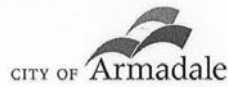


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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROUND TABLE WITH MINISTER LLOYD

Association President, Cr Bill Mitchell and CEO, Ricky Burges attended the Local Government Round Table with the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, Jim Lloyd; Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) President, Cr Paul Bell; and other State and Territory Presidents and CEOs at Parliament House last week.

Cr Mitchell said the talks were "very productive" and issues discussed ranged from the Budget announcements, including Roads to Recovery, AusLink Strategic and Black Spots programs; provision of municipal services to Indigenous communities; the PricewaterhouseCoopers report on Local Government funding; to the implementation and operation of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) on Cost Shifting.

Minister Lloyd said that Local Government State and Territory Associations had presented a detailed case on the issue of financial sustainability and the need to review the way Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) are assessed to take into account a range of growth indicators, rather than just the CPI and population movements.

"Local Government, through ALGA and the State and Territory Associations, are strong advocates for local communities and I was very pleased to have this opportunity through the Roundtable of getting together to listen to their views," Minister Lloyd said.

"The partnership between the Australian Government and Local Government has never been stronger, as evidenced in the Federal Budget announcements which provided \$1.7b in general purpose and local road grants, in addition to the Roads to Recovery program.

"I believe the case for Local Government financing, in terms of the Financial Assistance

Grants and the case for a direct proportion of at least 1% of federal taxation revenue, has been raised in the spirit of advancing the Australian Government partnership with Local Government and I undertook to raise the matter further with my colleagues.

"The challenge is now for State Governments to play their part and rather than tearing down Local Government and starving them of funding, the States need to use their GST funds to fulfil their responsibilities to local communities."

ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell and Senior Vice-President, Cr Bill Mitchell said they looked forward to working further with Minister Lloyd and with the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) to progress the issues raised.

For further information, please contact Chief Executive Officer, Ricky Burges on 9213 2000 or email rburges@walga.asn.au

2007 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENTION

Delegate and Partner Registrations

The Convention Information and Registration brochure was distributed to all Councils on Friday 4 May. An electronic version is available upon request.

Registrations should be faxed to the Secretariat on 9322 2611 by **Wednesday 4 July**.

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

Accommodation Update

The Hotel Grand Chancellor Perth located at 707 Wellington Street, Perth is offering a room rate of \$125.00 per night. If you would like to take-up this offer, the relevant accommodation form can be downloaded from www.walga.asn.au Please note, coach transfers will not be provided to the convention.

Local Government News

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

ERIN BROCKOVICH PUBLIC LUNCHEON

In addition to the presentation of the keynote address at this year's Convention, Erin Brockovich will present at a Public Luncheon hosted by the Association on

Date: Friday 3 August
Time: 12:30pm to 2:00pm
Venue: Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Council management and staff, friends and family are all welcome to attend.

A reservation form can be downloaded from www.walga.asn.au or for further information, please contact Manager Events, Glenys Errington on 9213 2043 or email gerrington@walga.asn.au

WA ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (WAAMI) – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Association continues to support Local Government in addressing financial and asset management challenges through the provision of the WA Asset Management Improvement Programme (WAAMI). To date, around 25 Councils are participating in WAAMI, either on an individual or regional basis. Feedback from participants is incredibly positive and the Association encourages members to learn how this structured asset management programme will meet their needs. To facilitate this, Frequently Asked Questions are now posted at <http://www.walga.asn.au/policy/transport/waami.html>

To participate in WAAMI, please complete an Expression of Interest Form, available at the above web address. On receipt of the form, the Association will contact you to discuss the programme.

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

2007 HEART FOUNDATION KELLOGG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS

The 2007 Heart Foundation Kellogg Local Government Awards recognise and acknowledge Councils that create supportive environments to promote better health and reduce the risk of chronic conditions. Councils will be in the running for a pool of \$35,000 in cash awards.

The 2007 Awards will focus on the implementation of programs that build social connections, encourage people to be physically active, be smoke free and make healthy food choices. The program has four categories:

- implementation of plans and policies to support heart health;
- provision and use of facilities to improve heart health;
- programs that improve heart health in priority groups; and
- programs that promote healthy weight.

The Awards close on **Friday 8 June**.

For further information or entry forms, please visit www.heartfoundation.com.au/ga phone 9388 3343 or 1300 36 27 87.

SUN PROTECTION SURVEY

The Cancer Council Western Australia invites all Councils to participate in the 2007 Sun Protection Survey which was sent to Councils last week. The information from the survey will be used to determine how the Cancer Council WA can best support Councils to address sun protection issues within their communities.

Participating Councils will receive a confidential report outlining areas of strength and suggested strategies for improvement, as well as a free copy of the new resource, *The Shade Handbook: A practical guide to shade development in Western Australia*.

The survey deadline is **Friday 22 June**.

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

FREE TRANSPORTABLE BUILDING

St Hilda's has made an offer of a free transportable building provided it is removed at no cost to the school. Until recently, this building was used as two classrooms and quite a large storage area.

For further information, please contact St Hilda's Business Manager, Michelle Howen on 9285 4100 or email michelle.brookes@sthildas.wa.edu.au

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ALLIANCE CONFERENCE

The Australian Universities Community Engagement Alliance (AUCEA) is a not for profit organisation with membership of 34 of Australia's universities, including all WA universities.

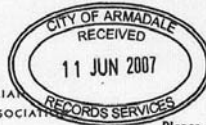
The AUCEA Inc National Conference 2007, *The scholarship of community engagement: Australia's way forward* will be hosted by Charles Darwin University in Alice Springs, Northern Territory. The Conference will be a forum for cutting edge dialogue and debate on the practice and value of university/community partnerships. AUCEA promotes universities working with their local communities. Many Councils have some marvellous partnerships with their local universities.

The conference theme refers to engaged teaching, learning and research. It involves collaborative relationships that yield mutually beneficial outcomes for the university, its students and its communities. The AUCEA conference is a key tool for growing university/community partnerships. It is an opportunity to reflect, network, discuss other successful partnerships, inspire and learn from each other. Some best practice examples from Councils will be presented at the conference.

For further information, please visit the conference website www.aucea.net.au/conference



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2007 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENTION FOCUS GROUPS

Five special half-day forums are included in this year's Convention Program, and in addition to Elected Members and Senior Management, the Association encourages participation by Officers with an interest in the respective areas to attend.

Date: **Monday 6 August**

Time: 9:15am to 12:15pm

Venue: Burswood Convention Exhibition Centre

Cost: \$165 (lunch and refreshments will be provided)

Three forum topics are outlined below with further information and registration details available from www.walga.asn.au/events

Climate Change at a Local Level

Speakers from State Government, the Insurance sector and Local Government will address Climate Change from a policy, risk management and project implementation level, illustrating varied approaches to Climate Change management and the tools available to the sector.

Together we can Connect Communities

This discussion group, together with Telstra representatives, will cover emerging trends in telecommunications, community expectations and the future in services, with emphasis on the influence that Local Government has to achieve the desired outcomes in communities.

People, Arts and Culture

This workshop led by Writer, Director and Performer, Lockie McDonald will showcase ways in which culture and the arts can set communities on more positive trajectories. **Recommended to managers and officers that work in the areas of recreation, culture and the arts.**

Deadline for registrations is **Wednesday 4 July**.

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

VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The current round of vacancies (3.07) is now open. Please email your completed applications to nominations@walga.asn.au by **Friday 13 July**. Please note, a signature or name is required on nominations submitted by email. Unsigned or late nominations will not be accepted

Current vacancies are:

- WA Land Information System (WALIS) Council
- Needle & Syringe Disposal Strategy Working Party (readvertised)
- Control of Vehicles (Off-Road Areas) Act Advisory Committee (readvertised)
- WA Local Government Grants Commission (readvertised)
- Caravan Parks & Camping Grounds Advisory Committee (readvertised)

For further information please visit www.walga.asn.au/about/ig/vacancies or contact Corporate Services Project Officer, Tim Lane on 9213 2029 or email tlane@walga.asn.au

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

The John Curtin Institute of Public Policy and the Housing and Urban Research Institute of WA will host a half-day seminar on economic development in local communities. Presented by Dr Ernesto Sirolli from the Sirolli Institute, the seminar will discuss bottom up economic development and alternatives to 'one size fits all' business support offerings that can be applied to local communities.

The Association has identified this as a course relevant to Local Government policy makers and recommends it to all Members.

Date: **Friday 22 June**

Time: 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Where: Haydn Williams Theatre
Curtin University of Technology, Bentley

Cost: \$137.50

Registration forms can be obtained by emailing a.neary@curtin.edu.au

Local Government Association

For further information, please contact John Curtin Institute of Public Policy's Anne Neary on 9266 2873 or email a.neary@curtin.edu.au

2007 TOYOTA MUSTER GRANT APPLICATIONS

In 1993, Gympie APEX Club, organisers of the Toyota Muster, Australia's largest outdoor music festival held each year in South East Queensland, decided to raise funds to support the national drought appeal.

Since then, the Appeal has donated some \$1.2m to nominated charities.

In 2007, the event is again focusing on fellow Australians suffering because of drought. Nonprofit community organisations endeavouring to assist their community to cope with the devastating effects of drought are invited to apply for a share of the funds raised by the 2007 Toyota Muster's Rural Aid Appeal.

Further, a deserving family nominated by each of the successful applicants will be invited to enjoy the event as guests of the Gympie APEX Club.

Finally, one community organisation will be awarded a new Toyota Hilux SR 4 litre V6 manual petrol pick-up, including airconditioning and on-road costs, to be presented at the Muster on **Sunday 26 August**.

Applications close on **Friday 20 July** with successful organisations advised by **Friday 3 August**. Nominated families can enjoy the Muster on **Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 August**, when successful applicants will be announced publicly and the pick-up presented.

Application forms are available from the Toyota Muster Office, PO Box 616, Gympie, Qld 4570, or from www.muster.com.au

For further information, please contact Brian Sansom on (07) 5482 2099.

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24 September Gascoyne Country Zone
24 September Pilbara Country Zone
26 September South East Metropolitan Zone
27 September Central Metropolitan Zone
27 September North Metropolitan Zone
27 September East Metropolitan Zone
27 September Peel Country Zone
28 September Central Country Zone
9 November Murchison Country Zone
23 November Avon Midland Country Zone
23 November South West Country Zone
26 November South Metropolitan Zone
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30 November Great Southern Country Zone
31 November Pilbara Country Zone (TBC)
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2 August Central Metropolitan Zone
2 August Peel Country Zone
3 August Great Eastern Country Zone
3 August Gascoyne Country Zone
3 August Northern Country Zone
3 August Central Country Zone
5 August Great Southern Country Zone
3-6 August Pilbara Country Zone (TBA)
21 September Avon Midland Country Zone
21 September Goldfields-Esperance Zone
21 September Great Eastern Country Zone
21 September South West Country Zone
24 September South Metropolitan Zone
24 September Great Southern Country Zone

ALGA NEWSLETTER - 8 June 2007

Meeting with Minister for Vocational and Further Education



The President of the Australian Local Government Association, Cr Paul Bell, met with the Minister for Vocational and Further Education, Andrew Robb, at Parliament House recently.

At the meeting, Cr Bell opened discussion on matters relating to training and skills development within the local government sector.

"The meeting was timely, given the appointment of Mr Robb to the portfolio this year, the recent training policy announcements in the Budget and the release of the National Skills Shortage Strategy for Local Government," Cr Bell said.

"Unfortunately, like other sectors, local government is experiencing critical skills shortages, especially in the areas of town planning, environmental health, engineering and specialist outdoor labour," Cr Bell said. "To make matters worse, interference by State Governments such as Queensland with its recent decision to unilaterally fast-track local government amalgamation, is impacting local government's ability to attract, retrain and enhance the skills of the workforces."

Cr Bell discussed the Local Government Training Package, skills shortages, training opportunities for local government and Industry Skills Councils. "I was impressed with Minister Robb's strong grasp of the portfolio and his understanding of the critical issues facing local government," he said. "We discussed what some councils are doing in regard to offering traineeships and apprenticeships and the benefits they bring to address skill and employment shortages in regional areas."

Local Roads and Transport Congress - only 4 weeks to go



The ALGA Local Roads and Transport Congress in Newcastle on 8-10 July is now only four weeks away. Register now to avoid missing out.

A consistent feature of the Congress since its inception in 2000 has been its ability to attract high level political support. This year is no exception.

With the polls showing a possible change of government at the next Federal election it is important that councils hear directly from the relevant Opposition representatives that have responsibilities for those areas of local government interest.

Two key speakers this year will be the Shadow Minister for Transport, Roads and Tourism, Martin Ferguson, (pictured with ALGA President Cr Paul Bell) and the Shadow Minister for Local Government, Senator Kate Lundy.

Martin Ferguson has portfolio responsibility for AusLink including the Roads to Recovery, Strategic Regional and Blackspots Programs. Senator Kate Lundy has portfolio responsibility for Financial Assistance Grants and Grants Identified for Roads

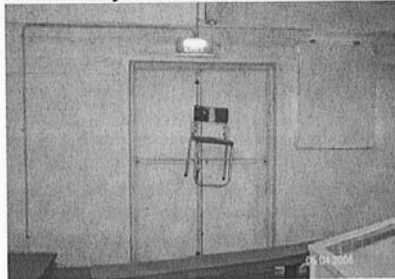
Both these portfolio areas are of critical interest to local government.

The Opposition has indicated that it will continue these programs but has given no details of the levels of funding it would commit to these programs or how their administrative arrangements might be changed under a future Labor Government. Nor has Labor given any indication yet on what policy path it might take in relation to urban public transport.

The Local Roads and Transport Congress provides the opportunity to hear directly from the Opposition and to question the Labor Shadow Ministers.

Delegates can register and pay for the Congress online at www.alga.asn.au/roadscongress. The same site can be used for booking accommodation, the partner program and pre and post Congress tours.

Community infrastructure fails Australian communities



Proposals submitted by councils to the Community Infrastructure Ideas Register reveal in graphic detail the state of local government infrastructure around Australia. With over 300 entries representing 60 councils from each state of Australia so far, local government is coming out in force to show that there is a grass-roots demand for the urgent renewal of community infrastructure.

This week, 'ALGA News' showcases Tumut Shire Council's public hall which is 80 years old and requires extensive repairs before it meets safety standards and can be used as a community facility. The estimated cost of the repairs are \$50,000-\$100,000 and would involve roofing, exterior wall rendering and painting, guttering and drainage, emergency exits, ceiling patching, balustrading, floorboards and other repairs required due to weathering and water penetration.

With a national infrastructure backlog in renewal work of \$14.5 billion, local councils do not have the capacity to fix this problem on their own. The PricewaterhouseCoopers report into local government financing recommended a Local Government Infrastructure Renewal Fund (LCIRF) of \$250m over 4 years and ALGA is presenting a strong case for the need for a LCIRF to both major parties in the lead-up to the federal election.

ALGA President Cr Paul Bell will be writing to all councils and State and Territory Associations early next week urging them to continue to submit examples of failing infrastructure in need of upgrading onto the Register at www.alga.asn.au.

From the President



Local government sustainability is the single most important issue facing councils across Australia.

That is why the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has set up a Community Infrastructure Ideas Register.

Many councils representing all states have already submitted ideas for projects they felt could be considered under a future Local Community Infrastructure Renewals Fund (LCIRF). Project ideas range from swimming pools to walking tracks, sporting facilities to upgrading senior citizen halls, meals on wheels facilities run from council kitchens, libraries, park benches, BBQs and playgrounds.

Local government is facing a national total backlog of renewal work of \$14.5 billion. Much of this infrastructure was built in the 1950s and 1960s and is in urgent need of repair.

The criteria for submissions on the Register is that the Fund would renew existing ageing infrastructure and that it has a community purpose. The Fund of \$250m over 4 years was recommended by the PricewaterhouseCoopers report into local government financing, commissioned by ALGA and released in December 2006. Neither water and sewerage infrastructure nor roads would be covered by such a fund and we would particularly appreciate examples of smaller projects involving modest expenditures (perhaps up to \$50,000) to illustrate examples of what could be achieved by such a fund. Of course, councils may have examples of much larger projects and we want to hear about them too.

ALGA is using the information submitted on the Register to lobby both major parties to include an LCIRF in their election platforms in the lead-

Cowra Mayor President of NSW Shires

Cr Bruce Miller has been elected as President of the Shires Association of NSW. He follows Cr Col Sullivan OAM, who held the position for the maximum two year period.

Cr Miller brings almost 20 years local government experience to the role.

He has been the Vice President of the Association for the past three years, is an executive member of the Central West Regional Organisation of Councils (CENTROC) and is on the board of the Strengthening Local Government Task Force.

A councillor with Cowra Shire since 1991, Cr Miller was Deputy Mayor between 1992 and 1994, and has been Mayor since September 1994.

NSW Shires Annual Conference

Speaking at the NSW Shires Association Annual Conference on Tuesday, ALGA Paul Bell thanked the Association for its work with ALGA on publicising the Local Community Infrastructure Renewals Fund and encouraging all councils to submit to the register which is on the ALGA website.

"The PricewaterhouseCoopers report emphasised the importance of internal reforms as part of the twin-track approach," he said. "I urge all councils in NSW and all states to keep up the pace on internal reform. All of us together must work to achieve results which strengthen local government's case and maximise our chances of a successful outcome in this very important election year."

At the conference the Shires Association, the Mid Lachlan Alliance, Rural Lands Protection Boards and NSW Farmers announced they have joined forces to campaign for a number of urgent drought assistance measures.

As a result of a motion by the Mid Lachlan Alliance at the Shires Association Annual Conference on Wednesday morning, the

up to the federal election later this year.

We have had significant success with the Register so far with over 300 entries. However, we would like as many suggestions from councils as possible to demonstrate the urgent grass-roots need for such a fund and that it would significantly enhance the quality of life and the health and well-being of our local communities.

To this end, I encourage you to submit entries to the Register if you have not already done so. If you have registered some idea you might wish to consider further projects in your community that you believe should be brought to the attention of the Australian Government and the Opposition. If you have photos, all the better.

I also ask that you contact your local federal MPs and Senators and draw to their attention the significant benefits of establishing a Local Community Infrastructure Renewals Fund which we envisage would be established along the lines of the highly successful Roads to Recovery Program. Local government has a good story to tell on delivering outcomes and benefits for our communities and we must ensure that we continue to spread the word.

I thank you for your assistance in this very important matter. I will keep you updated on the numbers and types of projects on the Register through 'ALGA News.'

The Register is on the ALGA website:
www.alga.asn.au

Cr Paul Bell AM
ALGA President

Cabinet meets to discuss broadband

Nationals leader Mark Vaile has declined to confirm whether the Federal Government will spend \$900 million to boost internet speed in rural areas.

But he says those areas will be happy with the government broadband announcement.

Following a cabinet meeting this week, Treasurer Peter Costello promised a new high-speed broadband network for Australia's biggest

groups will form a working party to lobby the State and Federal Governments on behalf of affected primary producers and businesses.

High on the priority list will be the call for an annual 15% rate rebate, as well as extensions to: the waiver of Western Land rents; the Drought Transport Subsidy Scheme; and Drought Support Worker funding.

Newly elected President of the Shires Association of NSW, Cr Bruce Miller, said ongoing drought conditions made urgent assistance crucial.

"The continuation of the drought into winter is likely to further diminish returns and lead to more crop failures, which is a serious issue for primary producers and businesses already battling," Cr Miller said.

"The Mid Lachlan Alliance, the Lower Macquarie Alliance, with NSW Farmers, Bland Shire Council and Rural Lands Protection Boards, put a submission to the State Government calling for a number of sensible measures to tackle the impacts of the drought."

"This working party will take the submission, as well as other ideas, to both the State and Federal Governments for consideration - with the hope of getting urgent relief for affected primary producers and businesses."

Environment Ministers meet

Australian environment ministers and Cr Bill Mitchell from the Australian Local Government Association met in Cairns on Saturday 2 June to discuss key environmental priorities relating to climate change, waste management, air quality, chemicals management, nationally protected areas and heritage conservation.

On a very full agenda, ministers agreed to proceed with examining the feasibility and means of implementation potential measures to encourage the uptake of more fuel efficient and low emission passenger and light commercial vehicles. They agreed

cities will be built quickly and at no cost to taxpayers.

Mr Vaile refused to confirm newspaper reports the government would spend \$900 million on boosting internet access and speed in regional areas under the broadband plan, however he has promised regional areas will get improved internet services.

Mr Vaile said a government announcement would be made soon.

Telstra's proposed \$4.1 billion network would initially start in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and the Gold Coast and reach 50 per cent of homes and 60 per cent of businesses in the first 40 months.

The G9 consortium proposes to build a network that would cover five capital cities costing \$3.6 billion over three years.

Although neither Telstra nor Optus is seeking government investment, both want legislative and regulatory changes and guarantees before going ahead.

G9 is proposing significantly lower initial prices for consumers but Telstra's prices are locked in over 14 years.

Sustainable Sydney 2030

If Sydney's love affair with the car continues at the current rate, by 2030 air pollution could kill one Sydneysider every four hours - eight times the number of people killed in motor vehicle accidents.

Based on current trends the prediction is one of the initial findings of the City of Sydney's Sustainable Sydney 2030. The vision includes projections on what Sydney would be like in 2030 and is a strong call to action for Sydneysiders.

The Report into Health Impacts of Air Pollution in the Sydney basin tabled in the NSW Legislative Council Committee in November 2006 indicates there are between 600-1400 deaths each year caused by air pollution.

With a 50 per cent increase in car travel and a doubling of container traffic predicted by 2030

to work within and across governments on travel demand management, including assessing the need for a national strategy. Travel demand management enables sustainable transport outcomes by reducing single occupancy vehicle use, and leads to the achievement of a number of key environmental protection objectives. Ministers also agreed to lead the development of nationally consistent guidelines for the environmental assessment and regulation of carbon dioxide capture and geological storage.

Ministers endorsed a draft set of guidelines dealing with recycled water for drinking for public consultation, subject to its endorsement by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). The draft, on which public comment will be sought for three months, does not promote or endorse schemes, but describes the safeguards that are needed in order to protect public health and the environment.

On waste matters, ministers agreed that resource conservation/efficiency is a legitimate objective for national product stewardship action under EPHC. The Council agreed to finalise a National Environment Protection Measure on tyres as a priority, with work on other products including computers and televisions to follow in the near future. Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to phasing out plastic bags by January 2009 and will consider this issue again along with a revised Regulatory Impact Statement at their next meeting.

Ministers welcomed the Australian Government initiative to phase out inefficient incandescent light bulbs by June 2010 as a way of reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions. They also agreed to explore the need for end-of-life management options for more energy efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Further information on the Environment Protection and Heritage Council (EPHC) can be found at: www.ephc.gov.au/

Emissions Trading Task Group

Last week the report of the Prime Minister's

the number of deaths caused by air pollution could rise to approximately 2,380 a year.

Lord Mayor Clover Moore said the predictions paint a bleak picture for Sydney in 2030 if nothing is done. The time to prepare and prevent this happening is now, Ms Moore said.

The Lord Mayor said that Sustainable Sydney 2030 was a landmark project designed to draw on all Sydneysiders and provide a joint community, government and business response to ensure Sydney remains sustainable. It will involve an extensive public consultation process and we will speak to residents, workers, visitors, businesses and the cultural sector, as well as Australian and International experts.

"The end result of Sustainable Sydney 2030 will be a series of visionary projects and programs to shape Sydney for generations to come," she said.

During the next few months, the City of Sydney will be seeking input, feedback and participation in the development of the vision with 11 community forums across Sydney, five City Talks, five business, cultural and government forums as well as a series of round-table discussions with industries and ethnic community groups.

To learn more about Sustainable Sydney 2030, visit www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au or call the City of Sydney on 9265-9333.

Queenslanders come out in force to oppose mergers

More than 23,000 people have signed petitions opposing the government's plan to force local council mergers.

16,000 people have signed petitions tabled in state parliament on Wednesday and an electronic petition, which is still open, has attracted around 7,300 signatures.

President of the Qld Local Government Association, Cr Paul Bell, said that this proved beyond doubt the falseness of the premier's claims that only local councillors, mayors and council CEOs oppose the planned mergers. "It is a huge response which shows the extent of the

Task Group on Emissions Trading was released.

A key element of the report is putting a price on carbon, so as to encourage the development of low emission technologies and a more efficient use of energy. The report describes an emissions trading scheme for Australia which the Australian Government says would be the most comprehensive in the world, covering about 75% of all of the sources of emissions.

The Report proposes that trading commence in 2011 (and no later than 2012) with the intervening years devoted to building the systems, including a national emissions register, necessary to ensure an efficient, reliable and accountable system.

The Report proposes that a long term aspirational target be set next year after careful economic analysis of the local and global implications. The Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Malcolm Turnbull, said: "The timing fits in well with the recent US proposal for fifteen of the world's largest economies (including Australia) to work together in what is looking like an expanded version of the AP6 to develop a global emissions target in the course of 2008 with national commitments of action that will enable us to reach it."

On the issue of climate change, Labor has set a target of reducing emissions by 60% by 2050. It has asked economist Ross Garnaut to report next year on the effects of climate change on the Australian economy, environment and water resources, and to advise on policy responses and a time frame for implementation.

Mr Turnbull said that a decade of action by local governments participating in the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Australia program, had helped reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions by 8.8 million tonnes.

"CCP Australia is the world's largest and most successful local government greenhouse action program," he said. "It is part of the CCP international program, delivered in Australia in partnership with

groundswell of opposition to the mergers and we expect more signatures on the electronic petition in the next few weeks," he said

Outback councils are preparing to stage a mass protest against the reforms on Friday.

Councils have urged residents to decorate their towns in red, saying this will symbolise the bleeding of support for the bush if amalgamations go ahead.

Anti-bullying DVD

Holroyd City Council has produced a unique DVD-based training package aimed at helping young people combat bullying.

The package, **SPEAK OUT: Young People against bullying DVD and Workshop Guide Resource**, was launched by Holroyd Mayor Cllr Dr John H Brodie.

Mayor Dr Brodie said: "This resource was created by local young people as part of the Peer Education Project, which Holroyd City Council runs. The Peer Education Project targets young people aged 15 to 19 and aims to encourage them to contribute to the wellbeing of their communities."

The resource is ideal for upper primary schools to high schools, TAFEs, and youth organisations aiming to make young people more skilled about dealing with bullying - the key is through peer support and influence, Mayor Brodie said.

Proceeds from the sale of the resource will go towards funding further Peer Education Projects. Contact: Jennifer Bulley 02 9840 9939 or Hatice Vural on 02 9840 9912. The website is www.holroyd.nsw.gov.au

Vale Former Newcastle City Council Lord Mayor - Greg Heys

Greg Heys served a single term as Lord Mayor of Newcastle, from September 1995 to September 1999. Those four years were a time of great change for Newcastle, its council and the wider Hunter Region. Mr Heys, who died earlier this week aged 62, was at the head of a sometimes fractious council, but he was determined to retain the "more sensitive" style of decision-making he used as a social worker

the Australian Government. CCP encourages and supports local governments in initiating innovative actions within their local communities and operations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

Examples of innovative action by CCP councils include Lismore Council in NSW using 'armies' of 100 million worms to reduce waste, and Northam Council in WA converting old railway houses into clean, green affordable homes for local residents.

"Australian local councils should be proud of their actions in tackling climate change. It's encouraging to see actions at the local level contributing to a better quality of life for individuals as well as the wider community and the world," Mr Turnbull said.

CCP Australia is part of the Australian Government's more than \$2 billion national climate change strategy. It is part of the Local Greenhouse Action initiative which helps local government, communities and individual households reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. For more information click [here](#)

Internet Filtering in Public Libraries

Announcing the release of the latest Internet Filtering in Public Libraries Survey, the Australian Library and Information Association has warned a one-size-fits-all solution for internet filtering could actively compromise legitimate research through the Australian public library network.

The survey, the third conducted by the Association since 2002, shows respondents frequently reported experiences of, and concerns about, unreliability and inaccuracy of filtering software.

The survey results also show 70% of respondent libraries currently using filters deploy the software at server level and 38% of libraries receive internet access through a wider council network.

"Clearly, this has significant implications for filtering software design requirements," Sue Hutley, Executive Director of the

and urban planner. Newcastle's General Manager Janet Dore acknowledged that it was also under Greg's leadership that the council established a reputation for being at the forefront of environmental issues with the adoption of the green spaces strategy, the linking plan and the Newcastle environmental management plan." It was also under Greg's leadership that Newcastle ran the highly successful international Pathways to Sustainability Conference in 1997, showing the world just how serious the Newcastle community was in delivering a more sustainable future.

Festivals Funding

Funding opportunities are available through the current round of the Festivals Australia program and the Festivals Australia Regional Residencies program. Funding is primarily available for community and local government organizations that run festivals in regional and remote areas of Australia. The funding round closes on 16 July 2007, for projects starting after 1 January 2008. Regional, community and local government organizations can apply. Visit the websites for application forms and general information: www.dcita.gov.au/festivals or www.dcita.gov.au/festivals_residencies

Exercise Cumpston Evaluation Report

The Commonwealth Government has released the evaluation report of Exercise Cumpston 06, the health simulation exercise testing Australia's preparedness for a pandemic influenza outbreak.

Exercise Cumpston 06 was Australia's largest ever health exercise and was one of the first major exercises on pandemic influenza conducted in any country. The four-day live simulation exercise was held in October 2006.

The exercise simulated the arrival of an international flight carrying sick passengers, the emergence of the pandemic in the community and trialled the health system's capacity to contain and manage a pandemic.

Commonwealth, state and territory governments, medical associations, medical colleges and a range of non-government and private sector organisations participated in the

Association, said.

"Internet filtering software needs further development and close cooperation with public librarians to ensure features of the software include maximum local control and adaptability, but does not preclude legitimate research and freedom of access to information," she said.

Ms Hutley said librarians in schools and public libraries were very aware of their duty of care but parental guidance was also vital to ensure children were protected wherever they had access to the internet.

Report on Outback Youth

As part of the Year of the Outback 2006, the Australian Government commissioned a nationwide research project to discover and document what young people see as the important issues facing them in rural, regional and remote Australia. The project also sought their ideas and recommendations on how these issues can be addressed by government, rural industries, communities and young people themselves.

The information contained in the Report was compiled through a comprehensive process including a national on-line survey; five regional workshops (Mildura, Moree, Alice Springs, Longreach, Perth) and a final national workshop in Canberra.

The findings were compiled to create the report "Outback Youth Infront, Their Voice - Australia's Future." For copies of the report, call the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's helpline on 1800 686175.

Quote of the week

"The big secret in life is that there is no secret. Whatever your goal, you can get there if you are willing to work."

Oprah Winfrey

International news

The UK "Sun" newspaper wrote about a new road marking strategy being adopted in South East London. Four cars were hoisted

exercise.

The exercise showed that Australia's pandemic response plans and preparations are sound and that, should a pandemic emerge, Australia's health system is well placed to respond effectively.

There are also areas for refinement and enhancement identified including crisis and communications coordination, information systems and the sustainability of response.

The Commonwealth Government is committed to the safety and security of all Australians and is giving detailed consideration to the matters raised in the report and will respond shortly.

The evaluation report was endorsed by the Australian Health Ministers' Conference and is available at www.health.gov.au/pandemic



Sustaining Partner Program Contributing to spatial professions

How many staff in your municipality or shire are working in GIS or related spatial science fields?

Do they all enjoy membership of the Spatial Sciences Institute (SSI) and access to its CPD events and Conferences?

Are they keen on becoming professionally certified through the SSI at discounted rates?

Are they adequately networked with like-minded professional?

The Sustaining Partner Program (SPP) of the SSI has been announced to replace the former SSI Corporate Membership scheme from 30 Jun this year.

The program has Regional Gold and Regional Silver Partner packages which are ideally structured for Local Government

into the air to paint double yellow lines beneath them. The crew lowered the cars back on to the markings, leaving them at the mercy of traffic wardens. But the council involved claimed: "If a ticket had been issued, it would have been wiped out on appeal." (Source: Roads Magazine)

Public Announcement

Play your part in Local Government Reform in Vanuatu

The Port Vila Municipal Council (PVMC) is responsible for managing local government activities for the Port Vila Municipality and is committed to a period of reform to improve the management and delivery of Council Services.

This challenging role will require you to assist the Council in implementing the key objectives of the reform plan, which was devised with the support of the CLGF www.clgf.org.uk and to train and support senior Council staff in management of the change process.

To be considered for this role you will have:

- A strong business administration/HR background
- A solid work history in the public service environment
- Strong change management and communication skills
- A good knowledge of the Pacific environment

Above all, an informed, patient and tolerant approach will ensure a rewarding experience for all parties involved.

To find out more about Australian Volunteers and this role, please go to www.australianvolunteers.com

Australian Small Bridges Conference 2007

A conference focused on Small, Medium and Local Bridges

18-19 July, Gold Coast, Queensland

Australia has over 30,000 small to medium-sized bridges on our road network and many

See: www.spatialsciences.org.au for full details on the Program or talk to Jim Connolly, CEO of the SSI on (02) 6282 2282 Email: ceo@spatialsciences.org.au



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**INNOVATION AND BEST PRACTICE IN
DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT SUMMIT**

**Thursday August 16 and Friday August 17
Dockside Conference Venue, Sydney**

This important two-day conference will review the latest innovations, including new technologies, and best practice in Development Assessment with a focus on practical case studies within local government. It will examine, in depth, the respective roles of planners, councillors and state agencies in the DA processes.

Councils are seeking to identify ways to improve process efficiencies, reduce conflict, and identify best practice. The conference will examine: governance, case load management for planners, new online and software technologies to improve efficiency outcomes,

are near the end of their structural life and need urgent attention.

These bridges are located not only within road reserves but also on train lines, parks & gardens, national parks, and elsewhere. Structures such as elevated boardwalks and viewing platforms also fall within the scope of this conference.

The conference program has been designed to provide council engineers and managers, and councillors, with the latest information and insights in grappling with asset management, legal and road safety issues. The speaking program is diverse with managing timber bridges and pedestrian bridges being particular features. Topics also include Asset Management, Condition Assessment, Bridge Management, Bridge Replacement & Repair and practical Case Studies.

Experienced bridge practitioners, including a number of council managers, will present including Phillipe Matiere from France who will give a keynote presentation on Small Bridges. Another highlight is the Condition Assessment and Asset Management Plan for Gold Coast City council portfolio of 140 foot-bridges and boardwalks in its parklands

For more information on this important conference, see

www.halledit.com.au/conferences/bridges/07

or contact Denise McQueen, 03 8534 5021
or email denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au

geospatial visualisation tools, streamlining and innovation across the DA processes, and directions arising from the new National Electronic Development Assessment (NEDA) project.

Speakers at this important two-day conference in Sydney will include senior planners, Mayors, CEOs and governance and technology experts. Invited speakers include the President of the ALGA, Cr Alan Bell; the Chair of the Development Assessment Forum, Sue Holliday; the former Commissioner of the Tweed Shire Council inquiry, Emeritus Professor Maurice Daly. CEOs from a number of councils have agreed to contribute to the conference.

For details about the conference speakers and agenda or to register for the event, please visit www.halledit.com.au/conferences/devac/2007 or telephone Denise McQueen on 03 8534 5000 or email denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au

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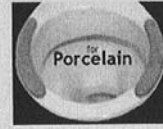


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Forthcoming events

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

- 12 - 13 June 2007 [The Future of Local Government Summit](#)
- 14 - 15 June 2007 [Safety in Port and Maritime Operations](#)
- 14 - 15 June 2007 [Community Visioning](#)
- 19 - 22 June 2007 [2007 NSW Stormwater Industry Association Conference and Trade Show](#)
- 19 - 21 June 2007 [The New Economic Order \(nearly\)](#)
- 25 - 27 June 2007 [2nd Annual Information Architecture in the Public Sector](#)
- 26 - 27 June 2007 [Public Private Partnerships Summit](#)
- 26 - 29 June 2007 [7th Global Forum on Reinventing Government](#)
- 26 - 28 June 2007 [The Challenge of Global Warming and Peak Oil for Local Government](#)
- 28 - 29 June 2007 [ANZSOG Annual Conference](#)

MEDIA RELEASE

12 June 2007

Honours for Local Government

Outstanding contributors to Local Government in Western Australia have been recognised in the 2007 Queen's Birthday Honours lists.

In all, six individuals were honoured for contributions that included recognition of their involvement with Local Government.

These were: Rex Edmondson honoured as an Officer in the General Division (AO); Medals in the General Division (OAM) bestowed on Colleen Rankin, Gerrit Van Burgel, Susan Watson and John Newton while WALGA Chief Executive Officer Ricky Burges received the Public Service Medal (PSM).

WA Local Government Association President Cr Bill Mitchell applauded the recognition of those who had contributed to Local Government.

"It is the decision by individuals to make a concerted contribution to the betterment of their communities that is the cornerstone of Local Government," Cr Mitchell said.

"The individuals who have been honoured this year have taken an active role over a sustained period to contribute to Local Government in Western Australia."

Cr Mitchell said it was unfortunate that more individuals associated with Local Government had not been recognised in the honours.

"I know there are scores of individuals involved with Councils across Western Australia who make a significant contribution to their communities," he said.

"In my experience it is not the case that these people are not worthy of recognition but rather that they are not being nominated.

"I would urge everyone involved in local communities in WA to ensure that they nominate those whom they believe to be deserving of our appreciation by inclusion in the Queen's Birthday Honours."

Information for nominations for the 2008 Queen's Birthday Honours is available at www.itsanhonour.gov.au



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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- Nil.

Staff Leaving:

- Nil.

Other Staff Movements:

- Nil

Current Recruitment Activity:

- Development Systems Coordinator –position on hold.
- Project Manager, Major City Projects – position on hold.
- Administration Officer, Tech Services – interviews held, recruitment proceeding.
- Events Coordinator –interviews held, recruitment proceeding.
- Building Surveyor –interviews scheduled.
- Parks Services Officer – interviews held, no suitable applicants. Position to be reviewed.
- Supervisor Streetscapes – interviews held, recommended applicant withdrew. To be reviewed.
- Library Clerks – part-time (2 positions available) – interviews to be scheduled.
- Senior Branch Librarian – interviews held, recruitment proceeding.
- Parks Maintenance Operator x 2 – applications close 22 June 2007
- Leading Hand Mowing – applications close 22 June 2007.



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ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
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<u>O’Sullivan Drive, Westfield Petition</u> Refer T21/03/05 30 March 05	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee
<u>Redevelopment of Frve Park</u> Refer C37/5/07	Technical Services & Community Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee following development of Project Plan – expected Q1 FY 07/08
<u>Traffic lights modification cnr Armadale/Nicholson Roads</u> Refer CS47/5/07	Technical Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee following investigation with MRWA
<u>Champion Lakes Development & Parking on Lake View Terrace</u> Refer CS47/5/07	Technical Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee following investigation including Rangers – expected approx Sept 07
<u>Champion Lakes Development – Issues with Lake Road</u> Refer CS47/5/07	Technical Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee following work with ARA to determine Lake Rd role in ARA projects – expected Q2 FY 07/08
<u>Off Road Vehicle Area</u> Refer T32/4/07	Technical Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee following investigations including other Authorities within the Metropolitan area – expected Q4 FY 07/08

TECHNICAL SERVICES WORKS PROGRAMME
May – July 2007

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

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Design & Engineering	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seville Drive – Traffic Calming • Owen Road – reconstruction • Lowanna Way – reconstruction • Warton Road Stage I • Ranford Road Stage II • O’Sullivan Drive – Traffic Calming • Abbey/Armada/Railway Intersection • Soldiers Road <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carawatha Avenue – Sub soil Drainage. 	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowanna Way – reconstruction • Ranford Road Stage II • Abbey/Armada/Railway Intersection • Soldiers Road • Forrest/Green Avenue roundabout <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carawatha Avenue – Sub Soil Drainage. 	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Road Stage II • Abbey/Armada/Railway Intersection • Forrest/Green Avenue roundabout • Warton Road Stage I & II • Stretch Avenue • Seville Drive Traffic Calming Stag II <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Sub Soil Drainage needs study
Parks and Reserves	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Strategy • Street/Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Armadale Rd/ Anstey Rd - Armadale Rd/ 12th Rd - Lake Road/ Railway Ave • Floodlighting - Gwynne Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Armadale Bowling Club - William Skeet Oval • Armadale Road Verge Improvements 	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Strategy • Street/Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lake Road/ Railway Ave - Corfield St • Floodlighting - Gwynne Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Armadale Bowling Club - William Skeet Oval • Armadale Road Verge Improvements • Armadale Aquatic Centre Landscaping 	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Strategy • Armadale Road Verge Improvements • Park Improvements – Rushton Park • Community Tree Planting – “Citywide” • Armadale Aquatic Centre Landscaping <p>Asset Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Tree Replacement Programme • Play Equipment Citywide – General Works

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UWA Turf Industries Research Steering Committee

Newsletter of the Kikuyu Research Project

Volume 5 No. 3 June 2007

“Our objective is to work in collaboration with Local Government and Industry Partners to develop best practices in turf water and nutrient management”

Update

Two of the three field experiments within the Kikuyu Research Project have now been completed. Field measurements from the nitrogen leaching study (Experiment 1) finished in January, while the final water use measurements (Experiment 2) were taken in March. A series of measurements were taken on the renovation plots (Experiment 3) in early May, and marked 18 months since the renovation treatments were first applied. The effects of our different nitrogen fertiliser management strategies on nitrogen leaching, plus the results from our water use study, will be presented at the UWA Turf Research Seminar Day in June.

The 4th UWA Turf Research Seminar Day

You are invited to the 4th UWA Turf Research Seminar Day on Thursday 28th June, 2007. The event will be held at The University Club, UWA Campus, Crawley. The theme of the Seminar Day is “Environmental Turf Management”, and will update the WA Turf Industry on recent research findings from a number of WA-based projects, national trials, and local best practice by leading turf managers. Presentations from inter-state and local speakers will discuss turf water-use efficiency, the effects of fertiliser regimes on nitrogen leaching, approaches to minimising the impact of fertiliser use on the environment, and use of saline irrigation water.

Registration closes soon, so please return the attached registration form by the 20th June (please note we are unable to accept on-the-day registrations).

Thinking beyond the Kikuyu Research Project

We recently renovated two-thirds of the kikuyu turfgrass plots so that the plots will be ready to commence work if our latest research proposal is successful. Steve Lindsay (Turf Development WA) is thanked for providing the staff and equipment for the renovation. Ken Johnston (Sports Turf Technology) is thanked for his time and on-site advice.



Steve Lindsay supervising proceedings as the Kikuyu turfgrass plots are renovated using a field topmaker.

More Information? Contributions?

If you would like to contribute to future UWA Turf Research Projects, or would like further information on the Kikuyu Research Project or other issues mentioned in this newsletter, please contact Dr Louise Barton (lbarton@cyllene.uwa.edu.au; 6488 2543) or Mr Allan Conroy (allanc@cockburn.wa.gov.au).



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Thursday 28th June 2007
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DR SIMON TOZE
Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO. Dr Toze has 18 years experience in researching environmental and public health microbiology associated with aquatic environments, in particular reclaimed water. He has participated in or led a number of state, national and international research projects and contributed to a range of state and national committees relating to water use and reuse.

MR MATTHEW ROCHE
Research Scientist, Turf Research Group, Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries. Matt Roche's interests include genetics and breeding, with a focus on the commercialisation of improved warm-season turfgrasses within Australia. He is actively involved in sports field research and auditing at both local and elite levels to improve turfgrass quality, playability and most importantly player safety.

DR LOUISE BARTON & A/PROF TIM COLMER
Louise Barton and Tim Colmer jointly co-ordinate the UWA Turf Research Program. Louise's research interests include developing management strategies for minimising nitrogen losses to ground water and water use efficiency; while Tim's research has focused on water conservation and salt tolerance in turfgrass. This is your opportunity to hear about the latest developments in turf science and management in Australia.

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TURF GRASS WATER USE

Ed Huack - Department of Water
Implementation of the State Water Plan
John Brennan - Water Corporation
Are Domestic Soil Moisture Sensors Effective?
Darren Wilson - Town of Cambridge
New Irrigation System at Wembley Golf Complex

ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCES

Simon Toze - CSIRO, Floreat
Assessment of Health Risks Associated with Irrigating Turfgrass with Treated Wastewater
John Forrest - Challenger TAFE, Murdoch
Effluent Water Irrigation: Effects on Turfgrass, Soil and Nutrient Leaching
Ghazi Abu Rumanan - University of Western Australia
An Evaluation of Four Turfgrass Species when Irrigated with Saline Groundwater

MINIMISING N LEACHING FROM TURFGRASS

Louise Barton - University of Western Australia
Irrigation and Fertiliser Strategies for Minimising Nitrogen Leaching from Turfgrass

Ken Johnston - Sports Turf Technology
Nutrient and Water Monitoring in the Turf Root Zone

SOFT-LEAF BUFFALO: AGRONOMY, WATER USE & ADAPTATION

Matt Roche - Queensland DPI&F
The Development of Buffalograss Cultivars within Australia through Research and Development
Tim Colmer - University of Western Australia
Turfgrass Water Use: Update on Soft-leaf Buffalo Trials and Review of Management Factors Influencing Water Use

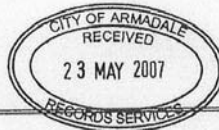
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To: Chief Executive Officer
From: Michelle Mackenzie, Executive Manager Infrastructure
Organisation: All Councils
Date: 17th May 2007
Reference: 05 008 03 0001
Subject: State and Federal Transport and Road Funding
Priority: Low

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	Technical Services
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Federal and State Government have handed down their budgetSummary of funding for Local Government transport and roads area
Action Required:	For Noting

STATE BUDGET

The good news for Local Government from the State Budget is the projected increase of vehicle licensing fees. Under the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement, 27% of vehicle licensing fees are for local roads. Funding allocations for the 4 years 2006/07 to 2009/10 have increased by \$49.58M from the 2006/07 to 2007/08 budget papers. This will result in an increase to funding under both the direct road grant and road project grants of the Road Funds Agreement. Regional Road Groups will be advised shortly of their allocation for 2007/08.

The bad news is that budget the Association's request in advance of the WA State Budget for \$80M over 4 years for a Safer Local Roads Programme, an additional \$10M per annum for the upgrade and maintenance of Local Government roads that service Indigenous communities and internal Indigenous community roads and an additional \$10M per year to expand, upgrade and maintain bridge infrastructure on local roads was not funded.

Local Government is responsible for 72% of the State's road network and 65% of fatal crashes occur on local roads. The Association will continue to advocate for funds for these initiatives.

FEDERAL BUDGET

The Association, in partnership with the other States and ALGA, lobbied for a continuation of Auslink. With the announcement of Auslink 2, the Commonwealth has taken a leadership role, recognizing that the transport needs of local communities are beyond the financial capacity of Local Government whilst recognizing that Local Government has the ability to effectively and efficiently deliver transport and road infrastructure on the ground.

Whilst the announcement is pleasing, there is a need for greater investment in WA's local road network. As the powerhouse of the nation, WA needs an appropriate level of transport infrastructure. This includes Commonwealth transport infrastructure investment for commodities such as grain, timber, and minerals. The Association will continue to press the Commonwealth for investment in strategic regional infrastructure.

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Interstate Distribution of Local Roads Grants

The good news for WA is that the Federal Government did not accept the Commonwealth Grants Commission's recommendations in relation to the interstate distribution of the local road grants. This recommendation would have resulted in a 4% decrease in funds for Western Australia – from the current allocation of 15.3% to 11.3%.

The Commission concluded that there was a lack of consistent and comparable data in each State about the length of the local roads; the number and deck area of bridges on the local roads; local road use; and the maintenance expenditure by local councils on the local roads and bridges. Without reliable information, the Government stated that it was not confident that any systemic change to the existing interstate distribution of local road grants would be equitable.

Western Australian Federal Land Transport Funding for 2007-08

The following table is a summary of WA Federal Land Transport Funding.

AusLink funding programs	WA \$m	Nat \$m	WA % of National Budget
AusLink Investment Programme	165.9	1819.5	9.12%
AusLink Black Spot Programme	5.0	44.5	11.24%
AusLink Strategic Regional Roads	6.5	75.7	8.59%
AusLink Roads to Recovery	48.5	307.5	15.77%
Untied Local Road Grants	82.2	537.7	15.28%
Total 2007-08	308.0	2836.3	10.86%

The following is a summary of the Auslink Two package announced in the Federal Budget.

- \$22.3 billion for an extension of Auslink to 2013-14 which represents a 41% increase over the current program
- Details of projects to be funded will be announced later
- This provides an opportunity for Western Australia to advocate for strategic transport infrastructure initiatives

Roads to Recovery

- Roads to Recovery Program extended as part of AusLink 2 from 2008-09 to 2013-14 - total pool \$1750 million.
- Funding increase of 14% from \$307.5 million per year to \$350 million from 2009-10
- Funds will be distributed directly to Councils according to State Local Government Grants Commission formulas.

AusLink Strategic Regional Programme

- An additional \$250 million provided in 2006-07: Councils will have been contacted by DOTARS and to receive funds will be required to sign agreements by 30 June 2007.
- The AusLink Strategic Regional Programme will continue with \$300 million available.
- Funding will be allocated following calls for new applications for funding. The extra funding will be allocated in two \$150 million funding rounds to be held in 2009-10 and 2011-12.

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National Blackspot Programme

- The extension of the programme was announced prior to budget.
- National Blackspot Program is being extended for 6 years from June 2008, when the current program ends, to June 2014 under the umbrella of the AusLink 2 Program
- Funding for the program will be increased by 33 percent from \$45 million per year to \$60 million per year starting in 2009-10. In total \$345 million will be made available over the 6 years from June 2008 to June 2014.
- The Program will continue to fund relatively low cost safety works such as roundabouts, crash barriers and street lighting at places where there have been serious crashes or where serious crashes are likely to occur.

The Australian Government however has announced it will update the State/Territory shares of the funding to reflect more up to date population and accident figures. The Association will work to ensure that the quantum of funds to WA does not decrease, but rather increases.

AIRPORT FUNDING

Checked Baggage Screening

- \$15.4M over four years to assist the introduction of checked baggage screening at 26 regional airports services by regular passenger transport jet aircraft, commencing in December 2007
- Funding will provide explosive trace detection equipment and fully or partially fund x-ray screening equipment at 18 airports, based on passenger movements.

Airports will receive full or part funding to cover these costs. WA Councils have raised concerns with the lack of consultation on this Federal initiative and the potential cost implication to comply with new requirements. This will be pursued by the Association.

Regional Airports

- \$22 million over the next four years (\$1.5 million in 2007-08) to contribute to improved safety at up to 300 airstrips in remote and isolated areas of Australia.
- The funding will be available for airstrips that:
 - receive weekly air services under the Remote Air Service Subsidy Scheme (RASS) or are eligible to receive air services under the scheme; or
 - would be eligible to receive RASS services if the airstrip was upgraded to meet the scheme's safety standards; or
 - need a better airstrip to support the operations of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.
 - Funding will be available to repair and upgrade runway surfaces, safety equipment such as runway lighting and navigation aids and infrastructure such as fences and gates on a joint basis with the state and territory government and the airstrip owner. Funding will be on a competitive basis with guidelines to be released in June.



Enroute air traffic control charges

- The current scheme ends in June 2007
- \$24 million over the next four years (\$6 million in 2007-08) to continue subsidising the enroute air traffic control charges to around 35 regional airlines and operators.

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OUTSTANDING REPORT

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

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LIBRARY & HERITAGE SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2007

1. LIBRARY SERVICES

1.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

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

1.2 Library Extension Activities

1.2.1 Bookstars Report

Report – *Bookstars*
Prepared by – *Kirstie Nicholson, Library Clerk,
Kelmscott Library*

Topic: Make your own Comic Book
Presenter: Kirstie Nicholson
Date: 7th May 2007
Time: 3.45 - 4.45pm
Venue: Kelmscott Library
No. Attending: 10

Comments:
Comic Books was the theme for the May meeting of Bookstars. Ten club members attended this fun session. Bookstars began with a discussion about comic books and why they were different from normal books. A range of cartooning, drawing and comic books were available for members to help inspire their own stories. Bookstars set to work enthusiastically, drawing and creating their comic book. The end products were stapled together to form a booklet. Characters ranged from rabbits and family members to killer robots! Completed titles included 'Bionic Man', 'Super Blue' and 'Best Friends'. Beginning this session, Bookstar Star Reviews were made available to club members. It is hoped these will become a future resource for encouraging and assisting children to choose books.

1.2.2 Community Information Sessions

Report – *Community Information Talk – Anna Jacobs*
Prepared by – *Sharon Lapierre, Assistant Librarian, Kelmscott*

Topic: Author talk
Presenter: Anna Jacobs
Date: 25th May 2007

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Time: 10.30 am
Venue: Kelmscott Library
No. Attending: 40

Comments: A delightful talk by well known family saga writer Anna Jacobs was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. Anna spoke about her typical day as a writer and how difficult the publication process can be, despite being on the verge of having her 40th novel published. The audience included member of the 'Come Write In' group who meet regularly at Kelmscott library. The group took the opportunity to promote their club and were treated to an extra session from Anna after the main talk to discuss her writing technique in greater detail. Other reading and writing groups from the City of Armadale were all well represented at the talk and fielded many interesting questions. The feedback from the audience was amazing – each respondent gave the presentation a perfect ten and expressed great enthusiasm for having her back at another City of Armadale library. Anna very kindly donated a signed large print copy of one of her latest titles to Kelmscott library and was delighted to see how many of her titles we loaned to readers.

Her visit was advertised along with a well picked over display of both her novels and books on writing techniques and as a result the session was booked out well beforehand. Had we had more space, we could have easily accommodated a far larger audience. A very successful event indeed.

Report – *Community Information Talk*
Prepared by – *Kirstie Nicholson, Library Clerk, Kelmscott Library*

Topic: Additive Alert
Presenter: Ann Harrison
Date: Friday 1st June
Time: 10am
Venue: Kelmscott Library
No. Attending: 27

Comments:

We had a large booking for this highly anticipated talk, and a good turn-out from a cross-section of the community. A display of material on healthy eating, food and natural therapies was used to promote the talk. Young mums, families and seniors were all interested in the additives included in modern food.

The talk is based on the book 'Additive Alert' by Julie Eady, who has thoroughly researched the additives permitted in Australian food and their risks. The book has been a bestseller since its publication three years ago. The talk was well presented. Ann first discussed some general effects of additives, the health problems potentially

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related to them and covered some recent studies. She discussed why the Australian food industry allows these additives, and compared Australian standards to those overseas. The talk concentrated on the most harmful additives in our food and on MSG, food colours and food preservatives in particular. The audience was attentive at all times and obviously very interested in the discussion material. A few members of the audience had already bought the book and were keen to ask further questions of the presenter. Ann provided a large visual display of foods with and without harmful additives.

'Additive Alert' was available for sale after the talk and a stunning 18 books were sold out of an audience of 27 people. This talk was enthusiastically received and many people were keen to increase their knowledge on the subject.

Report – *Community Information Talk*
Prepared by – *Rita Lennon, Librarian – Armadale Library*

Topic: Stroke Safe
Date: 23 May 2007
Time: 2.00 – 3.00pm
Venue: Armadale Library
Number attending: 13

Comments:

Armadale Library hosted a community information talk by Toyah Tinworth, Health Promotion Officer, and Tom, a Stroke Support Officer, from the WA Stroke Foundation. Toyah began the session by sharing information focusing on education and prevention of stroke. Various members of the audience shared their experiences and asked questions to further their understanding of the signs of stroke and what action to take.

Tom followed up by sharing his experience of suffering a stroke, and the story of his long process of recovery. A stroke is a life changing experience, for both the sufferer and the family supporting the patient. Tom's courage and determination to walk and regain his speech was an inspiration to all present.

Feedback from those attending was very positive with people finding the session extremely interesting and informative. The talk was followed by a healthy afternoon tea, which was greatly appreciated.

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2. HERITAGE SERVICES

2.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

The Heritage Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of May 2007 is attached. (**Attachment "CA-2"**)

2.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library

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

Pioneer Village School Student Visit

A group of Pioneer Village School students and their teacher visited the Birtwistle Local Studies Library to discuss with the Historian/Local Studies Librarian ways in which they could research and present the history of their school.

They were given a tour of the Birtwistle Local Studies Library and Old Congregational Church and showed a great interest in the relocation of the buildings.

The teacher and students were especially delighted with the copies of the 1980 map of Pioneer Village and coloured pamphlets that were provided by the library to help them with their school history. After listening to some oral histories, looking at photographs and seeing the items on display that were left under the Old Schoolroom, the teacher and students were excited about the idea of using these methods as ways to present their school history. On leaving they promised to donate the history of Pioneer Village School to the Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

AMLIB Local Studies Training

The Systems Librarian, Historian/Local Studies Librarian, Cataloguing Librarian and two Birtwistle Local Studies Library Casual Staff attended an AMLIB training session. The training was designed to determine if AMLIB would meet the requirements needed for scanning and cataloguing photographs and inserting sound files. The Infovision representative demonstrated how the above could be achieved as well as setting up a cataloguing worksheet designed for the Local Studies Collection. (AMLIB is the software package used by the City's public libraries).

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2.3 History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

Interpretation Plan Workshop

On Wednesday the 9th of May a workshop was held with the appointed consultants, Vade Mecum, the History House Museum (HHM) curator and representatives from a variety of community organisations interested in the City's history. The purpose of the workshop was to gain community input on what stories, themes and places were important in telling the story of the City of Armadale and what makes it unique.

The consultants outlined that a sense of home would be the concept designed to bring as many of the stories together. The themes within this included:

- The Creation of a home
- Why do people move to a new home?
- Protecting the home
- Creating a sense of home
- Settling in to a new home
- The community's role in making a home
- Unable to make a home

The consultants outlined some of the possible methods that could be used to interpret local stories, themes and places. They also explained the important role HHM would play in being the hub that brings these threads together.

The workshop then invited participants to outline important places, themes and stories that make the City of Armadale a unique and important place. This was a vigorous session with everyone learning something new about where they lived and left the consultants with many pages of notes to go over.

The consultants also requested that a work sheet be completed by participants. The results of the workshop and worksheets will assist the consultants in developing the interpretation plan.

Museum Australia National Conference

The Conference provided the History House Museum Curator with the opportunity to explore national issues relating to the museum field and look at where the City of Armadale sits in a broader picture. It was also an opportunity for the professional development of the curator as it provided an opportunity to explore Australia's national collecting institutions and see how they were dealing with museum issues.

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One of the key themes from the conference was improving public access to your collection. This is an issue facing both large and small collecting institutions. Major art galleries are starting to look at developing travelling exhibitions using Australian collections rather than having to import them from overseas. For organisations like the City of Armadale there may be the possibility to loan pieces to such exhibits and allow people from across Australia to see an example of what we have.

The use of internet based technologies such as websites; blogs and pod casting were explored. These are often simple inexpensive ways of showing parts of the collection that are not on physical display or telling a story to a world wide audience. Birtwistle Local Studies Library is already on this path by streaming oral histories and HHM with City's IT department is developing an online exhibition based on the Canning River/Dyargaroo exhibit.

The conference also allowed for visits to national institutions including the National Museum of Australia, National Archives of Australia, National Gallery of Australia, Old Parliament House and the Australian War Memorial. These institutions allowed the curator to examine the use of technology in exhibits including:

- Soundscapes – oral histories, archival recordings of speeches, sounds to evoke a sense of place or time
- Video – collection of still images, movies about topic, documentaries, 3D interactive films
- Light shows – highlight objects, create atmosphere (underwater or bombing of city)
- Interactive – recording own voice, press button activation, folders, recreations of event or place, computer touch screens
- Audio Tours – self guided, set tour or part of group tour

Though there were many examples of technology well outside the budget, ability or need of HHM there was a lot that could be implemented. This included the use of sound stations with oral history or archival recordings to allow the visitor to here about a story from the 'horse's mouth'. Use of flat screen monitors showing video or selection of still images to enhance the amount of information being shown without taking up more space. The use of light and sound to create an atmosphere or feeling for the audience. Development of audio tours, downloadable from the City's website for museum tours and heritage walks. All of these ideas are within the ability of the City.

The Conference was finally a great opportunity to discuss ideas, issues and come up with solutions for the industry as a whole which HHM and the Birtwistle Local Studies Library which is in part due to the support of the City of Armadale.

Volunteer Workshop

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On the 14th of May volunteers attended a workshop on the Pest Management Plan for History House Museum. Volunteers were instructed in:

- Preventative measures
- Monitoring for infestation
- Reaction to insect infestation
- Reaction to mould infestation
- Methods for pest eradication

The workshop and pest management plan contribute to the duty of the City of Armadale to care for its moveable heritage collection for today’s and future audiences.

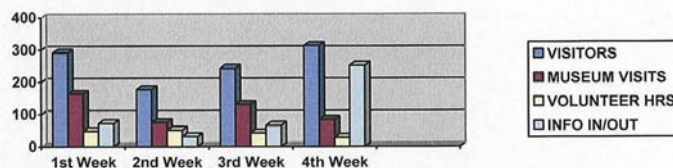
Armadale Primary School Visit

History House Museum hosted 26 students from Armadale Primary School. Students explored aspects of the districts early history and what life used to be like in the mid 1880’s.

Students completed a worksheet and went on a tour of the Congregational Church. The visit was enjoyed by the class, teachers and assisting parents.

3. VISITOR SERVICING

3.1 MAY 2007 VISITOR CENTRE FIGURES:



Phone Enquiry	Info Sent	VISITORS	Metro	Intra State	Inter State	O/seas	Vol Hours	Museum Visits
154	200	1023	867	38	50	68	169	452

3.2.1 Armadale Visitor Centre Report

(Report prepared by Yvonne Bradfield Visitor Centre Coodinator)

OVERVIEW:

1023 Visitors is the highest recorded number of visitors to the Centre, for the month of May, since records have been kept.

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Each Visitor who stays even half a day within our City delivers a number of valuable benefits to our community – socially and economically.

The local Garage, Deli, Chemist, Restaurant, Café, Tavern, Hotel, Accommodation house, may be amongst those directly rewarded as a result of their visit.

Over 169 volunteer hours were contributed to the Centre.
Volunteers assist within a wide range of tasks in the day-to-day management of the Centre. Their consistent support is most appreciated and highly valued.

MAY 2007:

Visitor Centre Open:	224 hours
Volunteer Hours per Week:	42 hours
Average Visitors per Week:	256
Average Visitor Spend – Day Visitor:	<u>\$51,150</u>

(Based on \$50 per person who came into the Visitor Centre staying one day in our area, this is a conservative figure as current guidelines are based on \$80 per person each day)

Average Spend – Including Accommodation: \$52,050
(Based on \$150 per person – there are 365 beds available in Armadale of which 95% were booked every night during the past month.)

The City of Armadale Visitor Servicing Centre provides a *FREE* booking service for all accommodation and tours as well as promoting our region, servicing our Members, the Community and all Visitor enquiries.

MARKETING & PARTNERSHIPS:

The “Winter Escapes” Lift-out in the West Australian on Saturday 2nd June 07 had a dedicated page on the Armadale region, as well as several advertisements, one featuring local Bed & Breakfasts and the other the Visitor Centre. Over the next three months, the Centre will run a small feature advert in the follow up campaign run by Experience Perth Marketing Body, in the West Australian Newspaper.

The Visitor Centre is proposed to have a 10 x 10 Tourism Marquee at the Karragullen Expo to be held on the 8th September 2007 at the Karragullen Oval. Members of the Centre are being offered space within the Marquee, at a small cost, to display their tourism product. This project is being run in close liaison with Mr Doug Burbidge of the Karragullen Expo Committee.

The Coordinator and Mr Neil Price of the City of Armadale met with the ARA to discuss the continued development of Growers Markets within the City region. This matter is on-going and will, if successful, contribute to the growth of consistent

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local tourism product that will attract many overseas, interstate, City of Perth and locals to our region.

The installation of Brochure Racking that is in line with Level One Accreditation for Visitor Servicing has been installed at the Centre. Also, as a result of monies awarded to the Centre through the Outer Metropolitan Community Fund, two reverse-cycled air conditioners have been installed.

Self Opening Doors will be installed in the month of June, further assisting the Centre in its quest for completion of Level One Accreditation. These doors will help the Centre to be user friendly for all clients that require disabled access.

The Centre's new opening hours of:

Monday to Friday: 9am – 5pm

Saturday & Sunday: 10am – 3pm have been in place for one month. These hours have facilitated a much more “user friendly” Visitor Servicing experience for our clients.

The Coordinator is currently acting Chair of the Visitor Centre Association of Western Australia and as such has attended several functions within the Tourism Industry. Similarly the Coordinator attended a Visitor Servicing Accreditation Committee meeting held by Tourism Council of Western Australia.

Casual Staff and Volunteers attended a Tourism Council of WA Penguin Island Famil Tour; a Conflict Management Course presented by the City of Armadale and attended “in-house” training sessions.

Italic i signage has been placed in highly visible areas, externally, around the Visitor Centre precinct.

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MANAGER RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2007

1. Animal Control

1.1 Dogs

Ranger Services has received four hundred and fourteen (414) requests for assistance during this report period. Whilst the overall number of requests for assistance is slightly higher than the comparable period of 2006/2007, it is pleasing to note that there is a 7% decrease in the number of reported dog attacks in the progressive totals from 2005/2006 to 2006/2007.

Notwithstanding the above, 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. 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 eighteen (18) 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 2007.

NAME	OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Karen Uremovic	Dog Attack (on another animal)	Guilty	600	105.70	705.70
Yvonne Benfield	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	1,350	105.70	1,455.70

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2. Vehicles

2.1 Parking

Ranger Services received fifty three (53) requests for assistance and issued twenty nine (29) infringement notices in regard to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

The number of Infringements issued, in the vicinity of schools still remains relatively low this may attributed to the ongoing extensive schools education programme conducted by Ranger Services and the “Safety around Schools Programme” which is an initiative by the W A Road Safety Council.

2.2 Abandoned Vehicles

The number of abandoned vehicles dealt with by Ranger Services continues to be of concern, with twelve (12) being recorded during this report period.

2.3 Commercial Vehicles (Trucks)

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

2.4 Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Services attended to fifteen (15) 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 one hundred and eighty five (185) requests for assistance during the report period, which is similar to the same period last year.

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4. General

Annual Firebreak Inspection Programme

Several months prior to the beginning of the fire season, Ranger Services evaluate areas throughout the City for the purpose of identifying and formulating a firebreak inspection strategy for that particular year. Rangers also issue Notices, in accordance with the provisions of the Bush Fires Act, to landowners where it is identified that a potential fire hazard is developing and requires additional work prior to the firebreak period.

The costs of installation of firebreaks are borne by all landowners, which is reasonable given that the landowners (or land managers) are responsible for fire management on their property. It is relevant to note that annually, Local Government and State Government agencies direct significant resources toward community level fire management. This shared approach ensures that the risk to the community in terms of fire management is minimized and enables the formation of effective partnerships and working relationships for fire response, education and advice.

Throughout the fire break inspection period (1 December 2006 to 14 March 2007) two (2) Rangers were dedicated to fire break inspections, however other Rangers are cognizant of fire safety issues as they drive through the City in response to requests for service or as they are performing other duties. Within this context compliance action is taken as appropriate.

In the City of Armadale, some interesting statistics have arisen as a result of compliance activities as indicated below:

- ❖ The are approximately 23,000 rated properties in the City of Armadale;
- ❖ Inspections are undertaken between December 1 and March 14 each year to determine compliance with fire regulations;
- ❖ In total, approximately 2,000 properties (almost 1 in 12) were inspected from December 1 2006 up until 14 March 2007
- ❖ A further seventy (80) properties were re-inspected to check if recommended actions to comply with officer advice had been undertaken;
- ❖ 42 infringements have been issues for non compliance

Given that there is a high level of compliance with the provisions of the firebreak notice it is reasonable to assume that the current firebreak inspection process, and Ranger Services participation in other strategic prevention/awareness programmes, is evidence that the City of Armadale is committed to serving the interest of the community in regard to fire hazard control within the district.

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5. May 2007 – Statistics

<i>DOGS</i>	May 2007	May 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Wandering	63	63	579	529	up 9%
Dogs for Pick Up	41	44	403	332	up 21%
Barking	33	38	245	282	down 13%
Attacks	13	20	173	187	down 7%
Lost & Found	91	81	737	844	down 13%
General Information	11	15	95	108	down 11%
Sub Total	252	261	2232	2282	down 2%
Office Phone Enquiries	162	99	1991	1428	up 39%
Total	414	360	4223	3710	up 13%

<i>PARKING / VEHICLES</i>	May 2007	May 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
General Parking	13	21	148	144	up 3%
Trucks	5	2	54	37	up 17%
School Parking	2	2	20	27	down 20%
Abandoned Vehicles	12	11	183	156	up 17%
Off Road Vehicles	15	10	158	121	up 30%
Sub Total	47	46	563	485	up 16%
Office Phone Enquiries	6	6	205	115	up 78%
Total	53	52	768	600	up 28%

<i>LIVESTOCK</i>	May 2007	May 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Lost & Found	0	2	43	13	up 230%
General	12	12	103	112	down 7%
Sub Total	12	14	146	125	up 1.6%
Office Phone Enquiries	6	0	61	30	up 100%
Total	18	14	207	155	up 34%

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<i>LITTER</i>	May 2007	May 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
General Information	0	0	0	0	
Private Property	4	0	23	12	up 91%
Roadside / Reserve	3	8	59	47	up 25%
Verge	10	4	36	29	up 24%
Sub Total	17	12	118	88	up 34%
Office Phone Enquiries	1	2	20	12	up 66%
Total	18	14	138	100	up 38%

<i>FIRE</i>	May 2007	May 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Burning Off / General Information	3	12	51	54	down 5%
Firebreak / Hazard	10	13	136	150	down 10%
Sub Total	13	25	187	204	down 8%
Office Phone Enquiries	172	154	585	608	down 4%
Total	185	179	772	812	down 5%

<i>GENERAL</i>	May 2007	May 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
General Information	4	7	29	51	down 40%
Sub Total	4	7	29	51	down 40%
Office Phone Enquiries - Cats	21	9	131	139	down 5%
Office Phone Enquiries - General	7	8	141	207	down 32%
Total	28	17	272	346	down 22%

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<i>TOTAL</i>	May 2007	May 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Sub Total Reports / Complaints	345	365	3275	3235	same
Total Office Phone Enquiries	375	278	3134	2539	up 23%
Total Reports / Complaints	720	643	6409	5774	up 11%

<i>WARNINGS</i>	May 2007	May 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Dogs	15	25	178	186	down 5%
Parking	26	19	202	137	up 47%
Off Road Vehicles	10	0	14	2	up 600%
Litter	0	2	4	16	down 75%
Fire & Fire Orders	4	1	17	56	down 70%
Other	0	0	0	0	
Total	55	47	415	397	up 5%

<i>INFRINGEMENTS</i>	May 2007	May 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Dogs	72	32	402	341	up 18%
Parking	29	57	346	350	same
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	18	3	up 500%
Litter	25	8	46	30	up 53%
Fire	3	2	51	50	same
Other	0	1	2	1	up 100%
Total	129	100	865	775	up 12%
NUMBER WITHDRAWN	11	15	118	107	up 9%
Number Paid	82	75	656	533	up 23%

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<i>IMPOUNDED DOGS</i>	May 2007	May 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Claimed	41	42	389	338	up 15%
Sold	6	4	32	41	down 24%
Destroyed	29	11	147	166	down 11%
Vet / Rescue	6	6	72	66	up 9%
Stolen	0	0	0	0	
Total	82	63	640	611	up 5%

<i>IMPOUNDED VEHICLES</i>	May 2007	May 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Vehicles	4	5	69	54	up 3%
Motor Cycles	0	0	0	1	
Total	4	5	69	55	up 3%

<i>IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK</i>	May 2007	May 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Sheep	1	0	6	4	up 16%
Horses	0	0	0	1	
Cows	0	0	0	3	
Goats	0	0	0	5	
Pigs	0	0	0	0	
Deer	0	0	0	0	
Other	0	0	0	0	
Total	1	0	6	13	down 50%

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<i>COURT PROSECUTIONS</i>	May 2007	May 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Dog	2	3	39	47	down 15%
Fire	0	0	0	0	
Parking	0	0	1	1	same
Litter	0	0	0	0	
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0	
Total	2	3	41	48	down 15%
No. of Guilty Verdicts	2	3	34	48	down 15%

<i>FINES ENFORCEMENT</i>	May 2007	May 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Infringements sent to FER	49	0	269	274

<i>DOG REGISTRATIONS</i>	May 2007	May 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
New Dog Registrations	103	86	806	781	up 3%
Renewed Dog Registrations	32	17	1761	1987	down 11%
Total	135	86	2567	2768	down 7%

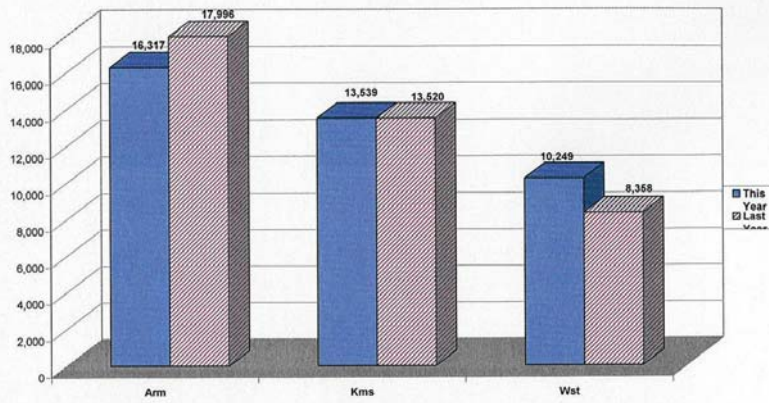
<i>PHONES CALLS</i>	May 2007	May 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total	
Office – Rangers calling Office	33	40	268	250	up 7%
Office – Messages for Staff	27	57	491	521	down 5%
Office – Referred to Other	18	17	219	177	up 24%
Calls to Rangers' Private Residences via Diverter	34	99	149	133	up 12%
TOTAL	112	213	1127	1081	up 5%

MINUTES OF OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

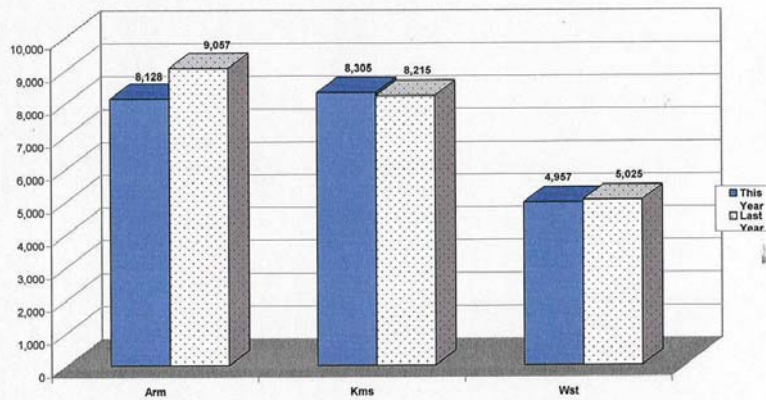
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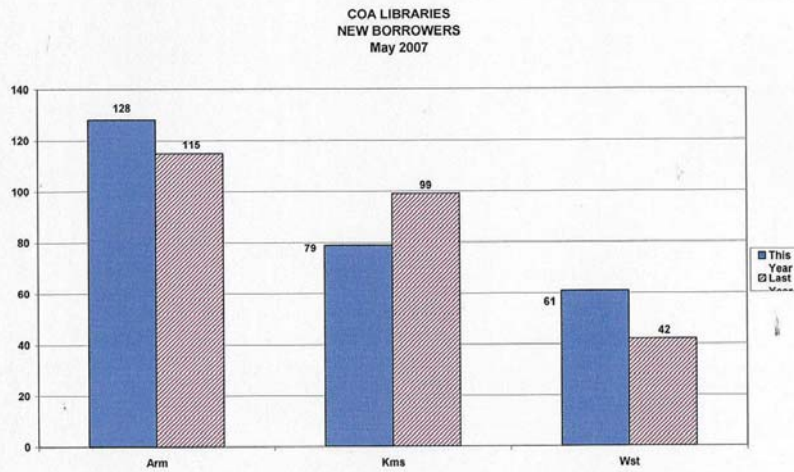
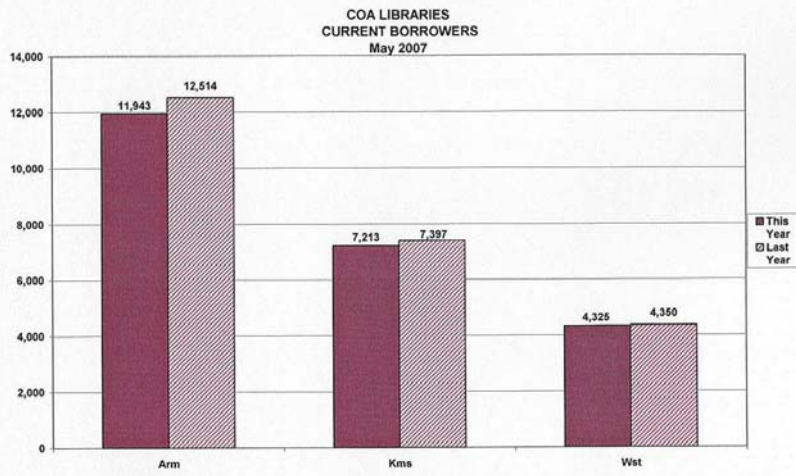
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ISSUES/RENEWALS
Month/ Year

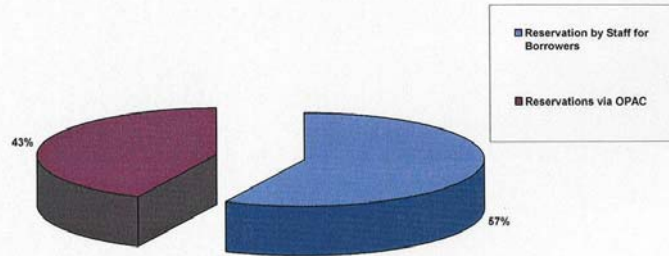


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NUMBER OF VISITS
May 2007





COA LIBRARIES
RESERVATIONS
May 2007



Month: May

Year: 2007

Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	May 07	May 06	Jul 06 – May 07	Jul 05 – May 06
	Reference Enquiries	5	21	134
Research Enquiries	7	3	76	44
Visitor Attendance	54	29	520	883
Volunteer Hours	50	47	530	494

Oral History Programme				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	May 07	May 06	Jul 06 – May 07	Jul 05 – May 06
	Letters sent	1	6	13
Interviews Completed	1	7	15	32
Transcripts Completed	4	nil	13	11
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	28	41	331	245.5
Volunteer Hours – Interviewing	7	15	61	102
Digitising recordings	15	NA	NA	NA

Month: May Year: 2007

History House Museum	Current Month	Year to date		
		May 07	May 06	July 06- May 07
Visitors	199	123	1,873	2,143
Volunteer Hours	211	133	1,483	1,405
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum	May 07	May 06	July 06 – May 07	Jul 05 – May 06
	452	N/A	2,953	N/A

Armadale Police and Community Youth Centre
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
held at the Armadale Arena on 21st March 2007, at 6pm.

1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Present	Organisation:
Snr Sgt Mal Ward	Armadale Police
S/C Kaylene McTernan	Club Manager
Paul McMinn	
Kerry-Ann Davey	
Ben Boekholt	
Alex Lewis	
Carl Askew	City of Armadale
Patrick Quinlivan	City of Armadale
Apologies	
Cr Alison Cominelli	City of Armadale
Ivan Bulich	
Wayne Mauger	
John Landwehr	
Guests	
Nil	

Chair Person: Snr Sgt Mal Ward

Minute Taker: Patrick Quinlivan

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Armadale PCYC Management Committee held on 21 February 2007 be confirmed.

Moved: Ben Boekholt
Seconded: Kerry-Ann Davey

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

3.1 Bus

Discussion took place on the small bus and a proposal to transfer the lease on the existing Camry to a suitable 4WD capable of towing the climbing wall.

RESOLVED

1. That the Armadale PCYC sell the small bus to the Kensington PCYC at a cost of \$1,000.
2. That the Manager investigate costs and potential funding sources to replace the large bus, and this information be presented to the next Management Committee Meeting.
3. That the Manager investigate and provide further information on the possibility of transferring the lease on the Toyota Camry for a suitable 4WD vehicle capable of towing the climbing wall and transporting a small number of people.

Moved: Carl Askew
Seconded: Alex Lewis

4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence for the previous month was tabled.

RESOLVED

1. That the correspondence be received.
2. That Correspondence not be included in future Agendas, and any correspondence of importance be reported through the Manager's report.

5. **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

The Manager gave a verbal report on various aspects of the Club's operations and general discussion took place.

RESOLVED

That the Manager's report for the month of February be received.

6. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Finance report was circulated with the Agenda.

RESOLVED

That the Financial Report for the month of February be received.

7. HEALTH CLUB REPORT:

The Health Club report was tabled at the Meeting and general discussion took place.

Patrick Quinlivan noted that it was a concern that the Health Club was still running at a loss.

The Manager advised that a number of promotional strategies were being put in place, which would hopefully result in an increase in membership and an improvement in the Health Club's financial position.

RESOLVED

That the Health Club report for the month of February be received.

8. SPORTS ACTIVITIES REPORT:

The sports activities report was circulated with the Agenda.

RESOLVED

That the Sports report for the month of February be received.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS:

9.1 Business Plan and Budget

Carl Askew requested that a draft Business Plan and budget for 2007-08 be prepared and considered at the next Meeting.

RESOLVED

That a draft Business Plan and budget for 2007-08 be prepared and considered at the next Meeting.

9.2 PCYC Signage

Discussion took place on the Manager's suggestion to provide larger signage on the building and road directional signage to better promote the Armadale PCYC.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Club Manager obtain a quote and design for a large PCYC sign to be installed on the Townley Street external wall of court 3.**
- 2. That the City of Armadale representatives obtain any relevant information on the City's Local Laws for signage on buildings and road directional signage**

10. CLOSURE:

The Meeting closed at 7.15pm

11. NEXT MEETING:

To be held on **18th April 2007**, commencing at **6pm**.

Armadale Police and Community Youth Centre
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
held at the Armadale Arena on 30 May 2007, at 6pm.

12. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Present	Organisation:
Ivan Bulich (Chair)	
S/C Rob Lock	Club Manager
Stan Sharp	Assistant Manager
Paul McMinn	
Kerri-Ann Davey	
Wayne Mauger	
John Landwehr	
Colin Parker	
Arthur Tooby	
Cr Alison Cominelli	City of Armadale
Carl Askew	City of Armadale
Patrick Quinlivan	City of Armadale
Apologies	
Nil	
Guests	
Nil	

Chair Person: Mr Ivan Bulich

Minute Taker: Patrick Quinlivan

13. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Armadale PCYC Management Committee held on 21 March 2007 be confirmed.

Moved: Carl Askew
Seconded: Kerri-Ann Davey

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

14.1 Bus

At the previous meeting the Committee Resolved as follows:

4. *That the Armadale PCYC sell the small bus to the Kensington PCYC at a cost of \$1,000.*
5. *That the Manager investigate costs and potential funding sources to replace the large bus, and this information be presented to the next Management Committee Meeting.*
6. *That the Manager investigate and provide further information on the possibility of transferring the lease on the Toyota Camry for a suitable 4WD vehicle capable of towing the climbing wall and transporting a small number of people.*

General discussion took place and some Committee members expressed concern about the decision to sell the small bus.

The Manager advised that due to the change in the management team since the previous meeting and the Minutes not being circulated, the Committee's decision at the previous meeting had not yet been actioned.

Committee agreed to defer actioning part 1 of the previous Resolution pending further information from the Manager.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Committee defer actioning its previous decision to sell the small bus pending further information from the Manager about the condition of the bus, annual maintenance costs and current usage.**
- 2. That the matter be listed for discussion at the next meeting.**

Moved: John Landwehr
Seconded: Paul McMinn

14.2 Business Plan

At the previous meeting the Committee Resolved as follows:

That a draft Business Plan and budget for 2007-08 be prepared and considered at the next Meeting.

The Manager advised the Committee of some of the difficulties he had encountered due to a lack of adequate records that had been kept, and noted that this item would be a priority in the coming weeks.

RESOLVED

That a draft Business Plan and budget for 2007-08 be prepared and considered at the next Meeting.

14.3 Signage

At the previous meeting the Committee Resolved as follows:

1. *That the Club Manager obtain a quote and design for a large PCYC sign to be installed on the Townley Street external wall of court 3.*
2. *That the City of Armadale representatives obtain any relevant information on the City's Local Laws for signage on buildings and road directional signage*

It was noted that this item had not been actioned but Committee agreed that it was not an immediate priority for the new Manager.

RESOLVED

That the matter of additional PCYC signage for the Centre not be considered an immediate priority for the Manager, but be referred to a future Committee Meeting for consideration.

15. CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence for the previous month was tabled.

16. MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Manager gave a verbal report on various aspects of the Club's operations and general discussion took place.

RESOLVED

That the Manager's report for the month of April be received.

17. FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial report was tabled at the meeting

18. HEALTH CLUB REPORT:

The Manager gave a verbal report and advised that the losses being incurred to run the Health Club was a concern, and a decision had recently been made to reduce costs by about \$12,000 per year.

19. SPORTS ACTIVITIES REPORT:

The Sports Activities report was tabled at the meeting and brief discussion took place. Queries were raised about the accuracy of some of the numbers in the report.

20. GENERAL BUSINESS:

20.1 AGM

The Manager briefly recapped on the AGM and referred Committee members to the information provided in the report.

20.2 Profit & Loss Statements for 2006-07

The Manager advised that the size of the Centre's operating deficit was a major concern, and all areas of the Centre's operations would be reviewed in the coming weeks and months. Input and advice from the Committee would be sought as part of that process.

20.3 Computer System

The Manager advised of problems with the Centre's computer system

20.4 Kiosk

Discussion took place about the kiosk and the need to review the current method of operation

20.5 Maintenance/Upgrade of Entrance

The Manager advised that works to upgrade the entrance foyer were scheduled to commence in the near future and discussion took place about the need for maintenance in a number of areas.

20.6 Staffing Levels

The Manager advised that staffing levels and rosters would be reviewed in coming weeks.

20.7 Holiday Program

The Manager advised that the traditional School Holiday Program would not be run in the forthcoming July holidays but he was currently looking at options to run some activities at the Centre. This program was another one that needed to be reviewed.

20.8 MYOB

The Manager advised that the Assistant Manager would shortly be undertaking training in MYOB.

20.9 Air Rifle Cabinets

The Manager advised that one of the cabinets did not comply with current regulations and needed to be replaced.

RESOLVED

That the Manager be authorised to purchase a replacement cabinet for the Air Rifles that complies with safety regulations, at an approximate cost of \$400.

20.10 Blue Light Trailer

The Manager advised that a request had been received for the Blue Light trailer that was currently being stored at Armadale PCYC, to be relocated to Williams.

Committee had no objection to this request noting that it was not owned by Armadale PCYC and the trailer had never been used during the time that it had been stored in the shed.

RESOLVED

That permission be sought from the Federation to relocate the Blue Light trailer that was currently stored at Armadale PCYC to Williams.

20.11 Netball Equipment

John Landwehr advised that he had received a request from Junior Netball to replace some of the Netball equipment.

20.12 Working With Children Check

John Landwehr enquired about the need for coaches and umpires to do the “Working with Children Check”. The Manager advised that this was being looked into.

20.13 First Aid Training

The Manager advised that selected staff members would be given the opportunity to update their First Aid qualifications in the near future.

20.14 Networking with Other Clubs

Arthur Tooby suggested that the new management team take the opportunity to liaise with and visit other PCYCs, to get information on successful programs and other initiatives.

20.15 Air Rifle Competition

Colin Parker requested that Armadale PCYC formally acknowledge participants that had successfully competed in an Air Rifle competition last year.

21. **CLOSURE:**

The meeting closed at 8.02pm

22. **NEXT MEETING:**

To be held on **20 June 2007**, commencing at **6pm**.