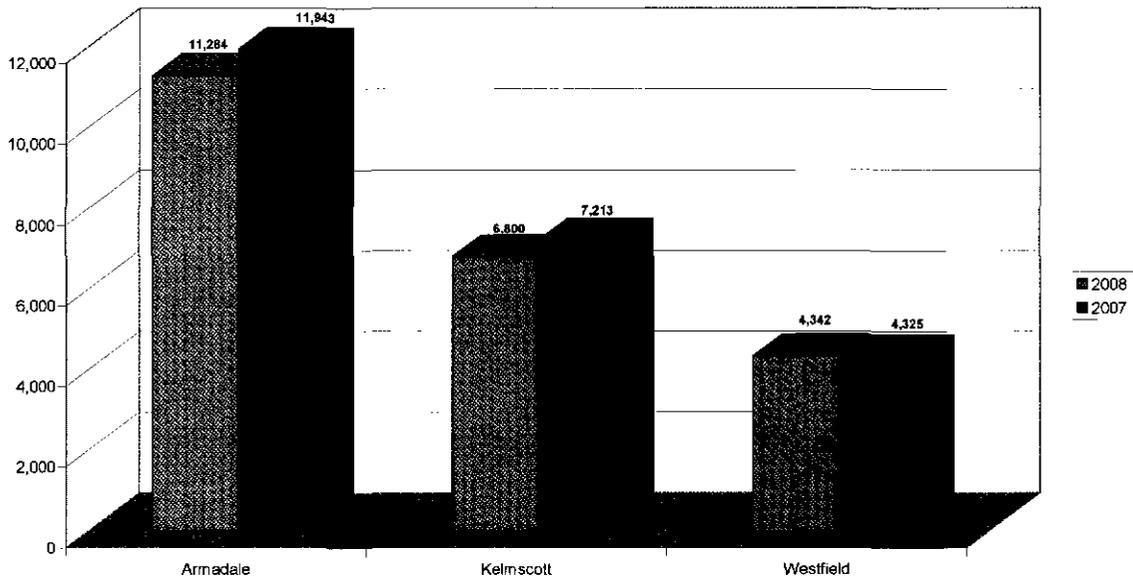
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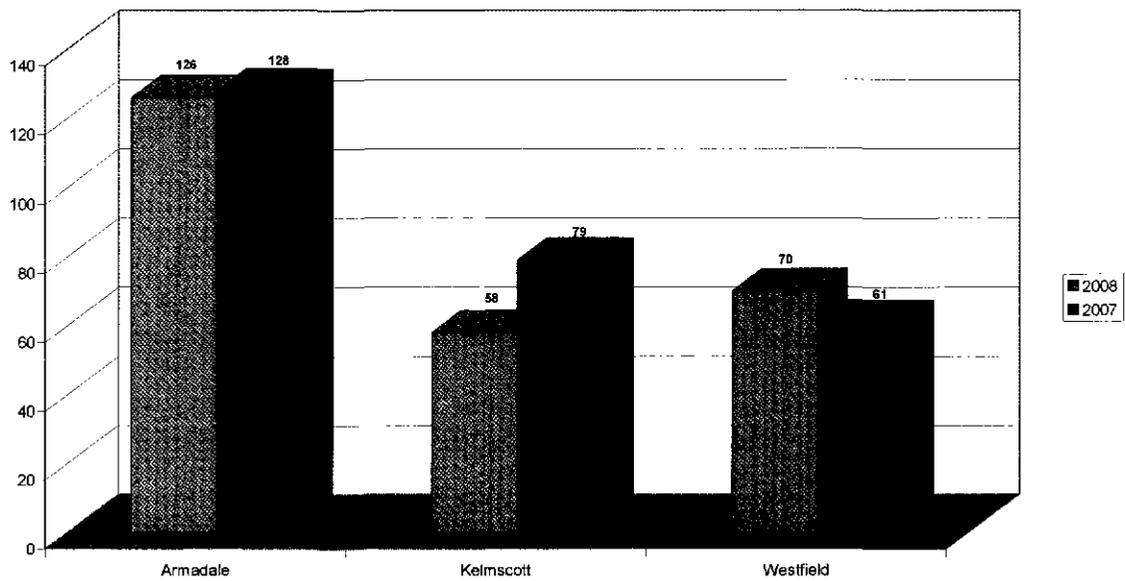
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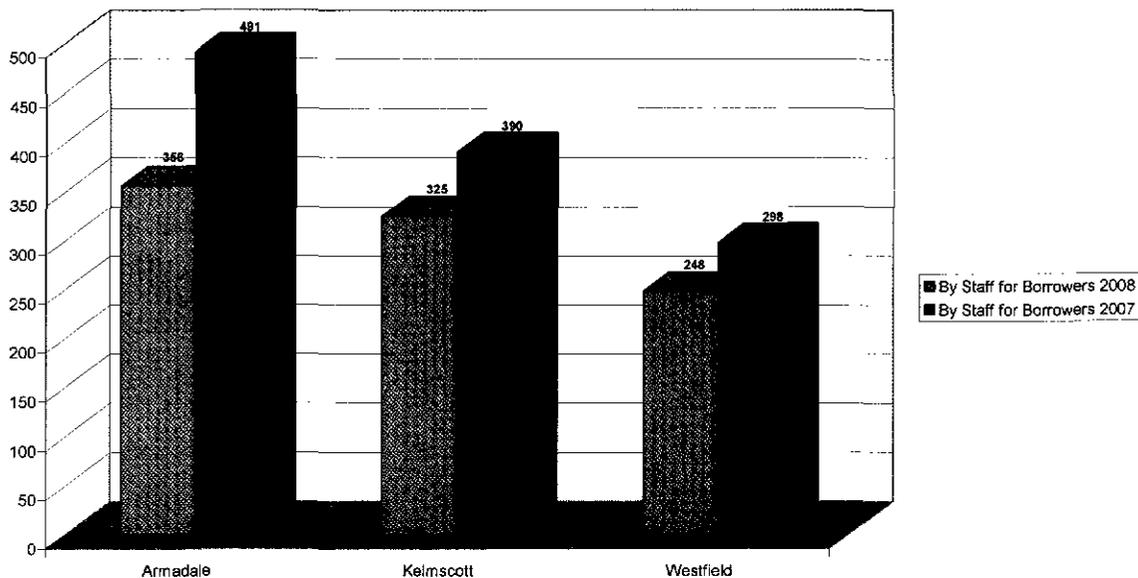
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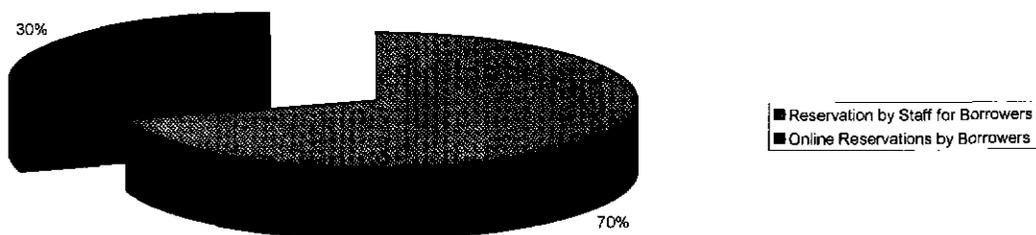
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Month: May

Year: 2008

Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	May 08	May 07	Jul 07 – May 08	Jul 06 – May 07
Reference Enquiries	11	5	133	134
Research Enquiries	11	7	99	76
Visitor Attendance	76	54	1059	520
Volunteer Hours	26	50	570	530
Oral History				
Letters Sent	1	1	22	13
Interviews Completed	2	1	14	15
Transcripts Completed	2	4	16	13
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	28	28	312.5	331
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	6	7	46	61
Digitising Records	NA	15	45	NA
Family History Research				
Reference	9	NA	20	NA
Research	28	NA	208	NA
Volunteer Hours	47	NA	280	NA

History Museum	House	Current Month	Year to date		
			May 07	July 07- June 08	Jul 06 – June 07
		May 08			
Visitors		134	199	2,253	1,873
Volunteer Hours		181	211	1,765	1,577
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum		May 08	May 07	July 07 – June 08	Jul 06 – June 07
		311	452	4242	2953

Month: May Year: 2008

ARMADALE YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP (YAC)
Minutes
26 May 2008 - 4.00pm
Community Development Committee Room
(White building behind library)
City of Armadale

Present: Melissa Northcott (Chairperson) Community Member, Cr Ruth Butterfield (nominated Councillor), Ben Edmonds Community Member, Ben Ritacca Carey Baptist College, Stacey Eddington Community member, Carol Evelyn Surgeon Community Member, Lee Holben City of Armadale Community Development Coordinator, Gregg Pearce Community Development Officer – Youth, Sjon Kraan Community member.

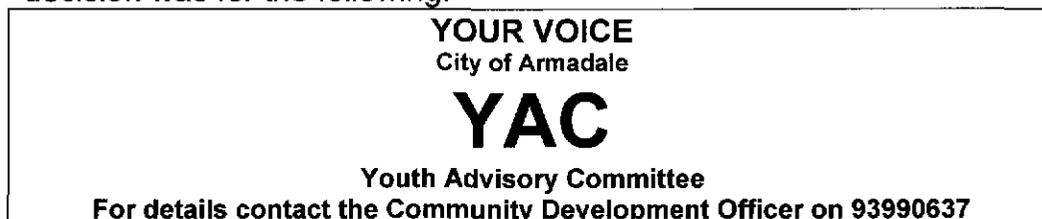
Apologies: Katie Hully, Aemero Yitbarek (resigned)

Introduction of guest/ new members: Sjon Kraan.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes: Accepted – no changes.

Business from Previous Minutes:

- **Stickers** – The design for the stickers was discussed and the majority decision was for the following:



Colours to be same as City of Armadale colours, remove the lines from the YAC logo. Council officers to check with media and the style guide that it meets all of the style guide criteria.

- **Years program – Subcommittees:**
 - **Leadership day**

Date/time: The day has now been forward to Youth Week 2009.

Format: Ideas for the format will be discussed over the next few months and be formalized then

Guest Speakers: The committee is looking at youth oriented motivational type speakers. The Chair put forward Mike O'Meara (Bank of Ideas National Coordinator):

Budget: The budget was discussed and the chair will be following up avenues for funding.

Sub Committee: A sub committee has been put together and they will bring forward ideas as to format etc at the next meeting (30/06/2008.) The members of the Committee are Carol Evelyn Surgeon, Ben Edmonds and Ben Ritacca.

○ **Ten Year Celebration**

Date/Time: Officers have checked the availability of the Function room for celebration event Monday 22 September 2008. Unfortunately this day is not available and the only day of that week available is Tuesday 23 September 2008 at 1730. CDO – Youth to contact committee by email to confirm endorsement of Tuesday 23 September.

Format: Buffet dinner, Guest speaker/s, background music and neat casual dress.

Guest Speakers: To be looked at next meeting with members bring ideas forward.

Contact past members: The chair is waiting for replies from past members and has only one reply so far.

Budget: This will be discussed by CofA staff and a decision made.

- **Your tutor** – The launch took place in the Armadale Library and all went well with Library staff, three counsellors, five YAC members, two Community Development staff, community youth and their families present.
- **YACTION Youth Forum City of Perth – May 10 – 11 2008** – The Chair gave a brief run down of the forum and introduced some detailed notes of her own on the forum. (see attached for those not present)
- **Off Road Vehicles:** The off road vehicle situation was discussed and information on what areas were available for use and what areas were available for club members only.
- **Review of meeting time and date – results of survey**
The majority of the committee indicated that Monday 4.30pm was the ideal meeting time. As from 30 June meeting time will be last Monday of each month 4.30pm in the Community Development Committee Room.

General Business:

- Sjon Kraan was endorsed as a new member of the YAC committee.
- Introductions were done of new members and members returning and the new CDO – Youth.

2008 Meeting dates:

30 June, 28 July, 25 August, 21 September (29 September is Queens Birthday public holiday), 27 October, 24 November.

Disability Advisory Team Notes

Date of meeting: Tuesday 6th May 2008

Time: 10:00am

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

Present:

Cr Pat Hart (Chair),

Ms Susan Hillel (Building services manager),

Ms Gail Nesci (Armadale health service),

Ms Nonnie Wickens (Community representative),

Mr John Glassford (Buildings manager),

Mr Tony Cutajar (Community representative),

Ms Sheila Parker (Community representative),

Mr Ron Fisher (Community representative),

Ms Melissa Northcott (Community representative)

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

Agenda Items:

- 1) Apologies
John Green, Louise Hansen.

- 2) Minutes
Agreed.
Nonnie made amendments to previous attendance list.
Team welcomed Melissa Northcott to the meeting.

- 3) Facilities near History house (John Glassford)
Toilet facilities repaired
Further damage to toilet seats reported by Tony and will be looked into by John.

John requested the team consider a document about the development, public design of the Wungong/ Brookdale area in relation to access and inclusion issues. Feedback requested by May 12th 2008 by emailing or calling John. Copies of document taken away for people to consider.

- 4) Survey of facilities / attractions (Daniel Cain)
Team informed by Daniel of council intention to complete an Access Audit of council facilities.
The team agreed to meet the presenter (Pip Daly-Smith) of the “Your Welcome” project from the Disability Services Commission to explain in more detail at the next meeting.
The DSC could train voluntary community members to continue assessing new and existing facilities for inclusion on the list.

Will be discussed further after the presentation on the 3rd June 2008.

- 5) Proposed change of start time to 11am for next meeting (Daniel Cain)
Change in start time to 11am agreed for next meeting to allow “Your Welcome” speaker to attend.
- 6) Mobility Map progress (Daniel Cain)
Currently going to proof copy, hopefully released shortly after the next Disability Advisory Team meeting on the 3rd June 2008.
- 7) Aquatic Project : proposed changes (Daniel Cain)
Daniel explained to the team a proposed change in the aquatic inclusion project. Due to the aquatic centre closing at the end of season the Physical Activity Task Force has agreed in principle to changes including training instructors at Seadragonz commercial pool, having training at Seadragonz for Swim-ability and Disability awareness courses for community organizations involved in Disabilities.
Agreement was made to work with Seadragonz as one centre as the project was a pilot and linking to a lot of different centres would not be practical.
Seadragonz could purchase equipment and this would be on loan from the aquatic centre to be returned at the end of the project.
People with disabilities could have up to 50 % discount on their swimming course.
We would be looking at extending the project until the end of December and moving the groups back into the aquatic centre in October if possible. After agreement with Seadragonz another report would have to be made to the Physical Activity Task Force to confirm changes.

The Advisory team supported the proposed changes.

- 8) Discussion of Website design and content (Daniel Cain)
Access and Inclusion page discussed by team. Suggestion of linking senior's page to the Access and Inclusion page. Tony suggested adding head injury website address. Team suggested links to Seniors page.
Suggested people contact and discuss with Daniel or visit to go through ideas.
Discussion of Network Forum topics: Independent Living Centre presentation, transport, finance, housing, occupational therapist support. Possible theme for each network meeting.

Need for information in the community concerning adaptations to the home.

- 9) Photo of Disability Advisory Team (Daniel Cain)

Photos of team taken for inclusion on website and future promotion.

- 10) “The good, the bad and the ugly document” - reviewing buildings document. (Susan Hillel)
Document produced by the disability rights unit of the DSC reviewing the good and bad buildings with photographs. Helpful document for buildings standards. Can be found at [www.humanrights.gov.au /disability_rights/building/good.htm](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/disability_rights/building/good.htm)
- 11) Traffic lights button taken off traffic lights at end of Jull Street. (Tony Cutajar)
John Glassford advised issue for main Roads Dept.

Next meeting: Tuesday 3rd June 2008, 11:00, Function Room – Council Administration building.



Seniors Interest Advisory Group Notes

Date of meeting: Thursday 15th May 2008

Time: 1pm to 2pm

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

Present:

Cr Guenter Best (Chair)

Ms Trudi Hodges (Community representative)

Mr Terry Edmett (Community representative)

Mr Ron Fisher (Community representative)

Ms Cheryl Samborski (Community representative)

Mr Daniel Cain (Community Development Officer)

Agenda Items:

- 1) Apologies
None.
- 2) Notes from previous meeting.
Accepted with no changes.

Business from previous meeting

- 3) Seniors page on City website (Daniel)
Discussed suggestions from the previous meeting.
Page is currently with the City's Public Relations department who are considering the format.
Group agreed the page needs to provide information for community members who access it. The group agreed there are similarities to the Access and Inclusion page but there is also some information very specific to seniors which would need to be displayed. Web site links, providers and community groups need to be included.
Could have joint links but retain a separate seniors page.
- 4) Community Information session feedback (Daniel)
102 people attended the Mind your Mind presentation on the 29th April informing the community how to reduce the risk of developing dementia. Very successful leading to another date booked on the 10th June 2008 at 10am in the function room at council buildings.

New Business

- 5) Information to the public (Trudi)
Informed group that local information and referral service had gone, CommuniCare picking up some of the work from the service but

may leave a gap in the community which will mean more questions to other services including council.

Issue raised concerning where people would go for advice, Cheryl suggested using the Commonwealth Carelink Centre for advice and support to people in need.

(See attached sheet of alternative services available in the City of Armadale)

- 6) Access issues in the community (Cheryl)
Experienced difficulty accessing buildings, including height of new shopping centre entrance for a bus and a steep ramp leading to the elevator area for wheelchairs, difficult for people pushing chairs back up the ramp.
Issues on Jull Street: Cheryl suggested making Jull Street pedestrians only or one way. Daniel explained the issue and possible solutions had been explored by the Disability Advisory Team (DAT) with responses by Technical Services why these suggestions were not practical due to opposition from local business, cost and inconvenience to other members of the community.
Trudi raised the issue that the Seniors Interests Advisory Group has not had input into designing / planning of facilities like the new shopping centre. The DAT was discussed with reference to the input received from the Buildings Manager and Property Manager who attend their meetings. These officers request advice from members of the DAT and use their knowledge to assess buildings. The DAT was consulted by the officers in the planning stage of the building and a number of DAT members went on a tour of the building on the opening day to look at access issues.
The officers respond to members concerns about access and consult with the team for advice regularly.
Daniel forwarding copy of relevant DAT notes concerning Jull Street to members of the SIAG.
- 7) Access and Mobility map (Daniel)
Map has gone to print after being proof read.
Expected to be completed within three weeks.
- 8) Drop off point at train station (Guenter)
People queuing outside the main entrance causing difficulty and obstruction to traffic. Informed Group ARA had not responded. Group suggested Guenter take to council meeting with Tech services. Discussed who may be responsible either ARA or train authority. Daniel to pursue relevant authority.
Discussed ACROD bays in the car park which are too far from the entrance. Cheryl mentioned the different needs of people requiring ACROD spaces, may require drop off near entrance and then perhaps leaving a bus in a more distant space or car near the entrance.
Daniel contacting ARA for clarification.

- 9) **Disability Awareness day (Cheryl)**
Cheryl suggested that Councillors, Council staff, community and businesses could be involved in a half day team event promoting the difficulties faced by members of the community in reference to wheelchair use, suggesting people try pushing and using chairs around Minnowarra park, wheel chair races.
DAT has an aim of raising the awareness of Disability access issues in the community.
Discussed Access Awards for local businesses. The awards would be related to the DAT “Access audit” which is a proposed project to detail and promote the accessibility of local facilities, commencing with council buildings and leading to community businesses in the future with stage two.
No further action at this stage.

- 10) **Accommodation for seniors (Cheryl)**
Issue raised in reference to the difficulty faced by seniors in the community to find appropriate accommodation, not supported housing.
No action required at this stage.

- 11) **Gopher training in the community (Cheryl)**
Discussed the need for gopher training in the community for public safety. Acknowledged that a facility was used previously before the police withdrew their support. Cheryl suggested using the RAC to support running it.
Daniel checking availability of RAC to run project.

Next meeting: Thursday 19th June 2008, 1pm, Committee Room – Council Administration building.

