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ISSUES UPDATE

MEETING OF THE STATE/LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

The Association President and Deputy President attended the 7th meeting of the State/Local Government Council, which is the strategic body established to oversee the State-Local Government partnership process and to pursue improvements to their working relationships. The Council consists of the Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Local Government and Regional Development, Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, the WALGA President and LGMA President. Key items of business addressed at the meeting included:

- Request for re-affirmation of the State/Local Government Partnership Agreement by the new Premier;
- Sustainability of the Local Government sector - discussion on the LGAB Report on Structural and Electoral Reform and the independent Systemic Sustainability Study;
- Implementation of the newly signed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). Requirements being placed on Local Government under the Emergency Management legislation and Building legislation were discussed as needing to be addressed under the terms of the IGA.
- Securing a fixed percent of Australian taxation revenue for Local Government - Minister Ford is to shortly meet with State/Territory and Australian ministerial colleagues to discuss the inadequacy of Australian Government contributions to Local Government. The Minister agreed to consult with WALGA and LGMA prior to attending this important meeting.
- Treasurer provided an overview on the 2006/2007 State Budget as it relates to Local Government in Western Australia.

For further information, please contact Executive Manager Corporate Services, Nick Wood on 9213 2020 or email nwood@walga.asn.au.

MINISTERIAL MEETING – HON SHEILA McHALE

The Association President, Chief Executive Officer and senior staff met with the Hon Sheila McHale, Minister for Indigenous Affairs; Tourism; Culture and the Arts to discuss issues of interest within her portfolio.

Discussion focused on the State/Commonwealth bi-lateral discussions and the proposed State Indigenous Strategy. The Association reiterated its concern and disappointment that Local Government has not been consulted as part of bi-lateral discussions.

The content of the bi-lateral document has been recently agreed, however the Minister has given a commitment that on signing the bi-lateral document, she will brief Local Government and develop a process with us to move forward on issues that impact on Local Government.

The President reiterated that Local Government must be part of the solution to addressing Indigenous advantage and that innovative, creative approaches as put forward by our members which build on the strengths of Local Government's governance and service provision capacities need to be considered.

The President briefed the Minister on the Intergovernmental Agreement and reiterated the commitment of the State and Commonwealth to consult with Local Government, to consider the financial impact of the provision of services and functions within the context and capacity of Local Government and to clarify the roles and responsibilities of all spheres of government.

For further information, please contact Policy Manager Community, Michelle Mackenzie, 9213 2065 or email mmackenzie@walga.asn.au.

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES RECOMMENDATION REPORT

Following the recent Inquiry into the City of Joondalup, the State Government moved to require Local Governments to have regard to advice from the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal when entering into, or renewing, a contract of employment with a Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The Tribunal released their report on Local Government CEOs and remuneration recommendations on **Wednesday 28 June**.

The report relied upon survey information collected from Local Governments outlining population, budget, staff numbers and geographic area, as well as data on the components of CEO Total Reward Packages.

The core recommendation sets nine bands into which Local Governments are classified with salary recommendations in the lowest band of \$95,000 to \$128,000 to the highest of \$201,500 to \$273,000.

Of interest are the components contained in and excluded from total package value, the details of which can be found in the report on the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal's website at <http://www.sat.wa.gov.au>.

Those who consider this report are asked to bear in mind its nature. It is a recommendation and the first of its kind for the use prescribed in the *Local Government Act*. It is not a determination. This is the Tribunal's first report and future reports are to be made at intervals of not more than twelve months.

For further information, please contact Employee Relations Service Manager, Simon White on 9213 2015 or email swhite@walga.asn.au.

REDUCED DEFAULT OPEN SPEED LIMIT NOT TO PROCEED

Rural Councils in particular will be aware that the Association has been lobbying on their behalf for the retention of the current default open speed limit of 110km per hour based on the fact that the majority of affected Councils have continuously opposed any reduction. The Office of Road Safety has confirmed that at its meeting on **Friday 25 May**, the Road Safety Council accepted a recommendation not to proceed with the proposal to amend the default open speed limit from 110 km per hour to 100 km per hour. It was felt that while safety gains are anticipated, without Local Government support the proposal would not progress.

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

SERVING OFFICER NOMINATIONS – MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL (MWAC)

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council is a standing committee of the Western Australian Local Government Association with delegated authority to deal with municipal waste management issues, and is seeking nominations from six Serving Officers (4 metropolitan and 2 non-metropolitan). The term of appointment is one year, effective August 2006.

The nomination forms can be downloaded from the website:
http://www.walga.asn.au/about_lg/vacancies.

Please address your nomination form to Rebecca Brown, WALGA, PO Box 1544, West Perth 6872 or email nominations@walga.asn.au by close of business **Friday 28 July**.

For further information, please contact Executive Officer, Municipal Waste Advisory Council, Bernard Ryan on 9213 2037 or email bryan@walga.asn.au.

SYSTEMIC SUSTAINABILITY STUDY SUBMISSIONS

The Systemic Sustainability Study has received a number of submissions which are available at www.systemicsustainabilitystudy.com.au. The submission period closes on **Friday 7 July**.

For further information, please contact Economist, Nathan Taylor via email ntaylor@walga.asn.au.

WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIRECTORY 2006-07

An order form for the 2006-07 Directory is included in this week's mail. Please note that this year the Directories will again be posted direct to Councils in early August and will not be available for collection at Local Government Week.

Please fax all orders to Customer Services Officer, Emanuela Gherardotti on 9322 2611 by no later than **Friday 7 July**.

For further information, please contact PR Officer, Kate Murray on 9213 2083 or email kmurray@walga.asn.au.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK 2006

Please ensure all Local Government Week registration forms are completed and returned no later than **Wednesday 5 July**.

Early Bird registration will commence **Friday 4 August** from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at the InterContinental Burswood Convention Centre. Registration will then continue on **Saturday 6 August** from 7.30am to 9:00am.

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

INQUIRY INTO THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BILL 2005

The Standing Committee on Legislation of the Legislative Council has advised of its Inquiry into the *Criminal Investigation Bill 2005*, *Criminal Investigation (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2005* and *Criminal and Found Property Disposal Bill 2005*; inviting the Association to make comment.

Copies of all Bills are on the parliamentary website www.parliament.wa.gov.au. Councils are invited to read the Bills and pass any comments onto the Association by no later than **Tuesday 11 July**.

For further information, please contact Acting Policy Manager, Governance, Jeff Flatow on 9213 2051 or email jflatow@walga.asn.au.

MEDIA RELEASES

28 June South West's Biodiversity Protection Given Local Kick-Start

DIARY DATES

27 July	East Metropolitan Zone
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK 2006

The deadline for Local Government Week registrations has passed, however, if you have outstanding registration forms please complete and return ASAP. Confirmation letters will be emailed to all registered delegates, so please ensure they are passed to the appropriate person.

Any changes required to registrations must be sent via email to kfaulkner@walga.asn.au with the subject line heading **CHANGES TO LGW REGISTRATION**. No changes will be accepted after **Tuesday 1 August** – see back of Convention information brochure for cancellation policy, as fees may apply.

On-site registration: Registration will commence on **Friday 4 August** from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at the InterContinental Burswood Convention Centre. Registration will then continue on **Saturday 6 August** from 7.30am to 9:00am. We encourage early registration.

The Metro Rail Project Site Visit on **Monday 7 August is fully booked**. Confirmation letters sent to delegates will state if they are registered for the site visit. You may change your registration (via email as requested above) to the Westrac Site Visit also on **Monday 7 August**.

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

THE FOOD BILL 2005 - UPDATE

The Food Bill had its third reading in the Legislative Assembly on Friday June 21. The Bill can be accessed at:

<http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/web/newwebparl.nsf/iframewebpages/Bills+-+All>.

Significant amendments allow for regulations to exempt charities from some of the provisions of the legislation and an amendment, lobbied successfully by the Association, to remove the State's power to limit Local Government fees and charges. The Minister stated that regulations for exemption for food businesses would only apply to administrative requirements and not to the requirements regarding food safety.

The Bill has gone to Legislative Council and referred to the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation, and the Committee invites submissions on the Bill. Information regarding submissions can be accessed at www.parliament.wa.gov.au or submission enquiries can be made to Laurie Glock on 9222 7300 or pgrant@parliament.wa.gov.au.

Deadline for the lodgement of submissions is **5:00pm on Friday 14 July**.

For further information, please contact Policy Manager Community, Michelle Mackenzie on 9213 2065 or mmackenzie@walga.asn.au.

GRANT INDEXATION

The Association will be discussing with Treasury the areas of grant funding that are most in need of indexation. A lack of appropriate indexation is an indirect form of cost-shifting that can cost Local Government considerable money.

Local Governments are requested to nominate those grants for which they consider indexation to be most important. Nominated grants should be those that extend over a number of years.

Please send responses to Economist, Nathan Taylor via email at ntaylor@walga.asn.au.

TRAINING UPDATE

The following training courses are scheduled during August:

Elected Member Development Program

Module 1A: Getting Started – an Introduction to Local Government

Date: **Friday 4 August**
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm
Venue: Burswood Convention Centre
Cost: \$297 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
\$324.50 (inc GST) for non-members

Module 1: Legal Responsibilities of an Elected Member

Date: **Tuesday 8 August**
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm
Venue: Burswood Convention Centre
Cost: \$297 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
\$324.50 (inc GST) for non-members

Module 7: Local Government Finance

Date: **Tuesday 8 August**
Time: 9:00am to 12.30pm
Venue: Burswood Convention Centre
Cost: \$148.50 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
\$162.80 (inc GST) for non-members

Module 15: Sustainable Asset Management in Local Government

Date: **Wednesday 9 August**
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm
Venue: Town of Vincent
Cost: \$297 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
\$324.50 (inc GST) for non-members

Officer Training

Introduction to the Local Government Act

Date: **Thursday 10 August**
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm
Venue: Local Government House, 15 Altona Street, West Perth
Cost: \$297 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
\$324.50 (inc GST) for non-members

Managing Employee Performance in Local Government

Date: **Friday 18 August**
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm
Venue: Local Government House,
15 Altona Street, West Perth
Cost: \$297 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
\$324.50 (inc GST) for non-members

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

SYSTEMIC SUSTAINABILITY STUDY SUBMISSIONS

The Systemic Sustainability Study has extended the deadline for making submissions to **Friday July 14**. A number of submissions have already been received and these are available at www.systemicsustainabilitystudy.com.au.

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

CORPORATE WARDROBE

The new preferred supply contract for Corporate Wardrobe, recently awarded to Yakka Pty Ltd, will become fully operational on **Monday 24 July**. Buyers' packs and order forms will be distributed at this time, view the current flyer at www.walga.asn.au/services/commercial/apparel.

A new brand has been registered with the ATO for tax deductibility. Local Governments can opt to use their own logo or a generic national brand with no difference in cost. Exceptional pricing has been secured for the new range and standard delivery times will be within 15 days of order receipt.

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

GROUP ADVERTISING SERVICE

During the 2005/06 year, total turnover through the Local Government Group Advertising Service processed \$6.65 million worth of accounts through all media. Due to media discounts accessible under an arrangement with the West Australian, Local Governments collectively had access to \$1.4 million worth of savings under the WALGA program. Some of these savings have already been delivered through up-front discounts, however the Association's Finance and Services Committee will be requested to authorise more than \$1 million worth of year-end rebate cheques.

Half of WALGA members will receive a benefit worth 50% of their Association membership subscription or more, with 16 Local Governments generating savings in excess of their Association subscription.

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

MAYORAL/PRESIDENTIAL VEHICLES – LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS

The ability for local governments to properly provide motor vehicles for the mayor/president to use for official and private use was raised through the North Metropolitan Zone. The Association sought clarification from the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development. The Minister's response states that he is concerned that the practice and some other personal benefits such as provision of office space and other equipment may be contrary to the principles contained in section 5.98 (6) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The Minister has arranged for the Department of Local Government and Regional Development to examine the issues in conjunction with other matters being considered in a further Amendment Bill.

For further information, please contact Acting Policy Manager Governance, Jeff Flatow on 9213 2051 or email jflatow@walga.asn.au.

SEALED LOCAL ROADS WORKSHOPS

The Australian Road Research Board with the support of the Institute of Public Works Engineers (WA) are holding sealed local roads workshops to ensure that practitioners involved in the design, construction, maintenance and rehabilitation of sealed roads are kept up to date on the latest research findings and practices. The workshop is aimed at works engineers, technical officers and senior works officers from Local Government and other service providers.

The workshops are scheduled as follows:

- Perth **Tuesday 25 – Wednesday 26 July;**
- Bunbury **Thursday 27 – Friday 28 July;**
- Albany **Monday 31 July – Tuesday 1 August; and**
- Northam **Thursday 3 – Friday 4 August.**

Cost of the workshop is \$198 inclusive of GST

For more information, please contact (03) 9881 1555 or email training@arrb.com.au.

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3 August	Central Metropolitan Zone
3 August	North Metropolitan Zone
3 August	Peel Country Zone
5-7 August	Local Government Week
5 August	Gascoyne Country Zone
8 August	Great Southern Country Zone
9 August	Pilbara Country Zone
22 September	Goldfields-Esperance Zone
19-22 Sept	Waste & Recycle 2006 Conference
22 September	Avon Midland Country Zone
22 September	Great Southern Country Zone
22 September	South West Country Zone
25 September	Northern Country Zone
25 September	Gascoyne Country Zone
25 September	South Metropolitan Zone
25 September	Pilbara Country Zone
27 September	South East Metropolitan Zone
28 September	North Metropolitan Zone
28 September	East Metropolitan Zone
28 September	Peel Country Zone
28 September	Central Metropolitan Zone
28 September	Great Eastern Country Zone
29 September	Central Country Zone
24 November	Goldfields-Esperance Zone
10 November	Murchison Country Zone
24 November	Avon Midland Country Zone
24 November	Great Southern Country Zone
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30 November	East Metropolitan Zone
1 December	Central Country Zone



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Roads Congress to consider historic transport strategy

Next month's National Local Roads and Transport Congress will consider a strategic policy document that will, for the first time, combine local government's broad transport agenda into a single document. The strategy will cover five key areas; local road funding and management; urban transport solutions; mobility and access for regional Australians; freight management; and the long-term financial sustainability of local government. More than 400 delegates from councils across Australia are expected to attend the congress, to be held in Alice Springs on July 9-11. The strategy will assist ALGA to lobby for important transport commitments ahead of the 2007 federal election. The congress will also consider a range of other important issues, including Roads to Recovery project management, freight corridors, National Transport Commission programs and asset management. Delegates will hear from the Federal Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, Jim Lloyd, and Shadow Transport Minister, Senator Kerry O'Brien. A keynote address will be given by well-known futurist and strategist, Dr Keith Suter.



Funding boost for age-friendly communities



The Minister for Ageing, Senator Santo Santoro, has announced initial funding of \$250,000 to boost action to help develop age-friendly communities. The move has been welcomed by ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell. Senator Santoro announced the funding while launching a report on building age-friendly environments. The report makes a number of recommendations that arise from a program of seminars and workshops held over the past nine months to highlight the links between built environments and the health and wellbeing of older Australians. The inaugural event was addressed by ALGA Vice President and President of the Municipal Association of Victoria, Cr Geoff Lake, who detailed the challenges facing local government in its bid to plan for a "community of all ages". ALGA has also published a resource paper, Age-friendly built environments: Opportunities for local government. This contains fact sheets and case studies covering a range of age-friendly built environment issues relevant to local government. This publication is an initiative of the *Australian Local Government Population Ageing Action Plan*, which aims to build the capacity of local government to respond to ageing communities.

Costello's criteria for greatness: fix federalism

Fixing federalism has been listed by the Federal Treasurer as one of the key criteria for future greatness. Addressing a dinner to mark the announcement of *The Bulletin* magazine's top 100 most influential Australians, Mr Costello said individuals who made their way onto the list in future would include "the person who can solve the problem bedevilling Australian political life in every area, the problem of federalism". He said federation was a great success in 1901 as "the coming together of colonies in a customs and economic union within an empire". "But the empire has faded and the nation now has consciousness of itself. We are no longer dealing with self-governing sovereign colonies. I believed that by giving the states a revenue base - a financial free kick - we would restore that sense of sovereignty. It was a failed hope. States are moving towards the role of service delivery more on the model of divisional offices than sovereign independent governments. Legally, constitutionally and practically we must fix the problem of federalism." ALGA has been pressing for a review of federalism to better recognise the increasingly important role local government plays within the Australian federation.



From the President

Peter Costello this week gave a hint - perhaps - of things to come when he addressed a gathering of eminent Australians at a Sydney restaurant, aptly named Machiavelli's. He was there to help launch the *Bulletin* magazine's list of the 100 most influential Australians (see story above). While his speech was light-hearted and entertaining, it does set out what he clearly sees as some defining issues for our nation.

These were, in order, fixing federalism, solving our water problems, arresting the nation's fertility decline, developing an acceptable model for a republic, and finding a workable way of lifting Indigenous people from 'the margin to the mainstream'. There is much in here of interest to local government. In his desire to fix federalism, he will need to look not only at the changing roles of state governments, but the increasingly important place of local government within the Australian federation. He says state governments should be strong, sovereign entities, but were lapsing into mere 'divisional offices' for service delivery. If he genuinely wants stronger, more sovereign state government, surely he would want the same for local government. My guess, however, is that he is happy to see states become increasingly subservient to the national agenda and would also be happy to see state and local government - and the private sector for that matter - compete for the delivery of Commonwealth services. Whatever the agenda, change brings opportunity for local government. We need to be ready to press our case and carve out a stronger role for local government in a way that strengthens outcomes for our communities. These are issues we need to consider should the Prime Minister decide to pull stumps ahead of next year's federal election.



Cr Paul Bell AM
ALGA President

Vaile, Truss job swap?

There is increasing speculation that National Party Leader and Deputy Prime Minister, Mark Vaile, could swap his trade portfolio for transport. A report in *The Australian* this week suggested Mr Vaile's colleagues were encouraging him to change portfolios to allow him to concentrate on domestic issues in the run up to next year's federal election. It suggests Mr Vaile might do a straight swap with the Minister for Transport and Regional Services,

Warren Truss. Mr Truss was appointed to the transport portfolio following the resignation of former Nationals leader, John Anderson, in July last year.

SMH backs councils on rates

Local government has found a new ally in the fight for fair funding - the *Sydney Morning Herald*. In an important editorial for local government across the country, the newspaper said that structural and management reforms could only go so far. "State and federal governments cannot avoid putting more money into local government - or taking over the whole lower tier of government - if years of neglect are to be overcome," it said yesterday. It also called for rate capping to be abandoned in NSW. "Let the councils answer to the ratepayers, not the minister. It's called democracy".

Water grants

The Australian Government has called for applications for the second round of grants to be made under the \$200m Community Water Grants program. The program encourages better water use, and improvements in water health and quality through practical on-the-ground projects, such as reducing pollutants reaching our streams, and water recycling and efficiency initiatives. Grants worth up to \$50,000 will be provided for water saving, recycling and treatment projects that demonstrate community involvement and a clear public benefit. Environment Minister Ian Campbell said round one of the program was an outstanding success, with \$61m awarded to 1,750 water saving projects, many of them from local government. Application forms and guidelines are available online or by calling 1800 780 730. Applications open on July 1 and close on August 25.

NRM facilitators report

The work and future activities of the national network of local government natural resource management facilitators has been documented in a new report - Current achievements, future opportunities. The report details the network's achievements over the past three years and provides an outline of future work. The Australian Government has funded NRM facilitators in each state local government association and ALGA to increase the engagement of councils in regional NRM activities.

Quote of the week

"The rate peg may have looked like a good idea when it was introduced in 1976. Today it is a joke. It needs a serious re-think, if not abolition"

- *Sydney Morning Herald* editorial June 29

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Local Government Technology Solutions Conference

The Local Government Technology Solutions conference, Enabling Local Government Business Through Technology will be held from Tuesday 1 - Wednesday 2 August at the Grand Hyatt, Melbourne. This two-day conference will demonstrate how technology solutions can improve local government's performance by enabling councils to respond more effectively and efficiently.

Keynote speakers include Jane Treadwell, of the Chief Information Office at the Department of Premier and Cabinet and John Roberts, Research Vice President, Gartner.

Other speakers include the Chief Executive of Dunedin City Council in New Zealand, Jim Harland; Chief Executive of New Zealand Local Government Online, Jim Higgins; Chief Executive of Glen Eira City Council, Andrew Newton; and Dr Terry Cutler, Principal of Cutler and Company.

The conference will cover areas such as benefits realisation, change management, foundations for collaboration and business security that will be of interest to local government CEOs, chief information officers, corporate services directors, senior management and other IT professionals outside of local government.

Further details are available on www.mav.asn.au/lgts.

Conference sponsors are: Microsoft, NEC Business Solutions, Trend Micro, Dimension Data, Dell, Symantec (co-sponsoring with Commander), Avand, MapInfo and AusSoft.

Registration can be done online and must be completed by Tuesday 25 July.

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**Youth Development and Local Government Conference
Townsville September 12-14, 2006**

The Local Government Association of Queensland and the Townsville City Council are hosting the Youth Development and Local Government Conference on September 12-14. It is a conference for youth/community development officers, elected members, local government staff, community workers and state government representatives. The conference will focus on planning and evaluation, youth councils, youth leadership, mentoring, engaging strategies and 'hard to reach' groups. Call Rachael Uhr rachael_uhr@lgaq.asn.au at LGAQ for further information on 07 3000 2238.

Greenhouse abatement grants

Federal Environment Minister Ian Campbell has announced a series of grants available for local projects to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. Nearly \$1.8m is available from the Low Emissions Technology and Abatement (LETA) measure to help local governments, businesses, or other groups adopt small scale low emission technologies. Under the Local Greenhouse Action program \$280,000 will fund community abatement grants where three or more Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) councils will work together on projects with householders, local businesses, schools or other local groups to reduce greenhouse gases. A further \$120,000 in funding will help local councils involved in CCP to meet formal program milestones. CCP Australia is the world's largest and most successful local government greenhouse program with a record breaking 216 local governments participants representing 82% of the Australian population. Further enquiries should be directed to Alex Fearnside alex.fearnside@deh.gov.au or phone 02 6274 1022.

Hobsons Bay podcast pioneers

Hobsons Bay City Council in Melbourne has begun podcasting a slick, weekly magazine-style program, Baychat. The 30 minute podcasts include council news, interviews with councillors and local identities and tips about what's happening in the community. Podcasts enable anyone with a computer to download files direct from website. They can be easily

loaded to iPods or other digital music players. Hobsons Bay Mayor, Cr Carl Marsich, said the council had received very positive feedback about Baychat. "With hits to Baychat increasing each week, it's wonderful to see the community engaging with this revolutionary new communication medium," Cr Marsich said.

Local heroes

Nominations are now open for the 2006 Human Rights Medal or one of the seven 2006 Human Rights Awards. The awards recognise those who have made an outstanding contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights in Australia. They may have made an outstanding contribution within their communities or through the practice of law, through writing books about human rights issues or by working in the media. Entries must be submitted on an official entry form, available via the Commission's website www.humanrights.gov.au/hr_awards or by telephone 02 9284 9618 or email paffairs@humanrights.gov.au. Entries close on September 29.

Crime prevention grant winners

Eighteen projects - including 12 from local government - have received more than \$2m in grants awarded under the security-related infrastructure component of the National Community Crime Prevention Program. The Australian Government has committed a total of \$64m to the program, which provides funding in three streams: Community Partnership Stream with grants of up to \$500,000; Community Safety Stream with grants up to \$150,000; and the Indigenous Community Safety Stream with grants up to \$150,000.

Rural health - abstracts call

Individuals interested in presenting papers to the 9th Rural and Remote Health Conference in Albury next March are invited to send abstracts to organisers by July 14. The conference is likely to attract considerable interest from local government, with major topics including preparation for and community response to natural disasters and regional and local success stories. Further information from the National Rural Health Alliance.

International news

50 mayors face jail

More than 50 mayors in the Kurdish southeast of Turkey could be sent to jail over a letter that they sent to the Danish Prime Minister. A Turkish court accepted the state prosecutor's charge that the mayors had "knowingly and willingly" aided Kurdish rebels by calling on Danish PM Anders Fogh Rasmussen not to close Roj TV, a Kurdish channel based in Denmark. Turkey accuses Roj TV of being a mouthpiece of the banned Kurdish Workers' Party, which is seeking to create an ethnic homeland in Kurdish regions. If convicted, the mayors face up to ten years in jail. The case could even jeopardise Turkey's campaign to join the EU. In comments made at an EU summit in Brussels last week, Mr Rasmussen said that trying the mayors over the letter would contravene European values.

Public announcement



**Chief Executive
Auckland Regional Transport Authority**

Auckland Regional Transport Authority (ARTA) was established by the Government and the Auckland Regional Council to plan, fund and develop the Auckland region's land transport system. ARTA has set its mission as delivering a world class transport system for Auckland in a way that supports the region's economic, social and environmental goals. ARTA is a subsidiary of the Auckland Regional Council (ARC) and is governed by an independent board.

ARTA works collaboratively with the ARC, local Councils, transport providers, central government and its agencies. Therefore, the Chief Executive will have a track record in constructively managing a multiple stakeholder environment. Key attributes of the Chief Executive will be to provide:

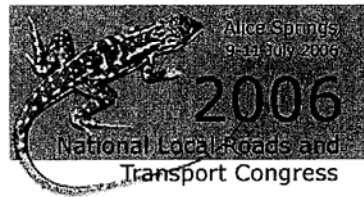
- professional leadership of this complex, developing organisation, responsible for the planning and delivery of a wide range of transport initiatives for the Auckland Region
- strategic and intellectual capability to provide guidance and policy advice to the board of ARTA
- an understanding and commitment to the delivery of outcomes in a public sector environment
- demonstrable success in leading and developing staff and promoting a performance driven culture in a significant organisation

Knowledge or expertise in transport, infrastructure or related fields will also be an advantage.

Confident and experienced leaders with an ability to grasp the complexities of transport in the Auckland region are encouraged to seek further information regarding this high profile opportunity.

For further information on the above position please visit www.sheffield.co.nz or phone Peter Ross on +64 9 367 1522 or Shelley Bell on +64 9 367 1529.

To apply, please email your CV and covering letter to cvakl@sheffield.co.nz quoting reference number 41265. Emails will be electronically acknowledged and further correspondence may be by email. **Closing date: 10th July 2006.**



Forthcoming events

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

04 July 2006 Australia's Overseas Aid Program: A public forum

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Costello stirs the federation pot

A single level of infrastructure regulation across the economy would help Australian businesses compete against Europe, China and the United States, the Federal Treasurer Peter Costello said this week. Mr Costello last week stirred the states by arguing that the Australian Government should have greater control over the economy by taking sole responsibility for taxes. Now he says a seamless regulatory system would be of major benefit to Australian business. "The objective ought to be single national economic regulatory arrangements for key national infrastructure, particularly infrastructure which has an export importance for our country," he told reporters in the Solomon Islands. The comments come ahead of next week's meeting of the Council of Australian Governments. The Prime Minister, Mr Howard, said he would continue to argue for a single stream of regulation for ports. "I think sensible cooperative federalism is a combination of negotiation, conciliation and taking a strong stand - it's a bit of everything," Mr Howard said. But Mr Howard has also said that the idea of "state loyalties" was nowhere near as strong as it used to be. "People don't want to hear about commonwealth-state relations in the context of an argument about who wields the power. They want a debate about what is good for Australia." ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, said that the Treasurer's comments over the past week point to an even stronger, more centralist policy from Canberra under a future Costello government. "This would have significant implications for local government, presenting both challenges and opportunities."



Poor funding forces up Vic rates



Data released by the Municipal Association of Victoria this week shows council rates will increase an average 6.3% across the state as budgets face a mounting combination of cost pressures. MAV President and ALGA Vice President, Cr Geoff Lake, said a range of external costs and inadequate funding arrangements have forced many councils to make difficult decisions to meet the challenge of balancing responsible financial management with community needs and expectations. "In particular, the total proportion of financial contributions from other spheres of government has failed to keep pace with local government costs. This has severely undermined the budgetary position of councils and forced rates up. As a result, a greater proportion of councils' total revenue is now being generated from rates, increasing from an average of 51% in 2004 to 55% this year. In addition, Victorian councils are facing an annual shortfall of \$310m to repair and maintain ageing infrastructure such as roads, bridges, footpaths, town halls, recreation

facilities, swimming pools and drains," he said. "It is time for financial assistance grants from the Commonwealth to increase and other government funding programs to keep pace with the real cost of delivering services."

Transport strategy highlight for Roads Congress

More than 400 delegates from councils across Australia will gather in Alice Springs on Sunday for the 7th National Local Roads and Transport Congress. Delegates will consider a draft local government roads and transport strategy that will, for the first time, combine local government's broad transport agenda into a single document. The strategy will cover five key areas; local road funding and management; urban transport solutions; mobility and access for regional Australians; freight management; and the long-term financial sustainability of local government. The strategy will assist ALGA lobby for important transport commitments ahead of the 2007 federal election. The congress will also consider a range of important issues, including Roads to Recovery project management, freight corridors, National Transport Commission programs and asset management. Delegates will hear from the Federal Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, Jim Lloyd, and Shadow Transport Minister, Senator Kerry O'Brien. A keynote address will be given by well-known futurist and strategist, Dr Keith Suter. Congress proceedings will be posted to the ALGA website.



From the President

Peter Costello is giving every sign that he is all fuelled up and ready for take off. He has spent the past week telling all and sundry that he is a leader with a vision and agenda for Australia. The question for local government is this - what will change if the PM opts for an early and elegant departure? Even the harshest critics would concede that John Howard has been good for local government in recent years.

His guiding philosophy has been simple and direct. The Australian Government will work directly with local government where that is the most appropriate way of delivering services. This approach has seen the federal-local government relationship grow gradually warmer. No big bang reform. Just a slow and gradual growth in the relationship - a relationship now worth almost \$2.2bn a year to Australia's 700 councils. What will change under Costello? The Treasurer has already said he wants to "fix federalism", have a more centralised tax collection system and more Canberra control over regulation. He says the states are becoming more of a service delivery agency rather than sovereign bodies. If this is the case, Costello may well want to see greater competition between the state and local government - and even the private sector - as service delivery vehicles. He may also want to erode the regulatory role of councils as well. Both Costello and Howard are unhappy with the way the states have - as they see it - "squandered the GST". Chances are that, whoever leads the Coalition over the next 12 to 18 months, local government will continue to get a good hearing when it comes to alternative ways of doing business.



Cr Paul Bell AM
ALGA President

COAG to progress reform agenda

ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, will represent local government at next Friday's meeting of the Council of Australian Governments. It will receive progress reports from working parties developing detailed intergovernmental action plans to implement the new, ten-year national reform agenda agreed at the last meeting of COAG in February. The reform agenda aims to improve national productivity and workforce participation over the coming decade.

COAG has agreed that "payments to the states and territories and, where appropriate, to local government, would be linked to achieving agreed actions or progress measures and to demonstrable economic benefits". Other issues on the COAG agenda include a further agreement concerning human influenza pandemics, mental health reform, health workforce matters, national recognition of trade qualifications and the outcomes of the recent summit on violence and child abuse in Indigenous communities.

\$250,000 funding for pilot water projects

The second round of the Community Water Grants includes funding for projects between \$100,000 and \$250,000 in a limited pilot scheme. Projects must meet additional criteria to those projects seeking funding of \$50,000 or less. Applicants are required to ring the Community Water Grants hotline (1800 780 730) to discuss the project prior to submitting an application. Application forms will be available online from July 10 and must be completed by August 25. Further information can be requested via email cwg@deh.gov.au.

Environment grants

Councils can now keep abreast of the Australian Government's various environmental grant programs through a new 'funding opportunities' section of the ALGA website. The section provides details, dates and links for environmental programs such as community water grants, greenhouse abatement grants, recreational fishing grants and volunteer small equipment grants.

ALGA ageing project on award short-list

ALGA's local government and ageing project has been short-listed for a prestigious international award - the Carl Bertelsmann Prize. The prize will this year be awarded to a project that focuses on the engagement of older people in the economy and society. Representatives of the Carl Bertelsmann Foundation visited ALGA last month to assess the project. It will also feature in a television documentary being prepared by the Foundation. ALGA's policy officer running the ageing project, Alley Peck, returned to the secretariat last week after travelling on a Churchill Fellowship to study ageing and local government issues in Japan, Canada and Europe. Ms Peck was also invited to address the International Federation on Ageing's 8th Global Conference in Copenhagen while overseas.

Quote of the week

"Whether it is health or whether it is education, every area is now bedevilled by the problem of federalism. It is because our constitutional model was good for 1901 but it needs improvement for 2101."

- Peter Costello on Channel 9's *Sunday Program*

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Postbillpay: the benefits continue

The re-signing of the Postbillpay agreement between the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and Australia Post until 2010 is excellent news for local government. Established in 2000 after a rigorous cost benefit analysis by MAV, the agreement gives Victorian councils access to a range of benefits. Bills for everything from rates to animal registrations are processed by Australia Post for the 56 councils currently offering customers the Postbillpay

option, with payments made in person, by phone or over the internet. Importantly, feedback from local government suggests Postbillpay is proving to be a winner in customer satisfaction.

Rod Leith, Financial Operations Manager, City of Ballarat describes Postbillpay as 'a great service' and has good reports from his customers too. "Our customers find the Postbillpay options to be convenient, easily accessible and reliable when paying their rates, animal registration, infringements or home care accounts." In addition to the standard Postbillpay payment channels, the agreement gives access to Australia Post's Bill Manager, Electronic Rate Notices and Payment Gateway services, providing councils with a new range of payment possibilities.

To find out more about the great service Postbillpay can offer local government contact Soren Ohrtmann from Australia Post on 03 9299 4852.

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**2006 Community Sun Safety Award (CSSA)
Townsville September 12-14, 2006**

The North Queensland Skin Cancer Network would like to invite your council's participation in the 2006 Community Sun Safety Award. The aim of the Community Sun Safety Award (CSSA) is to encourage Councils in the North Queensland region to demonstrate their commitment to the reduction of skin cancer by entering their most sun-safe initiative. Be in the running for prize money, a plaque, a perpetual trophy, and media attention.

An opportunity to be recognised for the "sun safe initiatives" within your region. Please note that each council is able to nominate more than one project/initiative.

Entries close 6th September 2006

A [nomination form](#) and a [booklet](#) outlining judging criteria, past entries, and details of previous award winners is available on line or by contacting: Cindy McCutchan: cynthia.mccutchan@jcu.edu.au.

Regional Development Council

Regional development ministers and ALGA Vice President, Bill Mitchell, will meet in Alice Springs next week for the third meeting of the Regional Development Council. It is expected to discuss an investment plan to globally benchmark and promote Australia's regions, and the need for an agreed set of regional performance indicators as a means of measuring and further developing policy actions. The council will also receive a range of briefings and reports on on-going issues such as regional skills development and shortages, Indigenous participation in the resource sector and regional manufacturing.

Information resource for coastal councils

The Coastal Cooperative Research Centre has released a [new website for local government](#), providing information to assist coastal councils manage natural resources. The site contains fact sheets and capability 'matrices' that focus on issues such as foreshore and estuary management. The site also highlights practical tools and technologies, such as modelling and monitoring, to manage these natural resources.

Animal rescue trailers an Aussie first

Two trailers dedicated to animal recovery and disease control (ARK) were launched this week by the Federal Local Government Minister Jim Lloyd and ACT Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, John Hargraves. The ARK trailers are a unique initiative with no known comparable resource available either in Australia or overseas. The ARK trailers - developed by Domestic Animal Services in the ACT Department of Territory and Municipal Services - provide a command and control point for the re-location and/or control of animals affected by a major event, such as bushfire or disease outbreak. The trailers were developed with funding from Emergency Management Australia's local grants scheme. Drew McLean drew.mclean@act.gov.au of Domestic Animal Services is happy to provide further details to councils wanting to develop cost-effective methods of responding to animal emergencies in the field.

Palmerston joins red tape crusade

The [Palmerston City Council](#) in the Northern Territory this week unveiled a new IT system that will make it easier for business to apply for council permits. Palmerston joins the increasing number of councils that are streamlining administration through the use of IT. Speaking at the launch of a demonstration project in Palmerston this week, Federal Small Business Minister Fran Bailey said the new technology, which has automated a number of the Palmerston City Council's application forms, would deliver significant benefits to the local business community. The project is being supported through the Australian Government's *Regulation Reduction Incentive Fund* - a program estimated to be saving Australian small businesses \$450m over the next two years by assisting councils lower regulatory costs.

Coalition of Cities Against Racism

[Local government representatives](#) from the Asia-Pacific region will meet in Bangkok on August 3-4 to ratify a 10-point plan to counter racism and discrimination. Australian councils have been encouraged to attend. The meeting is part of an international movement to involve cities in a common struggle against racism and discrimination. During the first phase of this initiative, regional coalitions are being formed in Africa, North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, Arab states, Europe and Asia and the Pacific. Each region is developing its own ten-point plan. Signatory cities undertake to integrate within their strategies and action plans the ten-point commitment, and to commit the human, financial and material resources required for its effective implementation.

State of the Regions survey

The ALGA/National Economics *State of the Regions* report is an invaluable source of data, analysis and commentary on a range of economic and social issues of concern to all councils, from city centres to remote communities. This year's report - to be released in November - will look at local government finances as an economic driver in regions. It will also look at the role of local government infrastructure in supporting industry innovation. To assist National Economics prepare the report, a [short survey](#) has been designed to gain a contemporary understanding of local government finance and revenue opportunities. Survey responses will remain confidential. Councils are urged to participate in this [quick and simple survey](#) before August 9.

Farewell from the editor

After nearly four years as Director of Public Affairs with ALGA, I'm moving on to other pastures. This, then, is my 175th and final edition of ALGA News. Thank you to all at ALGA, particularly the President, Cr Paul Bell, Chief Executive Adrian Beresford-Wylie and his predecessor, Ian Chalmers, and Research and Policy Director, John Pritchard. Thank you also to all in local government who have supported ALGA News over the past few years. For all ALGA News and advertising inquiries, please contact Mark Dale at ALGA mark.dale@alga.asn.au.

Rohan Greenland

International news



Improvement Network

Britain's local government 'Improvement Network' has re-vamped its website to provide a 'live-site' regularly updated to respond to emerging issues. The site encourages self-improvement in public services and contains case studies and examples of notable practice to guide councils through each of these areas. In addition to the current content, themes such as transformational government and efficiency will be available over the coming months, reflecting current priorities in local government. The Improvement Network is owned by four UK local government agencies, including the Audit Commission, the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA), the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and the Leadership Centre for Local Government. While the website is primarily for British councils, there is much that of generic interest to local government.

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**Australian
Water Safety
Council**

2006 Water Safety Conference
August 17-18, 2006, Surfers Paradise, Queensland

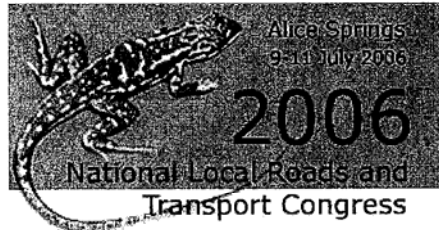
An exciting and highly informative conference program has been scheduled with keynote presentations, concurrent and workshop sessions. Conference program and registration form are available online www.watersafety.com.au.

Concurrent sessions will feature water safety presentations on:

- Risk management
- Toddlers/children
- Risk factors
- Culturally and linguistically diverse communities

- Strategies
- Fishing.
- Two day registration: \$330.
- One day registration: \$170.

Further information online or contact Monique Sharp msharp@rlssa.org.au, National Events Manager, Royal Life Saving Ph 02 8217 3123 Mb: 0403 428 616.



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- 28 - 30 August 2006 LGAQ annual conference

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South West's Biodiversity Protection Given Local Kick-start

Conservation of biodiversity in the South West has been given a boost with project funding awarded to for six Local Governments.

Launched today at a function in Bunbury, the WA Local Government Association's South West Biodiversity Project (SWBP) is funded by \$350,000 from the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) sourced through the South West Catchments Council (SWCC).

Association President, Cr Bill Mitchell said Local Government, through its activities as a land manager and a decision maker within the land use planning process has a key role in the retention, protection and management of biodiversity within the South West Region.

"Investment in biodiversity conservation initiatives is especially important given that the South West Region is recognised as one of 34 Global Hotspots," Cr Mitchell said.

The SWBP was developed to improve the conservation of bushland and wetlands in 12 Local Governments, including the Shires of Augusta-Margaret River, Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Busselton, Dardanup, Donnybrook-Balingup, Harvey, Manjimup, Murray, Serpentine-Jarrahdale and Waroona, and the Cities of Bunbury and Mandurah. This is especially critical now as this region faces some of the highest rates of growth and development in the nation.

The SWBP is actively increasing Local Government awareness of the importance of bushland and wetland conservation, and its relationship to sustainable land use planning and development.

An important step in increasing Local Government awareness of bushland and wetland conservation is to engage them in undertaking conservation related projects.

Through the SWBP inaugural Targeted Grants program, \$65,000 has been allocated to support the implementation of the following projects during the 2006/07 financial year:

1. City of Bunbury - Ecological Reserve Assessment of Local Government reserves
2. Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes - Weed Control and Identification Workshop
3. Shire of Busselton - Ecological Reserve Assessment of Local Government reserves
4. Shire of Harvey - Ecological Reserve Assessment of Local Government reserves

5. City of Mandurah - Bushland Protection Strategy- Local Biodiversity Plan
6. Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale - Local Biodiversity Strategy Discussion Paper

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New Staff:

- ❑ Wendy Stanley commences in the temporary, part-time position of Administration Assistant – Armadale Volunteers Resource Service on 4 July 2006.
- ❑ Paula Stuart commences in the temporary, full-time position of Administration Lands Officer on 31 July 2006.
- ❑ Dian Weaver commences in the casual position of Library Clerk on 10 July 2006.

Staff Leaving:

- ❑ Alan Bell ends in his position of Apprentice Mechanic, effective 30 June 2006.
- ❑ John Van Hugten ends in his position of Leading Hand Drainage, effective 18 July 2006.
- ❑ Alex Palacios ends in his position of Water Truck Driver/Gardener, effective 21 July 2006.

Other Staff Movements:

- ❑ David Nicholson commences in the permanent, full-time position of Rates Officer on 21 August 2006.

Current Recruitment Activity:

- ❑ Administration Lands Officer (9 month contract) – recruitment complete.
- ❑ Liaison & Compliance Officer – re-advertised, closes 14 July 2006.
- ❑ Parks Maintenance Supervisor – interviewing on 10 & 11 July 2006.
- ❑ Community Facilities Planning Coordinator – shortlisting completed.
- ❑ Environmental Health Officer – closed 7 July 2006.
- ❑ Part-time Rates Officer – closes 21 July 2006.
- ❑ Casual Library Clerk – recruitment completed.

Of special note:

Elected Member Development Program. For registration, please contact Vanessa in Human Resources on 9399 0631 or Vanessa@armadale.wa.gov.au

Elected Member Development Program July to September Training

Module 1A: Getting Started – An Introduction to Local Government

This module is offered to new Elected Members, or those requiring a refresher, to provide them with a broad overview and understanding of the purpose of Local Government, how it fits into the political structure and the role an Elected Member undertakes within this framework. It also provides recent up to date information of amendments to the Local Government Act.

Date: 4 August 2006

Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

Venue: Burswood Convention Centre

Cost: \$297 (Inc GST) for Workplace
Solutions Members
\$324.50 (Inc GST) for Non WS Member

Module 1: Legal Responsibilities of an Elected Member

The primary aim of this module is to keep participants up-to date with the ever increasing accountability and compliance requirements in respect of the Local Government Act 1995 and the general legal responsibilities of being an Elected Member.

Date: 8 August 2006

Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

Venue: Burswood Convention Centre

Cost: \$297 (Inc GST) for Workplace
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Module 7: Local Government Finance

This module provides participants with a range of basic tools to understand, interpret, develop, plan and more effectively manage the financial resources of their Local Government, as well as inform them of their duties and responsibilities in regard to the financial management of their Council.

Date: 8 August 2006

Time: 9:00am to 12:30pm

Venue: Burswood Convention Centre

Cost: \$148.50 (Inc GST) for Workplace
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\$162.80 (Inc GST) for Non WS Members

Module 15: Sustainable Asset Management in Local Government

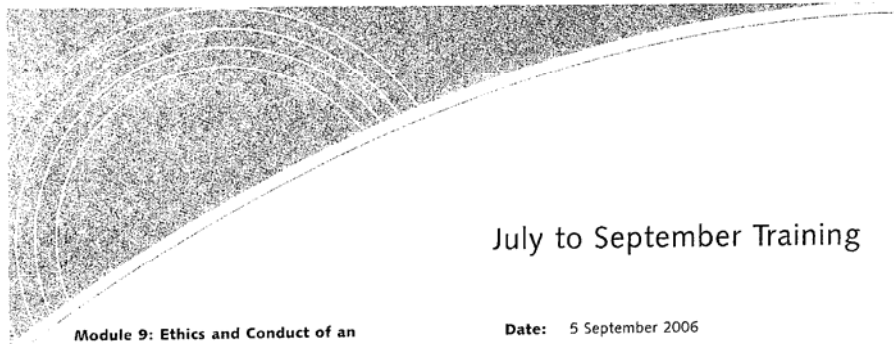
The sustainable asset management training module has three key messages to assist Elected Members in understanding asset management issues and improving asset management capacity within their councils. This includes, understanding your stewardship responsibilities, know what your community can afford and move from annual budgeting to long term planning.

Date: 9 August 2006

Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

Venue: Town of Vincent

Cost: \$297 (Inc GST) for Workplace
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Members



July to September Training

Module 9: Ethics and Conduct of an Elected Member

The image of the council and how it is received by the community is of vital importance. This module critically examines universally held views and principles on ethics and provides a positive framework to work appropriately and professionally in the role of an elected member.

Date: 5 September 2006
Time: 9:00am to 12:30pm
Venue: WA Local Government Association
Cost: \$148.50 (Inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
\$162.80 (Inc GST) for Non WS Members

Module 10: Change Management

This module aims to enhance the ability of Elected Members to respond to and manage change in the most effective manner possible by understanding the origins of change, the positive aspects of change, and identifying methods and styles for coping with it in their Councils.

Date: 5 September 2006
Time: 1:00pm to 4:30pm
Venue: WA Local Government Association
Cost: \$148.50 (Inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
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Module 5: Meetings

After completing this module, it is envisaged that Mayors, Presidents and Elected Members will be better positioned to prepare for, conduct and/or participate in Council meetings in a more methodical, effective and timely manner whilst adhering to the Standing Orders of their Council.

Date: 14 September 2006
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm
Venue: WA Local Government Association
Cost: \$297 (Inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
\$324.50 (Inc GST) for Non WS Members

Module 8: Community Consultation and Participation

This module will provide Elected Members with the skills to participate in planning community consultation strategies and be able to critically assess the quality of reports on consultation programs in use in their own local governments.

Date: 15 September 2006
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm
Venue: WA Local Government Association
Cost: \$297 (Inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
\$324.50 (Inc GST) for Non WS Members

All courses will be held at Local Government House, 15 Altona Street West Perth, unless advised.

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Contact Heather Bewsher, Training Coordinator, telephone 9213 2098 or email: hbewsher@walga.asn.au
2. By Email training@walga.asn.au
3. Via the WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS Website www.workplacesolutions.asn.au

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ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS	OFFICER RESPONSIBLE
<u>Armadale Shale Quarry – Management Plan</u> <i>Refer T145/02 25 November 02</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee.	Executive Director
<u>Armitage Road – Temporary Road Closure/Parking arrangements</u> <i>Refer T23/04/04 27 April 04</i>	Development Services/ Technical Services	Further report to future Development Services Committee. Future report to Technical Services Committee	Executive Director Development Services. Manager Engineering and Design.
<u>Road Calming to Jarrah Road Roleystone and other items associated with upgrading of the Roleystone Shopping Centre</u> <i>Refer T29/04/04 27 April 04</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee.	Executive Director Technical Services.
<u>Lack of Lighting at Cross Park Precinct, Roleystone</u> <i>Refer T91/09/04 27 September 04</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Parks
<u>O'Sullivan Drive, Westfield Petition</u> <i>Refer T21/03/05 30 March 05</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design
<u>Traffic Management – Lefroy Road Precinct</u> <i>Refer T32/05/05 30 May 2005</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Senior Projects Engineer
<u>Staff Replacement - Technical Services Directorate</u> <i>Refer T68/06/05 27 June 2005</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Executive Director
<u>Policy – Footpath/Kerb Security Deposit and Bonds</u> <i>Refer T57/06/06 26 June 2006</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Technical Service

TECHNICAL SERVICES WORKS PROGRAMME JUNE – AUGUST 2006

	June	July	August
Civil Works	Construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Croyden Rd ▪ Lake /Corfield Roundabout ▪ Braemore Street LATMS ▪ Railway Ave Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Compensation basin maintenance ▪ General Works 	Construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Croyden Rd ▪ Lake /Corfield Roundabout ▪ Braemore Street LATMS ▪ Railway Ave ▪ Old Station Rd ▪ Wymond Rd Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General Works 	Construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lake /Corfield Roundabout ▪ Railway Ave (Lake to Centre) ▪ Old Station Rd ▪ Wymond Rd Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General Works ▪ Kerb and footpath repairs
Design & Development	Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct 1B ▪ Chevin Woods Estate 4 ▪ Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) ▪ Armadale Plaza Development (westzone) ▪ Kelmscott Shopping Centre ▪ Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd ▪ Brookwood Stg 5 & 6 ▪ Lot 20 & 28 Westfield Road ▪ Chiltern Estate – Stg 6 ▪ Lot 38B Wright Road (Arion Estate Stg 1) 	Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct 1B ▪ Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) ▪ Armadale Plaza Development (westzone) ▪ Kelmscott Shopping Centre ▪ Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd ▪ Brookwood Stg 6 ▪ Lot 38B Wright Road (Arion Estate Stg 1) ▪ Lot 7 Raeburn Road ▪ 29 Taylor Road ▪ Churchman Brook Stg 9 & 10 	Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct 1B & 1C ▪ Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) ▪ Armadale Plaza Development (westzone) ▪ Kelmscott Shopping Centre ▪ Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd ▪ Brookwood Stg 6 ▪ Lot 38B Wright Road (Arion Estate Stg 1) ▪ 29 Taylor Road ▪ Churchman Brook Stg 9 & 10 ▪ Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park)

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Parks and Reserves	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial Park Redevelopment Rushton Park Redevelopment Play equipment - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heron/Montrose Res Flood Lighting – Kelmscott Tennis Club & Cross Park Planning Kelmscott Townscape (ARA) Citywide Tree Planting Reserve management Plan 	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial Park Redevelopment Rushton Park Redevelopment Planning Kelmscott Townscape (ARA) Citywide Tree Planting Ground Water Strategy Playground Audit/Rationalisation Planning Litter Bins Replacement – Jull St Mall 	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial Park Redevelopment Rushton Park Redevelopment Planning Kelmscott Townscape (ARA) Citywide Tree Planting Ground Water Strategy Playground Audit/Rationalisation Planning Litter Bins Replacement – Jull St Mall

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Property Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rushton Park Redevelopment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Building Renovations * Story wall construction Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group Armadale Aquatic Centre – Winter repairs to complex and new perimeter fencing Cross Park lighting projects. Administration Building – Internal Alterations. Kelmscott Redevelopment CCTV Admin and City Precinct Re-roofing History House, including air conditioning and electronic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rushton Park Completion/handover/opening Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools Armadale Aquatic Centre – Winter repairs to complex and new perimeter fencing Cross Park lighting projects. Administration Building – Internal Alterations. Kelmscott Redevelopment CCTV Admin and City Precinct Re-roofing History House, including air conditioning and electronic sliding doors to main entry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools Armadale Aquatic Centre – Winter repairs to complex Administration Building – Internal Alterations. Kelmscott Redevelopment Settlers Common – Improvements Greendale Centre – Improvements and Heating Cross Park lighting projects Tourist Centre – Display area alterations and new counter

	June	July	August
	sliding doors to main entry. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Tourist Centre – Internal office and display area alterations and new counter		
Waste Services			

BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING No. 270, WEDNESDAY 28th JUNE 2006

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr Bob Tizard
Mr Bill Ladyman (Secretary)
Mr Kim Sarti

Mr Ron Withnell
Mrs Elaine Hutchinson
Mr Jim Hutchison

APOLOGIES

Mr Ian Thompson
Cr Guenter Best

Ms Miriam Stanborough

Cr Tizard declared the meeting open at 7:40 pm
Minutes of previous meeting held 24th May 2006 accepted as being correct.

Mr Sarti/Mr Withnell Carried

The first Bungendore Park Management Committee meeting was held in June 1981 so this meeting marks 25 years of committee's operation.

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Bungendore Park Management Plan 1997-2007 review – Mr Ladyman reported that no further information or letter of confirmation from Mr Lanternier has been received and he will follow this up.
2. Park fencing – Mr Sarti confirmed available roll-over funding for re-fencing parts of the southern boundary as per last meeting. \$2,000 confirmed following discussions with committee members since then. Mr Ladyman presented costings for sections of fencing that needed replaced on the southern boundary. Committee accepted that the section of fence just east of Gate 6 measuring about 320 metres and the two proposed boom gates be installed. Mr Ladyman will carry this work out.
Mr Sarti/Mr Withnell **Action: 1/270**
3. Howe Street entrance and motor bike activity – Ms Stanborough was not present to report further. [4/268].
4. Dieback treatment plan for 2006 – Mr Sarti has discussed the funding rollover to next financial year for dieback treatment with Mr Lanternier who has given approval for the rollover of \$2000. Mr Glenn Tuffnell has been informed – he hopes to commence work in approx 3 weeks.
5. Routed log sign at Albany Highway entrance – Mr Griffiths was not present to report on the relocation of the log to a more visible spot [7/268].
6. 25th Anniversary of Committee – agreement of Saturday 26th August for planned celebratory event in the park of a walk to be conducted at 3pm followed by afternoon tea. Mr Sarti will provide names and addresses for invitees.
7. Spring (Dijilba) Family Walks – Mr Ladyman reported that he has informed City of Armadale's Recreational Services of details for the walk 10th September [1/269].
8. Voluntary Hours – Committee members submitted their Voluntary Hours.
9. 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 /Mr Griffiths Carried 18/01/2006

Activity since last meeting includes: Ladyman – patrolling, Hutchinsons – patrolling, Withnell – patrolling and public relations.

AWAITING COMPLETION AND/OR REPLY

1. Finance – flowchart of payment & funding processes – [1/234 & 1/239] in abeyance.
2. 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 will discuss with Mr Thompson on his return. **Still to be done**[2/257].
3. Dieback Assessment and Rolling Action Plan – Mr Tuffnell has recommended that sometime in August we do an on-site inspection of areas treated to date, of new treatment in the future and a rolling programme to re-visit previously treated areas to draw up a work programme (injection and foliage spraying require different follow-up timing). Mr Sarti is to fix a date suitable for Mr Tuffnell in time for next meeting. **Action:2/270**

GRANTS IN PROGRESS

1. Community Conservation 2003/2004	\$900	[XT72]
2. Community Conservation 2004/2005	\$2,200	[XT69]
3. Regional Parks Community 2005 grant	\$1,155	[XT68]
4. Regional Parks Community 2006 grant	\$2,810.50	[XT67]
5. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2006 (06S15)	\$4,370	[XT66]
6. Alcoa USA	\$305.35	received
7. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2007 (07S05)	\$6,210	submitted

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

1. Dieback Treatment Services – confirming rollover of funds for 2006 Dieback treatment
2. Manager Parks, City of Armadale – confirming discussions re roll-over of funds
3. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – amending grant application to \$6,210
4. Australian Native Nurseries Group – seedling delivery arrangements

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – request to remove fertiliser from grant application
Greening Australia – membership renewal reminder
City of Armadale – Invitation to BEAC Walk Sunday 16th July
City of Armadale BEAC Committee – Invitation to Plenary Session 2nd August – Cockatoo Survival

INFORMATION RECEIVED

FINANCE

Details	Amount \$	Expenditure Type
Kim Sarti – 2 Caneite boards & clouts	64.05	XT 3
Kim Sarti – 4 totem posts & roll reflective tape	385.00	XT 3
Kim Sarti – Plastic sprayers & Methylated Spirit	8.30	XT 1
W Ladyman – photocopying agenda and minutes	11.10	
W Ladyman – postage and stationery	63.00	

Mr Withnell/Mrs Hutchinson - Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. 2006 Revegetation programme – Planting day arrangements confirmed
(a) Community Planting Day – Saturday 22nd July at Pit #10 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm [350 seedlings]
Participants to meet at Admiral Road entrance and bring appropriate gear and afternoon tea to share. Mr Withnell has arranged 100 mattock holes prior to planting.

Agreed if sufficient people on the day, some planting also takes place in Pit #6.
Mr Sarti has arranged for delivery of seedlings and fertiliser.
Registration sheets will be required along with directional signs, planting spears, ethanol spray etc.
Groups to be invited: Bedfordale Residents' Association, Bedfordale VFB, Armadale Wildflower Society, Armadale Lions Club etc. General public through local newspaper & Planet Ark website.
Publicity: Mr Ladyman has contacted Ms Stanborough to see if she could do a news article with digital photos of children planting seedlings. Mr Withnell is to supply digital photos to Ms Stanborough. Planting details have been registered on Planet Ark's web site.

(b) School Planting Day – Friday 28th July (Planet Ark date) at Pit #6 [650 seedlings]

2. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2007 – SALP reference 07S05. Grant application for \$60 for fertiliser has been ruled ineligible. Mr Sarti has amended the budget proposal and resubmitted the application for \$6,210 total.
3. Greening Australia – membership renewal reminder. This will be posted to the treasure for payment.
4. Firewood cutting – Mr Hutchinson reported that firewood cutting has been happening in the Park immediately behind Lots 44 and 45. As there is no access to there, it may be property owners cutting wood. Mr Hutchinson agreed to report this to Mr Lanternier. **Action: 3/270**

DIARY OF EVENTS

2006	Date	Events
JULY	22	Community Planting Day
	28	School Planting Day
AUGUST	?	Dieback Assessment & Rolling Programme inspection
	26	25 th Anniversary of Committee event
SEPTEMBER	10	Djilba Spring Walk
OCTOBER	22	Walk the Wungong
NOVEMBER	12	Bungendore Bush Breakfast (tentative)

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS

1/266	Cr Best to follow up unauthorised clearing & widening of track west of pit#10
7/263	Mrs Versteeg to report on approach to CALM on feral animal baiting
5/263	Mrs Versteeg to report on culvert at Cooliabbera Spring
4/268	Ms Stanborough to negotiate with Howe Street pram user
6/268	Ms Stanborough, Mr Ladyman to organise anniversary
7/268	Mr Griffiths to relocate routed log sign
8/268	Mr Griffiths to talk to Parks and Gardens about pruning dumping
1/270	Mr Ladyman to carry out fencing as agreed
2/270	Mr Sarti to negotiate a date for Dieback Assessment
3/270	Mr Hutchinson to report firewood cutting behind Lots 44 & 45

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (4th Wednesday)

7:30 pm Wednesday 26th July 2006

Meeting declared closed at 9.10 pm

Mr W. Ladyman, Secretary

Signed:

Date:

Chairman/Acting Chairman – Bungendore Park Management Committee

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OUTSTANDING REPORT

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – JUNE 2006		
ITEM	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
<i>Kelmscott Soccer Club – Proposal to Use Pries Park (February 2004)</i> <i>(August 2004)</i> That a report to the October 2004 Community Services Committee meeting be prepared that identifies the issues associated with the Kelmscott Soccer Club's future, canvassing possible options for Council's consideration and recommending a strategy for the future use and development of both Frye Park, Pries Park and other relevant alternatives. (C120/8/04)	Recreation Services	Matter reported to the November 2004 Community Services Committee Meeting. Council resolved not to approve the Kelmscott Soccer Club's request to relocate to Pries Park at this time. Further consultation to occur with the Club and an additional report to be presented to Council as part of the 15 Year Financial Plan Workshops for 2006. Councillor Workshop on Strategic Land Use and Investment scheduled for June 2006.
<i>Armada & Districts Rugby League Club – Debt Assessment and Repayment Plan (April 2006)</i> That a review of the Armadale Rugby League Club's financial position and long term viability be undertaken in September 2006 and presented to the October Community Services Committee Meeting. (C23/4/06)	Recreation Services	Subject to workload and available resources, the matter to be reported to the October 2006 Community Services Committee.
<i>Birtwistle Local Studies Library Saturday Opening (May 2006)</i> That Council be presented with a further report at the end of the trial period advising of the outcomes of the trial and making a further recommendation on Saturday opening of the Birtwistle Library based on usage during the trial period (C29/5/06).	Library & Heritage Services	Subject to workload and available resources, the matter to be reported to the February 2007 Community Services Committee.
<i>Proposal to Enclose Armadale Aquatic Centre (May 2006)</i> That Council receive a further report on the proposal to enclose and upgrade the Armadale Aquatic Centre upon completion of the due diligence assessment of the Centre's structures, hydraulics and plant (C33/5/06).	Recreation Services	Subject to workload and available resources, the matter to be reported to the September 2006 Community Services Committee.
<i>Cr Scidone - An MOU being developed to better manage community and sporting group's expectations in applying for CSRFF grant funding be referred to the Community Services Committee. "</i> That officers investigate, review and provide a further report on Policy RECN 3 to the July 2006 Community Services Committee (C40/6/06).	Recreation Services	Subject to workload and available resources, the matter to be reported to the July 2006 Community Services Committee.

MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS

LIBRARY & HERITAGE SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2006

1. LIBRARY SERVICES

1.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

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

1.2 Library Extension Activities

1.2.1 Alfonse the Clown

(Report prepared by Rita Lennon, Librarian Armadale Library)



Report - Storytime Activity

Activity: Alfonse the Magical Clown
Presenter: Allen Smith
Date: Wednesday 21st June 2006
Time: 10.30am
Venue: History House Museum

No. Attending: 36 kids, 8 adults

Comments

There was magic in the air at the History House Museum when Alfonse the Clown presented a special Storytime session for preschool children. Alfonse entertained the audience with magic tricks, and read some stories: "My Mummy is magic" and "Possum magic". Both children and adults alike were enchanted by his performance, and Alfonse made each child a balloon sculpture to take back with them. While the kids were waiting for their balloons they were able to look around the museum and check out some of the historical artefacts. At the end of the session we provided a clown mask activity, courtesy of Armadale Library, for the kids to complete later at their child care centres.

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1.2.2 Genies Group Report

(Report prepared by Sheena Bell, Librarian Kelmscott Library)

Report – Community Information Talk

Topic	National Archives of Australia
Presenter	Marjorie Bly, Assistant Director Access and Communication
Date	7 th June 2006
Time	10.00-11.00am
Venue	Kelmscott Library

No. Attending 14

Marjorie Bly, from the National Archives of Australia was invited to Kelmscott Library on Wednesday 7th June to give a presentation to our “Genies Group”. The power point presentation gave an overview of the National Archives and what records they held that may be of interest to family researchers.

Marjorie explained how the Commonwealth Government records were available to the public after 30 years and that in some cases not all the record was available due to some files containing sensitive information. She also spoke about the types of records the National Archive held such as; immigration including naturalisation and incoming passenger lists, customs, defence service records, maps, films, and photographs.

A very lively question and answer session accompanied the presentation and it was obvious that Marjorie had a thorough knowledge of the benefits of the National Archives to a researcher and was quite a passionate researcher herself. She invited the attendees to use the Reading Room and also guided them through a search for records on their website.

Feedback on the session was gathered and comments included “very informative”, “interesting” and “very useful for my research”. Gift bags of information brochures and Fact Sheets were handed out and the Kelmscott Library has a collection for City of Armadale Library patrons to use.

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2. HERITAGE SERVICES

2.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

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

2.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library

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

Oral History Morning Tea.

A morning tea celebrating two years since the beginning of the Oral History Programme was celebrated in the Administration Building Function Room.

The event was attended by sixty people including the City of Armadale Mayor, Cr Tizard and Cr Scidone, City of Armadale staff, as well as oral history interviewees and volunteers. A representative from the three groups of people responsible for the success of the oral history programme spoke about their roles and what the programme meant to them. This included an oral history interviewee, interviewer and transcriber, two of whom thanked the City of Armadale for supporting such an important project. The City of Armadale Mayor also spoke of the importance of oral history in contributing to understanding the history of the area.

The morning tea provided an excellent opportunity to thank all the people who have given and continue to give so freely of their time by sharing, collecting and making available the stories of those whose lives make up the rich history of the Armadale-Kelmscott District.

Donation of Microfiche Reader.

The Birtwistle Local Studies Library has responded to the need for microfiche readers in Uganda. The library's old microfiche reader has been donated to Murdoch University Library where it will be sent off to Uganda.

Weekend Opening.

Birtwistle Local Studies Library was open for the first time on the weekend on Saturday 24 June. The library will be open on the last Saturday of each month from 12-4pm for a six month trial period. It is hoped that people who only have the time to research local history on the weekend will take advantage of the new opening time.

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Display Promoting Weekend Opening.

A display titled "Now Open on the Weekends" has been placed in the Armadale Library. The display not only promotes the new monthly Saturday opening time but also the services provided by the Birtwistle Local Studies Library such as the availability of the internet and other materials for research. Information about the new Scanpro microfilm/microfiche reader/printer is also displayed.

2.3 History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

New Roof & Air-Conditioner

The new roof on the museum is close to completion and the air-conditioning units have been installed. This work on the building has meant the museum has had to be closed on occasion.

Lotterywest Interpretation of Cultural Heritage Grant

History House Museum has submitted a grant application to commission a consultant to prepare an interpretation plan for the museum. This plan will identify stories and themes important to the Armadale community and outline different ways to tell them.

It will not be until October 2006 that successful applicant will be notified.

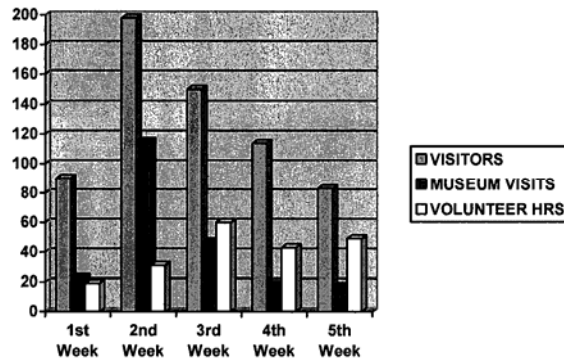
Local Government Education Program

An education consultant has been employed to prepare a series of lesson plans relating to the role local government plays within the Armadale Community. The lesson plan includes a series of in class activities as well as a visit to the Armadale Civic Precinct, Armadale Council Chambers and History House Museum. The lesson plan will be available for the next school semester.

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3. VISITOR SERVICING

3.1 Visitor Servicing Statistical Performance Indicators June 2006



Visitor Centre Open – 190 Hours

Adults	Child	Local	Metro	Intra State	From	Inter State	From	Overseas	From
529	106	449	106	13	SW – 9 North – 4	36	Vic- 8 NSW – 11 Qld – 10 SA – 1 ACT – 0 Tas- 5 NT - 1	31	U.K. – 8 N Zealand – 6 France – 1 Germany - 4 Singapore – 9 Malaysia – 2 Swit'zland - 1
Vols Hours	Local Enquiry (Phone)	Info/Mail Postage		Visit Museum			TOTAL VISITORS :		
202	26	68		220			635		

3.2 Armadale Visitor Centre Report

(Report prepared by Yvonne Bradfield, Visitor Centre Coordinator)

The month of June saw relatively fewer numbers of visitors to the Centre. Just two coach companies visited. This is seasonally expected and allowed the Visitor Centre Coordinator to proceed with the implementation and training of Volunteers with new procedures that are required of a Level One Visitor Servicing Centre. This included training in operational procedures such as the new fax machine and cash register, as well as ongoing training of delivering a service to customers seeking tourism advice and /or information.

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A Volunteer Meeting was held at which product information was shared as well as the opportunity for the Volunteers to network with each other. The Visitor Centre Coordinator has set up opportunity for Operators and businesses within our region to come and do a presentation to Volunteers at each of these monthly meetings.

The Armadale Primary School visited the Centre early in June, bringing over 70 children. A coordinated band of Visitor Centre Volunteers assisted as well as people from the Armadale Brickworks Society and Mr Bert Tyler. Each child had the opportunity to have a photo taken with Mr Tyler and received a colour certificate in recognition of their adventure at the Centre.

The Visitor Centre Coordinator met with Mr Rod Ross, Member of the Experience Perth Board, to outline and set up a Famil to be conducted in early July by a Journalist from the West Australian Newspaper. A feature article on our region will appear in the Travel Section of the West Australian. This Famil is to encompass as much “tourism product” as possible within the timeframe of two days/one night away. The Coordinator is currently working on this project.

The City’s first Visitor Centre Membership Package for 2006 – 2007, as recently approved by Council, was mailed to over eighty businesses in the district at the end of June. An appropriate form of signage, such as a window transfer, identifying that the business is a member of the Armadale Visitor Centre is in the process of being designed and will be supplied to all members. The Visitor Centre Coordinator has been proactive in visiting several tourism businesses as well as eating houses/restaurants encouraging them to avail themselves of the Visitor Centre membership.

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MANAGER RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 2006

1. Animal Control

1.1 Dogs

Ranger Services received two hundred and eighty four (284) requests for assistance during the June period. Whilst the number of requests for assistance during this particular report period is only slightly higher than the comparable period of 2004/2005, it is interesting to observe that there is a 25% increase in the overall number of requests for assistance in the progressive totals from 2004/2005 to 2005/2006.

1.2 Livestock

During this report period Ranger Services attended to thirteen (13) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on the road. The overall number of incidents for 2005/2006 shows a 4% drop on that of the corresponding period for the 2004/2005 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 \$
Frank Smith	Dog Attack (on another animal)	Guilty	400	100.70	500.70
Elaine Albanese	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	700	100.70	800.70
Kenneth Dunne	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	600	100.70	700.70
Ross Meadows	Dog Attack (on person)	Not Guilty		(100.70)	(100.70)

2. Vehicles

2.1 Parking

Ranger Services attended to fifty six (56) general enquires relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period. The overall number

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of incidents for 2005/2006 shows a 5% increase on that of the corresponding period for the 2004/2005 year.

2.2 Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Services attended to twelve (12) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in areas that are prohibited, during the report period.

3. Fire Services

There were twenty nine (29) enquiries 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 2005/2006 shows a 4% increase on that of the corresponding period for the 2004/2005 year.

4. Litter

Ranger Services has received several complaints from concerned members of the community regarding 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 ten (10) requests for service. The overall number of litter-related incidents for 2005/2006 shows a 4% increase in litter enquires from the corresponding period of 2004/2005.

5. General

Whilst the percentages within individual operational areas may vary, the overall number of enquiries/complaints directed to Ranger Services during the 2005/2006 year is up by 19% from the previous end of year report.

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June 2006 Statistics - End of 2005/2006 Financial Year

<i>DOGS</i>	June 2006	June 2005	2005/2006 Financial Year	2004/2005 Financial Year	
Wandering	55	56	955	590	Up 62%
Dogs for Pick Up	29	25	361	366	same
Barking	23	21	305	296	Up 3%
Attacks	21	16	208	175	Up 19%
Lost & Found	65	72	909	727	Up 25%
General Information	10	7	118	107	Up 10%
Sub Total	203	197	2856	2261	Up 26%
Office Phone Enquiries	81	57	1509	1236	Up 22%
Total	284	254	4365	3497	Up 25%

<i>PARKING / VEHICLES</i>	June 2006	June 2005	2005/2006 Financial Year	2004/2005 Financial Year	
General Parking	17	8	161	152	Up 6%
Trucks	6	8	43	51	Down 19%
School Parking	0	1	27	44	Down 63%
Taxi Parking	0	1	0	16	
Abandoned Vehicles	12	12	168	122	Up 38%
Off Road Vehicles	17	6	138	87	Up 59%
Sub Total	52	36	537	472	Up 14%

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Office Phone Enquiries	4	10	119	156	Down 31%
Total	56	46	656	628	Up 5%

LIVESTOCK	June 2006	June 2005	2005/2006 Financial Year	2004/2005 Financial Year	
Lost & Found	5	1	18	27	
General	8	4	120	90	Up 33%
Sub Total	13	5	138	117	Up 18%
Office Phone Enquiries	0	1	30	57	
Total	13	6	168	174	Down 4%

LITTER	June 2006	June 2005	2005/2006 Financial Year	2004/2005 Financial Year	
General Information	0	0	0	8	
Private Property	2	1	14	23	
Roadside / Reserve	6	4	53	41	
Verge	2	2	31	34	
Sub Total	10	7	98	106	Down 8%
Office Phone Enquiries	0	0	12	16	
Total	10	7	110	122	Down 11%

FIRE	June 2006	June 2005	2005/2006 Financial Year	2004/2005 Financial Year	
Burning Off / General Information	1	0	55	60	
Firebreak / Hazard	5	0	155	112	
Sub Total	6	0	210	172	Up 22%
Office Phone Enquiries	23	8	631	634	
Total	29	8	841	806	Up 4%

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GENERAL	June 2006	June 2005	2005/2006 Financial Year	2004/2005 Financial Year	
General Information	2	2	53	63	
Sub Total	2	2	53	63	
Office Phone Enquiries - Cats	13	0	152	0	
Office Phone Enquiries - General	10	2	217	241	
Total	25	4	422	304	Up 39%

TOTAL	June 2006	June 2005	2005/2006 Financial Year	2004/2005 Financial Year	
Sub Total Complaints	286	247	3892	3191	Up 22%
Total Office Phone Enquiries	131	78	2670	2340	Up 14%
Total Enquiries / Complaints	417	325	6562	5531	Up 19%

WARNINGS	June 2006	June 2005	2005/2006 Financial Year	2004/2005 Financial Year	
Dogs	13	23	199	240	
Parking	5	11	142	146	
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	2	0	
Litter	0	1	16	8	
Fire & Fire Orders	0	1	56	128	
Other	1	0	0	7	
Total	19	36	415	529	

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<i>INFRINGEMENTS</i>	June 2006	June 2005	2005/2006 Financial Year	2004/2005 Financial Year
Dogs	26	39	377	383
Parking	38	29	389	506
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	3	0
Litter	2	1	30	24
Fire	4	0	56	66
Other	0	0	1	0
Total	70	69	856	979
NUMBER WITHDRAWN	15	8	120	63
Number Paid	61	67	619	N/A

<i>IMPOUNDED DOGS</i>	June 2006	June 2005	2005/2006 Financial Year	2004/2005 Financial Year
Claimed	28	26	366	372
Sold	3	3	44	40
Destroyed	15	18	181	161
Vet / Rescue	17	19	83	118
Stolen	0	0	0	0
Total	63	66	674	691

<i>IMPOUNDED VEHICLES</i>	June 2006	June 2005	2005/2006 Financial Year	2004/2005 Financial Year
Vehicles	7	5	61	48
Motor Cycles	0	0	0	4
Total	7	5	61	52

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<i>IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK</i>	June 2006	June 2005	2005/2006 Financial Year	2004/2005 Financial Year
Sheep	0	3	4	19
Horses	0	0	1	3
Cows	2	0	5	1
Goats	0	0	5	3
Pigs	0	0	0	0
Deer	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	2	3	15	26

<i>COURT PROSECUTIONS</i>	June 2006	June 2005	2005/2006 Financial Year	2004/2005 Financial Year
Dog	4	5	51	54
Fire	0	0	0	0
Parking	0	0	1	0
Litter	0	0	0	0
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Total	4	5	52	54
No. of Guilty Verdicts	3	5	51	51

<i>FINES ENFORCEMENT</i>	June 2006	June 2005	2005/2006 Financial Year	2004/2005 Financial Year
Infringements sent to FER	0	0	274	270

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<i>DOG REGISTRATIONS</i>	June 2006	June 2005	2005/2006 Financial Year	2004/2005 Financial Year
New Dog Registrations	82	51	863	702
Renewed Dog Registrations	9	8	1996	2186
Total	91	51	2859	2888

<i>PHONES CALLS</i>	June 2006	June 2005	2005/2006 Financial Year	2004/2005 Financial Year
Office – Rangers calling Office	17	12	267	310
Office – Messages for Staff	23	31	544	569
Office – Referred to Other	15	7	192	152
Calls to Rangers' Private Residences via Diverter	2	13	135	240
TOTAL	57	63	1138	1271

MINUTES FROM OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Disability Advisory Committee Meeting of 9 March 2006. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-3”.)**

Seniors’ Interests Advisory Committee of 16 February 2006. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-4”.)**

Seniors’ Interests Advisory Committee of 16 March 2006. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-5”.)**

Youth Advisory Committee Meeting of 26 April 2006. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-6”.)**

MISCELLANEOUS

The following report is provided by the Museum Curator for Councillors' Information:

MUSEUMS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE – MUSEUM CURATOR REPORT

WARD ALL
FILE REF:
DATE 19 June 2006
REF CJB
RESPONSIBLE Manager Libraries
MANAGER & Heritage

In Brief:

This item presents the Museum Curator's report from the Museums Australia National Conference held in Brisbane from 14 – 17 May 2006.

Tabled Items

Nil

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil

Strategic Implications

Enhance our ability to embrace and manage change;
Ensure the Council is a proactive, enquiring organisation;
Ensure our workplace enable staff to be innovative and confident.

Legislation Implications

Nil

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

Council Policy ADM3 – Conferences, Seminars and Training.

Budget/Financial Implications

Nil

COMMENT

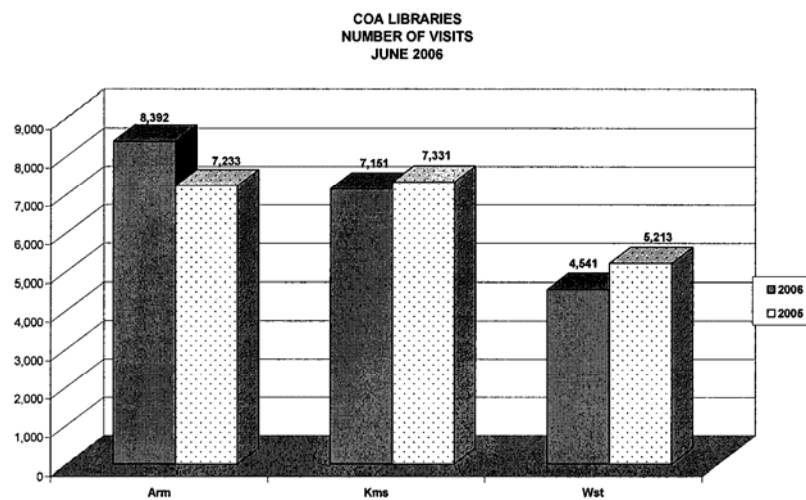
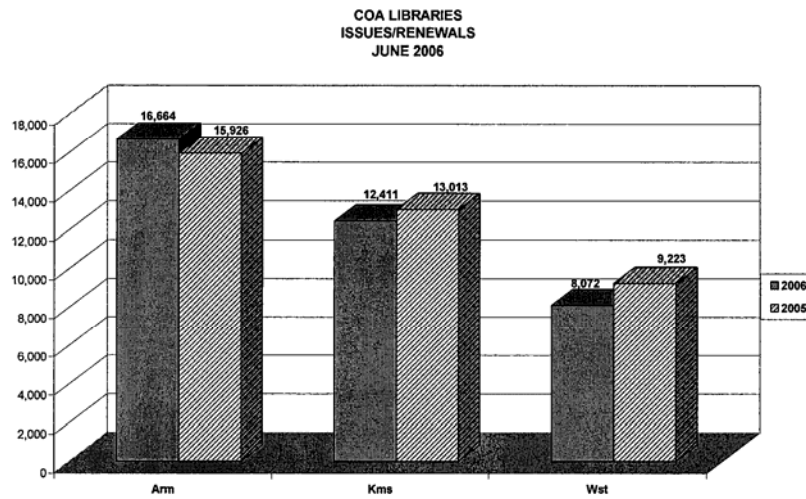
Museums Australia held its National Conference, entitled "*Exploring Dynamics: Cities, Cultural Spaces, Communities*" at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre from 14 – 17 May 2006.

When making application to attend the Conference I advised that, given the City's significant place in Western Australian history and the current development stages that

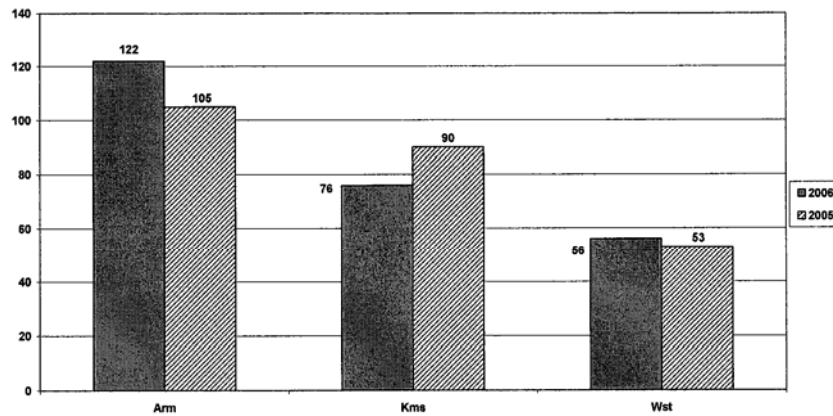
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the City is entering into in respect of its museum and heritage service generally, that the Conference would offer many useful sessions, both practical and visionary. The Conference would have relevance in many instances to Armadale, and will also offer an opportunity for networking at a national level. The Conference lived up to expectation and beyond, and I thank Council for the opportunity to attend this significant national conference.

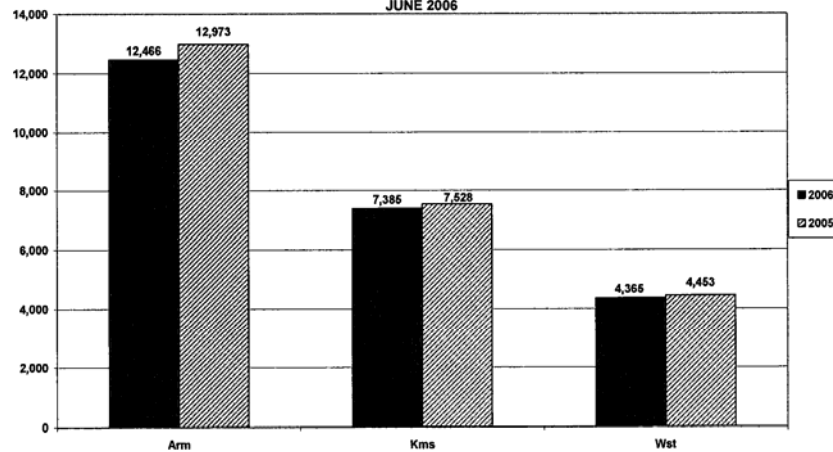
The report on the Conference is attached. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-7”.)**



COA LIBRARIES
NEW BORROWERS
JUNE 2006



COA LIBRARIES
CURRENT BORROWERS
JUNE 2006



Month: June		Year: 2006			
History Museum	House	Current Month	Year to date		
		June 06	June 05	Jul 05- June 06	Jul 04 – June 05
Visitors		178	145	2,321	2,638
Volunteer Hours		130	163	1,535	278.5
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum		June 06	June 05	Jul 05 – June 06	Jul 04 – June 05
		?		229	
Birtwistle Local Studies Library					
		June 06	June 05	Jul 05- June 06	Jul 04 – June 05
Reference Enquiries		16	-	73	-
Research Enquiries		2	-	42	-
Visitor Attendance		22	-	911	-
Volunteer Hours		154	-	674	-
Oral History Program					
Letters sent		3	4	36	33
Interviews Completed		2	1	38	25
Transcripts Completed		nil	2	21	3
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing		30	-	229	67 + -
Volunteer Hours – Interviewing		14.5	-	182	81 + -

Birtwistle Local Studies Library - Saturday Opening			
Reference Enquiries	Research Enquiries	Visitor Attendance	Volunteer Hours
Nil	nil	3	4

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE **DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** HELD IN THE **COMMITTEE ROOM**,
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON **THURSDAY, 9**
MARCH 2006 AT 8.30 AM

PRESENT:	Mrs P Hart	City of Armadale Councillor - Chairperson
	Mrs A Banks	Community Representative
	Mr R Fisher	Community Representative
	Mr L Hogg	Disability Services Commission
	Mr J Glassford	City of Armadale Property Services Manager
	Mr I Townson	City of Armadale Building Services Manager
	Mr T Cutajar	Community Representative
APOLOGIES:	Nil	
OBSERVERS:	Nil	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr J Ifould	City of Armadale Community Development Officer (Seniors & Disabilities) – CD Officer
	Ms A Woodmass	Armadale Redevelopment Authority
	Mrs G Nesci	Armadale Health Service
	Public: Nil	

DISCLAIMER

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

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

DEPUTATION

Nil

I N D E X

DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

9 MARCH 2006

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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 7 FEBRUARY 2006

1.1 Ordinary Meeting 7 February 2006

RESOLVED

The minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting held on 7 February 2006 are confirmed.

Moved: Mrs Banks

Seconded: Mr Fisher

CARRIED (7/0)

2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

2.1 CBD Pedestrian Access.

All CBD Access issues raised by the committee that have been recorded in a report style document were presented at this meeting for further comments and amendments before following the course of action recommended by the Committee at its meeting on the 7th of February 2006.

The Chairperson reported that through Council’s deliberations on 2006/07 budget allocations, opportunities to have input at this level could arise with respect to the provision of funds to pursue recommendations in the report, and that she would pursue this where appropriate.

Mr Glassford informed the Committee that the current allocation of funds in the Technical Services budget for building modifications related to disability access and inclusion is \$15,000. Mr Glassford advised that in their five year plan the amount budgeted (\$15,000) would remain the same for the 06/07 and 07/08 financial years with an increase to \$20,000 applying to the three financial years following. Mr Glassford explained that although the budget will essentially be fixed there are still flexible options to reallocate project funds or draw from other budgets as priorities change. Mr Glassford informed Members that Budget discussion and iterations were continuing and that he would investigate the opportunity to increase the current allocation for the 06/07 and subsequent financial years and, as priorities for the City change, would endeavour to increase any budgeted amount anyway without prejudicing other projects.

DECISION

“The DAC supports the document with the following amendments and additions:

- *The date on the front cover of the document is changed to ‘February/March 2006’.*

- *The page numbers for the different sections of the report under ‘Contents’ be revised accordingly.*
- *The addition of page numbers.*
- *Under the heading of ‘Background of Issues’ the addition of historical information related to some of the documents issues around safe pedestrian access and movement in the CBD being presented and considered by the City’s Technical and Development Services Committees.*
- *Under the heading of ‘Background of Issues’ the inclusion of matters raised and recommendations coming from the Westzone Working Party Committee Meeting conducted on the 21st of February.*
- *Under the heading of ‘Current Issues’ the addition of the suggestions from the Committee at its meeting on the 7th of February 2006.*
- *The addition of headings/sections addressing the ‘benefits of doing’ and the ‘risks/consequences of not doing’ for the City.”*

Moved: Mr Cutajar

Seconded: Mr Fisher

CARRIED (7/0)

2.2 Westzone Working Party Committee Meeting - 21st February 2006.

Members were informed that the Draft Armadale Shopping Centre Pedestrian and Cycling Movement Analysis, which had been distributed to DAC Members prior to the special Westzone meeting on the 21st February 2006, was presented by Mark Baker from Meyer Shircore and Associates Design Consultants at that meeting with some excellent feedback provided by those attending.

A copy of the Agenda that was used at the Westzone Working Party Committee Meeting on the 21st February 2006, was circulated to Members highlighting that each City Department and stakeholder in the project provided a short overview on their roles and responsibilities for the development before Mr Baker conducted his presentation.

It was reported that the Minutes of the Westzone Meeting on the 21st of February, which were going to be provided at the meeting, were not yet complete. It was explained that the purpose of reviewing these minutes was in light of the fact not all DAC Members were able to attend the Westzone Meeting. The intent was to confirm the issues, comments, and feedback as detailed and advise the City and the ARA for inclusion in any response to Westzone in relation to the study. In lieu of the minutes not being ready the following issues and suggestions related to access and inclusion were raised:

- Provision of a covered bus pick up and drop off area near the main entrance on Orchard Avenue including seating.
- An access link from Third Avenue to Memorial Park that does not involve steps/stairs.
- Seniors parking areas/bays in the undercroft car park.

- Seniors and disabilities shopping centre orientation days on completion.

Also, since the Westzone Working Party meeting was held, the CD Officer reported he had undertaken further investigation about the planned travelators providing access from the undercroft car park to the shopping centre floor level. The outcomes of this investigation were presented to the DAC Members who provided comment on the following information:

- Except for a passenger lift already provided underneath the Cinemas the Concept Plans for the development have two travelators that are the only options for pedestrians to access the Shopping Centre from the undercroft car park.
- The other lifts provided are Goods lifts only.
- 75% of the disabled parking (12 bays) is provided in very close proximity to the travelators.
- The mandatory provision of passenger lifts through the Building Code of Australia is related to the number of storeys of a building. This being three storeys and over. Since the Westzone Development in any one of its various building classifications does not go above two storeys it is not required to provide passenger lifts.
- Despite reports that people in wheelchairs are banned from using travelators at other major shopping centres in Perth and some airports, enquiries made with Garden City, Carousel, and Midland Gate Shopping Centres revealed that whilst not banned from use by people using wheelchairs and walking frames the management of each of these centres prefer these people not to use the travelators. It is preferred that they use other access methods provided such as lifts and ramps to ensure convenient and dignified entry. Active promotions, programs, warnings, and signage are provided to ensure this as well. In some instances because they are legally bound to provide alternate access and protect against discrimination but mostly as a marketing tool to attract disadvantaged customers.
- It is not appropriate that travelators are provided as the only main access option for the majority of customers, including those who may use wheelchairs and other walking aids. The practicalities of getting on and off of the sloped travelators, that have a slope gradient above what is required in the BCA for ramps (which are stationary), poses a safety risk to pedestrian users with disabilities and limited mobility.

Members were asked whether there were any other issues or suggestions after considering the original Analysis Report, those raised at the Working Party meeting, and the subsequent community feedback and Officer follow up regarding travelators and lifts.

Mrs Banks proposed that the Committee support the concept of the provision of parking for Buses also be included for consideration. Members agreed.

Ms Woodmass informed Members that the ARA had already advised Meyer Shircore and Associates Design Consultants that the Draft Armadale Shopping Centre Pedestrian and Cycling Movement Analysis was not considered to satisfy the relevant conditions for various reasons. One of those being that the corner of Jull Street and Third Avenue

near Subway had been identified in the analysis as a pedestrian crossing over to the Jull Street Mall but that this was incorrect as vehicles have right of way through this area. Ms Woodmass added that the report on the analysis also failed to elaborate or adequately address some key movement corridors and safety concerns regarding current and future use. Ms Woodmass noted that with the ARA’s request for Meyer Shircore and Associates Design Consultants to redo the analysis there would again be an opportunity for the DAC to have a look at the revised report and that she would advise the Committee in a matter of course of the opportunity to do this. Ms Woodmass proposed that the Committee offer to actively participate in the review of the analysis perhaps in the form of arranging a walk around with the consultants that are employed by WestZone to conduct the study, as well as the key Architects and Project Officers from Meyer Shircore and Associates Design Consultants, to highlight and provide insight into the issues that do and could exist as much as the support would give them the opportunity to produce a more successful report. Members agreed.

DECISION:

- a. *“That the DAC confirms and supports the issues and suggestions related to access and inclusion that were raised during discussion at the Westzone Working Party Committee Meeting, including the suggestion related to parking for Buses. Also that the DAC’s position on these issues be referred onto appropriate City of Armadale departments and the ARA”.*
- b. *“That Council encourage the WestZone developers to seriously consider including passenger lifts at each of the travelator locations in the development”.*
- c. *“That the consultants employed by WestZone to conduct the study and key staff from the Meyer Shircore & Associates Design Consultants group be invited to participate in a walk with Members of the DAC to highlight and provide insight into the pedestrian access issues that do and could exist for people with disabilities ahead of the groups review and resubmission of the Armadale Shopping Centre Pedestrian and Cycling Movement Analysis/Plan”.*

Moved: Mrs Banks

Seconded: Mr Fisher

CARRIED (7/0)

2.3 Footpath Request.

Members were informed that the City of Armadale had received another request, via a petition and covering letter from the Kelmscott District Residents Group on behalf of a Mr Anthony Walduck, to have a footpath installed outside his home in Grassmere Way. It was noted that of the petition’s 1127 signatures, 79 were from people not living in the City of Armadale, 1 from interstate, and 7 from retailers at Armadale Shopping City (where evidently a significant portion of the collection of signatures was conducted).

A document detailing the history of the matter was circulated highlighting that this issue had previously been referred to the DAC for consideration originally at its meeting on the 3rd of November 2003 and then subsequently at its meeting on the 24th of June 2005. It was reported that at both of these meetings the DAC recommended the City maintain its position based on its standard policy and process for determining work orders and priorities for Capital works involving footpaths.

A document providing details related to the following was circulated to Members:

- The City’s current process for prioritizing the inclusion of paths in the Path Programme as documented in the City’s “Path Network Development Plan Procedures Manual”.
- Acknowledgement of concepts behind an “ideal path network” and that this is not presently affordable to Council.
- Recognition of the development of a “skeletal path network” to identify a range of paths agreed as providing a reasonable level of connectivity and safety for all residents and is within funding capabilities during the programmable future.
- Paths being rated based on a scoring system that takes into account factors including traffic volume, pedestrian volume, the significance of the path in providing access to important facilities, ability to walk off the road on verges, road geometry (horizontal and vertical), the need to provide short missing links within the existing path network, and disadvantaged users.
- The fact that whilst the above philosophies and criteria do not in themselves discount the possibility of providing a path within a cul-de-sac it is unlikely such a path would even be included in the skeleton network let alone score sufficiently high a rating to be included in the Path Programme unless it happened to form an important link with connections to adjacent roads via pedestrian access ways.

Members were shown Mr Walducks house on Grassmere Way highlighting the following:

- The existing paths in close proximity to Mr Walducks home are linked directly to the principal paths in the area including recent upgrades such as the Hollybush Precinct Neighbourhood Improvement Project (sponsored by the City, Ministry of Housing, Keystart, and the State Government) as well as the extension (including access ramp installation) that has been made to the existing footpath on Grassmere Way taking it past the Clenham Road and Grassmere Way intersection on the cul-de-sac side so Mr Walduck, after leaving his home and travelling along the road, doesn’t have to enter the intersection before being able to get onto the footpath.
- The kerbing on Grassmere Way is a ‘mountable kerb’ allowing motor vehicles (including gophers) easy access to the verge (despite this being illegal for cars) if needing to get off the road in the short term for safety reasons. Also that the condition of the verge along Grassmere Way is good enough to allow for this in a Gopher.

- The distance Mr Walduck needs to travel in his gopher on the road is approximately 120 metres.

Members were also informed that another resident in Grassmere Way had contacted the City to advise that they were against the installation of such a footpath.

It was explained that in assisting to finalize the matter the City would like the DAC to consider the new request in light of the matters history and Council’s current process for prioritizing the inclusion of paths in the Path Programme.

DECISION

“The Committee supports the City’s current position based on the information provided.”

Moved: Mr Townson
Seconded: Mr Cutajar

CARRIED (7/0)

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Announcements by the Chairperson

No announcements.

Cr Hart left the meeting at 9.45am and did not return.

3.2 COA Community Development Officer Report

3.2.1 Report on items from previous meeting

The CD Officer informed Members of the following:

- Armadale Youth Precinct – The recommendation from the DAC as detailed in Minutes of the last meeting is will be included with a funding application to Perth ACC by the City.
- Item 2.1 DAIP Priorities – Now that confirmed as accurate in the Minutes of the last DAC meeting a memo will be sent to all directorates advising of recommended priorities.
- Item 2.2 CBD Access Report – Revisions made and further proposed as discussed under item 2.1 of this meeting.
- Item 2.3 March Committee Meeting Request – The consensus for the change of meeting date and time was for the 9th of March at 8.30am.

3.2.2 Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2005-2009 - Update

Nothing reported.

3.2.3 Correspondence Received

The CD Officer tabled the following documents for Member’s interests:

- Eastern Focus Newsletter – February 2006 – Disability Services Commission (DSC).
- Request letter – Nonnie Wickens.
- Email Request – Tracie Barker.
- Email from Ron Fisher re work on steps at train station by the Public Transport Authority.
- Email from Anita Woodmass from the ARA re Public Workshop for Kelmscott Concept Plan.
- Email from Tim Doncon re the DSC’s Training for DAIP’s.
- Email from Carers WA re Workshops being hosted by COA.
- Email query from Melanie Campbell re School Holiday programs for people with disabilities run by the City of Armadale.
- Email from Tim Doncon re Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability – Community Consultation Drop in Day.
- Email query from Naomi Poepjes re services, facilities and events in the City of Armadale suitable for people with an intellectual disability.

3.2.4 Media Watch

The CD Officer tabled the following newspaper articles for Members’ interests:

- Carers WA Workshops Article – (Comment News March 7-13).
- Subi-style living Article – (Armadale Examiner March 2).
- Better Planning Ahead Article – (Armadale Examiner March 2).
- Plan for inner city life article – (Comment News February 21-27).
- Input sought on Roleystone plan Article – (Armadale Examiner February 16).

3.3 ARA Update

3.3.1 Shopping centre developments

Nothing reported.

3.3.2 Kelmscott Precinct Concept Plan

Ms Woodmass circulated to Members a copy of the ARA’s ‘Kelmscott Concept Plan and Amendment 6 to Armadale Redevelopment Scheme’ brochure inviting public comment.

Ms Woodmass informed Members that the ARA was currently in the process of encouraging different developers to the project and that the concept plan is intended to provide the framework to guide new public and private investment in Kelmscott through targeting issues involving pedestrian and traffic access and use as well as giving the place a facelift.

From the Concept Plan notes provided in the brochure Ms Woodmass highlighted the following points:

- The plans include footpath improvement, street furniture and street lighting upgrade.
- The Kelmscott Train Station to receive a cosmetic uplift in a heritage style theme.
- Vehicle access improvement across Albany Highway from Page Road, Gilwell Avenue, and Fancote Street with the installation of traffic lights.
- Pedestrian access improvement across Albany Highway with the installation of traffic lights at Page Road, Gilwell Avenue, and Fancote Street as well as the widening of Albany Highway in the redevelopment area to allow the inclusion of more traffic islands.
- Movement of traffic lights from Denny Avenue to Davis Road.
- Davis road to be widened.
- Boom gates at railway line intersection of Davis Road and Third Avenue are to be removed with intentions of creating an overpass or undercarriage for vehicles with unrestricted traffic flow.
- Diversion of wide loads from this area due to the extension of the Tonkin Highway to Armadale Road, and to allow roadside vegetation and trees to be planted in the redevelopment area.

3.3.3 Other Projects

Nothing reported.

4. URGENT ITEMS

No items.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary Meeting of DAC is to be held on Tuesday the 4th April at 9am.

MEETING CLOSED AT 10.11AM

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2006 AT 1.00 PM

PRESENT:	Cr J MacDonald	Chairperson
	Mrs T Hodges	Dale Cottages Inc.
	Mrs B Perkins	Over 50's Club
	Ms L Charles	Kelmscott Library
	Mr G Fawcett	ArmadaLe Kelmscott Senior Citizens' Association
	Ms L Fahey	ArmadaLe Mental Health Service
	Cr G Best	City of ArmadaLe Councillor
	Mr R Fisher	Community Representative
	Ms C Samborski	ArmadaLe Home Help
APOLOGIES:	Mrs M McKay	Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Club Inc.
	Ms J Jeffries	Westfield Kelmscott Senior Citizens' Club
OBSERVERS:	Nil	
LEAVE OF ABSENCE:	Ms V Bola	ArmadaLe Community Health
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr J Ifould	City of ArmadaLe Community Development Officer – Seniors & Disability (COA Officer)
	Ms E Ward	Older Women's Network
	Mrs S Bradshaw	ArmadaLe Community Health
	Ms M Farr	City of ArmadaLe Community Development Officer – Youth.
	Public:	Nil

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil.

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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1.1 Ordinary Meeting – 19th January 2006

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Ordinary Seniors Interests Advisory Committee meeting held on 19th January 2006, are confirmed.

Moved: Mrs Hodges

Seconded: Mrs Perkins

CARRIED (9/0)

2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

2.1 City of Armadale Seniors Plan 2005-2010 Priorities

Mrs Samborski reported to the Committee that she had been made aware of some information, involving the personal views of a Member on Council, that may be of concern in relation to future support at this level for the recent recommendations by the Committee related to the immediate priorities of the City's Seniors Plan and as such their direct coordination and implementation.

Mrs Samborski informed Members that the personal views are that Armadale does not have an ageing population due to the amount of new development attracting younger families to the area combined with older residents having to move out of the area for various reasons (e.g. limited service availability/accessibility/convenience).

Mrs Samborski reported that it had been proposed to her that ahead of accurate data on population statistics and trends in the area becoming available through the Census being conducted later in the year, as well as the broad information and statistics she is aware of through her involvement with the Armadale Home Help Service for the Aged and Disabled, the Committee discuss this issue and recommend a course of action in anticipation of potential opposition to actioning current strategies within the Seniors Plan as well as associated budgeting issues already identified by the Committee at its last meeting.

Mrs Hodges tabled the following whole of Government research reports:

1. *'Awareness to Action – Local Government's Response to Population Ageing'*, Australian Local Government Association.
2. *'Economic Implications of an Ageing Australia'*, Australian Government Productivity Commission Draft Research Report.
3. *'Population Ageing and the Economy'*, Access Economics Pty Ltd.

Mrs Hodges informed Members that not one of these comprehensive reports indicated that population ageing would be experienced by every other Local Government area except Armadale.

Several Members stated that should these views exist, and are accurate as reported to the Committee, that they felt deeply offended and disappointed since such views would act to undermine the role and the great work accomplished by the SIAC. In lieu of this Members felt that the Minutes of the meeting as well as any recommendation or decision regarding the item should reflect this disappointment whilst at the same time highlighting the benefit of the Committee and recognition of the purpose of, as well as the planning process for, the City’s Seniors Plan. In particular the process which involved extensive literature research and community consultation.

Decision:

- a) *“The SIAC express its concern to Council regarding a suggestion that some Member(s) of Council may be of the view that Armadale does not have an ageing population and therefore the implications of an increase in aged residents may not be given appropriate consideration through the actioning of the priorities and initiatives of the City’s Seniors Plan ”.*
- b) *“The City investigates the need to convene an appropriate information session for elected Members on the ageing of Australia and the implications for all Local Government Areas”.*

Moved: Mrs Samborski

Seconded: Mrs Hodges

CARRIED (9/0)

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Announcements by the Chairperson

It is recommended that the Westzone Working Party Committee Meeting on the 21st of February be a chaired meeting.

3.2 COA Councillors Report

Nothing to report.

3.3 Community Development Officer Report

3.3.1 Report on items from previous meeting

The COA Officer informed Members of the following:

- Item 2.1 City of Armadale Seniors Plan 2005-2010 Initiatives – The priorities will be referred to the relevant Departments and included in any Seniors Plan progress report(s) to Council.
- Item 2.1 City of Armadale Seniors Plan 2005-2010 Initiatives – The recommendation regarding the Seniors Officer position will be used by the Community Services Department to support requests during 2006/07 budget allocations and staff resource negotiations.
- Item 3.3.1 Westzone Development and Pedestrian Plan – The draft Armadale Shopping Centre Pedestrian and Cycling Movement Analysis had just recently been submitted to the City. Members should have received a copy of this in the post with an Agenda for a Special Meeting on the 21st of February at 9am of the Westzone Working Party Committee. SIAC and Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) Members were invited to attend and discuss/provide feedback on the analysis. A presentation demonstrating pedestrian movement would be conducted by the Architect using site and building plans. Emphasis on attending with pre-prepared questions, feedback and comments was recommended.

3.3.2 Seniors Plan Update

Nothing to report.

3.3.3 Correspondence received – Various documents

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

- Notice/Invitation – Carers WA, ‘Network Meeting - Armadale Region’.
- Newsletter - Carers WA, ‘1st Edition 2006’.
- Brochure – Council on the Ageing, ‘Living Longer Living Stronger’.
- Email – Physical Activity Taskforce, ‘Local Activity Grants and Opportunities to Promote Physical Activity in Your Community Information Sessions’.
- Notice – Carers WA, ‘Workshops in Armadale’.
- Info Pack – City of Armadale, ‘Active Attitudes in Armadale Community Conference’.
- Email – Physical Activity Taskforce, ‘Local Government Calendar of Events 2006’.
- Email – Department of Health, ‘Grantsmart Expo’.
- Email – Armadale Redevelopment Authority, ‘Kelmscott Concept Plan Public Meeting’.

- Email – Nature Zone, Health Weight & Sports Management Services, ‘The Power of Nutrition Seminar Program’.
- Email – Gosnells Centre for Business Development, ‘2006 Small Business Expo’.
- Email – Benita Peters, ‘Kelmscott Westfield Senior Citizens Club Concert and Lunch’.
- Email – Injury Control Council of WA, ‘Lunchtime Forum – DIY Injuries: How to Help the Home Handyperson’.
- Information Pack – City of Armadale, “Minnawarra Festival”.

3.3.4 Media Watch

- Newspaper Article – ‘Win for Aged Care Homes’.

4. URGENT ITEMS

4.1 Armadale Youth Precinct Request

The COA Officer circulated the details, as presented in attachment ‘A-1’, regarding a request for the Committee to support the pursuit of funding by the City to conduct a feasibility study for a proposed Youth Precinct in the CBD area.

Ms Farr entered the meeting at 1.50pm

Ms Farr confirmed the proposed feasibility study details in ‘A-1’ and responded to various questions and concerns regarding the plans and purpose for the study and project. Ms Farr emphasized that at this stage all that was being sought was support to follow up on the opportunity to conduct a feasibility study, through which it is anticipated that the consultant would seek feedback, comments and recommendations from the SIAC as part of the Community Consultation process.

Cr Best left the meeting at 1.58pm

The Chairperson thanked Ms Farr for her attendance and advised that the Committee would consider the request further.

Ms Farr left the meeting at 2.00pm

The Chairperson proposed that the request be supported by the SIAC.

Decision:

“The SIAC support the City’s application for funding through the Perth ACC to conduct a feasibility study for a Youth Precinct in the Armadale area”.

Moved: Mr Fisher
Seconded: Mrs Perkins

CARRIED (8/0)

5. *NEXT MEETING*

The next ordinary Meeting of SIAC to be Thursday, 16th March 2006 at 1.00pm.

MEETING CLOSED AT 2.05 PM

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON THURSDAY, 16 MARCH 2006 AT 1.00 PM

PRESENT:	Cr J MacDonald	Chairperson
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	Mrs M McKay	Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Club Inc.
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	Mr R Fisher	Community Representative
	Ms C Samborski	Armadaale Home Help

APOLOGIES:	Mrs B Perkins	Over 50's Club
	Ms V Bola	Armadaale Community Health

OBSERVERS:	Nil
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LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr J Ifould	City of Armadaale Community Development Officer – Seniors & Disability (COA Officer)
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Public: Nil

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Mrs Hodges declared a Financial Interest for Item 3.2.

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SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1.1 Ordinary Meeting – 16th February 2006

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Ordinary Seniors Interests Advisory Committee meeting held on 16th February 2006, are confirmed.

Moved: Mrs Hodges

Seconded: Mrs Charles

CARRIED (10/0)

2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

2.1 Westzone Working Party Committee Meeting – 21st February 2006

Members were informed that the Draft Armadale Shopping Centre Pedestrian and Cycling Movement Analysis distributed to SIAC Members was presented by Mark Baker from Meyer Shircore and Associates Design Consultants at the special Westzone meeting on the 21st February 2006. Some excellent feedback was provided by Members who attended.

A copy of the Agenda that was used at the Westzone Working Party Committee Meeting on the 21st February 2006, was circulated to Members highlighting that each City Department and stakeholder in the project provided a short overview on their roles and responsibilities for the development before Mr Baker conducted his presentation.

It was reported that the Minutes of the Westzone Meeting on the 21st of February, which were going to be provided at the meeting, were not yet complete. It was explained that the purpose of reviewing these minutes was in light of the fact not all SIAC Members were able to attend the Westzone Meeting. The intent was to confirm the issues, comments, and feedback as detailed and advise the City and the ARA for inclusion in any response to Westzone in relation to the study. In lieu of the minutes not being ready the following issues and suggestions related to access and inclusion were raised:

- Provision of a covered bus pick up and drop off area near the main entrance on Orchard Avenue including seating.
- Provision of bus parking.
- An access link from Third Avenue to Memorial Park that does not involve steps/stairs.
- Seniors parking areas/bays in the undercroft car park.
- Seniors and disabilities shopping centre orientation days on completion.

Also, since the Westzone Working Party meeting was held, the COA Officer reported he had undertaken further investigation about the planned travelators providing access from the undercroft car park to the shopping centre floor level. The outcomes of this investigation were presented to the SIAC Members who provided comment on the following information:

- Except for a passenger lift already provided underneath the Cinemas the Concept Plans for the development have two travelators that are the only options for pedestrians to access the Shopping Centre from the undercroft car park.
- The other lifts provided are Goods lifts only.
- 75% of the disabled parking (12 bays) is provided adjacent to the travelators.
- The mandatory provision of passenger lifts through the Building Code of Australia is related to the number of storeys of a building. This being three storeys and over. Since the Westzone Development in any one of its various building classifications does not go above two storeys it is not required to provide passenger lifts.
- Despite reports that people in wheelchairs are banned from using travelators at other major shopping centres in Perth and some airports, enquiries made with Garden City, Carousel, and Midland Gate Shopping Centres revealed that whilst not banned from use by people using wheelchairs and walking aids the management of each of these centres prefer these people not to use the travelators. It is preferred that they use other access methods provided such as lifts and ramps to ensure convenient and dignified entry. Active promotions, programs, warnings, and signage are provided to ensure this as well. In some instances because they are legally bound to provide alternate access and protect against discrimination but mostly as a marketing tool to attract disadvantaged customers.
- It is considered not appropriate that travelators are provided as the only main access option for the majority of customers, including those who may use wheelchairs and other walking aids. The practicalities of getting on and off of the sloped travelators, that have a slope gradient above what is required in the BCA for ramps (which are stationary), poses a safety risk to pedestrian users with disabilities and limited mobility.

Members were informed that the ARA had already advised Meyer Shircore and Associates Design Consultants that the Draft Armadale Shopping Centre Pedestrian and Cycling Movement Analysis was not considered to satisfy the relevant conditions for various reasons. One of those being that the corner of Jull Street and Third Avenue near Subway had been identified in the analysis as a pedestrian cross-over to the Jull Street Mall but that this was incorrect as vehicles have right of way through this area. The report on the analysis also failed to elaborate or adequately address some key movement corridors and safety concerns regarding current and future use. It was noted that with the ARA's request for Meyer Shircore and Associates Design Consultants to redo the analysis there would again be an opportunity for the SIAC to have a look at the revised report and that the ARA would advise the COA Officer of the opportunity to do this.

The Committee was informed that it had been proposed that the SIAC offer to actively participate in the review of the analysis in the form of arranging a walk around with the consultants employed by WestZone to conduct the study, as well as the key Architects and Project Officers from Meyer Shircore and Associates Design Consultants, to highlight the issues that do and could exist, as much as the support would give them the opportunity to produce a more successful report to the ARA. Members agreed this would be a good approach.

Members were asked whether there were any other issues or suggestions after considering the original Analysis Report, those raised at the Working Party meeting, and the subsequent community feedback and Officer follow up regarding travelers and lifts.

The Chairperson suggested that the provision of an area for Taxis, perhaps a dual purpose arrangement in the proposed bus drop off area and that consideration for a taxi phone be included. Members agreed.

DECISION:

- d. *“That the SIAC confirms and supports the issues and suggestions related to access and inclusion that were raised during discussion at the Westzone Working Party Committee Meeting, including the suggestions related to parking for buses, and a taxi zone and phone. Also that the SIAC’s position on these issues be referred on to the appropriate City of Armadale departments and the ARA”.*
- e. *“That SIAC recommends the City encourage the WestZone developers to seriously consider including passenger lifts at each of the travelator locations in the development”.*
- f. *“That the consultants employed by WestZone to conduct the study and key staff from the Meyer Shircore & Associates Design Consultants group be invited to participate in a walk with Members of the SIAC to highlight and provide insight into the pedestrian access issues that do and could exist for seniors ahead of the groups review and resubmission of the Armadale Shopping Centre Pedestrian and Cycling Movement Analysis/Plan”.*

Moved: Mr Fisher
Seconded: Mrs Samborski

CARRIED (10/0)

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Announcements by the Chairperson

Nothing to report.

3.2 COA Councillors Report

Cr Best expressed his concerns for the community in relation to the Meals on Wheels service provided in the area.

Mrs Hodges declared a financial interest due to Dale Cottage’s involvement in meal provision and stayed in the room.

Mrs Samborski explained that with the rapid growth of the community a lot of community services were playing catch up and that this could be a factor. Mrs Samborski informed Members that since the Meals on Wheels service is a Home and Community Care (HACC) funded service there was scope for individuals to write to the President and HACC itself to encourage intervention.

The Chairperson stated that the Council had no grounds to comment on the service or intervene directly since it doesn’t support the service financially and therefore no further action was required at this point by the Committee or Council.

3.3 Community Development Officer Report

3.3.1 Report on items from previous meeting

The COA Officer informed Members of the following:

- Item 2.1 ‘City of Armadale Seniors Plan 2005-2010 Priorities’ – From further investigation it has been confirmed that these views do not exist across members of Council and that the comments made were just ‘in passing’ and having no underlying convictions. Regular updates for Councillors in the form of progress reports regarding the Seniors Action Plan issues and strategies and implications for the City are already planned.
- Urgent Item ‘Armadale Youth Precinct Request’ – Recommendation as detailed in Minutes to be included with funding application to Perth ACC.

3.3.2 Roleystone Revitalisation Precinct Plan

Members were informed that this item had been moved from the Business of the Meeting to Information Items as further investigation post Meeting Agenda distribution had revealed that the associated recommendation put forward was not relevant. Members were reminded that the original recommendation proposed involved the Committee exploring the opportunity to provide feedback on the plan despite the passing of the closing date for public comment.

Members were made aware of the fact that details regarding the project had been made available through the City’s website and the COA Officer tabled this information for Member’s interests. Again Members were reminded of the

background details associated with the Item on the original Agenda which included the following:

The State Government has committed \$250,000 over two years to improve the town centre of Roleystone.

A Community Committee was established with representation from Sporting Clubs, Ward Councillors, Council Officers and local residents and a consultant was appointed to work with the Community to establish a vision for the future of the centre.

The Partnership will involve the combining of State funding together with those that the Council has been successful in obtaining, including a grant for lighting at Cross Park, and has allocated additional funding for road works on Jarrah and Wygonda Roads.

The Committee has identified proposed improvements that include:

- *Reduce Speed Limit to 40km;*
- *Demolish and Rebuild the Southern Toilet Block in Cross Park;*
- *Lighting in Cross Park Oval and Precinct;*
- *Pathways to be installed within Cross Park*
- *Reconfiguration, Refurbishment of Netball and Tennis Courts.*

Plans of the improvements have been on display at the Roleystone Shopping Centre, the City's Libraries and on the City's website at www.armadale.wa.gov.au since the 18th of February 2006 and public comment was invited with feedback to be provided by the 1st March 2006.

The Committee was notified that through direct liaison with the consultant for the project and discussion with the City's Manager Community Development the opportunity for the SIAC to have input had not yet passed and would happen as a matter of course through the work of the City's Community Development Team anyway.

Members were informed that the recent history and current status of the project was that a Steering Committee had been formed with a priority list of issues developed through various community workshops, of which at least one Member of the Committee had participated in through her role with the Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Club. These issues were all placed under community headings and given an order of priority on a conceptual basis for suggested projects to be financed. The next step is for the City to agree in principle to the identified priorities through the work of the Steering Committee and on to the City Strategy Committee.

Members were made aware that it is expected that further community consultation will be required and sought once the plan moves through the conceptual phase and it is anticipated that this is where the Advisory

Committees will be engaged to help with the finer details associated with the proposed projects stemming from the plan.

The COA Officer was asked whether there is a step process for the involvement of Advisory Committees for all such Plans/Projects. The COA Officer advised he would need to follow this up and would report on this at the next SIAC Meeting.

3.3.3 Local Government Officers Networking Meeting Report

Members were informed of a newly formed Networking Group for Local Government Officers responsible for seniors. The COA Officer reported that he had attended the first Meeting of the group at the City of Melville on the 13th of March where the people attending shared information on their respective roles as well as relevant plans and projects for seniors. Discussion also looked at opportunities for professional development of the Local Government Officers responsible for seniors.

Other issues raised for future discussion by the group included senior citizens clubs and centres, Ageing Population/Positive Ageing plans, and Social Isolation. The COA Officer offered to report to the Committee on any issues relevant to the City’s Seniors Plan as well as points of interest for the Members themselves.

3.3.4 Seniors Plan Update

It was reported to Members that since the last SIAC meeting progress on initiatives and priorities from the plan had focussed on:

- The proposed Living Longer Living Stronger Program expansion under the Social Policy heading of Recreation and Leisure.
- The Stay On Your Feet Program proposal with Armadale Health Service under the Social Policy headings of Health and Recreation & Leisure.

Members were informed that the advancement of these was coming along well and in a timely manner to be able to seek funding support through various avenues.

3.3.5 ARA Update

Members were informed that the ARA is currently working on the following:

Shopping centre developments:

The ING redevelopment completion date is targeted at being in mid 2007

Kelmscott Precinct Concept Plan:

So far pedestrian and vehicle access issues at the Kelmscott train station had been identified. An invitation for Public Comment brochure has been put out that contains all the details.

Other projects:

The ARA is supporting the request from the City, via the City’s Youth Advisory Committee, to pursue the Youth Precinct concept.

3.3.6 Correspondence received – Various documents

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

- General Meeting Report – February 2006 – Aged & Community Services Western Australia Incorporated.
- Flier Invitation – DVA Grants & Project Development Workshop 23rd March.
- City Views Newsletter – February 2006 – City of Armadale.

3.3.7 Media Watch

- Carers WA Workshops Article – (Comment News March 7-13)
- Subi-style living Article – (Armadale Examiner March 2)
- Better Planning Ahead Article – (Armadale Examiner March 2)
- Plan for inner city life article – (Comment News February 21-27)
- Input sought on Roleystone plan Article – (Armadale Examiner February 16)

Trudi Hodges and Guenter Best left the room at 2.00pm and did not return.

4. URGENT ITEMS

No items.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary Meeting of SIAC to be Thursday, 20th April 2006 at 1.00pm.

MEETING CLOSED AT 2.01 PM

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MEETING ROOM, COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON MONDAY, 24 APRIL 2006 AT 5.00 PM

PRESENT:	Ms Katie Hully	Community Member		
	Ms Melissa Northcott	Cecil Andrews SHS Representative		
	Ms Carol Surgeon	Community Member		
	Mr Leighton Cotter	Roleystone DHS Representative		
	Mr Ben Ritacca	Carey Baptist College Representative		
	Mr Matthew Baskerville	John Wollaston Anglican Community		
School				
Representative	Mr Borun Murray	Representative (Chair)		
		Armada le Senior High School		
	Cr. Ruth Butterfield	Councillor		
APOLOGIES:	Nil			
OBSERVERS:	Nil			
IN ATTENDANCE:	Ms Megan Farr	City of Armadale Community Development Officer (Youth)		
	Ms Trish McCourt	City of Armadale Community Development Coordinator		

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1.1 Ordinary Meeting – 27 February 2006

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on 27th February 2006, are confirmed.

Moved: Melissa Northcott

Seconded: Carol Surgeon

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

2.1 Armadale CBD Connect

The City of Armadale’s Community Development Officer - Rebekah Milnes – attended the meeting to provide the YAC with an overview of the Armadale CBD Connect project and request the committee’s support for the initiative.

Armadale CBD Connect has been developed by the Community Development department in response to a number of residents and business owners expressing their concern about anti-social behaviour occurring on a regular basis in the Armadale CBD.

The project will comprise a Police Officer and Community Support Worker who will work together to build a rapport with community members accessing the Armadale CBD area. This includes identifying issues behind anti social behaviour, addressing such behaviour by referring individuals to the appropriate services and working with the community to develop projects and activities. It is not a patrol service, rather a community liaison service with community development, community safety and crime prevention objectives. The project will be culturally inclusive in terms of having a focus on both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in the community. This supports the appointment of an Aboriginal person to serve in either role of Police Officer or Community Support Worker.

The YAC had several questions for Ms Milnes in regards to funding and the specifics of the program (how it would operate at a ground level, the role of the Workers etc). Ms Milnes explained that external funding would be sourced for the program through avenues such as the Office of Crime Prevention and Lotterywest. The City of Armadale will employ the Project Workers and administer funds. The Armadale Police will provide in kind support by providing access to their resources and assisting with the identification of suitable workers.

Ms Milnes explained to the committee that CBD Connect is all about building relationships with local businesses, service providers, community groups, Government

Organisations, and the general public. The Project Workers will strive to build rapport and develop positive relationships within the community. Groups will be approached in a non-threatening manner to potentially diffuse any situations that may culminate into criminal behaviour.

Melissa Northcott commented on the City of Mandurah’s ‘Street Net’ program. Ms Milnes advised that CBD Connect has been modelled on a similar concept due to the success of Street Net.

All members of the YAC were supportive of CBD Connect. The committee felt that the program would be extremely worthwhile and serve as an effective strategy to reduce criminal activity and anti-social behaviour in the CBD. The committee unanimously agreed to offer their support for the Armadale CBD Connect Program.

RESOLVED

That the Youth Advisory Committee supports the Armadale CBD Connect Project and will provide a letter of support on behalf of the committee to accompany any applications for funding.

Moved: Melissa Northcott
Seconded: Carol Surgeon

CARRIED

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Rock N Dale Debrief

The YAC’s Rock N Dale Battle of the Bands competition took place on the 1st of April 2006 during the Minnawarra Festival. The event was extremely successful and received positive feedback from all involved YAC members were asked to comment on the event and provide feedback in relation to what did work, what didn’t work, and how the event could be improved for the future etc.

The YAC received an overview of feedback received from the Minnawarra Festival Committee in regards to Rock N Dale. The City of Armadale’s Event’s Officer considered Rock N Dale to be a highlight of the Minnawarra Festival and a worthwhile addition to the event. Rock N Dale received positive comments from staff involved with the festival, as well as members of the public who attended the event. However, one stallholder did feel that the music was a bit too loud, as did a volunteer stationed at History House. These concerns were not reported to staff on the day.

All members of the meeting who attended Rock N Dale considered the event to be a success and extremely worthwhile. The bands were praised for their talent, professionalism and high quality performances. YAC members were also impressed with the coordination of the bands and their ability to promptly set up and pack up their

equipment. The transition between acts was smooth and hassle free, and therefore Rock N Dale adhered to schedule.

YAC members also commented on the number of bands in Armadale and the amount of young people interested in music and underage concerts. Rock N Dale uncovered some fantastic up and coming bands and allowed them to perform live in their community. Several band members approached the YAC to thank them for organising the event and giving them the opportunity to perform.

The committee then discussed aspects of the event that could be improved. YAC members commented on the poor weather experienced on the day and the subsequent impact this had on attendance rates and audience participation. It was suggested that future out door events be held during summer months to increase the likelihood of fine weather.

Other aspects of the event that could be improved include;

- More seating (beanbags) for crowd;
- Increased promotion of the YAC during the event;
- Larger venue to cater for more people;
- Shorter event – too long;
- Encore performance for winning band;
- More free giveaways and prizes for the crowd during intermission periods, and;
- More coordinated advertising/request for sponsorship procedure – several YAC members noticed a double up in posters at the same venue and contacted businesses for sponsorship when they’d already been approached by other members of the committee.

YAC members were commended for their efforts on the day and for all their hard work in regards to the preparation, organisation and implementation of the event. The Community Development Officer (Youth) expressed her appreciation and admiration of the committee for their involvement with Rock N Dale and for their ability to work together as a team. Cr Ruth Butterfield joined the YAC to thank Megan Farr for her involvement with Rock N Dale.

The committee expressed interest in organising more events of this nature. The YAC thoroughly enjoyed working on Rock N Dale and feel that the event brought them together as a committee and allowed them to gain skills in event management. It was suggested that further partnerships with services (such as Armadale Youth Resources) be investigated to allow the committee to increase their involvement with youth events and activities.

Trish McCourt left the meeting at 5.50pm

3.2 YACtion Youth Forum Feedback

Carol Surgeon and Melissa Northcott attended the 2006 YACtion Youth Forum.

YACtion took place on 8 April 2006 from 9am at the Perth Town Hall. YACs from the Metropolitan area, the Peel Coast and the Avon Valley were invited to attend a series of

workshops on a range of pertinent issues. The forum was designed to strengthen and build relationships between YACs throughout Western Australia.

The theme of the day was ‘Being Effective in Your Community’ and consisted of a keynote address (Cr Richard Graham, Deputy Mayor of the City of Cockburn. At 24 Cr Graham is one of the youngest Deputy Mayors in Australia) followed by three workshop sessions. The three workshops were: *Young People in Public Space*; *The Relationship between YACs and their Council/Elected Members* and *Strengthening Relationships between YACs in Western Australia*.

Carol and Melissa provided an overview of the YACtion Forum and offered a range of ideas and strategies to enhance the YAC and improve the effectiveness of the committee. Below is a summary of key points;

- Improve relationship (working and personal) between YAC and Council to facilitate a more effective means of communication. Develop a shared vision/goal;
- Encourage YAC members to attend and participate in Council meetings;
- Provide Council with regular updates on YAC events/activities;
- Increase involvement in community events (eg ANZAC day, Clean-Up Australia day);
- Further support intergeneration activities;
- Increase promotion and publicity of the YAC through web sites and local media, and;
- Formally recognise YAC members to show appreciation for their commitment to the community.

The committee discussed the above points. It was agreed that the YAC would benefit from an improved relationship with Council and increased promotion of the committee through the media.

It was suggested that the YAC conduct a presentation on Rock N Dale during an ordinary meeting of Council/Community Services Committee Meeting in an effort to build relationships with Councillors, both on a personal and professional level. YAC members would be required to prepare the presentation and deliver it to Council. Cr Butterfield and Megan Farr will be available to assist YAC members with the task.

The committee unanimously agreed that a presentation to Council on Rock N Dale would be an effective strategy to improve relationships between Councillors and the YAC. Megan Farr will investigate the possibility of YAC members attending a Council meeting and conducting a presentation on Rock N Dale.

It was also suggested that the YAC would benefit from increased advertising and promotion within the community. Several members offered to produce regular media releases and articles on youth issues/events to promote the YAC and highlight the committee’s role in the community. Ms Megan Farr encouraged the promotion and advertising of the YAC. However, the committee was advised that all media relations and correspondence must adhere to the City of Armadale’s guidelines and Policy which stipulates that the City’s Public Relations Coordinator is responsible for all media dealings and interaction.

Ms Megan Farr suggested that a regular ‘media watch’ item be included in every YAC meeting agenda. YAC members can discuss any issues of interest during the meeting, considered to be media worthy. These will be recorded in the minutes and forwarded to the City’s Public Relations Coordinator for her consideration. It is proposed that the Public Relations Coordinator will then contact YAC members directly to receive further information on the topic to produce a media release.

Ms Megan Farr will contact the City of Armadale’s Public Relations Coordinator to discuss the proposal. Ms Megan Farr will report to the YAC during the next meeting.

3.3 Membership Status

The YAC has recently advertised for two new Community Representatives. One nomination form has been received. An agenda item will be produced for Council in order to appoint new members to the YAC.

There are also a number of vacant positions on the YAC for School Representatives. These include; Roleystone DHS, Cecil Andrews SHS, John Wollaston Anglican Community School, John Calvin College and Armadale Christian College.

YAC members briefly discussed recruitment strategies and came up with several ideas to recruit new members. These include; Visiting local schools and talking about the YAC at assembly; contacting Year Coordinators and School Councillors to identify suitable members; visiting sporting clubs and venues frequented by young people, such as the Byford BMX/Motorcross Track (very popular recreation facility for Armadale youth) and Southside Christian Centre’s Youth Groups.

It was also suggested that the YAC consider approaching Swan Tafe to recruit new members. Students participating in Youth Work/Community Services courses may be interested in joining the committee for hands on experience, or to further their interest in the field.

3.4 CBD Skate Park Progress

The progress of the CBD Skate Park was discussed. Ms Megan Farr informed the committee that the application for funding (Perth ACC) for the Youth Precinct Study was still under review. The City will be advised of the outcome of the review process in mid/late May. This will facilitate the progression of the CBD Skate Park/Youth Facility project.

Ms Megan Farr will provide the YAC with regular updates on the CBD Skate Park/Youth Facility project when available.

3.5 Correspondence

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

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

4. URGENT ITEMS

There are no urgent items

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was declared closed at 6.55pm

Exploring Dynamics: Cities, Cultural Spaces, Communities

Museums Australia National Conference
May 14-17 2006
Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

Report by Curator History House Museum City of Armadale

Introduction

The 2006 Museums Australia conference was an enlightening experience. There was a healthy mix of speakers from around both the world and Australia who came from a variety of heritage backgrounds.

There were many concurrently running speakers making it impossible to hear everyone at the conference. This report will focus on the speakers and workshops the curator attended and found to be the most beneficial during the conference. When selecting which lectures and workshops to attend the curator of History House Museum (HHM) used the following criteria, does the topic relate to an issue currently effecting HHM and does this topic cover a future direction for the museum.

The conference also provided a fascinating opportunity to network with fellow peers in the industry. It allowed the curator to promote the museum and the role the City of Armadale has played in its development. Contacts were made with a variety of professionals from similar institutions as well as Federal Government Agencies.

For further information on some of these lectures as well as lectures that are not in this report visit the Museums Australia website (<http://www.museumsaustralia.org.au/>). Transcripts of lectures are available.

Saturday 13th – Community Museums Special Interest Group Tour

The tour included a visit to the Queensland Museum’s Hendra Annex, Redcliffe Museum and a guided drive around the City of Redcliffe.

Queensland Museum Hendra Annex

This site is the home of the Queensland Museum’s “Museums in a Box” program. Over 5000 items are available for loan to communities throughout Queensland. These include the “Living Treasure – Museums kits from Past Times” series. These boxes contain objects, images and information relating to a variety of themes including childhood, living on a station, old toys and domestic duties.

The kits are available to both school and community groups. This means the kits have to be adaptable to meet a variety of requirements including the school curriculum. The kits are popular with Aged Care facilities that use them for memory stimulation as well as fitting into life long learning programs.

The “Museum in a Box” program is a fantastic way to take the museum experience into the community and make it a part of everyday life. It is a practical method of promoting both the organisations collection, its role in the community and local heritage issues and stories.

Redcliffe Museum

Redcliffe Museum is managed by the City of Redcliffe and was opened in 2001. The collection used to be managed by the local historical society who housed it in a bathing pavilion at Sutton’s Beach. The deterioration of both the building and the collection was the catalyst for ownership being given to the City of Redcliffe.

The new museum is housed in a former church built in the 1960’s. It was purchased specifically for the museum. A curator/manager and administrative assistant are employed by the council. The museum also has some 85 volunteers to assist in its running.

The new museum has divided its exhibition space up into clearly defined themes and stories. The permanent exhibits cover;

- the traditional owners
- the Spectral Palace (a Spectravision Theatre that tells the story of Redcliffe using artefacts and images and the talents of home grown actors William McInnes & Maroochy Barambah)
- sporting greats, local identities
- the importance of fishing to the city
- promoting Redcliffe’s sister cities
- Redcliffe at War
- the significant collection of photographs taken of Redcliffe by George Mews
- the Lucinda Table which the Australian Constitution was drafted on.

The museum also has a temporary exhibition space and a community gallery where people can come in and curate their own exhibitions.

The curator of the museum spoke to the group about the development of the museum and some of the issues it faced with the transition of ownership from the historical society to local government. It was interesting as many of the same issues that HHM went through during its transition of ownership were discussed.

There was a second speaker from the Kingaroy Heritage Museum. The main focus of this museum is the peanut industry. The speaker also covered the relationship the museum has with the local government and its role in funding a paid curator.

A tour of Redcliffe was next which covered many interesting features of Redcliffe from new canal developments to the beaches and cliffs that helped make Redcliffe a popular holiday destination.

Sunday 14th – Regional & Remote Program

Hidden Gems: Creative Industries in Rural Economies

Kate Oakley - Writer & policy analyst and Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Creative Industries, Queensland University of Technology

Within the United Kingdom change is being experienced by many rural economies. This is a similar situation to what has been happening in the Armadale district over the last thirty years as it moved from an agricultural to urban setting.

Ms Oakley spoke of how many of these changing rural economies are looking at creative industries as a means of developing new local industries. Creative industries can provide a

unique leisure experience in an area that has to compete more and more with commercial based leisure activities. It is often through regions cultural institutions and activities that visitors can discover the ‘local buzz’ that sense of something is happening here and I am a part of it.

With the improvements in communication and the development of digital technology it is becoming easier for rural economies to have quick and reliable access to the outside world as well as invite the world to see what they have to offer.

Cultural institutions and creative industries are a way for rural and even remote economies (this can include Armadale as an outer metropolitan suburb) to create an experience unique to any other in the wider area. This experience can help bring people into your area and invigorate the local economy.

When a Place Means Something, It Matters: Adding Value off the Main Road

Sam Ham - Director of the Centre for International Training and Outreach, Professor of Environmental Communication & International Conservation, University of Idaho

Sam Ham has toured the world lecturing on interpretation of places and stories over swamping the visitor with information. Having a background in psychology Professor Ham looks at creating experiences that engage the visitor. By engaging the visitor and making them think about where they are, they are more likely to go away feeling good about your place. This is different to if all you did was engulf them with facts and figures which they forget the moment they leave.

Rural and remote museums have one distinct advantage and that is the visitor’s curiosity. They are looking to discover something about the place that they have stopped in which will be completely new to them. Remote and rural museums also have the advantage of having a direct link to the past through their location within the story. It is because of these advantages that Professor Ham stresses it is important to provide the visitor with an experience rather than facts.

An experience is connected to what we think and feel. By provoking thought a museum can cause the visitor to feel something about the stories that are being told. Hopefully the visitor will then leave feeling the way you do about the stories you are telling.

To highlight this point Professor Ham talks about his visit to two very different museums, the Holocaust Museum in New York and the National Baseball Leagues Hall of Fame. In neither case can he quote any information that he read in either museum, but he does remember the excitement of going to the Hall of Fame (Ham is a self confessed baseball obsessive) and the sadness and bewilderment of the stories from the Holocaust Museum.

In relation to HHM this is very important. The Armadale area has a unique story to tell. This story become more and more important as Armadale starts to loose its landscape that links it with the past. As the farmland and orchards disappear it will become increasingly the role of the museum to help people experience how Armadale once was and how it has grown into what it is today and will be in the future.

Are Partnerships the Answer?

Vicki Warden - Museum Development Officer, Southern Inland Queensland

Ms Warden’s talk was about how museums and galleries can not work in isolation. This is particularly true for regional and remote museums that may have access to limited resources. For any museum to function successfully they must engage with community groups, other cultural institutions, local government and local businesses.

Ms Warden then provided a basic check list for developing successful partnerships, though it was stressed that not all partnerships will work and some require a lot more effort than others.

The check list covered:

- Seek partners with a shared vision
- Ensure mutual benefit
- Define the role of each partner to prevent confusion
- Partner with the person who will be doing the work
- Partners respond in a crisis
- Never give up on an obsolete partnership
- Partners can introduce you to new partners
- Partnerships can be problematic
- Not everyone will want to be your partner

Partnerships can produce wonderful outcomes but only if they are worked on and not taken for granted. History House Museum already has developed working internal partnerships with the libraries, Visitor Centre and the Birtwistle Local Studies Library. Community partnerships exist with the Armadale Historians, the Kelmscott Historians, the Armadale Wildflower Society and the Armadale Home Help Service for the Aged & Disabled Inc (Med in Sheds program). We are currently working on growing partnerships with local schools, the Armadale Brickworks Preservation Group and Wilkinson Homestead in the City of Gosnells.

R&R Skill Session 1 Developing, Evaluating & Improving Site Interpretation Signage
Roy Ballantyne & Jan Packer - School of Tourism & Leisure Management University of Queensland

The purpose of this session was to discuss methods used to provide a valuable experience for visitors through interpretive signage. Much of the information on this topic can be accessed through the University of Queensland website at <http://www.interpretivesigns.qut.edu.au>.

Both Roy Ballantyne and Jan Packer stressed the importance of clear entertaining signage in getting your message across. They cited several cases of both badly designed and badly written signage that failed to get its owners message across.

The importance that signs get their message across quickly and clearly was stressed as there is often no one available to explain the message further. Some of the key methods to help provide a clear and entertaining message were;

- include interactive elements eg a question or ask them to consider a point
- use every day language
- write like it’s a conversation and engage your audience
- use active rather than passive language

- relate text or message to well known events eg ‘built the same year humans first walked on the moon...’
- have a introduction that hooks the audience
- link signs eg ‘this story is told in the next sign’
- conclusion should have a question to encourage them to think about the topic/story/place (thought provokes experience)
- keep information up to date

This talk was followed with the opportunity to examine signage within the Queensland Museum and comment on it in relationship to what had been discussed. It was a relief to see that sometimes the big institutions can make similar mistakes to smaller museums.

Signage plays a very important role in museum exhibits and in future projects including heritage trails and site interpretation. Professionally done signs that link together will promote HHM and the City of Armadale by offering an entertaining experience about the uniqueness of the district to the local community and visitors.

Monday 15th – Cities

Indigenous People and Cities

Jackie Huggins - Deputy Director Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit, The University of Queensland

Jackie Huggins is an author, historian and activist for social justice and literacy within Indigenous Communities. Ms Huggins spoke about the impending 40th Anniversary of the 1967 Constitutional Referendum that gave citizenship rights to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

It was pointed out that this event was a major turning point in Indigenous activism in Australia and should be used to highlight both the failures and successes in reconciliation. The cultural sector has an important part to play in assisting in telling this and other stories relating to how Indigenous culture has and is dealing with its often rocky relationship with the dominant Australian culture.

The 40th Anniversary of the Referendum is an event that that the City of Armadale may consider recognising in 2007. How this is to be done is something that can be discussed in consultation with the local community.

Finding Country

Kevin O’Brien - Designer Merrima Design

Kevin O’Brien spoke about the relationship that modern Indigenous communities often have with the city landscape. Many cities are layered over an older Indigenous layer that still exists. There remains the opportunity with any re-development of space within the urban environment to uncover this landscape and build around important sites instead of over them.

O’Brien’s talk was about a change in thinking of how to look at the modern landscape and to recognise the many layers of culture that is under our feet.

Museum of Liverpool – Vision into Reality

Tim Evans - Director Management, Economics and Consultancy Unit, Mott MacDonald Group & Project Director National Museum of Liverpool

The main purpose of Tim Evan’s talk was to outline the story of the development of the multi-million pound National Museum of Liverpool. The museum is located on a UNESCO heritage listed site.

The vision of the museum is to

- create a wondrous place
- be able to absorb change
- allow the audience to respond to its exhibits
- tell both the savoury and unsavoury stories
- be story led as apposed to object led
- be about the people of Liverpool
- be for all ages
- become a part of the city
- encourage community engagement

The points of interest raised were that even large well funded heritage projects like the National Museum of Liverpool need to engage the community. Without the local community feeling involved and having a sense of ownership over the project it will be unsuccessful.

A second issue is that many of the vision statements outlined for this museum can be applicable to small museums. Places such as History House should also look to becoming a place of wonder and be able to change with the local community.

Gone in an Instant? Museums and History

Kay Saunders - Emeritus Professor of History, The University of Queensland

Kay Saunders looked at the importance museums and archives play in preserving memories and events that the local landscape forgets. This means that many events and stories may have a strong connection to a place yet will not leave a mark unlike our built or industrial heritage.

It is the role of a museum such as HHM or the Birtwistle Local Studies Library to preserve those stories and retain the link between the past and the modern landscape.

Local Heritage & Cultural Vitality

Melissa Hayes - Curatorial Coordinator City of Port Phillip

Richard Holt - Project Worker City of Port Philip

The City of Port Phillip in Victoria was formed through the amalgamation of the Cities of St Kilda, South Melbourne and Port Melbourne which represented some of the oldest local governments in Victoria. The City of Port Phillip though having an extensive heritage collection does not have a museum. This has caused a different way of promoting the cities heritage to be undertaken.

The first step was the identification of culture as being an integral part of the foundation of the city. All decisions and activities by council must look at how the local culture will be affected.

The next step was to use the cities assets such as community halls and heritage listed buildings as exhibition spaces. An example was a temporary exhibition about the beach was held at a bathing pavilion in St Kilda.

The third step was to encourage community involvement in telling the cities stories. This was done by consulting with the local historical societies and making sure exhibitions are held through out the city.

This talk was interesting in showing how linking stories back to significant sites can enhance the experience for the visitor. It also showed the importance the community plays in keeping its heritage alive and relevant to modern audiences.

The Power of Participation: Maximising volunteer involvement in the Museum Sector
Mark Creyton - Education and Research Manager Volunteering Queensland

Mark Creyton outlined some important issues an organisation like History House Museum must consider when engaging volunteers.

This includes

- why do I want to engage volunteers?
- what benefits can I provide to volunteers?
- monitor recruitment methods eg are we using the internet?
- identify key interests or motivations for volunteers
- have a clear management system, but make it flexible
- value uniqueness
- make volunteer experience meaningful
- promote volunteer development and training
- provide a variety of opportunities
- culture of difference but equal value
- time for fun

Why this talk was important was due to the valuable role volunteers play in the running of History House Museum.

Tuesday 16th – Cultural Spaces

Field of Fascination 8: The Good and the Bad Public/Education Programming in Galleries & Museums, Logan Art Gallery

Elizabeth Bates - Museum of Brisbane

Virginia Rigney - Gold Coast Art Gallery

Lesley Nicholson - Logan Art Gallery

Merrilee Chignell - Australian War Memorial

This field visit studied four different institutions successful and unsuccessful public programs. The speakers represented the Logan Art Gallery, the Gold Coast City Art Gallery, the Museum of Brisbane and the Australian War Memorial.

All four stressed that what works or fails for one organisation may work for a different one. The main points from this visit were:

- develop a strong mailing and make it personal – we would like to invite you!
- teach visitors by stealth – self directed activities, discovery cabinets or artist/skill demonstrations
- different type of programs – Us guided tours, organised events or Them interactive displays
- by making new partnerships you may discover new audiences
- regular events do not always work
- advertise outside of your local area
- select special events through the year eg Local Government Week
- make sure you have a well briefed presenter who can work with different groups
- for outreach programs go to the school and tell them about what you have
- dress up can help connect with a story
- create a personal link to a larger story eg concentrate on how one family was effected by WWII
- set up a community gallery where they create their own exhibits
- use the internet
- use local libraries
- email networks help

Wednesday 17th – Communities

Community & Connection: Localism in a Globalized Culture

Robert Archibald - President & CEO Missouri Historical Society St Louis

The main themes of Robert Archibald's address were the linking of places, memories and experiences in relation to his home town of St Louis. Public spaces play an important part in creating community experiences and local memories. This is becoming increasingly important in the movement towards the virtual world where we can access people and information from around the world in an instant.

The role of the museum in this increasingly virtual and homogenous world is to promote what is special and unique about your community. It is a community space that shows the world who you are. It can be used to show everything from local language to local product. The museum is also the repository for local memories by recording and showing the events, people or activities that have made this community different to either one down the road or on the other side of the world.

This role of the local museum in assisting in promoting community identity from the past to the present and reminding communities about their uniqueness becomes more and more important in a world that is becoming smaller and more homogenised.

Making & Exhibiting Migration Stories in Community Settings

Ian Coates - Curator Australian Society & Culture National Museum of Australia

Mary Hutchinson - Research Fellow Centre for Cross Cultural Research Australian National University

The talk by Ian Coates and Mary Hutchinson looked at some of the important steps cultural organisations like museums need to take when working with migrant communities. The steps are designed to make sure that the community retains a sense of ownership of the project and that it represents their stories.

These steps included;

- consultation at all steps of the projects.
- doing the project as a partnership
- local links into national stories
- allow participants to nominate objects and stories they would like exhibited
- make sure the storyteller retains ownership of their experience

Migrant stories are another way for communities to look at what has made where they live different to other places. Within the City of Armadale there are migrant groups who have made this community their home and contributed to what makes Armadale unique.

A Tale of Three Temples

Maria Friend - Museum Development Officer for Far North Queensland

Marian Friend's talk looked at three Chinese temples in Northern Queensland. One issue that was discussed was the importance of the relationship between migrant heritage sites and the local community.

The temple at Atherton is a case where there is no longer a local Chinese community associated with the temple. The National Trust restored the temple but has struggled to get the local community involved with the temple. Few people in the community today have any memory of the temple or the Chinese community that built and used it. Since the initial opening of the temple after conservation work was done little has occurred at the site.

This is in stark contrast to the temple located at Innisfail where there is still a large Chinese community who use the temple. In this case the site still plays an important role in the local community and visitors can experience a number of stories about the community.

The main point here is that community involvement in any heritage project is important. Without community interest these projects can be unsuccessful and over time be forgotten again.

Conclusion

The opportunities provided by attending the Museums Australia National Conference were many. The addresses covered in this report show that it is important for the museum to continue engaging with the community and to provide an experience for its visitors rather than just facts. The opportunity to also meet and discuss these ideas with a variety of colleagues from different institutions has been a valuable experience.

The future for museums is very exciting and History Museum has an opportunity to be a part of these changes. It is important for the museum to find its place in today's community and help remind people in this ever changing world what it is that makes this community unique.

