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Dear Sir

I am writing to you to advise you of the very high regard with which your organization is held by myself and my staff, in particular the staff located in the Building and Planning Departments.

In our field of endeavor we deal with many of the local authorities in the Southern Metropolitan areas of Perth and in most cases we are treated as another number to be dealt with in the daily grind. However, when we have the pleasure of visiting the City of Armadale we are always greeted with a smile and a friendly welcome, our reason for calling is always dealt with in a totally professional manner and we leave your offices happy after enjoying a very fruitful experience.

May we offer our thanks and congratulations to your staff in providing true customer service no matter how they may be feeling.

Yours in appreciation



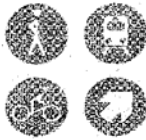
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July 8th 2005
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Let's believe in people

Dear Cr Reynolds,

Transport Solutions Forum ~ Transport in a Networked City

Thank you for your valued contribution to the successful Transport Solutions Forum, on Transport in a Networked City held June 23rd 2005. The forum was well attended, especially by people from local government.

We appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedule to open the forum. An enormous Thank You to you and the City of Armadale for hosting this event. Your council's generosity has assisted the STC in generating greater awareness and encouraging discussions of the Network City document and its transport implications. Forums like this help to generate sustainable solutions to local traffic problems.

Key points raised in presentations or discussion at the forum were:

- Transport and land use integration underpins the Network City strategy which proposes a series of activity centres linked by activity corridors, and transport corridors for freight and through traffic
- Current road reservations do not match the transport and activity corridor model, planning solutions will need to be developed for each corridor and activity centre
- Good street design, traffic management and parallel transport corridors are key ingredients for successful activity corridors and vibrant centres
- Warrants for pedestrian crossings and traffic signal spacings work against good pedestrian access and place making - an issue for activity centres and corridors
- Think about freight access when planning activity centres and corridors - most freight moved in Perth needs to get to a building site or a commercial outlet beyond the proposed transport corridors
- Partnerships and community involvement is critical for place making - no one agency has the resources, knowledge or influence to bring about fundamental changes in the urban fabric

- We need systems to bring about changes in land use and transport whilst improving quality of life - more of the same will deliver more of the same. Infill is needed but is difficult and requires greater public support.
- Little progress has been made towards the Metropolitan Transport Strategy targets, instead of backing away from the goal of reduced car use we should implement effective measures to bring about sustainable transport. Peak oil should be a driver for this change.

Thank you again for your important contribution to the Transport in a Networked City Forum,

The STC looks forward to working with you again in the near future.

Yours sincerely,



Dave Worth
Convener



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Local Government News

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1 July 2005

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSE COST SHIFTING INQUIRY

The Federal Government last week tabled into response to the report - *Rates and Taxes: A Fair Share for Responsible Local Government* which was tabled in Parliament in November 2003. The report contained 18 recommendations to address cost shifting and enhance effective relations across the three spheres of government. The response details can be found on the Australian Local Government Association website www.alga.asn.au.

In broad terms the key features of the Australian Government's response to the report includes the development of an intergovernmental agreement to help stop cost shifting to Local Government, a Productivity Commission study on barriers to Local Government revenue raising and recognition of Local Government by the Federal Parliament. Federal Minister for Local Government Jim Lloyd said the Government's response represented a "new beginning" to the reform of Federal-Local Government relations.

For further information, please contact Policy Manager Governance, Bruce Wittber, on (08) 9213 2057 or email bwittber@walga.asn.au.

MINISTERIAL MEETING – FEDERAL ENVIRONMENT MINISTER, SENATOR IAN CAMPBELL

The Association President and senior staff yesterday met with Federal Minister for the Environment, Senator Ian Campbell, ahead of his meeting with all State Environment

Ministers. The key issues raised with the Minister were: State Governments reducing funding for recycling initiatives; a paucity of alternative recycling strategies and the need to set a realistic national target of a 65% recycling rate to be achieved within five years. Currently the national recycling rate is less than 50% compared to leading European nations at 80%. The Minister was advised that, in investigating alternative strategies, the Commonwealth and States adopt sound funding arrangements that do not assume to shift costs to Local Government. The Association also requested that the Minister and Federal Department provide more consultation with Local Government on issues of relevance. The Minister agreed that reduction of funding by State Governments was a concern and that the current lack of alternatives in recycling strategy was not the ideal situation.

For further information, please contact Waste & Recycling Manager, Bernard Ryan, on (08) 9213 2037 or email bryan@walga.asn.au.

ADVERTISING REBATES

Next month WALGA members will receive their advertising rebate cheques for 2004/05. During the year \$4.4 million worth of "West Australian" expenditure was placed through the Local Government account with Marketforce Productions. The total benefit value available to the sector, including the Town Planning Composite Advertising Program, was \$1,222,294.82 excluding GST. Thirty Association members will receive a rebate which exceeds the total cost of their annual Association membership subscription, and more than half of WA Councils will recover 50% or more of their Association membership subscriptions through the direct savings available through this single member service. Please note that due to production changes at The West Australian professional recruitment notices now need to be placed by **2.00 pm on Wednesday each week**. All advertising bookings for all media should be placed through Marketforce Productions to benefit from these Local Government contract rates.

For further information, please contact Services Manager, Andrew Blitz, via ablitz@walga.asn.au.

DEBT MANAGEMENT TENDER

The Association is pleased to appoint Austral Mercantile Collections Ltd and Dun & Bradstreet Australia Ltd to a panel of Preferred Suppliers for debt management services to the Local Government sector from tender CST 505-004. An information package will be distributed to all members outlining the new service programs shortly. The new contract is effective from **Friday 1 July 2005**.

For further information, please contact Services Manager, Andrew Blitz, via ablitz@walga.asn.au.

QAS ADDRESS MANAGEMENT

The Association has appointed QAS as a preferred supplier of address verification software to the Local Government sector. The products have been assessed for their quality, and significant price benefits are available under the new structure based on aggregate purchase volumes. Councils with more than 500 rateable properties in their database have received a service information package in this week's bulk mail. A product presentation has also been scheduled.

Date: **Tuesday 19 July**
Time: 10.00 am
Where: Local Government House, 15 Altona Street

West Perth

Registration for this presentation or requests for additional copies of the information package can be arranged by contacting Customer Service Officer, Michelle Cairney, via receptionist@walga.asn.au.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS TENDER PROJECT

Councils will be aware that the Association is proceeding to tender all Local Government Telecommunications needs. As advised in a previous Local Government News a Project Briefing Session for all interested Councils has now been scheduled for later this month.

Date: **Wednesday 20 July**
Time: 10.00 am
Where: Local Government House, 15 Altona Street
West Perth

To register your attendance at this session please contact Customer Service Officer, Michelle Cairney, via receptionist@walga.asn.au.

BENCHMARKING BUREAU / BLUE SKY STRATEGIC PROFILING

The withdrawal of 'Blue Sky Strategic Profiling' from benchmarking services has resulted in the Association no longer being able to offer this facility in its current form. The Association had been working to maintain the service in spite of declining participation. However the withdrawal of the service provider will now result in the bureau discontinuing operations after this month finalising existing data sets and associated reports. The Association will be working with 'Blue Sky' to transfer the data gathered since the service was outsourced and will be reviewing how the Association might offer some other form of service, possibly in 2006.

For further information or if you have any further questions and would like to comment on any future services, please contact Executive Manager Workplace Solutions, John Phillips, on (08) 9213 2028.

VEHICLE LICENSING CONTRACTS EXTENDED

In recent discussions with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, the Association raised the issue of the expiration of the current contracts for vehicle licensing agencies, many of which are Local Governments. The Association understands that DPI has now written to all licensing agencies offering an extension of the contracts for a further 12 months until **Tuesday 30 May 2006** under the terms and conditions of current contracts (including variations).

The further 12 month extension is required to enable a review of the service delivery model for licensing services in regional WA to be finalised. The Association has requested that DPI provide advice as soon as possible to Local Government on the outcomes of the review and the potential impacts on services in country towns. In the interim, Councils are requested to contact the Association if there are any issues of concern with the extended licensing agency contracts.

For further information, please contact Executive Manager Transport and Roads, Debbie Terelinck, on (08) 9213 2031 or email dterelinck@walga.asn.au.

BUSHFIRE MITIGATION PROGRAMME

The Bushfire Mitigation Programme contains \$15 million over three years, for the construction, maintenance and signage of fire trail networks to assist local communities to better prepare for bushfires. The specific objective of the programme is to enhance the effectiveness of fire trail networks and as a result increase the safety of fire fighting personnel involved in a fire suppression effort; rapidity with which fire suppression agencies are able to access a fire; and type of resources that can safely be made available to a fire suppression effort.

Australian Government funding under the programme is contingent on at least a matching contribution from the State. Where the project involves a local agency, the Australian Government will meet up to one-third of the cost of each approved project, with the remaining two thirds being met by State / local agency arrangements, except for agreed exceptional circumstances where remote Indigenous communities, low capacity Local Governments or unincorporated communities would otherwise be precluded from participating in the programme.

Applications close on **30 September**. CALM is the lead agency in WA for the programme with representatives from FESA and the Association on the State Assessment panel.

For further information, please contact Department of Conservation & Land Management (08) 9725 5938, www.calm.wa.gov.au or download application forms from DOTARS website www.dotars.gov.au/localgovt/bmp/index.aspx. You can also contact the Association's Policy Manager Community, Michelle Mackenzie, on (08) 9213 2065 or email mmackenzie@walga.asn.au.

DIARY DATES

21 July	Esperance-Eastern Goldfields Zone
22 July	South East Zone
27 June	August State Council Agenda Deadline
25 July	Gascoyne Country Zone
25 July	South Metropolitan Zone
27 July	South East Metropolitan Zone
28 July	Central Metropolitan Zone
28 July	North Metropolitan Zone
28 July	East Metropolitan Zone
1 August	Northern Country Zone
4 August	Peel Zone
5 August	Kimberley Country Zone
6 August	Central Country Zone
6 August	Gascoyne Country Zone and Regional Board Group
6-9 August	Local Government Week
7 August	Great Eastern Country Zone
9 August	Pilbara Country Zone
9 August	Zone Presidents/Secretary Roundtable
10 August	Pilbara Country Zone
10 August	State Council
29 August	October State Council Agenda Deadline
22 September	Goldfields Esperance
23 September	South West Zone
26 September	South Metropolitan Zone
27 September	Gascoyne Country Zone
28 September	South East Metropolitan Zone



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ISSUES UPDATE

MINISTERIAL MEETING – RATES AND CHARGES CONCESSION SCHEME

The President, Cr Bill Mitchell and CEO, Ricky Burges met with the Hon Eric Ripper, MLA Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Government Enterprises; Minister Assisting in Public Sector Management, to discuss the recent amendments to the *Rates and Charges (Rates and Deferments) Act*.

The principal purpose of the discussion was to express the concerns of Local Government at the lack of consultation during the development of the policy and the failure to recognise the additional costs that were likely to be incurred. The Treasurer recognised the views being presented and agreed to review the impact on Local Government after the first year, when Councils could better quantify the resource implications.

For further information, please contact Policy Manager, Bruce Wittber, on (08) 9213 2057 or email bwittber@walga.asn.au.

STATE GOVERNMENT ENDORSES EPR

The Association has applauded the State Government's decision on **Monday 27 June** to endorse a policy on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). This decision is the culmination of many years of discussion and persistent calls for action from Local

Government. As Cabinet has signed off on the EPR Policy, the path is now clear for the Department of Environment to begin the process of drafting a legislative framework for EPR which will be included in the long awaited Waste Management Legislation expected by next year.

Local Government should consider this a very positive step for the Department and the State Government. Local Government should also note the contribution that both the Association and individual Councils have made by continually lobbying State Government through a variety of means. Once EPR is enshrined in legislation, ongoing work will be necessary to ensure that individual EPR schemes are properly developed and applied. The Association will remain involved and active on this issue.

For further information, please visit the Wastenet website www.wastenet.net.au/issues/epr.

NATIONAL PACKAGING COVENANT - MKII

The National Packaging Covenant Mk II was endorsed by the Environment Ministers on **Friday 1 July**, renewing the term of the agreement until at least late 2008. Covenant Mk II “commits signatories to allow no further increases in packaging waste to landfill and to a national recycling target for packaging of 65% (up from the current 48%) by the end of 2010”. The Ministers also agreed to start investigating alternatives to the Covenant so that by the mid-term review in 2008, it will be possible to switch to an alternative system if the Covenant is shown to be unable to achieve the necessary performance level.

The Association persistently lobbied for the performance targets, a condition of no additional costs to Local Government and the concurrent investigation of alternative policy measures. It is pleasing that the Minister’s package is generally in-line with these requirements. The Association will be closely monitoring the implementation of the Covenant and the progress towards meeting its objectives. Moreover, the Association will take a keen interest in the concurrent investigation of alternatives – a process which will need to be thorough, inclusive and transparent.

For further information, please contact Waste Management Officer, Michael Reid, on (08) 9213 2086 or email mreid@walga.asn.au.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Association is pleased to advise that the current round of vacancies is now open. The closing date is **COB Thursday 14 July**. Late nominations will not be accepted. Please email your completed applications (no signature required via email) to nominations@walga.asn.au.

- Advisory Committee for the Purity Of Water FESA ESL Capital Grants Committee – Bush Fire Brigade (BFB) and State Emergency Service (SES)
- FESA Consultative Committees – Bush Fire Service (BFS) and Fire and Rescue Service (FRS)
- Metropolitan Emergency Management Executive Group
- Regional Housing Standing Committee
- Visitor Centre Association of WA Executive Committee
- Visitor Serving Study Implementation Group

For further information on all of the above positions, please visit the Association’s website www.walga.asn.au/policy/committees/committees_index.htm. For further information about the nomination process, please contact Corporate Services Support Officer, Meredith Neilsen, on (08) 9213 2013 or email mneilsen@walga.asn.au.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS TENDER PROJECT BRIEFING

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Time: 10:00am
Venue: Boardroom, Local Government House
1st Floor, 15 Altona Street, West Perth

To register your attendance, please email Customer Service Officer, Michelle Cairney, receptionist@walga.asn.au.

ERA SEWER AUDITS

Approximately twenty Councils in WA operate their sewer systems under a Water Service License. The Economic Regulation Authority requires operational audits and asset management reviews at least every 24 months.

Recently, a group of Councils within a region has jointly tendered for consultancy services to undertake these audits. The Association would now like to scope the level of interest from remaining Councils, with a view to conducting a further joint tender should there be sufficient collective demand. The cost of a shared services tender would be contingent on the number of participants and their intended timeframes.

If your Council is interested in participating in a joint tender for consultancy to undertake an ERA sewer audit, please email Services Manager, Andrew Blitz, ablitz@walga.asn.au by Thursday 21 July.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP – SOCIAL CAPITAL – BENEFIT OR BURDEN

Professor Robert D Putnam will present this public workshop alongside a panel of Western Australian community leaders: Associate Professor Anthony Cook and Barrister Patti Chong.

Date: **Wednesday 10 August**
Venue: InterContinental Burswood Resort Convention Centre

For further information or a registration brochure, please visit www.walga.asn.au/news/events.

LINKAGES NEWSLETTER

Edition 31 of the Linking Councils and Communities (LCC) Program newsletter "Linkages" is included in the mailbag to all Councils. This edition looks at some of the issues when considering replacement or procurement of corporate email systems.

For further information, please email info@linkingcouncils.com.

ROMAN UPDATE

The ROMAN Tutorials are currently in the process of being updated. The first of these tutorials, 'ROMAN Inventory Updating' has been completed and is available on the Local Government Portal (www.councils.wa.gov.au). The remainder of the tutorials will be

completed over the next couple of months and will be posted on the Portal as they become available.

The latest version of ROMAN with the GIS rendering fix is also available on the Portal. This version has the GIS rendering issue corrected. To deploy this version, unzip the file and replace the existing ROMAN5.1.exe file.

A login is required to access these documents on the Portal. If you do not have a login, please speak to the IT Department in your Council or contact the LCC Helpdesk on (08) 9213 2016. Once logged in, go to Local Government Programs – Roman – Roman Program & Updates.

For further information regarding the tutorial or the latest version of ROMAN, please contact Dale Hughes, Cardno BSD, on (08) 9273 3888 or email dale.hughes@bsd.com.au.

BILL EXPRESS TRANSITION

Many councils are in the process of transitioning their bill payment services from existing providers to the Association's preferred supplier, *Bill EXPRESS*. It is imperative that Councils remove the link to their old Internet provider from their website, and replace it with the one provided by *Bill EXPRESS*. Internet payment links were sent to each Council by *Bill EXPRESS*, via their email titled "*Bill EXPRESS* Marketing – Your Council Name".

Councils transitioning their Internet service will be contacted by *Bill EXPRESS* over the next week to ensure that the transition has been completed effectively.

For further information, please contact Nadia Taipi, from Bill EXPRESS, on (03) 8458 1181 or email nadiat@onq.com.au.

DIESEL FUEL REBATES

The Local Government Tax Service have distributed an information sheet regarding rebates for Diesel Fuel schemes and a packaged service opportunity to all Councils in the bulk mail. This program is a no obligation opportunity to obtain revenue entitlements that may otherwise remain unclaimed.

For a copy of this package, please visit the homepage of the Tax Service www.walga.asn.au/services/tax or email lgtax@walga.asn.au.

TAX SERVICE CHANGES

The new subscription year for the Local Government Tax Service is underway with some significant changes and enhancements to the service. Written notification has been provided to all subscribers about the new service structure and delivery of enquiry services.

For further information, or a copy of this communication, please email lgtax@walga.asn.au.

MEDIA RELEASES

1 July	Local Government Wins Recycling Concessions
1 July	Settlement in Gracetown Appeal
5 July	Local Government Applauds Appeal Decision

DIARY DATES

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ALGA NEWS

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National News for Local Government

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All roads lead to Launceston

Funding, freight and congestion will be key issues at ALGA's National Local Roads and Transport Congress, which kicks off in Launceston on Monday. The two day Congress will bring more than 525 people to Launceston. With the Roads to Recovery program renewed for four more years, the Congress will explore options to close the funding maintenance 'gap', still estimated to be \$344 million a year. The Congress will also hear from the architect of the *Roads to*



Recovery program, Deputy Prime Minister, John Anderson, who steps down from the government front bench on 14 July. Other key speakers include Local Government and Roads Minister, Jim Lloyd and newly appointed Shadow Transport Minister, Senator Kerry O'Brien. A keynote address will be given by Professor David Hensher, Director of the Institute of Transport Studies at Sydney University. The Congress will provide delegates with the opportunity to focus on two facets of local government transport policy covering both urban and regional priorities. The Congress will examine policy options with the goal of uniting local government's transport agenda. Key speeches, presentations and the closing communiqué will be progressively posted to the ALGA website next week.

Labour reshuffle: O'Brien, Carr key players for councils



Last Friday's reshuffle of Labor Party portfolios has seen significant changes of relevance to local government. Former local government spokesman, Senator Kerry O'Brien, has been promoted to the transport portfolio. His place has been taken by Senator Kim Carr, who becomes Shadow Minister for Housing, Urban Development, Local Government and Territories. The Shadow Environment and Heritage Minister, Anthony Albanese, has

water added to his policy responsibilities while former leader Simon Crean becomes the Shadow Minister for Regional Development. Former regional development and roads spokesman Kelvin Thomson, becomes Shadow Minister for Public Accountability and Human Services. ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, has welcomed their appointment, saying he looked forward to promoting ALGA policy to them as they considered options for the next federal election. Meanwhile, the Prime Minister is considering the make up of his front bench following the retirement of Deputy Prime Minister, John Anderson, in mid-July. His portfolio - transport and regional

services - will go to the National Party, possibly Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs Minister Peter McGauran or the current parliamentary secretary to John Anderson, John Cobb.

ALGA staff honoured with Churchill Fellowships

Two members of ALGA's small, Canberra-based secretariat have been honoured with Churchill Fellowships. Ms Alley Peck, Assistant Director of Health and Ageing Policy, will use her scholarship to examine local government population ageing initiatives in Japan, UK, Denmark, Canada and New Zealand. Alley's work at ALGA involves the implementation of the Australian local government population ageing action plan, the first step in a four year partnership between ALGA and the Australian Government to engage local government in a planned and coordinated approach to population ageing. Mr Robin Anderson, Director of Transport Policy, will travel to the UK, France, Belgium, Sweden and the USA to study community-based safety programs for older road users. Not to be outdone, the Local Government Association of Queensland can also boast a Churchill Fellow. Mrs Kathy Kelly, Manager of Training Services, will travel to the UK and USA to investigate strategies to deliver post-retirement employment opportunities for the retiring workforce. ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, has warmly congratulated all three winners, saying these and other awards reflected well on the quality of staff employed by local government associations across the country.



From the President

Today is an historic day for federal-local government relations. It marks the commencement of the second phase of the *Roads to Recovery* program, affectionately dubbed R2R2. The renewal of this program means that local government will have a much needed injection of federal funds - \$1.2 billion over four years - to help us with the massive task of upgrading and maintaining the local road network, but this is no time to rest on our laurels.

There is important work to be done. Typically, councils spend around 20% to 25% of their annual budget on local roads, and while we spend nearly \$4 billion on roads each year, the gap between what we can afford to spend and what we need to spend, is still \$344 million a year. The question is, how do we bridge the gap? Clearly, we need to grow our partnership with the Australian Government, but how can this best be achieved? Future funding arrangements will be one of the key issues at this year's National Local Roads and Transport Congress, which starts in Launceston on Monday. The timing is important. We have some breathing space. Some - but not a lot. The major parties will be developing their policy for the next election during the course of next year, now just six months away. That means we need to develop our transport funding proposals over the next 12 months. We will then need to sell them - and sell them hard. By the time the next election has come and gone, R2R2 will be half done and its future will be under active consideration. Thinking caps on.

Cr Paul Bell
ALGA President



ALGA calls for tough stand on packaging

Federal, state and territory environment ministers will meet in Perth today to consider the future of the National Packaging Covenant. The ministers, meeting as the Environmental Protection and Heritage Council, are expected to agree to a new five year term for the covenant, but with a tougher set of conditions. A draft covenant was released earlier this year, but has drawn criticism from local government. ALGA is arguing for:

- tough recycling targets of 65% or better
- assigning of clear financial responsibility to industry to ensure that recycling targets are met and local communities, through local government, are not left to carry the can
- investigation of alternative options to the covenant

ALGA will be represented at today's meeting by Vice President, Cr Bill Mitchell.

Birth notices: Roads to Recovery Mark II

ALGA has marked the commencement of the renewed *Roads to Recovery* program – dubbed R2R2 – by thanking all councils and state associations for their part in securing the renewal of this critical program. The program becomes operational today (1 July). ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, said the campaign to renew the program was an excellent example of how local government can effectively work together to address an issue of substantial need within our communities. The program will see another \$1.2 billion of federal funding provided directly to councils over the next four years to help address the backlog in local road maintenance. The administrative guidelines for the programs will be sent to councils in the near future by the Department of Transport and Regional Services. They are expected to continue the program's relatively simple administrative procedures and councils will again decide their own project priorities.

NGA 2005: partnerships the key

Registrations are now open for this year's National General Assembly, Good to Great: Pursuing Progress Through Partnerships. The General Assembly will focus on local government relationships – with the community, with federal and state governments, and with other councils both here in Australia and overseas. It will also expand on the constitutional recognition debate, a subject passionately discussed at last year's Assembly and, most importantly, it will examine the proposed intergovernmental agreement on cost shifting and what potential this has to create new partnerships between local government and its state and federal counterparts. This year's Regional Cooperation and Development Forum will – by popular demand – again focus on resourcing local government infrastructure. The *State of the Regions Report 2005-06*, the second in a three-part series on infrastructure, will have a particular focus on information and communication technology. Program and registration material has been sent to all councils this week, or register online.

Howard, Beazley to attend NGA 2005

The Prime Minister, John Howard, will open this year's National General Assembly and Kim Beazley, Leader of the Opposition, will address the delegates during the closing session. ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, said "We are delighted to have the strong support of both the Australian Government and the Opposition. It represents

the excellent relationship we enjoy with both sides of Parliament". The Shadow Minister for Sport and Recreation, Senator Kate Lundy, will also address delegates at a breakfast hosted by the Australian Local Government Women's Association. Program and registration details are available on the recently refurbished National General Assembly website.

Wanted! Images of your community

At this year's National General Assembly of Local Government, ALGA wishes to create an introductory visual that truly reflects Australian local government and its communities. ALGA seeks images of your community for inclusion in a montage at the opening ceremony. The pictures should be of your community assets – its people; community festivals and other events; council buildings, parks and other landmarks – any images that reflect your council and community, how you see yourself and how you wish others to see you. There is no limit to the number of images you can submit. Preferably, images should be hi-resolution, electronic in .jpg or .tif format around 250-350 dpi, but good quality photos and pictures from publications will also be considered. Please note, that while we will endeavour to include as many photos received as possible, we cannot guarantee that your pictures will be used. For further information, please contact Katie Whitehead, Director National Events, katie.whitehead@alga.asn.au. Please post your CD of images or paper copies, together with council contact details, to Katie Whitehead, Director National Events, 8 Geils Court, Deakin, ACT, 2600 by no later than Friday 30 September.

Access open for Tax Help program

A dedicated IT help desk is now open for participants in the Australian Government's eTax program for all computer-related issues. The number is 1300 1300 17. The eTax program is used by the general public and volunteers who participate in the Tax Help program. They operate from community centres throughout Australia, many of which are administered by councils. The help desk can assist Tax Help volunteers in council operated centres to use eTax, which requires a firewall to be configured to allow the downloading of the software as well as verification and lodgement of the electronic tax returns.

More accessing councils online

An increasing number of Australian citizens are choosing to contact and deal with all three spheres of government by the internet, a new survey shows. A report commissioned by the Australian Government Information Management Office (AGIMO) titled 'Australian's use of and satisfaction with e-government services', gives a snapshot of how Australians use e-government services and how satisfied they are with them. This is the first study to cover federal state, territory and local government together. The survey found that 40% of Australians using the internet in 2004 used it to contact a government agency. Not only are more people using the Internet to contact government, they're increasingly happy with the results in comparison with using the telephone. A solid 90% of respondents said they had achieved what they set out to do, using the internet. Services where satisfaction was significantly higher included land rates or tax services (97%), libraries (97%) and government jobs services (95%). Satisfaction was lower than the average for internet contacts involving a job seeker's allowance, unemployment benefit, and working for the dole services (77%, compared with 90% for internet contacts overall) and family benefit, child allowance, or childcare benefit services (84% compared with 90% average).

Harmony strategies for local government

Under its Living in Harmony initiative, the Australian Government has signed a partnership with the Centre for Research on Social Inclusion at Macquarie University to look at the role of local government in building inclusive and sustainable 'community'. Three councils will participate in a one year action research project as case study/lighthouse councils. Ashfield Municipal Council (NSW) has already been identified as one partner; the remaining two councils will be invited to participate in consultation with the Department of Immigration Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs and ALGA. The partnership will investigate the importance of, and 'everyday' benefits and challenges of living with cultural diversity. For more information, contact Dr Amanda Wise, Project Manager, at Macquarie University on (02) 9850 8835 or the *Living in Harmony* section at DIMIA on (02) 6264 4951/4012.

Top Economic Development Strategies Revealed in Latest Councillor Magazine

Best practice local government strategies for driving increased business activity within local economies are revealed in the latest edition of Councillor Magazine, the quarterly magazine for Australia's councillors. The magazine also features the start of a regular 'Regional Development' section that includes the latest information about grants available to rural councils, in addition to novel examples of council-led initiatives as regards the availability of services and business activity within country communities. Also in the June issue, Maroochy Shire outlines how it has been able to develop an effective communications strategy for announcing rate rises. The latest issue also has the usual regular features including the President's Report column, by Cr Paul Bell AM.



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News from Optus

Optus & Ninemsn Partner to Deliver the Future

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Optus and Ninemsn this week announced plans for a major strategic alliance to partner on the provision of unique internet and mobile services. Under the plan, Optus mobile and internet customers will enjoy a truly convergent information and communications experience, benefiting from PBL content and MSN services with high speed access via Optus broadband and 3G. Through this alliance with Ninemsn, Optus customers will receive communications services including email, MSN Messenger, calendar and contacts. When combined with the new portal and a personalised browser, customers will have a level of integration between their PC and mobile phone not yet seen in Australia. The alliance will provide a foundation for the joint development of new content and the delivery of communications services in the future such as phone to PC video calls and Voice Over IP.

Forthcoming events

- ALGA's National Local Roads Congress (www.alga.asn.au/policy/roads/congress/2005), 3 – 5 July, Launceston, Tasmania
- Better Local Services: Improving Local Government Delivery Through Innovation & Partnerships (www.clgf.org.uk), 11 – 14 July, hosted by Commonwealth Local Government Forum
- International Conference on Engaging Communities (www.engagingcommunities2005.org), 14 – 17 August, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
- National General Assembly of Local Government (www.alga.asn.au), 6 – 10 November, Canberra

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ALGA to develop unified national transport strategy

Delegates at this week's National Local Roads and Transport Congress have backed the call of ALGA President, Paul Bell, for a unified, national local government transport strategy. Delegates resolved to call on ALGA to develop the strategy based on four key elements:



- long-term certainty for local road funding
- strengthening partnerships across all spheres of government to address areas of specific need
- greater federal involvement in sustainable transport
- assistance to build local government capacity in data and asset management

The call came as more than 430 delegates explored options for future funding arrangements for local roads. In his opening address, Cr Bell called for a comprehensive transport strategy that combined strategies for addressing the needs of both regional and urban communities. "When we're united, when we're focused, when we're heading in the same direction, we're absolutely unstoppable," he told delegates. The strategy will be developed over the coming 12 months and brought before the 2006 Roads Congress, to be held in Alice Springs on 9-11 July.

Anderson says R2R3 needed



In his farewell address to local government on Monday, outgoing Transport and Regional Services Minister, John Anderson, said a third Roads to Recovery program would be needed to bring local roads up to scratch. Speaking at the National Local Roads and Transport Congress, Mr Anderson revealed that work had been done by his department in the early 1990s which indicated \$3 billion would be needed to address the maintenance backlog facing Australia's 680,000km of local roads. This indicated three rounds of the \$1.2 billion program would be needed. The second round of the program – R2R2 – commenced on 1 July. It will provide \$1.2 billion to councils across the country over the next four years, expiring in June 2009. Mr Anderson was given a standing ovation by delegates for his contribution to local roads over the past nine years.

From the President

Last night's bombing atrocities in London have shocked us all. I have, on behalf of local government in Australia, extended our sympathies and support to the people of London through their Mayor, Ken Livingston.



The attacks on people using the London underground and bus system should remind us of the critically important message delivered at this week's Local Roads Congress by the Director of Transport Security at the Federal Department of Transport and Regional Services, Andrew Tongue. Councils are uniquely placed within our communities to keep an eye and an ear out for anything unusual or out of place. Councillors and council staff - and there are almost 160,000 of us across the country - are intimately connected with our communities. We know them like no one else. If we see or hear anything suspicious, we should report it. Our national security agencies would rather have 10,000 calls that lead to nothing than miss the one call that could thwart a terrorist attack. As the New York slogan says - if you see something, say something. The national hotline is: 1800 123 400. Please visit National Security Australia (www.nationalsecurity.gov.au/) for further information.

Cr Paul Bell
ALGA President

Lloyd supports IGA "with teeth"

The Australian Government would pursue an intergovernmental agreement on cost shifting "with teeth", Local Government Minister, Jim Lloyd, told the Roads Congress in Launceston on Tuesday. His statement echoes ALGA's call for an IGA that has mechanisms to actively discourage cost shifting by federal and state governments. Mr Lloyd will meet with ALGA and state and territory local government associations to discuss the IGA at a meeting in Adelaide in August. Mr Lloyd used his address to the Roads Congress to discuss the Government's response to the Fair Share report, tabled in Parliament last month. Mr Lloyd also launched the revised edition of the Sealed Local Roads Manual: Guidelines to Good Practice, prepared by ARRB, a leading road transport, research and consulting group. "It is important that councils adopt and maintain best practice methods and techniques in order to realise the full benefits of funding through longer road life and improvement in road surface quality," Mr Lloyd said.

ALGA welcomes Truss to transport

ALGA has welcomed the appointment, this week, of Warren Truss as Minister for Transport and Regional Services following the retirement of John Anderson. ALGA has also extended its congratulations to the new Deputy Prime Minister, Mark Vaile. Both Mr Vaile and Mr Truss have strong local government backgrounds. Mr Vaile was an alderman on the Greater Taree City Council on the NSW central coast from 1985 to 1993 and was deputy mayor in 1986-87 and 1991-93. Mr Truss was a councillor on the Kingaroy Shire Council in Queensland from 1976 to 1990 and was Chair of the Council from 1983-1990. He also served as the President of the Burnett District Local Government Association.

HIH collapse still hitting councils

This week the Commonwealth HIH rescue package reached its sunset date despite several councils in New South Wales remaining subject to claims for damages which are still before the courts. In the absence of continued rescue package, findings against councils may leave some councils financially ruined with local communities meeting the costs which would have otherwise been met by the assistance package. While it may be under a dozen councils affected, the impact could be devastating. ALGA President Paul Bell said the sunset clause "is an arbitrary barrier to councils receiving assistance under the rescue package. Unfortunately, it is not up to local councils to set court dates. It is unreasonable for the Commonwealth to expect individual councils affected by the demise of HIH to put in place contingency arrangements given the limited income base of councils. In the case of Evan Shire Council, the only council to receive any help to date, one claim resulted in a payout almost five times its annual rate revenue", he said.

Who's who at the zoo?

Confused about who's who following recent reshuffles on the Government and Opposition frontbench? Here's a summary of some of the key players of importance to local government.

Howard Government (www.dpmc.gov.au/parliamentary/docs/ministry_list.pdf):

- Prime Minister: Hon John Howard MP (NSW):
www.dpmc.gov.au/parliamentary/docs/ministry_list.pdf
- Treasurer: Hon Peter Costello MP (Vic):
www.aph.gov.au/house/members/member.asp?id=CT4
- Local government and roads: Hon Jim Lloyd MP (Liberal, NSW):
www.aph.gov.au/house/members/member.asp?id=IK6
- Transport and Regional Services: Hon Warren Truss MP (National Party, Qld): www.aph.gov.au/house/members/member.asp?id=GT4
- Environment and Heritage: Senator the Hon Ian Campbell (Liberal, WA):
www.aph.gov.au/Senate/senators/homepages/s-h15.htm
- Communications: Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (Liberal, NSW):
aph.gov.au/Senate/senators/homepages/s-2m6.htm
- Citizenship and multicultural affairs: Hon John Cobb MP (National Party, NSW): aph.gov.au/house/members/member.asp?id=AN1
- Health: Hon Tony Abbott MP (Liberal, NSW):
aph.gov.au/house/members/member.asp?id=EZ5
- Ageing: Hon Julie Bishop (Liberal, WA):
aph.gov.au/house/members/member.asp?id=83P
- Agriculture, fisheries and forests: Hon Peter McGauran (National Party, Vic): www.aph.gov.au/house/members/member.asp?id=XH4

Beazley Opposition

(www.alp.org.au/people/index.php?task=ps&type=shadows&state=&keywords):

- Leader: Hon Kim Beazley MP (WA):
aph.gov.au/house/members/member.asp?id=PE4
- Shadow Treasurer: Mr Wayne Swan MP (Qld):
aph.gov.au/house/members/member.asp?id=2V5
- Local government, housing, urban development: Senator Kim Carr (Vic):
aph.gov.au/Senate/senators/homepages/s-aw5.htm

- Transport: Senator Kerry O'Brien (Tas):
aph.gov.au/Senate/senators/homepages/s-8o6.htm
- Infrastructure: Mr Stephen Smith MP (WA):
aph.gov.au/house/members/member.asp?id=5V5
- Communications: Senator Stephen Conroy (Vic):
aph.gov.au/Senate/senators/homepages/s-3l6.htm
- Environment, Heritage and water: Mr Anthony Albanese MP (NSW):
aph.gov.au/house/members/member.asp?id=R36
- Regional development: Hon Simon Crean MP (Vic):
www.aph.gov.au/house/members/member.asp?id=DT4
- Aviation and Transport security: Hon Arch Bevis MP (Qld):
www.aph.gov.au/house/members/member.asp?id=ET4
- Citizenship and multicultural affairs: Senator Annette Hurley (SA):
www.aph.gov.au/Senate/senators/homepages/s-e4u.htm
- Health: Ms Julia Gillard MP (Vic):
www.aph.gov.au/house/members/member.asp?id=83L
- Aged care: Senator Jan McLucas (Qld):
www.aph.gov.au/Senate/senators/homepages/s-84l.htm
- Agriculture and fisheries: Mr Gavan O'Connor MP (Vic):
www.aph.gov.au/house/members/member.asp?id=WU5

Ministers get tough on packaging

Australia's Environment Ministers have agreed to enter into a new agreement with industry to reduce packaging waste and to increase recycling over the next five years. The Environmental Protection and Heritage Council met in Perth last Friday to consider the future of the National Packaging Covenant. The ministers agreed to allow no further increases in packaging waste to landfill and to set a national recycling target for packaging of 65% (up from the current 48%) by the end of 2010. The National Environment Protection Measure (NEPM) for used packaging materials has been streamlined to support the strengthened covenant. It will ensure voluntary action is backed with strong legislation, and governments are sending a strong message that action will be taken against companies that don't meet their obligations. A clear small business threshold for the new NEPM will be developed for consideration by 30 September. ALGA representative and Vice President, Cr Bill Mitchell, gained ministers' agreement to investigate alternative policy options to the covenant, that could achieve waste reduction and recycling targets of 65%. Such instruments would then be available should the mid-term review of the covenant show it will fail to deliver satisfactory outcomes. Ministers have instructed officials to undertake this work and report back at future EPHC meetings.

Safer Communities Awards now open

Entries for the 2005 Safer Communities Awards are now open and will close on 19 August. The Awards recognise best practice and innovation by organisations and individuals that help build safer communities across Australia. The Awards cover all aspects of emergency management risk assessment, research, education and training, information and knowledge management, prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. The Awards work on two levels. State and territory winners are decided first and become finalists for the National Awards. Emergency Management Australia (EMA) also helps winners showcase their work around Australia.

Councils mark NAIDOC week

Councils across Australia helped celebrate Indigenous culture with a wide variety of NAIDOC Week (3-10 July) activities. Typical of the events was the Aboriginal flag raising ceremony held yesterday by the Shoalhaven City Council in NSW. State Environment Minister, Bob Debus, joined Shoalhaven-born signing legend Jimmy Little and Shoalhaven City Mayor Greg Watson to raise the Aboriginal flag following a function in the council's reception room. The event was, however, tinged with sadness as the flag was lowered to half-mast as a mark of respect for two local Aboriginal elders who passed away earlier this week. The National NAIDOC Week ball and awards ceremony will be held in Adelaide tonight.

State of the Regions survey – win a prize!

The annual ALGA / National Economics State of the Regions reports are used widely as a major reference and planning resource. The 2005 report will be the second in a three-part series focussing on infrastructure. We are seeking councils' participation in a 10-minute online survey relating to Australia's infrastructure challenges. In June the CEO of your council would have received a joint letter from ALGA and National Economics inviting your participation in the survey. This letter contains an access code to enable your council to complete the survey which needs to be completed by 15 July. All survey respondents will be eligible to go into a draw for a dozen bottles of premium wine. A further 24 prizes of one bottle of wine each are also up for grabs.

And the winner is...

The winner of the Congress survey feedback prize - a river grass basket from Ghana filled to the brim with Tasmanian goodies - is Mr Greg Blaze, Director Engineering, Greater Taree City Council. ALGA would like to thank local Launceston businesses for their donations - J Boag & Sons, the Tasmanian Honey Co. and Tasmanian Gourmet Sauces. As a thank you to councils that contributed to the McArthur annual local government salary survey, a prize of a Hayman Island holiday was drawn by the ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell. The nominated winner is Mr Graham Webb, Shire of Burdekin (Qld). ALGA also congratulates the winner of the Optus mobile phone draw, Mr. Bill Twohill, Director Engineering from Weddin Shire Council (NSW).

Register online now for the 2005 Asia Pacific Cities Summit

You can now register online for the 2005 Asia Pacific Cities Summit, Chongqing, China, 11-14 October. The Summit offers local government authorities around the world a unique opportunity to see first-hand the rapid urbanisation program underway in the world's largest municipality.

Keynote speakers at the Summit include Tim Fischer, former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, and William H. Hudnut III, senior fellow at The Urban Land Institute, USA. The Hon Tim Fischer will be sharing his extensive knowledge and expertise in the topic of cooperation between Asia Pacific Cities. Mr Fischer was Deputy Prime Minister of Australia from 1996-1999 and leader of the Australian National Party for nine years. His groundbreaking work as Australia's Minister for Trade makes him well qualified to speak on the topic of cooperation between Asia-Pacific nations. William H. Hudnut III is best known for his 16-year tenure as Mayor of Indianapolis, and also has a rich and diverse career as a Congressman, clergyman, author and public speaker. In 1996, he assumed his position as resident fellow for public policy at the Urban Land Institute, advancing the institute's commitment to provide leadership in the responsible use of land to enhance the quality of the total environment. To register online for the Summit, or for more information, visit www.apcsummit.org.

**Cutting red tape for small business
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The reforms will be of particular benefit to home-based businesses in their dealings with local government.

Information seminars for local government representatives about the Regulation Reduction Incentive Fund will be held at the following locations.

- Albury 12 July, Albury Convention and Performing Arts Centre, Swift Street, Albury.
- Melbourne 13 July, Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre, Cnr Spencer and Flinders Streets.
- Hobart 14 July, Rydges Hotel, Cnr Argyle & Lewis Streets, North Hobart.
- Darwin 19 July, Quality Hotel Frontier Darwin, 3 Buffalo Court, Darwin.
- Brisbane 20 July, Holiday Inn, Roma Street.
- Mount Gambier 20 July, Quality Inn International, Millicent Road.
- Townsville 21 July, Townsville Entertainment & Convention Centre, Entertainment Drive.
- Canberra 22 July, National Convention Centre, 27-31 Constitution Avenue.
- Sydney 26 July, Carlton Crest Hotel, 169-179 Thomas Street, Haymarket.
- Perth 27 July, Burswood Resort, Great Eastern Highway, Burswood.
- Coffs Harbour 27 July, Coffs Harbour Ex-Services' Club, Vernon Street.
- Adelaide 28 July, Holiday Inn Adelaide, 65 Hindley Street.

All seminars except Townsville will run from 9.30am till 11.30am. Townsville will run from 2.30pm till 4.30pm. Doors open half an hour before on the day. To register for an information seminar or for more information, visit the AusIndustry website at: www.ausindustry.gov.au or contact the AusIndustry hotline 13 28 46. Please note that registrations for the information seminars close 2 days before each workshop.

For more information about the AusIndustry range of products, you can subscribe to its e-bulletin or to 'email updates' by visiting www.ausindustry.gov.au, or calling the AusIndustry hotline. AusIndustry is the Australian Government's business program delivery division in the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources

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MEDIA RELEASE

29 June 2005

State Government Delays Hamper Food Labelling Checks

Consumers in Western Australia are being denied details as to the origin of many foods as the result of State Government delays in making necessary legislative changes.

WA Local Government Association CEO, Ricky Burges, said the proposed legislative changes were needed to allow Councils to recover registration charges for food businesses from which to provide the resources to enforce requirements such as labelling as to origin.

Ms Burges said Health Minister, Jim McGinty, had written to the Association 10 months ago outlining that the required legislation would be introduced in the 2005 autumn parliamentary session.

In the letter to the Association, Mr McGinty said the Health Department "acknowledges that there is room for improvement" on food safety and that the "Government recognises that the Food Bill is an import piece of legislation".

"Tomorrow is the last day of the autumn session and we would like to know from the Minister what has happened to the Food Bill?" Ms Burges said.

"It is a nonsense that Local Government is able to charge registration fees to eating houses so as to finance inspections but is unable to have the same support for other food providers.

"If Local Government is to be expected to provide these services then the State Government has to recognise that it will require funding and allowing a registration fee is a sound option.

"There are some important community issues at stake here in both allowing consumers to know where the produce is from but also that there are checks on the health standards by which it is prepared and sold."

Ms Burges said despite the lack of funding support, a number of Local Governments already inspected food providers such as fruit and vegetable shops.

"However in most cases these inspections draw on the same resources as assigned to testing public pool water and inspecting local food manufacturers and consequently are not given the same priority," Ms Burges said.

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MEDIA RELEASE

30 June 2005

Environment Ministers Urged to Take Action on Recycling

Communities across WA face long term damage to their local environments unless the packaging industry is forced to support recycling programs such as kerb-side collection.

WA Local Government Association President, Cr Bill Mitchell, said a meeting in Perth tomorrow of Federal and State Environment Ministers provided an opportunity to take real action on industry over recycling along with the chance to set achievable national targets.

He said it was becoming a national embarrassment that Australia's overall recycling rate was less than 50 per cent compared to in excess of 80 per cent in leading nations such as Germany.

"The Environment Ministers have a chance to give some real teeth to the National Covenant for recycling and set a 65 per cent target for the nation to achieve within the next five years," Cr. Mitchell said.

"Local Government has already made a substantial investment in providing recycling collection bins and facilities and householders have made a considerable effort to recycle.

"Now it is time for the State and Federal Governments to make a genuine commitment to recycling by confronting industry reluctance, genuinely considering all the alternatives and ensuring any new program is adequately funded without further drawing on Local Government.

"South Australia leads the nation with a recycling rate of about 80 per cent in most part due to its 5-cent container return program. This may not work for all of Australia but all the alternatives have to be properly investigated."

Cr Mitchell said a good example of the shortcomings of current strategies was in the recycling rate of plastic products at just 20 per cent.

"The Wanneroo recycling facility alone collects about 20 tonne of plastics every 10 days but because the plastics industry does little to support recycling another 80 tonnes is not collected, most of which ends up in landfill that will have long-term consequences," Cr Mitchell said.

"I think many households believe in the long-term benefits of recycling and despite their efforts would be disappointed to know that Australia still lags behind the rest of the world."

Ends

MEDIA RELEASE

1 July 2005

Local Government Wins Recycling Concessions

A boost for recycling today with a meeting involving Federal and State Environment Ministers agreeing to all the initiatives recommended by Local Government.

WA Local Government Association President Cr. Bill Mitchell said the Ministers had agreed to set a national recycling rate of 65 per cent; investigate alternative recycling strategies that compel industry support and not shift any additional costs to Local Governments.

At the meeting in Perth, Cr Mitchell, in representing the Australian Local Government Association, pushed the issue of investigation of alternative recycling strategies and was supported in the debate by South Australia's Environment Minister, John Hill.

"It was a key issue that we had been told in talks ahead of the meeting that would not get support but on the day we were able to get what we wanted," Cr Mitchell said.

"Our position is that it was a high risk strategy not to consider the alternatives and have contingencies in place. We don't think it is acceptable to take risks with the environment."

Cr Mitchell said it was reasonable that the Ministers agreed that any new strategies would not place any additional impost on Local Government as the sector in WA already contributed in excess of \$20 million per annum to recycling programs.

"Local Government has made a considerable investment in kerb-side collections and recovery and householders are making an effort to recycle and we appreciate this is recognised by the Federal and State Governments," Cr Mitchell said.

He said that the 65 per cent target for Australia to achieve over the next five years as an overall recycling rate was still well short of leading nations on 80 per cent but was a positive start.

"We have been telling anyone who would listen that Australia needs to have an overall recycling target if we are going to make headway," Cr Mitchell said.

"The outcomes of today's meeting are all that we hoped for and more than we expected. It shows the role for local communities in demanding their environments are protected."

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MEDIA RELEASE

1 July 2005

Settlement in Gracetown Appeal

A settlement has been reached on the appeal regarding the Gracetown tragedy nine years after the event.

WA Local Government Association President, Cr Bill Mitchell, today confirmed that the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River, the State of Western Australia and the plaintiffs have reached a settlement of the appeal in the matter.

Cr Mitchell said he appreciated the pain felt by the families of those affected by the tragedy which occurred in Gracetown on 27 December 1996.

“I know that the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River and the Local Government Insurance Service hope that, with the litigation now at an end, all the parties can concentrate on the healing process of the human consequences of the tragedy,” Cr Mitchell said.

Cr Mitchell said the Shire had confirmed that the appeal was settled on the basis that the plaintiffs’ appeal against the District Court decision, which found no negligence or other fault on the part of the Shire or the State for the natural disaster, would be dismissed.

He said the Shire also confirmed that as part of the settlement, the Shire and the State agreed they would not seek to recover any costs from the plaintiffs in respect of either the appeal or the original District Court action.

Ends

MEDIA RELEASE

5 July 2005

Local Government Applauds Appeal Decision

The Western Australian Local Government Association applauds yesterday's WA Court of Appeal decision to overturn a \$154,000 payout awarded against the Town of Mosman Park. The incident occurred on a Mosman Park oval in 2000 during a T-Ball training session when Ms Tait twisted her ankle upon stepping into a partially concealed 15cm to 20cm hole on the oval.

WA Local Government Association Chief Executive Officer, Ricky Burges, said, "The WA Court of Appeal decision to overturn the payout restores a more commonsense approach to situations such as this, and confirms that as a whole, everyone needs to take greater responsibility for their own actions.

"Australia's increasingly litigious society can't be allowed to persist. If cases such as these were upheld, Local Government would have concerns about the financial ramifications these cases could eventually have on ratepayers in terms of increased insurance premiums and rates. Councils would have no choice but to either increase charges or reduce public access to parks and gardens, both solutions are unacceptable."

The Association's self insurance scheme, Local Government Insurance Services (LGIS) was established in 1995, and as part of their risk management service has implemented a program to help Councils manage risks with guidelines and audits. The Town of Mosman Park had processes in place to deal with this type of hazard identification.

Ms Burges said, "Claims need to be based on what reasonable action a Council could have taken. Councils take their duty of care and risk management very seriously and have processes in place to ensure community safety. However, it is also incumbent on the community to take responsibility for their actions and approach incidents such as these with commonsense."

Ends

MEDIA RELEASE

9 July 2005

Councils Get Tough on Shopping Trolley "Littering"

Abandoned shopping trolleys will be seized by Local Councils and the owners charged to get them back under proposed amendments to the Local Government Act 1995.

WA Local Government Association President, Cr Bill Mitchell, said many Local Councils had lost patience with retailers who failed to keep track of their trolleys and wanted tougher laws.

"It is a form of littering to just abandon shopping trolleys wherever you have finished using them," Cr Mitchell said.

"The owners of the shopping trolleys, the supermarkets and discount department stores, need to take more responsibility for the collection of the trolleys as they gain the financial benefit from providing them to customers.

"Already there are a number of Councils, especially in the metropolitan area, that collect shopping trolleys just to get them off the streets but now they have had enough."

The Association's State Council recently made a resolution to have legislation amended to enable Councils to impound abandoned trolleys and charge costs for their return and, if unclaimed within 28 days, be able to sell the trolleys to recover costs.

State Council – the 24-member group that represents every Local Government in WA – also wanted owners of shopping trolleys to consolidate operators at each shopping centre; introduce trolleys with deposits and improve car parks so that it was more difficult to remove the trolleys.

Currently Councils that impound trolleys and recover costs apply a variety of local laws including legislation relating to vehicles that have been abandoned for 24 hours or longer.

"Local Government believes there is reluctance by the retailers to ensure that the shopping trolleys they are providing their customers do not have an adverse impact on the rest of the community," Cr Mitchell said.

"With many councils collecting trolleys to get them off the street, it has effectively made it easier for the trolley owners to ignore their responsibilities. It is time they are forced to comply."

Ends

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- Keith Brameld has been appointed to a contract, 3 month position of Relief Building Surveyor. He commenced on 4 July 2005.

Staff Leaving:

- Alec Ferguson has resigned from his position of Backhoe Operator, effective 1 July 2005.
- Larry Cox has retired from his position of Drainage Assistant, effective 22 July 2005.

Other Staff Movements:

- Andrea Farbey, Library Clerk will commence a new, part-time, contract for six months. She will be moved from Armadale Library to Kelmscott.

Current Recruitment Activity:

- Library Clerk – appointment made.
- Asset Management Coordinator – interviews schedules for 13 July 2005.
- Manager Governance and Administration – closes 15 July 2005.

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TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS			
ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS	OFFICER RESPONSIBLE
<u>Armadale Shale Quarry – Management Plan</u> <i>Refer T145/02 25 November 02</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee.	Manager Technical Services
<u>Gillam Drive, Kelmscott – Verge Streetscaping</u> <i>Refer T106/10/03 27 October 03</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee.	Manager Engineering and Design / Manager Parks
<u>Armitage Road – Temporary Road Closure/Parking arrangements</u> <i>Refer T23/04/04 27 April 04</i>	Development Services/ Technical Services	Further report to future Development Services Committee. Future report to Technical Services Committee	Executive Director Development Services. Manager Engineering and Design.
<u>Road Calming to Jarrah Road Roleystone and other items associated with upgrading of the Roleystone Shopping Centre</u> <i>Refer T29/04/04 27 April 04</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee.	Manager Engineering and Design.
<u>Junk Busters Premises</u> <i>Refer T65/06/04 of 28 June 04</i>	Technical Services	Progress report to Technical Services Committee July 2005.	Coordinator Waste Management
<u>Tomah Street, Armadale – Traffic Management, Resurfacing and Parking Petition</u> <i>Refer T89/09/04 27 September 04</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design
<u>Lack of Lighting at Cross Park Precinct, Roleystone</u> <i>Refer T91/09/04 27 September 04</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design
<u>O’Sullivan Drive, Westfield Petition</u> <i>Refer T21/03/05 30 March 05</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design
<u>Tender 35/04 – Construction of Culvert 5206 Champion Drive over Southern River</u> <i>Refer T26/04/05 18 April 05</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design
<u>Champion Drive, Westfield - Petition</u> <i>Refer T31/05/05 30 May 05</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design

	June	July	August
Civil Works	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Armadale Rd (Forrest Rd-Anstey Rd). ▪ Champion Drive drainage & Earthworks Stg II ▪ Armadale Rd/Orchard Ave Black spot. ▪ Brookton Hwy Service Rd ▪ Drainage construction various locations ▪ Armadale Rd/Eighth Rd Black spot ▪ Lake Cammillo Rd Roundabout ▪ Seaforth Rd/Lake Rd R/about ▪ Commerce Ave II stage <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Car park maintenance 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Rd (Forrest Rd-Anstey Rd). • Barbigal Rd. • Champion Drive drainage & Earthworks Stg II ▪ Armadale Rd/Orchard Ave Black spot. ▪ Brookton Hwy Service Rd ▪ Drainage construction various locations ▪ Lake Cammillo Rd Roundabout ▪ Seaforth Rd/Lake Rd R/about ▪ Commerce Ave II stage <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Car park maintenance 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbigal Rd. ▪ Armadale Rd/Orchard Ave Black spot. ▪ Brookton Hwy Service Rd ▪ Drainage construction various locations ▪ Lake Cammillo Rd Roundabout ▪ Commerce Ave II stage ▪ Armadale Road/Eighth Road ▪ Glebe Road Construction <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Car park maintenance
Design & Development	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seville Grove ▪ Chevin Woods Estate ▪ Fountain Court ▪ Newhaven Precinct 1A ▪ Adios Stg 3 ▪ Irymple Road Development ▪ Corondale Stage 4 & 6 ▪ Teal Brook Estate Stg 4 ▪ Erade Villate 	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seville Grove ▪ Chevin Woods Estate ▪ Fountain Court ▪ Newhaven Precinct 1A ▪ Adios Stg 3 ▪ Irymple Road Development ▪ Corondale Stage 4, 5 & 6 ▪ Lot 2 Poad Street 	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seville Grove (Hesketh Ave) ▪ Chevin Woods Estate Stg 4 ▪ Newhaven Precinct 1A ▪ Adios Stg 3 ▪ Irymple Road Development ▪ Corondale Stage 5 & 6 ▪ Lot 2 Poad Street ▪ Armadale Shopping Centre ▪ Churchman Brook Stg 8

	June	July	August
	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Armadale Road (Tonkin to Forrest Rd) ▪ Armadale Road (Forrest Road to Anstey Road) Stg 2 ▪ Whitehead St (Contractors) ▪ Ranford Road (Tonkin Hwy to Southern River Road) ▪ Braemore Stage I ▪ Blackspot Projects (Armadale Road & Forrest Road) ▪ Roundabout Lake/Camillo <p>Drainage Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Culvert Crossing Champion Drive ▪ Bilkurra Way Subsoil Drainage ▪ Buckingham Road Subsoil Drainage 	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Armadale Road II ▪ Whitehead Street. ▪ Ranford Road (Tonkin Hwy to Southern River Road) ▪ Blackspot Turning Places (various locations). ▪ Ayton Road – Cul de Sac <p>Drainage Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subsoil systems (various Places) ▪ Westfield Road ▪ Bilkurra Way Subsoil Drainage ▪ Buckingham Road Subsoil Drainage 	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Armadale Road II ▪ Ranford Road (Tonkin Hwy to Southern River Road) ▪ Blackspot Turning Places (various locations). ▪ Prospect Road ▪ Rock Crescent ▪ Brookton Hwy Service Road ▪ Traffic Calming- Braemore St, Girraween Street. <p>Drainage Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subsoil systems (various Places) ▪ Westfield Road ▪ Bilkurra Way Subsoil Drainage ▪ Slab Gully Stag II
Parks and Reserves	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Borello Park Play Equipment-Grant ▪ Revitalize Roleystone BBQ/Shelter-Grant ▪ Champion Drive Stg II S/Scape <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seasonal Mowing ▪ Winter Planting ▪ Storm Damage Clean-up 	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Tree Day Community Planting ▪ Revitalize Roleystone Project ▪ Corfield Streetscape ▪ Champion Drive Stg II S/Scape ▪ Memorial Park Redevelopment <p>Maintenance</p>	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Tree Day Community Planting ▪ Revitalize Roleystone Project ▪ Corfield Streetscape ▪ Champion Drive Stg II S/Scape ▪ Memorial Park Redevelopment <p>Maintenance</p>

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Property Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of Existing and vacated space in Administration ▪ Consultation with Rushton Park Ref. Grp. ▪ Refurbishment of landfill site office facilities ▪ Cross Park lighting projects. ▪ Admin air-conditioning audit of existing units ▪ Armadale Arena bus storage facility ▪ Consultation with Kelmscott Scouts Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of Existing and vacated space in Administration ▪ Consultation with Rushton Park Ref. Grp. ▪ Cross Park lighting projects. ▪ Admin air-conditioning audit of existing units ▪ Armadale Arena bus storage facility ▪ Consultation with Kelmscott Scouts Group ▪ Consultation with Roleystone Scout regarding Lease of Karragullen Hall ▪ Contract for Renewable Energy Power Supply. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of Existing and vacated space in Administration ▪ Consultation with Rushton Park Ref. Grp. ▪ Cross Park lighting projects. ▪ Admin air-conditioning audit of existing units ▪ Consultation with Kelmscott Scouts Group ▪ Consultation with Roleystone Scout regarding Lease of Karragullen Hall ▪ Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group
Waste Services			

BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING No. 259, WEDNESDAY, 22nd JUNE 2005

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr Guenter Best (Chairman)
Mr Bill Ladyman (Secretary)
Mrs Miriam Stanborough
Mr James Hutchinson
Mrs Elaine Hutchinson

Mr Kim Sarti
Mr Don Griffiths
Mr Ron Withnell
Mr David Harrison

APOLOGIES

Mrs Penny Versteeg

Mrs Irene Morcombe

Cr Best declared meeting open at 7:35pm. Minutes of previous meeting held 25th May 2005 accepted as being correct. Moved Sarti/Withnell. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Finance – flowchart of payment & funding processes – [1/234 & 1/239] carried over to next meeting
2. Hazard reduction review – Cr Best will speak to City of Armadale about Committee's request seeking a variation to the Management Plan for a control burn of the 100m buffer area between Gates K and J [1/256].
3. Unauthorised clearing and widening of track west of pit #10 – Cr Best still to speak to Mr Lanternier about a response to Mr Allen's previous letter [1/258].
4. Vacant Committee positions – Mr Sarti queried why Mr Thompson's name was not on the list of members recently re-appointed to Committee when his name was included in the recommended list in April minutes [1/257].

Action Point 1/259 - Mr Ladyman to follow up the omission of Mr Thompson's nomination.

5. Cheque Account signatories. – Mr Ladyman to arrange before the next meeting
6. Australia Post – Mr Ladyman to arrange signatures for Standing Order for Delivery Mail.

Action Point 2/259 - Mr Ladyman to arrange the signatories and signatures

7. 2005 Planting Day arrangements –
(a) Community Planting Day – Saturday 16th July at Pit 10 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Meet at Admiral Road entrance; bring appropriate gear and afternoon tea to share. Registration sheets will be required along with planting spears etc. Community groups – Armadale Lions Club, Armadale Wildflower Society. Neerigen Brook Rotary Club has been invited by Cr Best. Mr Sarti has registered the site with Planet Ark (site 20362); their insurance does not apply as it's not a Planet Ark approved date.

Action Point 3/259 - Mr Ladyman to bring planting spears and signs to the public planting day

- (b) School Planting Day – Friday 29th July by Armadale Christian College. Mr Withnell to register the site with Planet Ark. Mr Sarti has made arrangements with Nancy Scade of Oakford Farm Trees for on-site delivery to Pit #10 of seedlings 16th July at 12:30pm [2/258].

Mr Griffiths reported single-tyne ripping by Mr Paul Johnson prior to planting [4/257] is still to be done.

Ms Stanborough reported on article for *The Examiner* inviting community participation in the tree planting day [3/258]. Her article is to be submitted to *The Examiner* in time.

8. Dieback control in the park – Mr Sarti reported that heavy rain has precluded work by Mr Glenn Tuffnell (Dieback Treatment Services) in the park and in other municipalities. Mr Sarti has spoken to Mr Lanternier, Manager Parks to carry-over the \$3,000 from Committee's funds to 2005/06 for the spraying/injection.
9. Map of Bungendore Park – Mr Sarti reported he has met with Mr Reinaard Manger (Planning Department) with some map alterations. The existing map is in Microstation and is to be converted to AutoCAD. Once this is done, the map will be re-checked prior to printing 14 copies [5/258].
10. Vandalism in the park – Gate 'K' and nearby bollard on the southwest corner [4/258]. Mr Lanternier has stated these have been repaired – still to be verified.

Action Point 4/259- Mr Ladyman to follow up the repair of vandalism in SW corner.

Storm damage in the park –

Fallen tree on the southern boundary fence near Track #12 has been removed.

Mr Sarti reported 2 Jarrah trees have fallen down on Dryandra Drive near Red Gum Loop (North) and Pit #4. Large branches at side of road still to be cleared. A large Marri tree is partially blocking the southern boundary track S2 west of Track #9.

Messrs Withnell & Ladyman and Ms Stanborough reported that tracks they inspected, in the South, SE, SW and NW areas of the park [4/258] are cleared well enough for the passage of vehicles.

11. Voluntary Hours – Committee members completed the Voluntary Hours forms.
12. Volunteer work authorisation – Bungendore Park Management Committee authorises members and volunteers to perform maintenance works and management activities for the ensuing year as and when required. Moved Mr Sarti/Mrs Versteeg
Carried 16/02/2005
Activity since last meeting includes:
Moving branches & trees from tracks Mr Sarti, Mr Ladyman
Patrolling and fence repair Mrs Morcombe, Mr Sarti, Mr Ladyman

AWAITING COMPLETION AND/OR REPLY

1. Geographical Information Systems project – Mr Sarti: no report.
2. General maintenance – Repair of the locking mechanism on Gate 'G' at Howe Street entrance by Mr Griffiths. The work is planned for later in the season with Mr Thompson arranging for a fire truck to be present if necessary.
3. Fire access track leading from Pit #5 – proposal to re-instate the track westwards from Gate "C" through Pit #5 down the scarp to meet Track W2 (which traverses dieback-infected country). Mr Sarti is yet to discuss this matter with Mr Thompson who is away [2/257].

GRANT REPORTS DUE

CALM Regional Parks Community Grant 2004 – XT73 by 7th July 2005

GRANTS IN PROGRESS

1. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2004 (04SE06) – \$1,380 [XT71]
2. Community Conservation 2003/2004 – \$900 [XT72]
3. Regional Parks Community 2004 grant – \$1,100 [XT73]
4. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2005 (05S08) – \$2,700 [XT70]

5. Community Conservation 2004/2005 – \$2,200 [XT69]
6. Regional Parks Community 2005 grant – \$1,155 [XT68]

INFORMATION RECEIVED

1. Dieback Information Group – “Managing Phytophthora Dieback in Australia” seminar July 1st, at Perth Zoo
2. Apace – Bush Regeneration courses - August, September
3. Growing Wetlands course – November
4. Urban Bushland Council – *Urban Bush Telegraph* and 2005 Calendar

CORRESPONDENCE IN

1. Swan Catchment Council – nomination forms for Council Reference Groups
2. Maggie Lilith – animals in Bungendore Park.
3. CALM – Regional Parks 2004 Community grant: Acquittal form
4. City of Armadale – invitations to apply for BEAC funding grants

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

FINANCE

Details	Amount \$	Expenditure Type
W. Ladyman – stationery, postage	97.00	XT 7

Moved Stanborough/Griffiths Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Animals in Bungendore Park – Ms Maggie Lilith (0412 836 777) is completing a PhD thesis on “Impact of Domestic Cats on Native Areas” and has requested information on: List of mammals seen & trapped in Bungendore Park, any noticeable changes in populations and any known sightings of feral cats in the park. Mr Sarti will obtain the information from Mr Ron Johnstone (WA Museum).
2. CALM Regional Parks Community Grant 2004 – acquittal form for grant project.
Action Point 5/259 – Ms Stanborough to complete the CALM acquittal form
3. Bushcare & Environmental Advisory Committee grants – invitation to apply for 2005/06 grants. Committee forwarded its funding request proposal in March/April.
Action Point 6/259 – Mr Ladyman to notify Ms Gaskin that the City already has our BEAC 2005/06 funding request.
4. Spring Walk – September 11th. Discussion on route and other arrangements. Ms Stanborough offered to provide a wildflower spotting sheet for walkers’ involvement.
Action Point 7/259 – Ms Stanborough to prepare a Wildflower Spotting Sheet for Spring Walk
5. Logs and Old Car body – Mr Hutchinson offered to remove logs on bridle trail and Mr Ladyman agreed to speak to Peter Batt of CALM about the removal of a car body in CALM land in the Spinebill Close area.
Action Point 8/259 – Mr Hutchinson to remove logs from bridle trail and Mr Ladyman to speak to CALM about the removal of a car body at Spinebill Close

DIARY OF EVENTS

2005	Date	Events
JULY	16 th	Community Planting Day at Pit# 10
	29 th	School Planting Day
AUGUST	13 th	WA Naturalists' Club Walk
SEPTEMBER	11 th	Spring Walk
OCTOBER		Kelmscott Show – 3 days Weedbuster Week (2 nd week in October)
NOVEMBER		Bungendore Bush Breakfast (to be confirmed)
DECEMBER		

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING AND NEW ACTION POINTS

(Shaded Action Point Dates are only found in this Summary, not within the Minutes. Please review.)

Feb 03	1/234	Mr Lanternier to provide a flow chart for the payments process and to supply Committee with copies of the Friends Group Manual
Oct 03	2/242	Messrs Sarti & Hutchinson to relocate bridle trail welcome sign at correct location.
Mar 05	6/256	Mr Thompson to investigate fallen tree on track W3
Apr 05	2/257	Mr Sarti to follow up new fire access track proposal with Mr Thompson.
May 05	3/258	Ms Stanborough to provide community tree planting story for The Examiner
May 05	5/258	Mr Sarti to finalise copies of maps from City of Armadale
June 05	1/259	Mr Ladyman to follow up the omission of Mr Thompson from the renomination list
June 05	2/259	Mr Ladyman to arrange cheque a/c and Australia Post standing order signatories
June 05	3/259	Mr Ladyman to bring planting spears and signs to planting day on July 16 th
June 05	4/259	Mr Ladyman to follow up the repairs in the SW corner following vandalism [4/258]
June 05	5/259	Ms Stanborough to complete the 2004 CALM acquittal form
June 05	6/259	Mr Ladyman to inform Ms Gaskin that Committee has lodged its BEAC funding request.
June 05	7/259	Ms Stanborough to prepare Wildflower spotting sheet for Spring Walk
June 05	8/259	Mr Hutchinson to remove logs on bridle trail and Mr Ladyman to speak to CALM re the removal of car body at Spinebill Close

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (4th Wednesday)

7:30 p.m. Wednesday 27th July 2005 in the Council Committee Room

Mr Ladyman, Secretary

Meeting declared closed at 9:30 pm

Signed:

Date:

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Chairman/Acting Chairman – Bungendore Park Management Committee

MINUTES

**ARMADALE GOSNELLS LANDCARE GROUP MEETING
NUMBER 94
HELD AT THE CITY OF ARMADALE COMMITTEE ROOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 25 MAY 2005 AT 6.00 PM**

1.0 Attendance & Apologies

Member/Deputy Member	Affiliations
Mr Cam Clay	Chairperson Bedforddale Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
Cr Pat Hart	Armadale City River Care Group
Mr Ken Downsborough	Palomino Reserve Catchment Group
Cr Carole Matison	Councillor – City of Gosnells
Cr Ruth Butterfield	Councillor – City of Armadale
Mr Adrian Choules	Friends of Goolamrup
Ms Sue Williams	Friends of Wright Brook
Mr Martin Gehrman	Landcare Coordinator
Mr John Herpen	Churchman Bushland Association
Ms Corinne Gaskin	Environmental Officer – City of Armadale
Mr Peter Carrigg	Community Representative
Ms Beth Laurie	BEAC Representative
Ms Gwen Watson	Armadale City River Care
Mr Paul Mutton	Interested Community Member
Mr Steven Aldersea	Friends of Neerigen Brook
Mrs Yvonne Ward	Minute Secretary
Apologies:	
Ms Regina Drummond	Friends of Brixton Street Wetlands
Mr Rick Miller	Environmental Officer – City of Gosnells
Ms Helen Best	John Holland Macmahon Joint Venture
Eunice Robinson	
Sarah Newhead	SEMRC

The Chairman extended his congratulations to Cr Carole Matison on her appointment as Deputy Mayor at the City of Gosnells. He also welcomed Cr Ruth Butterfield, who replaces Cr Bob Tizard, to her first meeting and Mr Paul Mutton, a member of the community, who is interested in the work being carried out at Roley Pools.

2.0 Business Arising & Confirmation of Previous Minutes

RECOMMEND

That the Minutes of the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group Meeting held on 27 April 2005, be received.

MOVED Cr Pat Hart
SECONDED Mr Adrian Choules

CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising from Minutes:

Martin Gehrmann advised that a reply was still awaited from Swan River Trust. A presentation is planned for 7 June 2005 which will outline the concerns, issues and situation at the present time following the implementation of the Swan Regional Strategy for NRM. The presentation will be based on the impact that the Swan Strategy for NRM has on AGLG and this region and what is sought from the Swan River Trust. This Group has been adversely affected, so much so that it no longer has a project officer. Potentially between us and Bannister Creek past investment losses will exceed \$3M if support cannot be obtained from SCCP. AGLG has had a partnership with SCCP since 1999. AGLG has now lost that and a financial contribution for this specific catchment.

4.0 Correspondence In

- 4.1 Grayden Provis – Coordinator Parks. Spraying Contractor protocols. 28/4/05
- 4.2 Invoice MES Brookwood Estate - -6/05/05
- 4.3 Change of address for PR & PJ White – LOTR recipients – 9/05/05
- 4.4 Invoice SGS Australia for WQ testing x 10 samples – 9/05/05
- 4.5 City of Armadale – Community consultation and planning study of the Canning River Precinct, Kelmscott. Stakeholder Visioning Workshop. 9/05/05
- 4.6 Dept. of Agriculture – CLC Chatterbox newsletter & Australian Landcare journal. 9/05/05
- 4.7 CRC Plant Based Management of Dryland Salinity – Newsletters
- 4.8 SEMRC – Waste Wise Workshops 28 May 2005.
- 4.9 Conservation Council – Cane Toad Forum
- 4.10 River Restoration Techniques – DoE River Restoration Officers.

5.0 Correspondence Out

- 5.1 Mrs Sheridan – brochures on Living with Quendas, Living with Possums and the AGLG brochure;
- 5.2 Judy Tarnowy – brochures on Living with Quendas, Living with Possums and the AGLG brochure
- 5.3 Eleanor Adams – brochures on Living with Quendas, Living with Possums and the AGLG brochure
- 5.4 Daniel Rasins – brochures on Living with Quendas, Living with Possums and the AGLG brochure
- 5.5 Rhonda Davies – brochures on Living with Quendas, Living with Possums and the AGLG brochure
- 5.6 Collette Pyke – brochures on Living with Quendas, Living with Possums and the AGLG brochure
- 5.7 Dr van Etten – reference letter for volunteer Natasha Baker.
- 5.8 Email to G. Provis. Comments on the spraying protocol provided by the City's contractor, Supa Pest and Weed Control.

- 5.9 Robyn Gokavi - brochures on Living with Quenda's, Living with Possums and the AGLG brochure
- 5.10 SGS Australia – payment of Invoice 69854
- 5.11 APACE Aid – payment of Invoice 4393
- 5.12 Chris Dixon - brochures on Living with Quendas, Living with Possums and the AGLG brochure
- 5.13 Keith Davies - brochures on Living with Quendas, Living with Possums and the AGLG brochure
- 5.14 Paul & Lisa Byl - brochures on Living with Quendas, Living with Possums and the AGLG brochure
- 5.15 *250 Letters mailed out to registered volunteers for the last three years, seeking their continued support and requesting them to re-register for membership of the Group.*

Cr Carole Matison requested Martin Gehrman to elaborate on "5.8 – E-mail to G Provis". Martin Gehrman advised that this matter had been raised a number of times at previous meetings, being "spray damage to roadside vegetation within the City of Armadale". Liaison has occurred between Grayden Provis, who is a Park Manager at the City of Armadale and Martin, to advise him of the dissatisfaction of the Group with regard to the methods employed by the spraying contractor. He has since spoken with the contractor and been supplied with a copy of spraying protocol used by the contractor. This information was given to Martin who has gone through the document and advised that it is not good enough. The next step will be for a meeting to occur between Grayden, the contractor and Martin to discuss how the contractor's operations can be fine-tuned to reduce the impact being made by the contractor on the native vegetation within the City of Armadale.

RECOMMEND

That the correspondence be received.

**MOVED Cr Carole Matison
SECONDED Mr Ken Downsborough**

CARRIED

6.0 Treasurer's Report

Martin Gehrman asked if everyone had received the e-mailed amendment to the financial report. The Treasurer's Report was verbally reported and is attached to these Minutes. **(Refer to Attachment "A-1").**

**MOVED Mr Adrian Choules
SECONDED Ms Sue Williams**

CARRIED

7.0 Chairman's Report

Nil

8.0 Tonkin Highway Report

Ken Downsborough advised that a meeting of the Tonkin Highway Community Reference Group had been held today (25 May 2005). The opening of the Tonkin Highway from Armadale Road south is probably not going to happen until the upgrade to Thomas Road and the South West Highway intersection is completed, which at this stage is looking as if that will occur mid to late-August 2005. By the same token the original concept for the completion of that stage of the project was 2006, so it is still ahead. There is a chance that in the near future Tonkin Highway south of Armadale Road will open as far as Forrest Road, for local traffic only, so that Twelfth Road can be closed for work at the intersection of Twelfth Road and Armadale Road.

The biggest event which has happened in regard to Tonkin Highway in the last few weeks is the erosion event. Members were shown a photograph presentation of the erosion.

Cr Hart requested a copy of the photographs. Ken Downsborough advised that he would put the photographs on a disc for Cr Hart.

Ken Downsborough advised that the matter of erosion was discussed at length at the Tonkin Highway Community Reference Group Meeting and that he had asked both Main Roads and DOE for a written public apology for the environmental damage done in regard to this project but was of the view that this would not be forthcoming. Ken was of the view that both MRD and DOE should provide a public written apology for the environmental damage that has happened. He had been advised by Dave Thomas that MRD will be putting in a report to the DOE.

RECOMMEND

That a formal submission be prepared for presentation to Judy Edwards, Minister for the Environment & Alannah MacTiernan, Member for Armadale:

- a. **to include the data collected by AGLG relating to the environmental impact, erosion and degradation which has occurred as a result of the works carried out in association with the construction of the Tonkin Highway;**
- a. **expressing the concerns that AGLG has in regard to the erosion/degradation given the amount of advice that was provided by AGLG in regard to the project; and**
- b. **asking what plans are going to be put in place to ensure that this will not occur again.**

MOVED Cr Pat Hart

SECONDED Mr Ken Downsborough

CARRIED

Ken Downsborough advised that although Dave Thomas, Project Manager for MRD, was of the opinion that another meeting of the Community Reference Group would probably not be required, the Group was of the view that this was not the case and a meeting has been organised for the end of July.

Meeting adjourned at 7.20 pm and reconvened at 7.30 pm.

9.0 Bushcare & Environmental Advisory Committee Report

BEAC did not hold a meeting in May, therefore, no report is provided.

10.0 Swan Catchment Council Report

John Herpen advised that a large project on the horizon was the SALP funding. The first assessment will occur on Wednesday and John will be chairing that. It goes through a long process of reassessment which takes about 3-4 meetings.

11.0 Champion Lakes Report

Peter Carrigg advised that he was not able to give a full written report as he has not found it as easy to get close to the project recently. Part of that is due to the fact that John Holland, who is responsible for the actual excavation, is finishing off the contour work. The site seems to be very busy, with a large amount of traffic coming and going and Peter was of the view that it was time for him to perhaps move his focus from the contractors to the Armadale Redevelopment Authority. As yet he has not been able to find a contact or exactly what it is that they are responsible for. He believed ARA has responsibility for the complete housing estate, the revegetation, the wading area for the birds and the finishing off part of the project. The physical hole and the pumping of the water is completed so he is now going to have to find his way around that and report on that basis. The lake is completed and all the levy banks have been pulled out.

Ken Downsborough advised that he could provide the contact information required.

In reply to a concern expressed by Ken Downsborough that the old Wright Lake seemed to be quite small and unsustainable, Peter Carrigg undertook to obtain a copy of a map of the lake to allow for this to be superimposed over the original map. This to be obtained for the next meeting.

Cam requested that the ARA be asked for information on how the sustainability of the lake was arrived at and where the water would come from to sustain it on an ongoing basis.

12.0 SERCUL

Cr Hart expressed her concerns as Chair of the South East Urban Landcare Centre (SERCUL) in regard to the lack of acknowledgement and financial support for community capacity in the implementation of the Swan Regional Strategy.

SERCUL and AGLG have had numerous discussions with members and staff of the Swan Catchment Council and have made presentations to the Swan River Trust. There are ongoing meetings and it is hoped that a positive outcome will be achieved in the near future.

13.0 Friends Groups – Summary of Activities/Issues

Nil

14.0 General Business

14.1 Martin Gehrman

Living on the River Newsletter

There is a desperate need for an editor who can put basic formats together for the Living on the River Newsletter. Martin does not have the time to do it himself and asked if anyone in the Group knew of someone who might be able to volunteer their services for a few hours towards putting the document together.

Colleen Martin has resigned and the Group is in need of the services of a volunteer secretary. If anyone is aware of a person who might be willing to volunteer their services, could they please advise Martin.

Meeting with Mort Hansen

Had a meeting with Mort Hansen and colleagues of the Aboriginal Men's Group today. The Group would like to rekindle the association they had with AGLG in years gone by. They are keen to do something at Forrestdale Lake and also to do some planting underneath Midgegeroo on the Wungong River. They would like to get their children up to Roley Pools to commune with their culture, build some mias out of the natural resources in the area and eventually to build an interpretive site for Roley Pools. They are also keen to refocus on Fancote Park.

Funding Application for SERCUL – Removal of Taro from the Canning River

Have helped SERCUL put an application together for riverbank funding for the removal of Taro from the Canning River. There is about 3,000 sqm of this plant to be disposed of.

Removal of Biomass

The City of Armadale, Canning and Gosnells have joined together for a funding application to remove the Biomass.

Bright Futures Festival

The Bright Futures Festival was a fantastic day which was very well received by the local community and it is intended that it become an annual event. A large number of people were given information and a lot of questions were asked. Mary Carroll Park gained some new volunteers as a result of the Festival.

14.2 Cr Pat Hart

Ellis Brook Trail

The City of Gosnells is doing a fantastic job in regard to the Ellis Brook Trail which is a huge project. The only way to construct this environmentally friendly walkway was to helicopter people into the area. It took 30 airlifts on the day which was quite time-consuming. It is a big program and involves a partnership between the City of Gosnells, CALM and the Friends of Ellis Brook. It is a delicate path that is requiring a fair amount of work but minimal earthworks.

WAPC

Non compliance with WAPC planning conditions by developers is a major issue within the community. Developments are taking place without consideration as to how soil is to be contained on site. The ability to enforce WAPC conditions is an issue for many other Councils and Cr Hart advised that she intended to take the matter up at a regional level.

World Environmental Day – 5 June 2005

For those interested, it is proposed to celebrate World Environmental Day on 5 June 2005 by meeting at 8.00 am at Beeloo Close. It is intended to go to a site on the top of the scarp overlooking the Canning Valley. Kim Fletcher is hoping that a walk up the Canning River can also be organised.

Gutter Guardians

Advised of a Gutter Guardians program, originating from South Australia, which encourages kids to sweep up leaves and develop an understanding of stormwater pollution.

14.3 Ruth Butterfield

Nil

14.4 Corinne Gaskin

State of the Environment Report

The City is continuing with its review of the State of the Environment Report. A survey went out recently to 3,000 random residents, with the aim of gauging the level of understanding the general community has of the local environment. The rate of return of completed surveys so far is pleasing. The review is now entering a public consultation phase, and in coming months the revised document will be released for comment.

Darling Range Regional Park Advisory Committee

At recent meetings of the Darling Range Regional Park Advisory Committee discussions were held regarding the naming of the newly-created Regional Parks (Formerly the Darling Range Regional Park). The names of Chittering, Kalamunda, Kelmscott, Martin and Wungong Regional Parks were considered to be unfavourable by the Committee who are now considering suggestions for Aboriginal names for the Regional Parks.

Water Monitoring

Cam Clay asked what the situation was in regard to the report on water monitoring. Corinne advised that she would investigate the matter.

14.5 Peter Carrigg

Nil

14.6 Steven Aldersea

Thankyou

Thanked Ken Downsborough, Martin & Peter Carrigg for their reports relating to Tonkin Highway and Champion Lakes.

Requested that a letter be sent to Cr Bob Tizard, thanking him for his contribution to the AGLG, as Council's representative.

Welcomed Cr Ruth Butterfield, as Council's representative on the AGLG, to her first meeting.

Neerigen Brook

Things are going along well and it is hoped to experiment with a few different types of plants. A big order for plants was placed about nine months ago and it will be interesting to see what comes out of that. A place has been chosen to put them so all it needs now is a few interested people to come along and get involved in planting.

14.7 Gwen Watson

Busy Bee

A busy bee will be held on Saturday, 28 May 2005 at Kelmscott (the bridge at Orlando Street, including the school area). The busy bee will be involved in weeding and getting ready for planting.

14.8 Beth Laurie

Nil

14.9 Adrian Choules

Goolamrup Reserve

Nothing much is happening at the moment. The drain that was installed a few years has not been checked following the recent rainfall of 3 inches in 12 hours but it seems to still be there. The Group is cranking up to start weeding which will be ongoing.

Madeira Vine

It seems that the contractor who treated the Madeira Vine six months ago is revisiting every four weeks so it is going to be a most successful project which is gratifying considering that it could have been a complete disaster.

14.10 John Herpen

Churchman Brook

Planning is happening in regard to botanic signage which it is intended to install within the next couple of months (probably late June/early July) along the most popular walk trails in Churchman Brook but have yet to decide just what style will be used.

A request has been made to CALM to have some steps placed at the steep entrance to Beeloo Close, which will probably cost about \$9,000 and it is hoped that the request will be successful.

14.11 Carole Matison

Botulism – Canning Lakes

Botulism has been found in one of the lakes in Canning Vale. Rick Miller has written a report on the matter which was presented to the City of Gosnells Council on 24 May 2005. Hopefully, something will be put in place so that it does not happen again. An education program is being considered.

Cities for Climate Protection – City of Gosnells

The City of Gosnells has completed/achieved its milestones in regard to the Cities for Climate Protection.

14.12 Sue Williams

Wright Brook

A busy bee will be held at Wright Brook on Saturday, 28 May 2005 followed by another planting session in July.

14.13 Paul Mutton

Roley Pools

Advised that he was looking to become involved as a volunteer at Roley Pools.

Chevin Woods Development

Advised that development is occurring in Chevin Woods which seems to involve the stripping of blackboys from the verge in front of existing houses.

Cr Pat Hart advised that she would make enquiries into the matter.

14.14 Ken Downsborough

Water Corporation – Wungong Catchment – Tree Thinning

Advised of his concerns in regard to possible erosion occurring if the Water Corporation goes ahead with its proposal to thin the catchment area in the vicinity of the Wungong Dam. Showed photographs of the bush in the Roleystone area which had sustained erosion subsequent to the fire that occurred in January 2005.

15.0 Landcare Coordinator's Report

- 15.1 Attended the following meetings/workshops:
- a. Herbicides: Current Legislation and Management– 11th May 2005
 - b. Introduction to Local Government Act training – City of Armadale 3rd May 2005;
 - c. Fostering Sustainable Behaviour – Piney Lakes Environment Centre. Sat 30th April 2005;
 - d. Urban Regeneration Weekly meeting (City of Gosnells) – 12th May 2005;
- 15.2 With support from Cam Clay, Gwen Watson and Pat Hart, manned our display at the City of Gosnells *Bright Future's Festival* (held May 1st 2005). A really good day with a lot of people to talk to and a fair amount of interest shown for what's happening in the area. A few new volunteers registered to help out at Mary Carroll Park and opportunities for and with the local Guides and Brownies is now being developed.
- 15.3 Participated in Busy Bees with Armadale Primary School. Coir and jute matting was laid on site to protect the steep bank near the student drop off car park off South West Highway; the group also planted 900 sedges and rushes as well as continued to hand weed and clear areas.
- 15.4 Inspected the Canning River bridge site with Cam Clay following an intensive incident that resulted in a large volume of soil and rocks being mobilised to and into the Canning River. Helen Best of JHMJV had notified us of this incident and receiving advice from the

Department of Environment on the cleanup/restoration of the area. JHMJV is also redesigning the retention basin system and associated outfall pipes and bubble ups so that this incident isn't repeated. Informed City of Gosnells of the event; Rick Miller, the EO inspected and photographed the extent of sedimentation and erosion.

- 15.5 Completed the 2006 SALP application. This application is seeking funds totalling \$60,000 with which we can maintain the sites. The overall cost to maintain the sites is in the vicinity of \$180,000.
- 15.6 Met with DoE officers Mike Kelly and Laurence Radin. Both are River Restoration Officers – Laurence being a new member in DoE to work with Mike Kelly and Kim Richardson. Laurence has offered assistance in conducting workshops around river restoration for community groups and is keen to assist us in holding such a workshop in the latter half of this year. Mike and Laurence offered some information to suggest that the woody groyne trial at Palomino be structured to face upstream –contrary to popular practice. Laurence forwarded background information from a project in the UK that has trialled this for us to consider.
- 15.7 Contacted the SRT to arrange a date/time to present to them our concerns in relation to the Swan Strategy for NRM. Tentatively, June 7 has been booked. Awaiting confirmation from the SRT board.
- 15.8 Have begun to develop a low cost project aimed at gaining new volunteers for our project sites and other activities (and hopefully pick up some of our past volunteers) through the use of the internet, media, and door hangers. This is involving updating and expanding on the information available via the SERCUL website.

16.0 Next Meeting – Wednesday, 22 June 2005

At the City of Gosnells Committee Room at 6.00 pm.

17.0 Closure

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55 PM

Approved and
Accepted:

Chairperson's Signature:

Chairperson's Name:

AGLG Inc		Mar 31, 2005
Balance Sheet		
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Current/Savings		
036-032 180573		265,527.74
Petty cash		200.00
Total Current/Savings		<u>265,727.74</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>265,727.74</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>265,727.74</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Tax Payable		3,307.21
Total Other Current Liabilities		<u>3,307.21</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>3,307.21</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>3,307.21</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>262,420.53</u>
EQUITY		
Opening Bal Equity		306.90
Net Income		262,113.63
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>262,420.53</u>

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Information Items from the Technical Services Directorate

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AGLG Inc							Balance
Bank statement reconciliation as at 31/3/05							
	Type	Date	Num	Name	Ctr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance							267,360.38
Cleared Transactions							
Cheques and Payments - 6 Items							
	Cheque	08/03/2005	200814	Australia Post	✓	-56.00	-56.00
	Cheque	14/03/2005	200816	Aradley Insurance Pty Ltd	✓	-300.00	-356.00
	Cheque	14/03/2005	200815	Martins Environmental Services	✓	-1,072.50	-1,428.50
	Cheque	14/03/2005	200818	Aquaculture Council of WA	✓	-150.00	-1,578.50
	Cheque	14/03/2005	200819	Optus	✓	-42.77	-1,621.27
	Cheque	14/03/2005	200817	Cash	✓	-143.10	-1,764.37
Total Cheques and Payments						-1,764.37	-1,764.37
Deposits and Credits - 1 Item							
	Deposit	31/03/2005			✓	310.48	310.48
Total Deposits and Credits						310.48	310.48
Total Cleared Transactions						-1,453.89	-1,453.89
Cleared Balance						-1,453.89	265,906.49
Uncleared Transactions							
Cheques and Payments - 2 Items							
	Cheque	18/03/2005	200820	Pery Environmental Contracting		-220.00	-220.00
	Cheque	24/03/2005	200821	SERCUL		-158.75	-378.75
Total Cheques and Payments						-378.75	-378.75
Total Uncleared Transactions						-378.75	-378.75
Register Balance as of 31/03/2005						-1,832.64	265,527.74
New Transactions							
Cheques and Payments - 4 Items							
	Cheque	06/04/2005	200822	Happy Days Party Hire		-33.45	-33.45
	Cheque	06/04/2005	200824	Martins Environmental Services		-1,570.25	-1,603.70
	Cheque	06/04/2005	200823	City of Armadale		-589.50	-2,193.20
	Cheque	12/04/2005	200825	Snap Printing		-344.00	-2,537.20
Total Cheques and Payments						-2,537.20	-2,537.20
Total New Transactions						-2,537.20	-2,537.20
Ending Balance						-4,369.84	262,990.54

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OUTSTANDING REPORT

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – JUNE 2005		
ITEM	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
<p><i>Lease – Armadale Golf Course – (June 2003)</i></p> <p>That Council refer the matter of tenure and implementation of appropriate management controls for the Armadale Golf Club Clubhouse to the Community Services Directorate for consideration and report back to the Community Services Committee.</p>	<p>Recreation Services</p>	<p>Golf Course Lease has been finalised. Negotiations underway with Armadale Golf Club re: Management Agreement for the clubhouse facility. Matter to be finalised by August 2005.</p>
<p><i>Kelmscott Soccer Club – Proposal to Use Pries Park (February 2004) (August 2004)</i></p> <p>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>	<p>Recreation Services</p>	<p>Matter reported to the November 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 a future Community Services Committee Meeting.</p>
<p><i>Pioneers' Reunion Venue</i></p> <p>That Council continues the current practice of rotating the Pioneers' Reunion at the Armadale, Kelmscott and Roleystone Halls and investigate additional venues at which to hold the function within the City of Armadale.</p> <p>The matter of qualifications to become a Pioneer to be investigated by officers and referred to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee. (C9/1/05)</p>	<p>Community Services</p>	<p>Subject to workloads and available resources, matter to be reported to the July 2005 Community Services Committee meeting.</p>
<p><i>Proposal to Establish a Rushton Park Advisory Committee(March 2005)</i></p> <p>That Council writes to user groups of Rushton Park to seek their views as to the need to establish a new advisory committee or the alternative of setting up an informal communication process that would involve the groups meeting with Council representatives on two or three occasions each year.</p> <p>That a further report on the proposal be presented to the May 2005 Community Services Committee. (C27/3/05)</p>	<p>Recreation Services</p>	<p>Subject to workload and available resources, matter to be reported to the July 2005 Community Services Committee Meeting.</p>

OUTSTANDING REPORT

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – JUNE 2005		
ITEM	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
<i>Dog Free Reserves (April 2005)</i> That Recommendation C38/4/05 be not adopted and be recommitted to the Community Services Committee for further investigation on some of the implications of the amendment to this local law. (C38/4/05)	Ranger & Emergency Services	Subject to comment from Reserve User Groups it is proposed that this item will be recommitted to the July 2005 Community Services Committee Meeting.
<i>Armadale Soccer Club Debt (April 2005)</i> Request the Armadale Soccer Club submit a repayment plan to clear the balance of its debt to Council as a matter of priority and this be submitted for Council's consideration to the May Community Services Committee Meeting. (C42/4/05)	Recreation Services	Subject to workload and available resources, matter to be reported to the July 2005 Community Services Committee Meeting. The payment plan has been requested verbally and in writing, to date this has not been provided.
<i>Armadale Aquatic Centre Seasonal Report (May 2005)</i> That Officers investigate and report on the viability of the extension of the pool season through to the end of the April 2006 School holidays. (C52/5/05)	Recreation Services	Subject to workload and available resources, matter to be reported to the August 2005 Community Services Committee Meeting.
<i>Indoor Aquatic Centre Feasibility Study (June 2005)</i> That a further report be presented to the September Community Services Committee Meeting on the outcome of the community response to Council's preferred option for provision of an indoor aquatic facility in the City. (C68/6/05)	Recreation Services	Subject to workload and available resources, matter to be reported to the September 2005 Community Services Committee Meeting.
<i>Armadale Arena – Draft 2005/06 Business Plan (June 2005)</i> The final draft of the Armadale Arena's 2005/06 Business Plan be presented to the August Community Services Committee Meeting.	Recreation Services	Subject to workload and available resources, matter to be reported to the August 2005 Community Services Committee Meeting.

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

LIBRARY & HERITAGE SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2005

1. LIBRARY SERVICES

1.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

The Library Department's statistical performance indicator report for the month of June 2005 is attached. **(Refer to Attachment "CA-1" – Summary of Attachments.)**

1.2 Library Extension Activities

1.2.1 Community Information Talk – Scrapbooking

(Report prepared by Sheena Bell, Librarian Kelmscott Library)

Topic	Scrapbooking
Presenter	Jordanna Craig
Date	Wednesday 22 June 2005
Time	1-2.00 pm
Venue	Kelmscott Library
No. Attending	9

Jordanna Craig came to Kelmscott library and presented a workshop on scrapbooking. She explained that she first took up scrapbooking through her interest in family history and looking for a way to display family memorabilia in a 3-d format.

She also explained that scrapbooking can be an expensive hobby and that there were ways to keep costs down and that she operates on the philosophy of one tool needs to be able to perform a number of functions.

Jordanna outlined the many reasons for scrapbooking and these included :

- to record and preserve family history
- to share memories
- as a form of expression and an outlet for individuals creativity and its relaxing and rewarding.

An explanation of the terminology and tools used were given and Jordy also explained where she looked for ideas and advocated using the library for books and

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magazines as the costs of purchasing these resources was high. A demonstration of what the participants were expected to do was shown and assistance given individually. She also supplied tips on how to work on the pages easily and economically.

One lovely observation was the number of mothers and daughters attending the session together. Responses gathered from the feedback forms indicated that the session was fun, informative, enjoyable and that Jordanna was a good presenter. Several indicated that the hobby would be continued at home.

A display promoting the session and the library's stock had been set up two weeks prior to the workshop and resulted in resources being borrowed and interest being generated in the subject.

1.2.2 Bill Bunbury Talk

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

Topic	"Better Said than Read" – Oral History
Presenter	Bill Bunbury
Date	Thursday 9 th June 2005
Time	1.30pm
Venue	Armadale Library
No. Attending	27

Producer/presenter of *Hindsight Verbatim*, *Street Stories* and *Encounter* on ABC **Radio National**, Bill Bunbury presented a session titled "Better Said than Read" at the Armadale Library. The subject of the talk, interviewing and oral history, was selected specifically for the City of Armadale's Oral History Volunteers however, all members of the public were invited to attend. This increased awareness of the Birtwistle Local Studies Library and its oral history program.

Bill shared his personal interviewing experiences, and used his own recordings to illustrate his points. He suggested that spoken history can sometimes bring greater depth and understanding than written history, as it allows the recipient to hear the emotion in the interviewees' voices. Bill emphasised the importance of interviewing ordinary people, because every person has an extraordinary story to tell.

The feedback from the session was extremely positive, with attendees advising that they had found the session both useful and informative. The Oral History Volunteers gained useful practical information from the session, and it is felt that other similar

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sessions would be useful. The sharing of information continued over the afternoon tea provided.

1.3 Mary Durack Award for Young Writers

Entry for the 2005 Mary Durack Award for Young Writers closed on Saturday 11 June. It was gratifying that this year the City of Armadale had the highest number of entries of all the participating Local Government Libraries, i.e. Kalamunda, Mundaring, Swan and Armadale.

This year we received a total of 169 entries, of which only about 50 came via the local schools. Last year, we received less than 50 entries, so decided to try a new marketing approach by sending many of the library users in the appropriate age group personal letters with details of the Award, as well as making the usual approach via the schools. The result appears to have been worth the effort in raising the profile of the Award.

There were a total of 556 entries across the four participating local authorities. The City of Armadale will be hosting the 2005 Award presentation that will take place on Thursday 18 August.

1.4 Amlib.net

Amlib, supplied by Infovision, is the proprietary name of the software package used to run our three libraries. The City of Armadale Library service is the first library system to go live with Infovision's Amlib.net product. This was installed in May of this year, and June saw the resolution of some minor problems with the software. 'Line of sight' problems, prohibited use of a microwave link at the Kelmscott Library, where response times had been unacceptably slow. Installing Amlib.net modules, to be accessed over the Internet, was seen as a way to resolve this issue.

Staff members from all three branches have been trained in the net modules, although it is intended for use mainly at the Kelmscott Library. However, all staff are able to log in from any branch to use the net modules in conjunction with the client/server version of Amlib. With hyperlinks replacing frequently used menu functions and the new speed of transactions back to the server, Amlib.net has improved response times at Kelmscott, particularly on the front desk PCs.

Infovision has paid credit to the library staff at the City of Armadale for the way in which they installed the new system, undertook the staff training and then assisted in the testing to achieve improvement of the product. They have included a short article in their Amlib Newsletter that reads in part:

Infovision has been developing Amlib.net over the past 2 years to meet the changing needs of new and existing sites. Amlib libraries can now utilise the

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internet as a communications method, regardless of where staff or servers are physically located. As the first library system in Western Australia to use the new modules, the City of Armadale have turned a problem into an innovation.

2. HERITAGE SERVICES

2.1 Oral history transcribing progress

As previously reported, finding volunteer transcribers to participate in the Oral History Program, is one of the major problems in progressing this aspect of the local studies collection. It is pleasing to report that the Birtwistle Local Studies Library is seeing the results of new volunteers joining the oral history team as transcribers. Two transcripts have been completed to the stage where they have been presented to the interviewees for approval before the final copy is catalogued and placed on the shelf. Transcribing is a long and laborious job and it was with great pleasure that the volunteers who performed the interviews were able to deliver the transcripts to the respective interviewees.

2.2 History House Museum changes

The appointment of the Museum Curator three months ago, created a need for an office in the History House Museum. Some consideration was given to different options for the location of the office that would not compromise on the floor space or the exhibition areas of the Museum.

The Museum Curator spent a few weeks determining what area could best accommodate his needs, without detracting from the Museum, and an area adjacent to the volunteer work room and storage areas has now been made into the Curator office. Existing wall storage and display cabinets were used to create the office space, which seems to work well.

Other changes have been made to the Museum to create a small 'theatre' environment where promotional talks can be held, videos shown etc. The intention is to put in place an increased number of public programs to increase visitor numbers and interest in the Museum.

3. ARMADALE VISITOR CENTRE REPORT

3.1 Visitor Statistics

- 792 people visited the Armadale Tourist Information Centre during June 2005
- 400 enquiries from the local community

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- 260 enquiries from the wider metropolitan area
- 26 enquiries from people living intrastate
- 45 enquiries from people living interstate
- 60 enquiries from people living overseas

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MANAGER RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 2005

1. Animal Control

1.1 Dogs

Ranger Services received two hundred and fifty four (254) requests for assistance during the report period. Whilst the number of requests for assistance during this particular report period is only slightly higher than the comparable period of 2003/2004, it is interesting to observe that there is a 26% increase in the number of requests for assistance in the progressive totals from 2003/2004 to 2004/2005.

1.2 Livestock

During this report period, Ranger Services attended to six (6) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on the road. The overall number of incidents for 2004/2005 shows a 29% increase on that of the corresponding period for the 2003/2004 year.

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 Magistrates Court during the report period.

NAME	OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Jason Weston	Dog Attack (on another animal)	Guilty	750	65	815
Earl Green	Dog Attack (on another animal)	Guilty	700	65	765
Peta McGregor	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	500	65	565
Jaquelline Nutter	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	700	100.70	800.70
Jaquelline Nutter	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	800	100.70	900.70

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2. Vehicles

2.1 Parking

Ranger Services attended to forty six (46) general enquires relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period. The overall number of incidents for 2004/2005 shows a 20% increase on that of the corresponding period for the 2003/2004 year.

2.2 Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Services attended to six (6) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in areas that are prohibited, during the report period.

3. Fire Services

There were eight (8) enquires relating to fire incidents during the June report period, however these matters were principally related to smoke emission concerns. The overall number of incidents for 2004/2005 shows a 41% increase on that of the corresponding period for the 2003/2004 year.

4. Litter

Ranger Services received several complaints from concerned members of the community, regarding the amount of green waste and household rubbish being deposited onto reserves and road verges throughout the district, keeping roadsides, reserves and other areas litter free is a major focus of the City of Armadale and Rangers are ever vigilant in identifying and apprehending litter offenders.

During this report period Ranger Services attended to seven requests for service. The overall number of litter related incidents for 2004/2005 shows a 26% increase on that of the corresponding period for the 2003/2004 year.

5. General

The population growth over the past five years has brought with it a commensurate increase in the demands for Ranger Services which together with the management and enforcement of a number of Acts of Parliament and other Local Laws relating to Local Government operations and jurisdiction.

Additionally an increasing number of issues being referred to the courts for determination necessitates that the individual Ranger is, more than ever before, to thoroughly research and prepare each issue. In this regard it is estimated that that

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each Ranger, despite assistance from the Administrative Assistant, currently averages approximately 20% of his/her time on administrative duties, which exacerbates the Rangers ability to devote time to proactive patrols and public educational type duties.

As has been indicated in the past the only shortcoming, in terms of our ability to offer a full and comprehensive commitment to the community in respect of Ranger Service delivery is one of staff resources and the high demand from the general public in relation to requests for action and satisfactory response to complaints.

Furthermore the following end of year statistics clearly demonstrate an increase in almost every area of Ranger Services operations during the last twelve (12) months.

6. End of Year 2004/2005 Statistics

<i>DOGS</i>	June 2005	June 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total	
Wandering	56	46	590	492	Up 20%
Dogs for Pick Up	25	9	366	213	Up 70%
Barking	21	30	296	278	Up 6%
Attacks	16	13	175	111	Up 58%
Lost & Found	72	47	727	601	Up 20%
General Information	7	6	107	101	Up 6%
Total	197	150	2261	1796	Up 26%
Office Phone Enquiries	57	108	1236	1517	Down 18%

<i>PARKING / VEHICLES</i>	June 2005	June 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total	
General Parking	8	13	152	135	Up 13%
Trucks	8	8	51	44	Up 15%
School Parking	1	5	44	29	Up 50%
Taxi Parking	1	N/A	16	N/A	N/A
Abandoned Vehicles	12	10	122	122	Same
Off Road Vehicles	6	8	87	64	Up 35%
Total	36	44	472	394	Up 20%
Office Phone Enquiries	10	22	156	146	Up 7%

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LIVESTOCK	June 2005	June 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total	
Lost & Found	1	1	27	36	Down 25%
General	4	7	90	55	Up 65%
Total	5	8	117	91	Up 29%
Office Phone Enquiries	1	7	57	55	Same

LITTER	June 2005	June 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total	
General Information	0	0	8	3	Up 165%
Private Property	1	1	23	14	Up 65%
Roadside / Reserve	4	4	41	34	Up 20%
Verge	2	5	34	33	Same
Total	7	10	106	84	Up 26%
Office Phone Enquiries	0	6	16	26	Down 38%

FIRE	June 2005	June 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total	
Burning Off / General Information	0	3	60	35	Up 70%
Firebreak / Hazard	0	0	112	87	Up 29%
Total	0	3	172	122	Up 41%
Office Phone Enquiries	8	26	634	804	Down 20%

GENERAL	June 2005	June 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total	
General Information	2	7	63	68	Same
Total	2	7	63	68	Down 7%
Office Phone Enquiries	2	36	241	268	Down 10%

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<i>TOTAL</i>	June 2005	June 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total
Total Reports / Complaints	247	197	3191	2555

<i>WARNINGS</i>	June 2005	June 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total	
Dogs	23	18	240	260	Down 7%
Parking	11	12	146	200	Down 27%
Off Road Vehicles	0	1	0	4	Same
Litter	1	0	8	5	Same
Fire & Fire Orders	1	0	128	220	Down 42%
Other	0	3	7	9	Same
Total	36	34	529	698	Down 24%

<i>INFRINGEMENTS</i>	June 2005	June 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total	
Dogs	39	35	383	403	Down 5%
Parking	29	41	506	386	Up 30%
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	3	Same
Litter	1	23	24	2	Up 1100%
Fire	0	0	66	82	Down 20%
Other	0	0	0	0	Same
Total	69	99	979	876	Up 12%
NUMBER WITHDRAWN		N/A	63 (Feb to June only)	N/A	
Number Paid	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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IMPOUNDED DOGS	June 2005	June 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2005/2004 Progressive Total	
Claimed	26	35	372	382	Down 3%
Sold	3	2	40	51	Down 22%
Destroyed	18	11	161	199	Down 20%
Vet / Rescue	19	14	118	108	Up 10%
Stolen	0	0	0	0	Same
Total	66	62	691	740	Down 11%

IMPOUNDED VEHICLES	June 2005	June 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2005/2004 Progressive Total	
Vehicles	5	7	48	56	Down 15%
Motor Cycles	0	5	4	5	Same
Total	5	12	52	61	Down 15%

IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK	June 2005	June 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2005/2004 Progressive Total	
Sheep	3	0	19	3	
Horses	0	0	3	3	
Cows	0	0	1	0	
Goats	0	0	3	0	
Pigs	0	0	0	1	
Deer	0	0	0	0	
Other	0	0	0	0	
Total	3	0	26	7	Up 270%

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COURT PROSECUTIONS	June 2005	June 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total	
Dog	5	4	54	58	
Fire	0	4	0	5	
Parking	0	0	0	3	
Litter	0	0	0	0	
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0	
Total	5	8	54	66	Down 18%
No. of Guilty Verdicts	5	7	51	58	

FINES ENFORCEMENT	June 2005	June 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total
Infringements sent to FER	0	53	270	325

DOG REGISTRATIONS	June 2005	June 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total
New Dog Registrations	51	N/A	702	N/A
Renewed Dog Registrations	8	N/A	2186	N/A
Total	59	0	2888	0

PHONES CALLS	June 2005	June 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total
Office – Rangers calling Office	12	44	310	316
Office – Messages for Staff	31	58	569	576
Office – Referred to Other	7	19	152	155
Calls to Rangers' Private Residences via Diverter	13	20	240	196
TOTAL	63	141	1271	1243

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2005 Conferences

Cr Linton Reynolds provides a report on his attendance at the following Conference:

Library Conference – Perth – Friday, 4 March 2005

The conference theme was “Our Community, Our Future”. Councillors would be aware that Ms Patricia Walker is the current President of the Western Australian Local Government Librarians Association. Given that, I felt it was important for Council to have Elected Member attendance at this biennial conference. While only two other elected members attended, (one from Fremantle and one from Bassendean) a very strong representative group of Library and Community Development staff from across the state were there.

Two visiting speakers spoke on the role that Public Libraries played in their country (Mauritius and Singapore), but the main sessions were in relation to libraries and their emerging renaissance as the centre of their community.

Ms Walker has already reported on the conference in Issue 8 of the Info Bulletin, but I feel it is useful to expand a little on two of the sessions.

Kathleen Swinbourne, a PHD Student presented the results of her research into public area surveillance and its effect on intra community relationships and trust.

She made the point that many people no longer believe that they can trust or rely on public institutions, and that this lack of trust leads to fear. She evidenced this by the breakdown in the perception of churches, and the institution of marriage. Peoples perception of safety outweighs the reality of crime rates, especially after yet another news item about yet another burglary - even if it is in another city on the other side of Australia.

Given this, why then do 98% of people report that libraries are a safe place to go, even when we think that the streets and even our houses are not? Her studies showed it was because it was a place where you would find other people like yourself, and that libraries trusted people to a high degree. She maintained that if you treat people well, they will respond, but treat them poorly and they will also respond accordingly. Libraries are still seen to be at the heart of our society by all of those that make up that society.

In discussing public perceptions and reality, she spoke of a study where people adjacent to public housing were surveyed about their perception of the public housing population. They all spoke about street gangs and the leaders that lived there. A later analysis of the local gang memberships showed that all of the leaders came from the well to do areas, and none from the public housing. However, there was a view amongst the gang members that equated to “now you will respect me, because now I am a threat to you”.

She concluded that libraries were important because they were publicly owned, with a history of free membership. Furthermore, the building itself is important because that is where my

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friends are, and according to her studies, the lower the level of security, the less trouble with behaviour.

Alan Tranter spoke about Planning a Community Hub which he defined as an attractor, or a destination. The hub needed to have a mixed use form, with a wide range of purposes attracting a diversity of people. The mix not only had to work, but each element must also work as well. In doing so all generations needed to be catered for.

While spatial appearances were important, so too are the people and the processes, or activities. He argued that sustainability is about attitude and not about a series of points on a check list. The structures and processes need to be flexible in order to guarantee the goal or vision is not lost.

In developing a Community Hub, we need to build on the uniqueness of our area. Unfortunately in WA to date they are usually shopping centres rather than population centres. We need to use the differences based on:

- Values
- Culture
- Services offered, and
- Events or activities.

In planning for our new Armadale Library then we will need to think outside the box for a local authority Library, as we will need to create something much more than a library. We should look to link funding and activities from Council, LISWA, TAFE, Curtin University, ATSIIC's replacement, Federal IT Department, and the ARA.

While the other sessions were interesting, they were mainly for staff and this conference does not yet offer much for an elected member.

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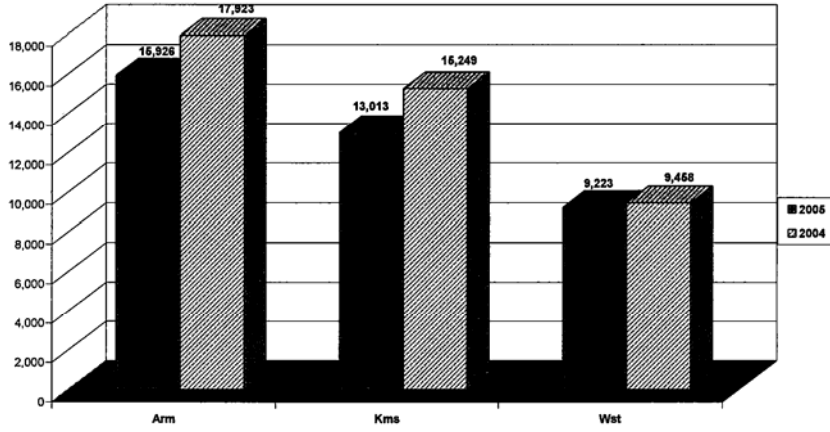
MINUTES FROM OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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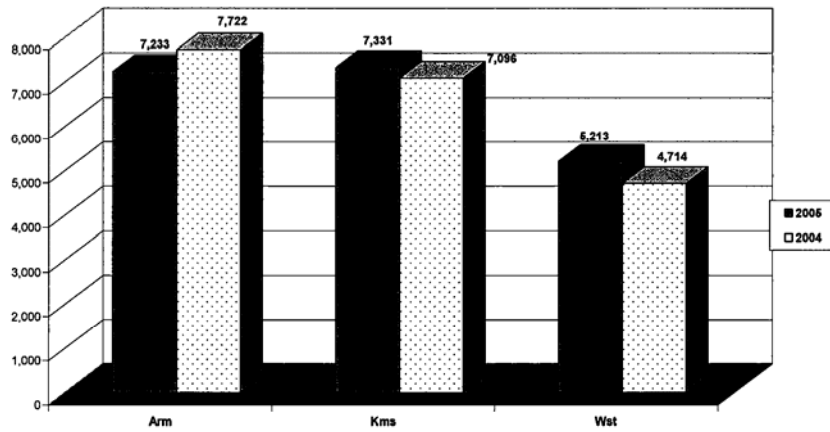
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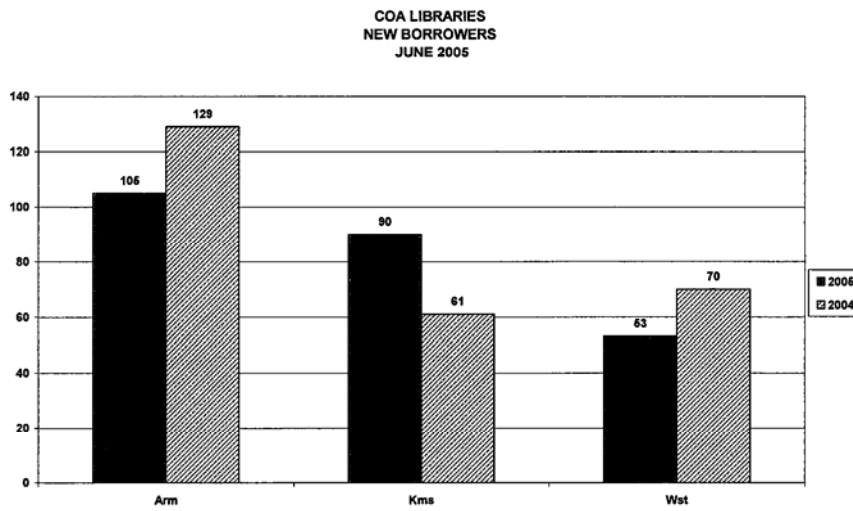
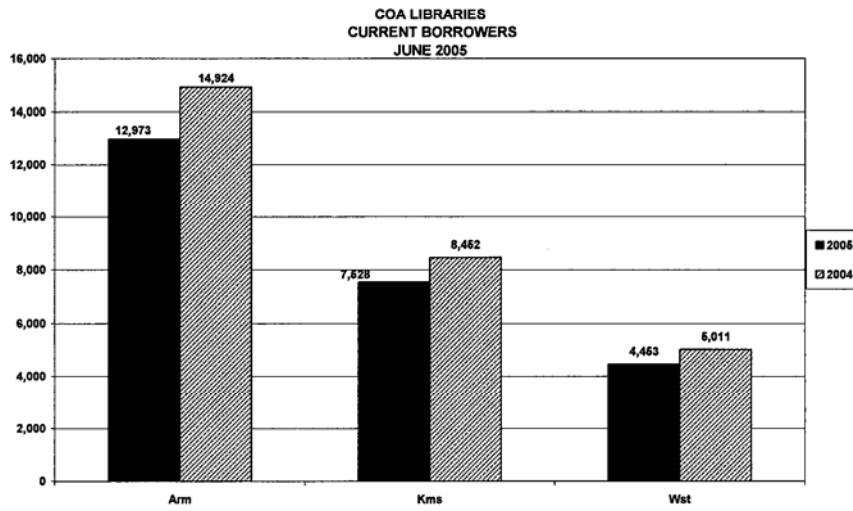
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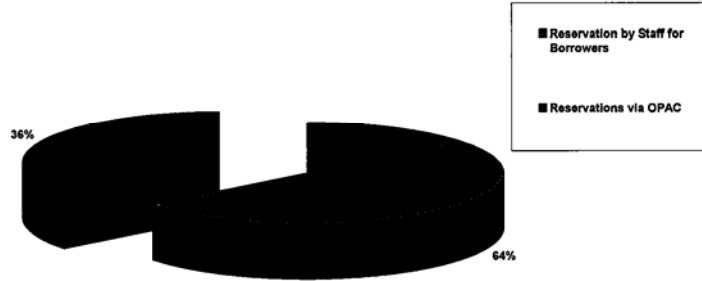


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**ARMADALE POLICE AND CITIZEN’S YOUTH CLUB
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

DATE: Wednesday 25 May 2005

VENUE: Armadale Arena / PCYC

MEETING OPENED: 5:00pm

CHAIR PERSON: S/Sgt R Gardiner

MINUTE TAKER: Catherine Waltham

PRESENT:

S/Sgt R Gardiner	Alexandra Lewis
S/Const Geoff Sims	Mike Fitzpatrick
Paul McMinn	Wayne Mauger
John Landwehr	Pam Walker
Kaye Easton	Kelly-Anne Davey
Colin Parker	Lisa Pope
Ivan Bulich	Alexandra Lewis
Katrina Maeder	

APOLOGIES: Carl Askew
Ian Lannary
Bill Easton
Toni Thompson – Gymnastics

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS:

Geoff read an email from Carl Askew pointing out an error in the previous minutes under “General Business”. The item by Ivan Bulich makes reference to the City of Armadale Business Plan when, in fact, it should be the PCYC Business Plan. Last year the previous Club Manager did not complete the 2004/2005 Business Plan but a draft copy was provided to both City of Armadale and Federation. However this was not tabled at the Management Committee meeting which is why members did not receive a copy.

Moved Ivan Bulich / Paul McMinn that the Minutes of previous meeting held on the 21/04/05 are, with the above amendment, a true and correct record of that meeting and should be signed as such. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS AND INWARDS:

Nil

TREASURER’S REPORT:

- By the end of April our balance is at \$6211.26 by the end of the Financial Year.
- We now have Eftpos up and running.
- Payments from the City of Armadale are under decision; still deciding once Business Plan is drawn up.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Geoff distributed a written report to all members of the Management Committee and invited questions. No questions asked.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Geoff Sims:

- ***Business Plan*** – This year’s Business Plan is provided for the Armadale Council and Committee members to review. Any questions about the plan can be brought up at our next meeting for further changes to be made. Darren Monument, an independent consultant appointed by council, will be putting his thoughts forward about Armadale PCYC’s Business Plan. The deadline for submission of the Business Plan is the end of June.
- ***Car Park*** – The disabled bays need to be re-marked as they are barely distinguishable and we have many people inadvertently parking in those bays. Signs are needed to clearly show where disabled parking and staff parking is. Lines in the parking area need to be re-painted and the pavement needs to be fixed before accidents occur with the children often playing near by.
- ***Meeting Time Changes*** – The current meeting time is making it very difficult to gain a quorum as committee members often find it hard to get to 5:30pm meetings. We need to consider an alternative time/date. Agreed that new meeting time will be the last Wednesday of each month at the later time of 7:00pm.
- ***Gymnastics/Trampoline*** – Since Gymnastics coach Toni Thomson was unable to attend tonight’s meeting, issues that were to be discussed will be postponed to the next meeting.
- ***Name Change*** – The Federation is proposing a name change for clubs to Police & Community Youth Centres which gives a broader scope than being specifically just for youth. Many of our activities are for adults and retirees as well and not just youth. The Federation would become known as the Police & Community Youth Council. When the PCYC was first established the “Citizen’s” and Youth Clubs” had greater meaning than they do in today’s society. These changes are believed to be more appropriate in today’s society. The Federation is seeking comment.

- **Armada PCYC Uniforms** – It has been suggested that the club staff should have a more distinctive and recognizable uniform. This would make them more easily recognizable to assist with customer inquiries and general supervision, etc. In case of emergency or injury members will be able to quickly and easily identify staff. It will also give the Club a more professional look. The recommended Royal Blue uniform shirts cost around \$25.00 each and it is estimated that it will cost about \$800.00 in total to outfit all staff. Staff will provide their own black pants.
- **Club Car** – It was suggested that due to Federation’s new vehicle policy and the lack of a suitable area in which to house the club car, we may be better off to get rid of it. It would mean paying an allowance for the Manager to use his private vehicle and claim an allowance from the club. We may also have to pay allowances to other staff who may need to use their cars from time to time. Geoff is considering buying a car for the purpose.

Ivan Bulich:

- **Climbing Wall** – Revamped Climbing Wall training manual is still a work in progress.

Alexandra Lewis

- **Quiz Night** – A Sub Committee will be needed to help with the arrangements for our Quiz Night. After discussion it was agreed upon September 3 as the preferred date for the Quiz Night giving plenty of time for raising funds and receiving donations. A standard letter needs to be written up and sent out to Businesses. With the large amount of mailing required, S/Sgt Gardiner suggested that this mail could be sent through the police station’s mailing system to save on costs. S/Sgt Gardiner suggested that we hold an auction of items to raise money. Can raise anything from \$300 to \$700 at a time on items such as Cricket equipment, Eagles and Dockers merchandise.

S/Sgt R Gardiner

- **Name Badges** – As part of our new image with new uniforms we could also obtain quotes for name badges for all our staff and Management Committee. Name badges cost around \$7.00 per badge depending on the style. Ivan commented that we currently have name tags for the Climbing Wall and in previous months have had photographs taken of staff members to use a photographic ID on our badges. If lost this means that no one else can use our identification tags.

Ivan Bulich

- **Standard of Computer Equipment in Club** – Ivan suggested that we need at least 2 working computers so that the club can function properly. Currently our equipment is failing to work and continually breaking down. We have no reliable e-mail system. Also the computers need to be networked together. Pat Quinlivan suggested that the Armadale City Council may be able to lease computer equipment to us, which means that, like council, they would be continually updated. John Landwehr commented that rather than spending money on computers we should first use the club money for maintenance of the building.

Pat Quinlivian – Armadale Council

- ***Pigeon Shed*** – The pigeon shed will be relocated to the side of the building near the crèche. Relocation of the shed will take place next week.
- ***Badminton Hall*** – Utilising the badminton hall next door would mean more room for activities such as soccer and gymnastics. The Armadale Council will look into the status of the badminton hall lease.

Michael Fitzpatrick – Gym Manager

- ***Member Numbers*** – Health Club member numbers remain steady for the cold season. Numbers were at 252 for April 05.
- ***Promotions*** – “Shopper Docket” promotion is currently running with some success.

Kaye Easton – Sports Co-ordinator

- ***Netball*** – Monday night’s Ladies Netball currently has 7 teams. Daytime Netball is still on hold due to lack of numbers.
- ***Basketball*** – We currently have 5 teams playing on a Tuesday evening, one team was removed from the competition, as they were not turning up.
- ***Soccer*** - Running extremely well with 10 teams playing on both Monday and Wednesday evenings.

CLOSURE

There being no further General Business, the meeting was declared closed at 7:00pm

NEXT MEETING

4th Wednesday of the month - 29 June 2005 at 7.00pm.

Armadale Police and Citizen’s Youth Club

BRANCH MANAGER’S REPORT

May 2005

The past month, as always has been a very busy month, particularly in respect to finalizing Business Plans, budgets and the like. There have also been some major issues in respect to club finances and maintenance issues.

In respect to the finances and maintenance, a couple of weeks ago I called a special meeting between Federation, the club executive and the City of Armadale to try to establish a plan of attack to, once and for all, address these issues which, I am told, have been ongoing over an extended period of time. If these issues are not addressed, I am of the view that the future of the club here is fairly grim. The City Of Armadale has arranged for a consultant to come into the centre to make recommendations about our finances and operations and hopefully come up with a viable plan. We’ll have to wait and see.

As far as club activities are concerned there hasn’t been too much out of the ordinary happen since the last meeting apart from the Media Promotions film shoot which was a real trial, and a High School Zone Basketball Competition about two weeks ago. We’ve had some problems with over aggressive play and an assault at the indoor soccer and the odd dispute between basketball teams, however, I have intervened in those matters and they are resolved. All other activities seem to be going along OK.

I am still involved in Crime Prevention activities with the Neerigen Brook and Gwynne Park Primary Schools but haven’t found the time to expand any of those programmes. There are plans to introduce a couple of new initiatives in the very near future and I’ll advise the committee in due course about those. There are lots of things planned, but getting the club on an even keel is my first priority.

Over the coming long weekend, Colin Parker and I will be taking a group from Air Rifles down to Albany for an interclub competition which means that next week I will only be on board for 3 days. It should be an interesting and fun time and I’ll be glad to get out among our people and out from behind the desk for a little while.

On Thursday last week, as part of Frontline First, I was required to spend the day on operational duties and it would appear that this will become a very regular thing from here on. I don’t have a problem with operational work, but at the moment I’m struggling with the workload I’ve already got and some matters will have to be offloaded to others.

Planning is already underway for the Senior’s Safety Forum on New Years Eve. The school holiday programme for the next holidays is already in place, the whole programme having been very professionally put together by Heidi. We have entered into a partnership to run a joint programme with the Gosnells PCYC which doesn’t normally run one. We will be catering for about 20 – 30 kids from Gosnells and about 40 from Armadale. There are also some other joint initiatives on the cards in terms of Crime Prevention Programmes, some of which are already running successfully at Gosnells. Rather than re-invent the wheel, we are going to share our experiences.

Geoff Sims
Manager

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE **COMMUNITY SAFETY & ADVISORY COMMITTEE** HELD IN THE **FUNCTION ROOM**, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON, 3rd FEBRUARY 2005 AT 4.00 PM

PRESENT:	Cr Jim Stewart	Chairperson (left at 5.15pm)
	Ms Karen Branch	Dept of Housing and Works (Arrived at 4.30pm)
	Ms Christine Barrett	Armadale Districts Youth Resources
	Ms June Mc Donald	Community Representative
	Ms Lesley Murray	Aboriginal Community Representative
	Ms Maureen McKay	Neighbourhood Watch
	Mr Peter Johnston	Dept for Community Development (arrived 4.40pm)
APOLOGIES:	Ms Maura O’Connell	Canning Education District Office
OBSERVERS:	Cr Pat Hart	City of Armadale (Arrived at 4.30pm, chaired meeting from 5.15pm)
	Snr Sgt Russell Gardiner	Armadale Police
	Mr Richard Barlow	Dept of Housing and Works
PRESENTERS:	Dr Fred Affleck	PATREC (Arrived at 4.00pm, left meeting after presentation 4.45pm)
	Ms Trudi Cooper	Edith Cowan University (Arrived at 4.00pm, left meeting after presentation 4.45pm)
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr Mike Wood	Community Development Officer
	Public: Nil	

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

DEPUTATION

Nil

QUESTION TIME

Nil

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 4th NOVEMBER 2004

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held on, 4th November, are confirmed.

Moved: Mr Peter Johnson

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2. PRESENTATION

2.1 ECU presentation of 6month pilot program and application of \$5000 through Community Safety Initiatives Budget

Dr Fred Affleck conducted presentation on power point of the ‘Youth on the rail program’ (refer attachment to these minutes). Dr Fred Affleck and Ms Trudi Copper responded to committee questions after the presentation.

The building of a relationship utilising youth workers working with young people before issues occur was cited of as a benefit of the program. The Perth Transit Authority is apparently interested in the long term provision of the role of youth worker if the research is successful.

Ms Cooper spoke of a reporting back process to the CSAC of every 2-3 months if funding was approved.

Dr Affleck stated that the requested \$5000 could be carried over till next financial year.

Dr Affleck and Ms Cooper left the meeting at this point at 4.45pm

RECOMMENDATION

Deferred until item 4.1 of these minutes

3. REPORTS

3.1 Progress and ratification of Committee vacancies

Seniors Interest Representative Applications were received and circulated at the meeting, upon which the Committee conducted secret ballot vote. The results of this vote were;

Ms Ann Ridgeway- 3 votes
Ms Roberta Perkins- 2 votes
Ms Barbara Stuart- 2 votes

The Community Development Officer will send notification to all applicants.

RECOMMENDATION

Ms Ann Ridgeway be appointed to the Community Safety Advisory Committee in the position of Seniors Interest Representative.

Moved: Cr Stewart

CARRIED

3.2 Community Safety Initiatives budget

The Community Development Officer reported the current status of the community safety initiatives budget;

CSAC Initiatives budget allocated 04/05	Committed	Remaining
\$17, 854	\$10,000.00 AYR \$1000.00 NHW \$165.00 (REF)	\$6689.00

4. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

4.1 ECU Funding Request of 6 month pilot program and application of \$5000 through Community Safety Initiatives budget

The allocation of \$5000 funding through the Community Safety Initiatives budget was explored by the committee. Committee discussed giving half funding now and forwarding the second half funding in the next financial year as funding from this year Initiatives budget was tight. The proposal and research was supported along with funding of the project subject to other partnering councils contributing equivalent money to the project.

DECISION

Allocate total of \$5000 out of Community Safety Initiatives Budget with \$2500 to be forwarded now. Remainder \$2500 to be submitted next financial year or this year if monies are available

Moved: Ms June McDonald

CARRIED

4.2 Funding Contribution to New Years Eve Safety Forum

Ms June Mc Donald and Ms Maureen McKay advised the meeting that they were disclosing an interest in this item due to their association as neighbourhood watch committee members/volunteers and their organising role with the New Years Eve Safety Forum.

Ms Lesley Murray asked question of whether Indigenous people attended the event and whether it was promoted to the Indigenous community.

Ms June McDonald responded that to her knowledge no Indigenous person attended. The event was promoted through word of mouth and that tickets were sold out in very early stages. 250 tickets were sold.

Cr Hart stated that the promotion amongst Indigenous networks could be looked at in future events.

Senior Sergeant Russell Gardiner reported the positive response received from Gordon Muslin (PCYC) who cited the success of the event being well received by attendees. The event had a safety focus with each person who attended given a ‘crime prevention pack’.

DECISION

That an allocation of \$1000 be made from Community Safety Initiatives budget towards the funding of the New Years Eve Safety Forum.

Moved: Mr Peter Johnson

CARRIED

Cr Stewart left the meeting at this point at 5.15pm with Cr Hart chairing remainder of meeting

4.3 Steps in Review

Ms Sophie Rowell spoke on behalf of the working party and gave a summary of working party meetings and progress on the review of the plan (see attachment to these minutes).

The Community Development Officer conducted a survey amongst CSAC members present to assist in determining 6 major priority areas in the safety plan. The same survey will be conducted amongst CSN members at the interim meeting on Feb 16th 2005.

4.4 Dob in a Hoon Proposal

The Community Development Officer advised committee of recent agenda to council to investigate and explore proposal of implementing a ‘Dob in a Hoon’ campaign in Armadale.

Senior Sergeant Russell Gardiner spoke of current requirements under law whereby for prosecution to be pursued for hoon type behaviour;

- Clear identification of driver was required
- Witness must supply written statements and have preparedness to testify in court
- Vehicle can be seized for 48hours for hoon behaviour, only if witnessed by a Police Officer
- There is no requirement under the Road Traffic Act for car owners to disclose who was driving the vehicle.

Senior Sergeant Russell Gardiner reiterated Police are prepared to act but required the support of people to provide statements and to testify in court.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING 5.45pm

Next Committee Meeting

Thurs 3rd March at 4.00pm

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY & ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
FUNCTION ROOM, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE
ON, 5th May 2005 AT 4.00 PM

PRESENT:

Cr Jim Stewart	(Chairperson)
Mr Peter Johnston	Dept for Community Development
Snr Sgt Russell Gairdner	Armadale Police
Mr Richard Barlow	Dept of Housing and Works
Ms Lesley Murray	Community Representative
Ms Christine Barrett	Armadale Districts Youth Resources
Ms June Mc Donald	Community Representative
Ms Una Bridson	Armadale Health Service
Ms Bev Wright	Neighbourhood Watch

APOLOGIES:

Ms Maura O’Connell	Canning Education District Office
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OBSERVERS:

Nil

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Carl Askew	Director Community Services
Ms Trish McCourt	Coordinator Community Development
Mr Mike Wood	Community Development Officer
Ms Sophie Rowell	Injury Control Council of WA (4.00pm - 4.45pm)
Public: Nil	

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

DEPUTATION

Nil

QUESTION TIME

Nil

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 6 AUGUST 2004

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held on, 3rd February 2005, minutes of meeting counted out 3rd March 2005, minutes of meeting counted out 7th April 2005, are confirmed.

Moved: Mr Richard Barlow

Seconded: Ms Christine Barrett

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COMMUNITY SAFETY & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

2.1 Welcome to new member

Cr Stewart welcomed Ms Una Bridson from Armadale Health Service

2.2 Community Safety Plan Final Planning Stage

Cr Stewart canvassed each priority in the Draft Community safety plan and the next steps in the final stages- Mike Wood requested that all agencies complete table (section 7.4 in plan) in respect to their current and future projects that are applicable under each priority, including evidence based outcomes.

2.3 Last meeting of current CSAC

Cr Stewart thanked CSAC members for serving their term on CSAC noting their contribution, input and diligence as worthy.

Ms June McDonald thanked fellow committee members and stated she would like to remain involved with the CSAC dependant on the success of her campaign in the council elections and availability of time.

4. CLOSE OF MEETING 4.50pm

Next Committee Meeting

TBA

