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28th July 2006

Cr Linton Reynolds AM JP
10 Willowmead Way
KELMSCOTT WA 6111

*11/8. Info Bulletin
+ draft letter please*

Dear Linton,

On behalf of the National Australia Bank (NAB), I am delighted to inform you that the Kelmscott Junior Football Club has won a NAB Club Recognition Award following Matthew Moody's nomination for the 2006 NAB AFL Rising Star Medal. He earned the nomination after a fantastic performance for the Brisbane Lions Football Club against Kangaroos in Round 15.

The NAB Club Recognition Award is an integral part of the NAB AFL Rising Stars Program, a talent identification and development program from grass roots through to the elite level. The program provides recognition, resources and support to local football communities and the crucial development structure for young Australians seeking to reach their ultimate goal of playing AFL football.

The NAB Club Recognition Award consists of:

- \$1,500 in a NAB Community Group Account
- Sherrin footballs
- Sherrin football bag
- Water bottles and carry rack
- AFL training manuals and DVDs
- Presentation plaque featuring Matthew Moody to commemorate the award

We believe local clubs play an integral role in developing promising young players, because it's at the grassroots level where the game's fundamentals are taught. We hope that this package will encourage the Kelmscott Junior Football Club to continue with its great work in developing young local talent in your municipality.

Matthew Moody is one of the most promising young players in the AFL and we encourage you to join us in acknowledging the work of the Kelmscott Junior Football Club as he strives to establish his AFL career. For more information on the NAB AFL Rising Stars Program, visit the Community section of www.national.com.au

Yours Sincerely,

Garry Lyon
NAB AFL Ambassador





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ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS MANUAL

The Association has developed the Road Safety Around Schools Manual to assist Local Governments and school communities to identify and address traffic management and road safety issues around school.

Currently at draft stage, the manual has two parts: one designed for Local Government engineering staff; and the other for school communities.

The draft manual is available for review by interested Councils.

For further information, please contact Road Safety Project Officer, Elizabeth Kelly on 9213 2068 or email ekelly@walga.asn.au.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Association has representatives on more than 200 State, National and Association boards and committees. These representatives have the significant responsibility of advocating the interests of Western Australian Local Government on these governing and advisory bodies. Recent appointments include:

Economic Regulation Authority Consumer Consultative Committee

- Cr Pauline O'Connor
- Term expires July 2008

Waste Management Board

- Mayor Paddi Creevey
- Term expires 30 Nov 2007

For further information about representing Local Government on State, National and Association boards and committees, please contact Zone Liaison & Corporate Support Officer, Margaret Degebrodt on 9213 2036 or email mdegebrodt@walga.asn.au.

BUY LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Edition 10 of the Association's procurement support publication has been included in this week's mail.

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

ACCESS TO FOOTPATHS

Local Governments are responsible for footpaths within their district and the Disability Discrimination Act outlines Councils' responsibilities in relation to providing access to footpaths for people with disabilities.

A footpath should, as far as possible, allow for a continuous accessible path of travel so that people with a range of disabilities are able to use it without encountering barriers.

To assist Councils with meeting their requirements in providing access to footpaths for people with disabilities, a Frequently Asked Questions tool has been developed and can be found at http://www.humanrights.gov.au/disability_rights/faq/Access/access.html#footpath.

For further information, please contact Policy Manager, Transport and Roads, Mark Hook on 9213 2061 or email mhook@walga.asn.au.

COMMUNITY WATER GRANTS – ROUND 2

Community Water Grants, which form part of the \$2 billion Australian Government Water Fund, will help communities make a real difference to the way water is used. The grants encourage better water use and will improve water health through practical on-the-ground projects.

Community Water Grants encourage Local Governments to apply for funding of up to \$50,000 in relation to one of three categories including 1) water savings and efficiency, 2) water recycling and 3) water treatment.

As an improvement to Round 1, Community Water Grants is also offering grants of between \$100,000 and \$250,000 in a limited pilot scheme - additional eligibility criteria apply.

Round 2 of the Community Water Grants programme is seeking innovative projects that not only save or reuse water or improve water health, but also engage and benefit the local community.

Don't miss out – applications for Round 2 Grants close Friday, 25 August.

For further information and to apply, please visit www.communitywatergrants.gov.au.

COMMUNITY SERVICES ACT

The Department of Community Development has drafted amendments to the Children and Community Services Regulations in response to heavy criticism from not only WALGA but the industry as a whole. In short the amendments will:

- Remove the obligation for parents to remain within 50 metres of the crèche if the crèche is not to be licensed under the Children and Community Services Act 2004;
- Extend the deadline for crèche service operators to notify that they intend to apply for a child care license, from 31 August 2006 to 1 March 2007; and
- Require unlicensed crèches to display a sign notifying parents that their service is not a licensed child care service effective from 1 March 2007.

For further information, please contact the Child Care Licensing and Standards Unit on 9431 8888.

HERITAGE LOAN SUBSIDY SCHEME

The Heritage Loan Subsidy Scheme was recently launched by the Hon. Michelle Roberts, Minister for Housing and Works; Consumer Protection; Heritage; Land Information. The re-launched scheme now allows for applicants to use the financial institution of their choice which offers more flexibility and opportunities for people to partake in the Scheme.

For further information or if you would like to join the Scheme to the benefit of your community, please contact the Heritage Council of WA's Grants Administrator Jenni Williams on 9220 4117.

ENGINEERING SEMINARS

ARRB Research is undertaking a number of projects as part of the Austroads technical research program. Together with Main Roads WA, ARRB Research will be hosting seminars to disseminate the results of two research projects.

Road Safety Engineering Seminar

Date: **Wednesday, 30 August**
Time: 8:15am to 12:00pm
Venue: Main Roads WA,
Don Aitken Centre,
Waterloo Crescent, East Perth

Bituminous Surfacing Seminar

Date: **Tuesday, 5 September**
Time: 9:45am to 3:15pm
Venue: WA Cricket Association (WACA),
Boundary Room South,
Nelson Crescent, East Perth

To register your interest in attending the seminar, please contact Grace Seow at Main Roads WA on 9323 4185 or email grace.seow@mainroads.wa.gov.au by **Friday, 11 August**.

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

POLICY ON THE PROVISION OF OFFICE OF NATIVE TITLE POSITION PAPERS TO RESPONDENTS

The consultation process regarding the development of the State Government's proposed policy for the provision of Connection Material Position Papers to respondent parties has now been completed. The primary purpose of Position Papers is to assist the State to satisfy respondent parties to the Native Title claim that the assessment of the connection report has been undertaken by the State in a methodical and rigorous manner.

The State Government has now finalised its policy, which is published in its paper *Provision of State Position Papers Policy*.

For further information, please contact the Office of Native Title on 9222 9613 or email native.title@ont.wa.gov.au.

MEDIA RELEASES

31 July Smoking Ban Responses to be Monitored

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| 5 Aug | Gascoyne Country Zone | 24 Nov | Goldfields-Esperance Zone |
| 8 Aug | Great Southern Country Zone | 10 Nov | Murchison Country Zone |
| 9 Aug | Pilbara Country Zone | 24 Nov | Avon Midland Country Zone |
| 22 Sep | Goldfields-Esperance Zone | 24 Nov | Great Southern Country Zone |
| 19-22 Sep | Waste & Recycle 2006 Conference | 24 Nov | South West Country Zone |
| 22 Sep | Avon Midland Country Zone | 27 Nov | Pilbara Country Zone |
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| 22 Sep | South West Country Zone | 27 Nov | South Metropolitan Zone |
| 22 Sep | Great Eastern Country Zone | 29 Nov | South East Metropolitan Zone |
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| 25 Sep | South Metropolitan Zone | 30 Nov | Great Eastern Country Zone |
| 25 Sep | Pilbara Country Zone | 30 Nov | Central Metropolitan Zone |
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK CONVENTION

The feedback from delegates from the Local Government Week convention has been generally positive and supportive of the annual event.

In particular, delegates applauded the choice of Ms Alison as the keynote speaker and her story of personal courage and triumph. The Gala Dinner was also identified as appreciated by Delegates and Sponsors.

The convention also involved the official release of the interim report of the Systemic Sustainability Study. The study panel will now conduct a three-month consultation period with the intention of then recommending options for the sector.

The Association again congratulates City of Gosnells Mayor Pat Morris as this year's Local Government Medal winner and the first woman to be awarded the honour.

More details of the results of the delegate feedback surveys, and the prize draw winners will be announced, once the independent research company has completed their analysis.

MAIN ROADS TO CLARIFY HEAVY VEHICLE PERMITS

Following the recent release of the three year heavy vehicle permit network, there has been a number of queries from Councils on access to local roads.

The Association has requested that Main Roads clarify the situation with heavy vehicle permits and Main Roads has indicated that they will be providing advice directly to Councils in the next two weeks and will also be placing advertorial in newspapers to provide similar information to transport operators.

On an interim basis, Main Roads has advised that in essence the same level of legal access provided by the previous permit system should be available to transport operators under the new three year period permit and supplementary permits being issued by Main Roads. Roads that have been added to the three year period permit network since the maps were recently sent out can be accessed via the Main Roads website (heavy vehicles/network access/permit networks/permit network supplement).

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

TRAINING UPDATE

The following training courses are scheduled for August:

Elected Member Development Program

Module 5 Meetings

Date: **Wednesday, 23 August**
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm
Venue: Town of Narrogin
Cost: \$297 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
\$324.50 (inc GST) for non-members

Officer Professional Development

Letters and Report Writing in Local Government

Date: **Wednesday, 23 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

Preparing Agendas and Minutes in Local Government.

Date: **Thursday, 24 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 nonmembers

Introduction to Local Government Finance

Date: **Wednesday, 30 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 nonmembers

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

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The National General Assembly of Local Government 2006 will be held from **Monday, 27 November to Thursday, 30 November** in Canberra. The Association has been working with its Preferred Supplier for travel, Globetrotter Corporate, to explore group discounts for travel to this event.

To book individual travel through the regular program please contact Francine Griffiths on 9442 0137. To co-ordinate travel with other officers to obtain discounted airfares and accommodation, expressions of interest are needed by **Thursday, 31 August** and should be directed to Nicola Chapman on 9442 0153.

For further information on co-ordinated travel, please contact Nicola Chapman on 9442 0153 or email nicola.chapman@globetrotter.com.au.

SBS SELF HELP RETRANSMISSION SUBSIDY SCHEME

The SBS Corporation's Self Help Retransmission Scheme enables communities to provide their own equipment to rebroadcast SBS and other television and radio programs in areas where reception is currently poor or where there is an absence of transmitters.

The Scheme provides up to 100% funding assistance for the establishment of an SBS Radio service up to a ceiling of \$25,000. The funding may be raised to \$50,000 where a Self Help transmitter provides a good coverage of at least two communities.

Preliminary discussions with SBS indicate that they would support a consolidated approach to identifying specific options for radio retransmissions into communities. Furthermore, they would be prepared to give financial support to the feasibility assessment (eg. technical options, specification etc) in order to provide fully costed proposals for consideration by Local Governments and their communities, provided sufficient Councils are prepared to engage in this process collectively.

For further information, please contact ICT Policy & Programs Manager, Alden Lee, on 9213 2080 or email alee@walga.asn.au.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The inaugural *Local Government Sustainable Development Beyond 2030 - Solutions, Directions and Trends* conference will be held in Sydney on, **Thursday, September 14 to Friday, September 15** and will also incorporate the *National Local Government Sustainability Leaders Awards*.

The conference has been designed to assist local government practitioners to identify, plan and implement best practice sustainable development solutions and to showcase leading edge examples of outstanding environmental initiatives by Australian local governments. Best practice case studies on water minimisation, greenhouse emissions control, and minimising environment impacts of the built environment will be revealed. The conference has been structured as an intensive learning experience to enable attendees to immediately use the information.

The *NRM Forum* will be held in the afternoon of **Friday, 15 September** and will be hosted by the NRM facilitators within the state Local Government Associations.

For further information and to register, please contact Denise McQueen on (03) 8534 5021 or email denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au or visit www.halledit.com.au/conferences/sdb2030/.

EMAIL TITLE SEARCH NOW AVAILABLE

In late August, the Department of Land Information's (DLI) Landgate Land Enquiry customers can opt to receive search information via email in pdf format. This will be available at no extra cost and includes copies of certificate of titles, documents, surveys, strata plans and check searches.

Email delivery means better image quality, flexibility to enlarge, save, print and on-forward information, and large plans delivered as one seamless image.

In September, all Landgate customers will also be able to view and pay their account online by credit card. Secure Socket Layer (SSL) Internet technology will ensure all information supplied to Landgate is encrypted.

Landgate is an interactive web site that offers online products and services customised to meet the needs of individual customers and a diverse range of industry groups.

For further information about email title search information, online account payment and other Landgate services contact 9273 7341.

MEDIA RELEASES

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| 5 August | Media Alert – Courage to Make a Difference |
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ALGA NEWS

National news for local government Friday August 4, 2006

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Residents Say No to Recycled Water but Yes to Local Democracy

Residents of drought-stricken Toowoomba have convincingly rejected the notion of drinking their own waste water. In a referendum held last week that generated national discussion, some 62 per cent of residents opposed the treating of sewage for drinking water in the inland south-east Queensland city. A total of 60,231 people were eligible to vote in the referendum.



The outcome was a resounding victory for the 'no' campaign. Rosemary Morley, coordinator of a group calling itself *Citizens Against Drinking Sewage*, had insisted Toowoomba should not be a guinea pig for the rest of Australia in adopting the controversial plan.

Whilst the decision might have been a blow to the 'yes' campaigners, especially Toowoomba Mayor Di Thorley, it was a victory for local democracy and a lesson on how best to run a referendum on issues that are controversial and deal with matters that generate diverse opinions. On local ABC radio, the Mayor of Goulbourn Mulwaree, Paul Stephenson was philosophical on the outcome and believed that it was imperative that the community be well informed and fully engaged with the diversity of issues at stake.

Queensland Premier Peter Beattie is on record saying that regardless of the referendum outcome, other parched south-east Queensland communities would likely have to vote on the same issue in the future. The Premier has subsequently met with Toowoomba's Mayor and indicated that a water supply task force has up to six months to come up with options to tackle Toowoomba's water crisis.

It would appear that the issue of water, together with the rising costs of fuel and home ownership will continue to impact the decision making at all levels of government, not just the burghers of Toowoomba and Goulbourn.

Local Government and Planning Ministers meeting in Adelaide



ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell AM, will meet with local government and planning ministers in Adelaide today. The Local Government and Planning Ministers' Council (LGPMC), will consider and debate a variety of important matters that are of critical importance to local government. Key agenda items include the implementation program for the COAG sponsored National Reform Agenda, the ongoing implications of the Hawker Inquiry and the Inter-Governmental Agreement on Local Government and the need to comprehensively address local government financial sustainability concerns.

The President intends to brief the Council on ALGA's decision to commission Pricewaterhouse Coopers to undertake a comprehensive study into local government

finances, including issues related to Local Government Financial Assistance Grants. The outcomes of this study due for completion by November of this year, will form the basis of a submission that will ultimately be forwarded to the next meeting of COAG.

Other items on the Ministerial Council agenda include the ongoing work related to the *Framework for National Action on Affordable Housing*, major airport master planning, communities affected by rapid population growth and the *Future of Australia's Cities and Towns Policy*. The NSW's Local Government Minister will also report back on the outcomes of the *Local Government Ministers' Roundtable on Financial Sustainability* held in May.

The LGPMC last met in April in Canberra at a special meeting to endorse the *Inter-Governmental Agreement on Local Government*.

From the President

As I reflect on this week's column I am struck with the number of issues which touch directly or indirectly on local government and which underline the importance of local government to the economy and the community. The debate and vote on recycled water in Toowoomba highlights the role many councils play, both in delivering essential services and as a democratic sphere of government.

The adequacy of our water supply is one of the most important issues facing Australia today and it is significant that the issue is being played out at the local government level. The interest rate rise earlier this week and the consequent debate about rising fuel prices, inflation and the strength of the economy also reminds us of the critical role local government plays in economic growth. Local government employs more than 165,000 people across Australia and while the local government sector makes up only around 2.5% of GDP, individual local councils, especially in rural areas play a hugely important role in local economic development. The government's announcement on August 2 of more than \$7.6m in funding to local governments, and local government associations, for projects aimed at improving communities' emergency preparedness also underlines the critical role local government plays at times when a community faces an emergency. We saw this in Cyclone Larry and again in Beaconsfield where strong local leadership played a central role in helping those communities cope. Local government remains at the heart of Australia and all of us who play a role in local government can be proud of the contribution we make.

Cr Paul Bell AM - ALGA President



Future NRM programs

ALGA joined the Australian and state/territory governments to discuss possible future NRM programs in Adelaide last week. The various Australian Government reviews and evaluations formed the basis of these discussions. Participants discussed the possible architecture of future programs, funding and governance arrangements, the importance of continuing to trial and roll-out tools such as market based instruments, stewardship arrangements, improving monitoring and evaluation arrangements, possible approaches to better involve the community, traditional owners and industry participants and enhancing local government involvement in programs. These issues will continue to be refined and a report will be taken to the NRM Standing Committee and Ministerial Council in October and November 2006.

Grants for emergency management

Attorney General Philip Ruddock has announced successful projects valued at \$13.1 million under the 2006/07 Local Grants Scheme and National Emergency Volunteer Support Fund. The grants schemes are part of the "Working Together to Manage Emergencies" initiative which is in its third year. The projects range from under \$1,000 for the purchase of tabards for use in an emergency operations centre to \$360,000 for the development of the national

Australian Disaster Information Network (AusDIN) web portal. Applications will be called in December 2006 for projects to be funded in the 2007/08 financial year.

Sustainable gardening

Sustainable Gardening Australia (SGA) is leading a project to environmentally certify garden centres in Victoria. With financial assistance from the Australian Government, this project is set to be expanded to South Australia and parts of Western Australia, before going national. Local government is a key player in the project, through the identification of key local environmental weed species and working with certified nurseries to promote the use of local indigenous plant species to the community. Sustainable Gardening Australia also works with local governments to meet environmental benchmarks and encourage community behavioural change, such as through community awareness of sustainable gardening practices. This can lead to, amongst other positive environmental outcomes, a reduction in council expenses to manage weed infestations. SGA have a range of free information sheets available online that can be used as a community resource and have developed customised Sustainable Gardening booklets for nine councils. For more information, call Mary Trigger, CEO Sustainable Gardening Australia on 0414 641 337 or mary@sgaonline.org.au.

Bicycling Achievement Awards

The Cycling Promotion Fund has invited nominations for its Bicycling Achievement awards. One of the award categories - *Local Government Award for initiatives to encourage cycling* - encourages local government to invest some of their *Roads to Recovery* funding on cycling infrastructure. (Nominations close on 27 August 2006) Presentation of the Awards will be held in Melbourne at the Victorian Arts Centre on 14 October 2006 at the Bicycling Australia Show Dinner. More information and nomination forms can be obtained from Rosemarie Speidal at the CPF 03 9818 5400.

Quote of the week

I have to wonder why people think that when they can't manage local personnel within easy strangling and shooting distance, then they can manage personnel thousands of miles away that have different languages, cultures, and business rules.

- Joe Celko *Professor and vice-president of RDBMS at Northface University in Salt Lake City*

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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.

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Census time again

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) will conduct the next national Census of Population and Housing on Tuesday 8 August 2006. Census collectors are in the final stages of dropping off a census form at every household in Australia and will return to pick up a completed census form between 9 and 28 August 2006. This year, people will have the option of completing the census form online. The census is the keystone for local government planning. An accurate count in the census is vital for local government to continue to both serve its communities and demonstrate to State and the Commonwealth the need for a fairer share of resources. If you have any enquiries about the census, log on to www.abs.gov.au/census. So don't forget to fill in your census form. Your community is counting on you!

Growing Regions International

ALGA Board member Cr Ann Bennison addressed a major international regional development conference held in Brisbane last week. Cr Bennison's paper - *Population change and its impact on local economic development* - highlighted the significant roles played by local government in fostering sustainable outcomes for their communities when faced with major demographic change. Cr Bennison's presentation moved beyond the narrow definition of 'local economic development' and included a discussion of the social, environmental, economic and governance dimensions relating to population change and its impact on society.

Sponsored by the Department of Transport and Regional Services, Growing Regions International Conference heard from many distinguished speakers including Slawomir Tokarski (a member of the Cabinet for Regional Policy, European Union), Odile Sallard (from the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development), Mark Drabenstott (Vice-President and Director of the Centre for the Study of Rural America at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City), Maria Helena Henriques Meuller (Head of the Section for Youth in the United Nations Bureau of Strategic Planning), and Edward Bergman (Director of the Institute for Regional Development and Environment at Vienna University of Economics and Business).

National Housing Affordability Forum

A forum on affordable housing was held at Old Parliament House, Canberra on the 24 and 25 July. Attended by 60 invited participants from across Australia, the National Housing Affordability Forum heard presentations and discussed issues raised from a range of government, private and non-profit specialists. The aim of the Forum was to generate options that may be subsequently included in a National Affordable Housing Agreement that could provide a national framework for maximising effective investment in the provision of affordable housing across Australia. The Forum was chaired by Professor Julian Disney and was coordinated through the active support of the Australian Council of Social Service, ACTU, Housing Industry Association and the National Housing Alliance.

Australia's capital cities are among the least affordable places to live, according to a recent international housing affordability survey undertaken by Demographia. The survey ranked the affordability of around 100 cities in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United States, Britain and the Republic of Ireland. While it concluded that the most severely unaffordable housing could be found in cities in the United States, it argued that Australia had "the most pervasive housing affordability crisis". Sydney, Hobart and Adelaide were ranked the most unaffordable housing markets. Sydney ranked number 7 while Hobart ranked number 15 and Adelaide number 18.

International news ■■

Rocking the boat

The gondoliers of Venice will no longer be able to sing 'o sole mio' and have been told to strip their boats of "kitsch and glitz" under plans backed by the city council. The council and the Venetian Gondoliers' Association have issued guidelines to remove plush multicoloured cushions, garish rugs, phosphorescent paint, fairy lights and other "tacky and tasteless" decoration and ornamentation. The aim is to restore the gondolas to their original elegantly austere and predominantly black 16th-century look.

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Keep Australia Beautiful would like to encourage local councils across Australia to get involved to help preserve and protect our natural environment. [Full details for councils](#) can be downloaded.

Keep Australia Beautiful will be encouraging individuals to get involved by calculating how sustainable their household is, using the [Ecological Footprint Calculator](#).

Throughout August and September, Keep Australia Beautiful will also be giving people the chance to win a range of great prizes by entering our online [Pledge for the Environment](#) competition and committing to reduce waste and the amount energy, water and other natural resources they consume.

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Report finds more than half of WA councils unsustainable

An independent report commissioned by the West Australian Local Government Association has found that more than half of WA's councils are financially unsustainable from their current own source revenue. The preliminary findings of the Systemic Sustainability Study into Local Government were released on 5 August at the Annual Local Government Week Convention.



The report finds that 83 of Western Australia's 144 councils require revenue increases of more than 10% to eliminate operating deficits and that the total infrastructure backlog is in the order of \$1.75b. The Report's findings are consistent with other recent sustainability inquiries into local government undertaken in South Australia and New South Wales.

The Western Australian Local Government Association will conduct a three month consultation process in which councils, the community and other parties can respond to the Report. At the end of the consultation period, a set of comprehensive recommendations will be developed on the future direction of local government in Western Australia.

Financial sustainability - Ministers get the message

Federal and State local government ministers at their meeting in Adelaide on 4 August heard first hand from ALGA President Cr Paul Bell about the financial plight of local councils and the need for a national commitment from all spheres of government to address the issue. "The issue of financial sustainability is affecting councils across the nation", Cr Bell said. "The problem has become critical in recent years as councils face increasing demands for a wider range of services while at the same time facing a massive backlog in infrastructure maintenance. Councils do not have the resources to replace infrastructure and meet the service demands of the community - they don't have the revenue raising capacity and they don't have the financial reserves." Cr Bell told Ministers that ALGA had put the issue of financial sustainability on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council of Australian Governments. Cr Bell also told Ministers that ALGA had written to the Australian Government seeking restoration of \$171m in Financial Assistance Grants which local government had missed out on as a result of a decision by Treasurer Peter Costello in 1997 to impose a one off reduction in escalation of the grants. "As part of ALGA's campaign for fair federal funding for local government through setting financial assistance grants at a level equal to 1% of Australia Government taxation revenue we are also seeking the restoration of the missing grants".



As part of their response to the funding issue, federal and state ministers agreed to pursue the development of nationally consistent approaches to the financial sustainability, asset management and financial reporting of local government.

COAG Reform Agenda on track



At their meeting in Adelaide last week, state and federal local government and planning ministers approved work by bureaucrats on a variety of areas to ensure that the Local Government and Planning Minister's Council met its requirements under the broad Council of Australian Governments (COAG) National Reform Agenda. The Ministers are responsible particularly for work on strategic climate change initiatives focusing on energy efficient land use practices, development assessment reform (including the use of electronic lodgment) and building regulation reform. Reform initiatives need to be identified and reported to COAG by the end of 2006. The work of the Local Government and Planning Ministers is just part of COAG's National Reform Agenda which covers reform in the Human Capital and Competition and Regulation areas. Work is now proceeding across the agenda to identify initiatives which COAG can consider and tick off at its next meeting, expected to be in February next year.

From the President

The release last Saturday of the Western Australian Local Government Association's interim report on sustainability of local government has confirmed that the financial crisis facing local government is a national issue which needs a coordinated national response. The report's finding that more than 80 WA councils are unsustainable underlines the fact that local government cannot continue under the current system of funding and that action is needed now.

The infrastructure backlog identified in WA is in the order of \$1.75 billion, or 14% of the total value of council infrastructure. This echoes the earlier findings in South Australia (where 26 out of 68 councils were financially unviable) and New South Wales (where the infrastructure backlog is put at \$6 billion).

The need for a nationally coordinated approach to address local government's funding issues was the major message I put to local government ministers at their meeting last Friday, and its one I will continue to put until we have achieved some reform of local government funding. This is perhaps the central issue facing local government today. ALGA's Triple F campaign - *Fair Treatment, Fair Funding and Formal Recognition* - has delivered real outcomes. The Intergovernmental Agreement on Cost Shifting was signed on 12 April and I have been advised by Local Government Minister Jim Lloyd that the Commonwealth Parliamentary Resolution recognizing local government will be introduced into Parliament shortly. *Fair Funding*, however, is the area on which I will be focusing over the coming months. The work on local government finance that ALGA commissioned from PricewaterhouseCoopers is proceeding and will be completed by the time of our National General Assembly in November. I expect that work to strengthen our case for further funding and I will be using it in support of our arguments when the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) considers the issue of local government funding early next year. The challenge we face in getting this issue addressed is not an easy one, but as the WA report shows, doing nothing is not an option.

Cr Paul Bell AM
ALGA President



New senior staff in DOTARS

Recent weeks have seen a shakeup in the senior staff responsible for local government in DOTARS with the appointment of John Angley as the Executive Director of the Territories and Local Government Division. He was formerly with the Department of Finance. Daniel Owen will be the new General Manager of Local Government. Mr Owen previously headed the area within the Department which dealt with Regional and Indigenous Policy.

World Mayor 2006: The nominees

Fifty mayors from all continents have been nominated for this year's World Mayor Award. Among them are some of the big names in local government such as the mayors of New York, Tokyo, Shanghai, Melbourne and Amsterdam. Europe is represented by 16 mayors, while 10 mayors come from North America, six from South America, 12 from Asia, four from Africa and two from Australia and New Zealand. The World Mayor project, organised by City Mayors, aims to raise the profile of mayors worldwide, as well as to honour those who have served their communities well and who have contributed towards the wellbeing of cities, nationally and internationally. In the final round of World Mayor 2006, which is now in progress and lasts until the end of October, citizens from across the world are invited to choose from the list of 50 nominees. They may vote for one mayor from each of the world regions and are asked to supplement their vote with a statement explaining why their choice of mayor deserved to win the 2006 Award. When deciding the winner, well-argued supporting statements are as important as the number of actual votes. The winner will be announced on 6 December.

Research on emergency risk management

ALGA is about to begin a series of in-depth telephone interviews with local council officers throughout Australia, whose work determines their councils' approach to emergency risk management. The research will be used to recommend communication strategies to engage relevant council officers in a regular, ongoing two-way information exchange about risk management, disaster mitigation and recovery planning. The research will draw on the results of the recent National Emergency Management Survey that was completed by 42% of all Australian local council's and has the potential to benefit local council's and a range of government agencies, by creating a more comprehensive knowledge-base about how the work of local council officers around Australia impacts on an integrated approach to emergency risk management. For more information about the project contact, Sharyn Csanki - sharyn.csanki@alga.asn.au - 02 6122 9420.

Time running out for senior nominations

Time is running out to get nominations in for the 2007 Senior Australian of the Year Award. The Minister for Ageing, Senator Santo Santoro, said the August 28 deadline was fast approaching and he urged people not to miss the chance to nominate someone for the honour. "The Senior Australian of the Year Award celebrates the lives and achievements of ordinary Australians doing extraordinary things to help build a better Australia," Senator Santoro said. Nomination forms for the 2007 Senior Australian of the Year Award are available from all Commonwealth Bank branches, on-line, or by phoning 1300 655 193.

NGA06: Pushing the Agenda

Registrations are now open for this year's National General Assembly *Pushing the Agenda*. The General Assembly will focus on progress of the Triple F campaign - launched at NGA 2005 - *Fair federal funding, Fair treatment, Formal recognition*. It will build on three significant milestones for local government achieved so far this year - securing an intergovernmental agreement, or IGA, on cost shifting; the \$300m boost to the *Roads to Recovery* program in the Federal Budget, coming on top of an additional \$100 million for the AusLink strategic regional program announced by the Australian Government at NGA

2005; and the PricewaterhouseCoopers major study on local government financing commissioned by ALGA. Work has also progressed on a motion to recognise local government, expected to be presented to Parliament in this August sitting. In addition, the ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, will launch the *National Local Roads and Transport Strategy* - the subject of this year's National Local Roads and Transport Congress held in Alice Springs. This year's NGA will Push the Agenda as local government prepares for the next federal election in 2007 - an Assembly not to be missed!

Quote of the week

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Motions for Debate - now open

Councils are now invited to submit Notices of Motion for the 2006 National General Assembly of Local Government. Motions are to be received by ALGA no later than Friday 8 September. In order to address delegates' strong concerns regarding motions for debate, a General Assembly Review Committee has been set up by the ALGA Board. Two significant changes for this year's Assembly are the return of full plenary debate and strict assessment of all motions submitted against the criteria of national significance. Issues not included for debate in the Business Papers are welcomed in Open House - a networking space specifically designed for delegates to discuss issues not on the main agenda - why not make a booking in advance of the National General Assembly? This is your opportunity to discuss what's happening on your home patch.

Councils on show!

We know councils across Australia constantly utilise skills and ingenuity to solve vital issues. Now via the National General Assembly, we want you to tell the rest of local government about your problem and your unique solution. As a brand new initiative to highlight the great innovation in local government all over Australia, the ALGA Board invites councils to submit multi-media presentations which showcase innovative solutions to the challenges faced by all councils. A council may have installed a desalination plant to combat the drought, or be introducing new forms of housing to cope with population change. Alternatively, a simple solution to an occupational safety issue could be highlighted. We want to facilitate the opportunity for all councils to learn from each other. We want entries from all councils, large and small, rural and urban. Successful entries will be shown throughout the National General Assembly. To ensure the maximum number of councils have the opportunity to showcase - presentations must be of no more than 15 minutes duration and they must stand alone both in audio and visuals. Please note: this is not an opportunity for individuals to give a presentation. Please post your presentations on CD or DVD together with council contact details to:

- Katie Whitehead
- Director National Events and International Liaison
- 8 Geils Court
- Deakin, ACT, 2600.

To be eligible for consideration and inclusion in this year's National General Assembly, we must receive your multi-media submission by no later than **15 October 2006**. For more information, please contact Katie Whitehead - katie.whitehead@alga.asn.au or telephone: 02 6122 9436.

Living in harmony funding projects 2006

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs invites applications from incorporated, not-for-profit organizations, and from local government, for funding for projects designed to engage the whole community in promoting Australian values and mutual obligation, as well as address issues of cultural, religious and racial intolerance in Australia.

Projects funded under the Living in Harmony Funded Community Projects program will promote harmony in local communities. Communities are in the best position to recognise local problems and find locally relevant solutions. Funding for projects will normally range in value from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Applications for amounts above \$50,000 will be considered on merit. Local government authorities are encouraged to apply.

To register for access to an on-line application form, please visit our website and download the form titled Request for Access to the Living in Harmony Programme On-line Application (GMSE). For further information, call the Living in Harmony help desk on 1800 453 004.

Expression of Interest forms must be submitted by 12.00 midnight Friday 25 August 2006. No late applications or partial applications will be accepted.

ACIF code guidelines for local government

The Australian Communications Industry Forum (ACIF) Code Guidelines for improving local government involvement in mobile phone base station deployment are now available. The package can assist councils increase their involvement in the deployment of mobile phone base stations which do not require a development application (e.g. Low-impact facilities). The complete information package can be downloaded.

Independent town planning consultants Urban and Regional Planning Solutions in association with the Mobile Carriers Forum and representatives from local government associations and councils across Australia prepared the *Guidelines package*.

If you would like further information about the *ACIF Code Guidelines for Local Government* package please contact Nicole Halsey from Urban and Regional Planning Solutions on - 08 8333 3335 or Tanya Stoianoff, Executive Director, Mobile Carriers Forum on - 02 9279 0533.

Beazley, Carr head politicians to speak at NGA06

The Leader of the Opposition, Kim Beazley, will close this year's National General Assembly, while Senator Kim Carr, Shadow Minister for Housing, Urban Development, Local Government and Territories will also address Assembly delegates. ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, said, "We are delighted to have the support of representatives from our federal parliamentarians - it demonstrates the spirit of cooperation that exists between local and federal governments". This year's keynote presentation will be given by Grahame Morris, the head of PricewaterhouseCoopers Office of Federal Government Services and heading ALGA's local government financing study. He will be joined by Barry Easter, Mayor of West Tamar Council - put under the media spotlight after the rock fall disaster at the Beaconsfield gold mine on Anzac Day - Robyn Moore, multi-skilled communicator, and the Founder and Chairman of Clean Up Australia, Ian Kiernan. Program and registration details are now available on the recently refurbished National General Assembly website.

International news ■■

Draining away

Over 50 drain covers have been stolen in the Belgian city of Charleroi in recent days as skyrocketing metal prices have made them lucrative, according to officials from the town hall's construction department. The sewer lids, made from cast iron, started vanishing last week and the council has ordered an investigation. The city's police department said it is taking the crimes seriously. "It's not the Glasgow-London train robbery of course, but it poses serious threats to people," Philippe Goffaux, a Charleroi police chief, told Reuters. "We put pressure on resellers of metals in the region and warned them they will be prosecuted if they are found with lid covers." A 40 kg sewer lid can fetch roughly €6 on the black market.

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Local Government Faces up to the Future

More than half of the Councils in Western Australia are financially unsustainable from their current own source revenue according to an independent study commissioned by the WA Local Government Association.

The preliminary findings of the Systemic Sustainability Study into Local Government were outlined today by the chair of the study panel Professor Greg Craven at the annual Local Government Week convention.

WA Local Government Association President Cr Bill Mitchell said the sector was demonstrating courage in making public the findings of the SSS interim report.

However he said facing up to the current state of the sector was the only proper way to ensure that all options and opinions were explored in determining a sustainable future.

"This is a significant step for the Association and Local Government as a sector in confronting these report findings in such a public manner," Cr Mitchell said.

"Many industries and businesses would not dream of openly admitting to such an urgent predicament but Local Government has a responsibility to the communities it serves.

"Undoubtedly as a consequence of these report findings there will be the need for change for Local Government but if we want the community to be involved and support any changes then we have to be prepared to involve them at all stages of the process."

Key findings of the Systemic Sustainability Study interim report into Local Government in WA are:

- 83 of the 144 Councils require revenue increases of more than 10% to eliminate underlying operating deficits.

- In total \$1.75 billion was required to redress the backlog infrastructure managed by Local Government.

- The current system of Local Government Financial Assistance may work against efficient and rational practice.

Cr Mitchell said the study panel would now conduct a three-month consultation period in which Councils, the community and any other interested parties will be encouraged to respond to the report findings.

He said at the conclusion of the consultation period the study panel intended to provide comprehensive recommendations as to the future direction of Local Government in WA.

"The Association is confident that Local Government in WA will acknowledge the enormity of the report findings and make the necessary decisions for the future benefit of their communities," he said.

"However we will not support forced amalgamations of Councils as evidence from the reform process in other states is that community support and agreement to any change is vital in ensuring a sustainable outcome."

The full report of the SSS Panel is available online at www.systemicsustainabilitystudy.com.au.

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Courage to Make a Difference

"I was so close to death that it really didn't matter anymore. I could actually feel it, feel myself slipping away."

These are the words of Alison – a courageous campaigner who is the keynote speaker for this year's Local Government Week convention.

In keeping with the convention theme "Courage Under Fire – The Need To Lead", Alison will tell how she survived a brutal abduction, in which she was repeatedly stabbed, assaulted and left for dead, to go on to lead the fight against violent crime in South Africa.

WA Local Government Association President Cr Bill Mitchell said the message for Local Government will be how Alison overcame her experience to make a difference in her community.

"What impresses me most about Alison's story is not just that she survived the physical injuries of the attack but the way she has triumphed and become a leader in her community," Cr Mitchell said.

"I would be surprised if anyone who attends her address at Local Government Week is not moved by her courage and inspired by the strength of her response."

EVENT: Keynote address by *Alison*

LOCATION: Local Government Week convention
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DATE: **Sunday, August 6**

TIME: 10.45am to 12pm

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5 August 2006

Council Sustainability Needs Inter-Governmental Support

Sustainability in Local Government will not be achieved without genuine commitment across all sectors of government.

Released today, an independent report commissioned by the WA Local Government Association identified 83 Councils as financially unsustainable from their current own source revenue and an infrastructure backlog of \$1.75 billion. The study panel will now conduct a three-month consultation period prior to making recommendations.

Association President Cr Bill Mitchell said the Systemic Sustainability Study interim report had highlighted serious concerns for Local Government which he believed the sector would embrace and seek to redress.

He welcomed recent comments by WA Local Government Minister Jon Ford acknowledging the need for more funding to Local Government for infrastructure and regional service delivery

"There is no doubt that Western Australian Councils are facing a funding crisis and a greater commitment to genuine growth revenue streams from both State and Federal Governments is vital for a successful Local Government sector," Cr Mitchell said.

"Currently Councils have to hope for generosity in the allocation of the Local Governments Financial Assistant Grants whereas a fairer system would be an allocation of a fixed percentage of total tax revenue.

"In addition to the uncertainty of the revenue allocation is the issue of cost shifting by State and Federal governments whereby additional services are required without corresponding additional funding.

"For example, as recently as last week the State Government extended smoking restrictions in hospitality venues -with the expectation that Council staff will police the bans - but with no additional resources allocated to Local Government."

Cr Mitchell said the financial problems facing Councils were also exacerbated by expectations that rate increases should be aligned to the Consumer Price Index. He said the Association had produced a Local Government Cost Index which greater reflected the impact of costs to Councils such as construction costs and building activity.

"The average rate increase for Local Government in WA is 4.8 per cent which aligns with the 4.7 per cent that would have applied under the CPI method," he said.

"However under the Local Government Cost Index method – which looks at the true cost of Councils supplying services – the average rate increase should have been 6.7 per cent.

“What this demonstrates is that Councils are undercharging for the cost of the services they provide which is unsustainable in the long term.”

Ends

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MEDIA RELEASE

6 August 2006

Banners in the Terrace Winners

Secondary school students from Geraldton have beaten 95 entries to win this year's Banners in the Terrace competition.

Held as part of Local Government Week, all the entries – each depicting a Council area in WA - are on display along St George's and Adelaide Terraces.

Announced today, the winners of the five categories are;

Lower Primary – **Shire of Harvey,**

Upper Primary – **Shire of Westonia,**

Secondary School – **City of Geraldton,**

Community/Non Professional – **Shire of Murchison** and

Creative Artist/Professional – **City of Melville**

Each of the winning entries will have the image of their banner transferred to postcards that will be supplied by the WA Local Government Association to each Council to use to help promote their area.

Association Chief Executive Officer, Ms Ricky Burges said the success of the competition – now in its 14th year – was due to the ongoing support of the Perth City Council.

"The banners look fantastic and are testament to the great and wonderful work that Local Government does and the very diverse community we serve," Ms Burges said.

"All the Councils who entered the competition, the various groups and individuals who produced the banners and the Perth City Council who provide access to the display poles should be congratulated."

Photographs of all entries are available upon request.

Ends

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MEDIA RELEASE

7 August 2006

Local Government Leaders Recognised

Leaders in their sector have this weekend been recognised at WA Local Government's annual conference, the Local Government Week Convention.

In recognition of exceptional service in advancing the goals of Local Government, City of Gosnells Mayor Pat Morris was awarded the Local Government Medal.

Considered the pinnacle of recognition for service to Local Government, only five medals have been awarded since its inception in 1999.

Mayor Morris's service to the community includes contributions to the development of Local Government Aboriginal employment strategies; initiatives to ensure that people with disabilities have access to Council services and infrastructure and juvenile justice training programs. Under her leadership, the City of Gosnells has been formally recognised for best practice in Local Government on numerous occasions.

Mrs Del Cole was awarded a life membership to the Association in recognition of long and outstanding service to her community. She has served as Shire President at the Shire of Carnarvon, as well as President of the Country Shire Council's Association and played an integral role in the formation of the Western Australian Local Government Association. During the floods which ravaged the northwest of the State in 2000, Mrs Cole was instrumental in coordinating relief to affected areas by chairing the Lord Mayor's Relief Appeal Committee.

Cr Jeff Munn, City of Armadale and Dr Shayne Silcox, City of Belmont were both awarded with Certificates of Appreciation for their personal commitment, eminent service and contribution to the Association.

23 recipients were awarded Local and Loyal Service awards in recognition of long service of a high degree as an executive member of the Association for 8 or more years, or as an Elected Member for 12 or more years.

10 recipients were awarded Distinguished Service awards for their service to the community through their Local Government.

Cr Bill Mitchell said, "Service to the community is too often overlooked, and these awards are a one small way in which we can thank and congratulate those who have devoted so much of their time and invaluable skills to the community and the Local Government sector."

Three Local Governments were awarded Biodiversity Milestone awards for achieving the first of seven milestones set out by the "Local Government Biodiversity Guidelines" – The Shire of Kalamunda, The Shire of Kwinana, and the City of Wanneroo.

The guidelines, created by the Association through the Perth Biodiversity Project with funding from the NHT and State Government, outline a consistent, staged process that can be used by Local Governments in the Perth Metropolitan Region to prepare local biodiversity strategies.

Cr Bill Mitchell said, "Councils in the Outer Perth Metropolitan Region have a large amount of natural areas remaining, and the development expectations in these areas are high. The long-term rewards associated with the ecological and social benefits from protecting ecologically significant viable natural areas, will hopefully provide the incentive for more Councils to use the guidelines to prepare strategies."

Recipients of the Long and Loyal Service and Distinguished Service Awards are outlined below:

Long and Loyal Service

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Mr Murray Arnold | Shire of Bruce Rock | Cr Pauline O'Connor | Town of Cambridge |
| Cr Peter Clarke | Shire of Goomalling | Mayor Peter Olson | Town of Claremont |
| Cr Lang Coppin | Shire of East Pilbara | Cr Nita Sadler | Shire of Kalamunda |
| Mayor Paddi Creevey | City of Mandurah | Mrs Pauline Scott | Shire of Kellerberrin |
| Cr Bob Daniel | City of Stirling | Cr Graham Sanderson | Shire of Dalwallinu |
| Cr Bill Despotovski | Shire of East Pilbara | Mr Kerry Sprigg | Shire of Tambellup |
| Cr Harold Forward | Shire of Goomalling | Mr Ludwig Steber | Shire of Kellerberrin |
| Cr Bill Gleeson | City of South Perth | Cr Elizabeth Taylor | Shire of Kalamunda |
| Cr John Jefferys | Shire of Westonia | Cr Dennis Veitch | Shire of Boddington |
| Cr Paul Kelly | Town of Claremont | Mr Neil Walker | Shire of Brookton |
| Mr John Leeds | Shire of East Pilbara | Mr Ivan Wilton | Shire of Mingenew |
| Cr Helen Nankivell | Shire of Dalwallinu | | |

Distinguished Service

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Cr Harold Crawford | Shire of Shark Bay |
| Ms Marlene Cullen | Shire of Coolgardie |
| Cr Laurence Don | Shire of Chittering |
| Cr Jill Duncan | Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup |
| Cr Walter Hearman | Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup |
| Cr Pat Hogan | Shire of Dundas |
| Cr Duncan Macphail | City of Melville |
| Mr Ted McCarthy | Shire of Bruce Rock |
| Mr Douglas Scambler | Town of Kwinana |
| Mrs Sandra Trenowden | Shire of Coolgardie |

Ends

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MEDIA RELEASE

15 August 2006

Amalgamation Claims are Alarmist

Ratepayers should not be alarmed by increasingly hysterical claims that amalgamation of Councils is the objective of the Western Australian Local Government Association.

WALGA President Cr Bill Mitchell repeated the Association's commitment to the sustainability of Local Government in WA and its continued opposition to forced amalgamations of Councils.

"Reform of Local Government reform in other states has proven that forced amalgamations do not work as community support and agreement to any change is vital in ensuring a sustainable outcome," Cr Mitchell said.

"Once again I want to make it clear that the Association does not support forced amalgamations and has never promoted any single solution for the issues facing Councils as to do so would be impossible as almost all circumstances are different."

A recent report commissioned by WALGA identified 83 Councils as financially unsustainable from their current own source revenue and a total sector infrastructure backlog of \$1.75 billion. The independent study panel will now conduct a three-month consultation process prior to making recommendations.

Cr Mitchell said recent claims on the sustainability of Local Government - such as those by Mosman Park Cr Ron Norris that the Association supported amalgamation of Councils - were incorrect and mischievous or at the best confused.

"It is a blatant lack of understanding of the role of the Association in providing the information to Councils to allow each community to make an informed decision as to defining a sustainable future," Cr Mitchell said.

"There may be some short-term political gain to be made at a local level by some individuals by trying to stir up fear or anxiety in the community in regard to amalgamation of Local Governments.

"However making hysterical and inaccurate claims is not helpful to the process of facilitating reasoned debate and informing the community to the actual facts at hand."

Cr Mitchell said the information contained an interim report of the Systemic Sustainability Study required a responsible and rational response by the Local Government sector.

"The Association is confident that Councils in Western Australia will acknowledge the enormity of the report findings and make the necessary decisions for the future benefit of their communities," he said.

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- ❑ John Edwards commences in the part-time position of Senior Building Surveyor, as at 9 August 2006.
- ❑ Ryan Janes commences in the position of Environmental Health Officer, as at 15 August 2006.
- ❑ Jennifer Sisson commences in the position of Part-time Rates Officer, as at 18 September 2006.

Staff Leaving:

- ❑ Nil

Other Staff Movements:

- ❑ Harry Erasmus has been transferred into the Building Department as Building Compliance Officer, effective 7 August 2006.

Current Recruitment Activity:

- ❑ Liaison & Compliance Officer – 2nd round interviews completed, offer not accepted by preferred candidate, looking at alternative options.
- ❑ Environmental Health Officer – recruitment completed.
- ❑ Part-time Rates Officer – recruitment completed.
- ❑ Plant Operator/Waste Collection Vehicle Operator – shortlisting complete, to interview 21 August 2006.
- ❑ Ranger – closed 4 August 2006, looking to readvertise.
- ❑ Governance & Administration Officer – interviews completed, recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Corporate Relations & Personal Assistant – Mayor's Office – closed 11 August 2006.
- ❑ Referral Officer – closes 17 August 2006.

Current Recruitment Activity: cont...

- ❑ Administrative Officer Ranger Services – advertising 5 August, closes on 18 August 2006.
- ❑ Aquatic Centre positions – advertising 5 August, closes on 18 August 2006.
 - Assistant Manager
 - Kiosk Supervisor
 - Pool Lifeguards
 - Swim Instructors
 - Reception/Kiosk Attendants
- ❑ Senior Statutory/Strategic Planning Officer – closes 25 August 2006.
- ❑ Indigenous Community Development Coordinator – closes 25 August 2006.

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|--|--|--|---|
| ITEM | REFERRING COMMITTEE | COMMENTS | OFFICER RESPONSIBLE |
| <u>Armadale Shale Quarry – Management Plan</u> <i>Refer T145/02 25 November02</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 JULY - SEPTEMBER 2006

| | July | August | September |
|--------------------|--|---|--|
| Civil 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 | Construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Railway Ave (Lake to Centre) ▪ Jarrah Road ▪ Barbara & Hawkins Roads Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General Works ▪ Kerb and footpath repairs |
| Development | 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 ▪ Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park) ▪ Lot 10 Brooks Road | Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct 1B & 1C ▪ Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) ▪ Armadale Plaza Development (westzone) ▪ Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd ▪ Brookwood Stg 6 ▪ Lot 38B Wright Road (Arion Estate Stg 1) ▪ Churchman Brook Stg 9 & 10 ▪ Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park) ▪ Lot 10 Brooks Road ▪ Lot 604 Waterwheel Road | Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct 1B & 1C ▪ Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) ▪ Armadale Plaza Development (westzone) ▪ Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd Stg 2 ▪ Brookwood Stg 6 ▪ Lot 38B Wright Road (Arion Estate Stg 1) ▪ Churchman Brook Stg 9 & 10 ▪ Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park) ▪ Lot 10 Brooks Road ▪ Lot 604 Waterwheel Road ▪ Lot 53 Churchman Brook Road |

| | July | August | September |
|---------------------------------|--|--|---|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lot 604 Waterwheel Road | | |
| Design & Engineering | Design & Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> McNess Drive Wymond Road land transfer Gillam/Railway Girraween Street LATM Seville Drive LATM Railway Avenue | Design & Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rushton Park – carpark Fifth and Forest Rd – roundabout Weld Street – carpark Seville Drive LATM Michael Rd LATM McNess Drive Stage II Hawkins Road Railway Ave – Stage 1 Poad Street | Design & Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ranford Road Stage II Gilwell Ave/Page Rd Seville Dr/Gillam Dr Salter Road (Contractors) Third Rd/Burns Rd/Gillam Dr Forrestdale Hall – Car Parking Mount Street Barbara St Drainage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slab Gully Stage IV Lake Road – Outfall drain Rails Cres – Subsoil drainage. |
| Parks and Reserves | Development <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 | Development <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 | Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial Park Redevelopment Rushton Park Redevelopment Planning Kelmscott Townscape (ARA) Citywide Tree Planting Playground Audit/Rationalisation Planning Play Equipment Cross Park / Frye Park |

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| | Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seasonal Mowing Street tree Management Townscapes Amenity Service Streetscape Maintenance PAW's Maintenance Spraying Programme (Herbicide) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial Plaques – Rushton Park, Kuhl Park Light towers - Cross Park, - Kelmscott Tennis Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seasonal Mowing Street tree Management Townscapes Amenity Service Streetscape Maintenance Spraying program (Herbicide) Industrial Areas verge mowing | Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled mowing (refer programme) Street tree pruning (Kelmscott) CBD Maintenance / Asset works Park detailing works (underpruning trees, mulching etc) |
| Property Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rushton Park Completion/handover/opening Armada Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools Armada 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"> Armada Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools Armada 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armada Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools Armada 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 Westfield Child Health – Internal works |

BUSHCARE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday 12 July 2006 – 6.00 PM
Committee Room – City of Armadale Administration Centre

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ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

| Member/Deputy Member | Affiliations |
|----------------------|---|
| Pat Hart | Armadale City River Care Group [6.20 pm to 7.25 pm] |
| Cam Clay | Bedfordale Volunteer Fire Brigade Nominee & Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group. CHAIR |
| Adrian Choules | Friends of Goolamrup |
| Kim Fletcher | Friends of Armadale Shale Quarry |
| David James | Friends of Forrestdale |
| Gwen Watson | Armadale City Rivercare |
| Michael Moltoni | Armadale Settlers' Common |
| Corinne Gaskin | City of Armadale Environmental Officer |
| Yvonne Ward | Minute Secretary – City of Armadale |
| Apologies | |
| Cr Bob Tizard | City of Armadale Councillor |
| Beth Laurie | Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group |

DISCLAIMER

Nil

DISCLOSURES OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Nil

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

DEPUTATIONS

Nil

PROJECTS FOR COUNCIL'S NOTICE

The following projects are listed for Council's notice. The Project/ Group leader for all projects listed in the table below has agreed to conduct the works with due regard to the City's safety and training requirements for bushcare activities as described in the City's Friends Group Manual.

RECOMMEND

That Council be advised that the Project/ Group leader listed in the table below has been co-opted to the Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee to protect or rehabilitate bushland by facilitating works by volunteers for this Committee to extent of the scope of works and volunteer duties described.

| Project/ Group leader | Group (if any) | Span of dates | Scope of works/ volunteers duties |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
| | Roleystone Dieback Action Group | 30 July 2006 | Seedling planting at Hillandale Bushland. |
| | Bungendore Park Management Committee | 22 July 2006 | Tree planting at pit 10 – Bungendore Park. |
| Adrian Choules | Friends of Goolamrup | Starting from 1 July 2006 – fortnightly thereafter. | Weeding & Planting |
| Gwen Watson | Kelmscott Primary School | Weekend of 11 & 12 August 2006 | Planting and direct seeding |
| Michael Moltoni | Armadales Settlers' Common | 8/9 July and 15/16 July 2006 | Planting |

Cr Pat Hart joined the meeting at 6.20 pm.

GUEST SPEAKER

The City of Armadale Environmental Officer provided an overview of Fletcher Park Bushland Management Trial that has been initiated to monitor horse impact on native vegetation in Fletcher Park. Attached is a copy of the PowerPoint presentation provided to Committee by the Environmental Officer. (Refer to Attachment "A-1".)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMEND

That the Minutes of the Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on 10 May 2006 be adopted.

MOVED: Mr Adrian Choules

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Correspondence in

- AABR Newsletter and membership renewal
- The Swan NRM Newsletter June 2006
- Natural Heritage Trust Winter 2006 magazine
- *EcoPlan News*
- *The Web – Threatened Species Network Newsletter - WWF*

- *River View – Swan River Trust*

Correspondence out

- New Bushcare Directory and Friends Group Manual
- Invitations to BEAC bushwalks
- Invitations to apply for BEAC grants
- Invitations to attend Plenary Session on 2 August 2006

COUNCIL RELATED BUSINESS

There were no agenda items referred from previous meetings that required decision and recommendation to Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

Obtaining variations/ exemptions to firebreak requirements

At BEAC's May Meeting, firebreak exemptions were discussed. The Committee queried whether Friends Groups could apply for exemptions to firebreaks for their local reserves, similar to private landholders who undertake other fire suppression activities and receive annual exemptions.

The Environmental Officer advised that she had not yet received requested feedback from Council's Ranger & Emergency Services Department so the matter would be recommitted to the next Meeting of BEAC in September 2006.

July – Earth Alive Biodiversity Month

The BEAC Annual Calendar identifies that in July each year, the group will plan an event to raise awareness about biodiversity conservation.

Committee was of the view that in recognition of Earth Alive Biodiversity Month it should arrange a walk of Ellis Brook Valley on Sunday, 13 August 2006. Confirmation of the availability of Mr John Bowler to lead the walk to be undertaken by the Environmental Officer. All members to be notified of the arrangements made for the walk by the Environmental Officer.

BEAC Grants 2006/2007

Application for BEAC grants for 2006/2007 close 7 July 2006.

The Environmental Officer advised that applications for funding for 2006/2007 had been received from:

- *Friends of Wright Brook*
- *Bungendore Park Management Committee*
- *Armadale Settlers' Common Management Committee*

- *Hillandale Bush Care*
- *Armada City Rivercare Group*

Plenary Session 2

BEAC annually hosts two (2) Plenary Sessions to bring together community conservation groups and the wider community who are concerned with the local environment, to build relationships and share knowledge.

The next BEAC Plenary Session is planned for 7pm to 9pm on Wednesday, 2 August 2006 in the City of Armadale Administration Building - Function Room. The topic will be Black Cockatoos in Armadale.

BEAC Bushwalks 2006 & Springtime Walks

The next BEAC springtime walk is on Sunday, 13 August 2006.

This event to be undertaken as BEAC's recognition of the Earth Alive Biodiversity Month, as recorded previously in these Minutes.

INFORMATION

Planning applications & scheme amendments:

- Town Planning Scheme 4 Amendment – Lot 62 Croyden Road, Roleystone

On 21 November 2005, Council resolved to initiate a TPS4 Amendment for the zoning of Lot 62, Croyden Road, Roleystone to include 'Restricted Use – Holiday Accommodation Resort'. This Amendment is currently being advertised (comment due by 19 July 2006) and more information (viewing of the amendment) is available at the City of Armadale Administration Building front counter.

Cr Hart advised that the comment date had been extended to 2 August 2006.

Committee expressed concern regarding the effect of the project on the river, the ability of the project to contain soils on site and the effect the development would have on the environment, leading to the attraction of the Canning valley being compromised.

RECOMMEND

Council request further investigation is undertaken in regard to the development of Lot 62, Croyden Road, Roleystone. The investigation to include the ability of the proposed development to contain soils on site during the development phase and afterwards, given the topography of the site and the detrimental effect the development would have on the Canning valley and river.

MOVED: Mr Cam Clay

CARRIED

**Items of interest from the Council Committee/ Council minutes/
agenda to note:**

- The Environmental Protection Authority has released a draft *State of the Environment Report* for WA. To obtain a copy, contact the EPA on 9222 8668.
- Bird Surveys undertaken in City of Armadale (Creyk Park, Kendal Court and Fletcher Park).
- *A letter has been received from the Department of Conservation & Land Management advising that they are going to the Geographic Names Committee with a name for the new regional parks formally combined as the wider Darling Range Regional Park. In the City of Armadale, Kaalaree Regional Park is the proposed name for the regional park that includes the Wungong gorge, Bungendore Park and the Armadale Settlers' Common. Information on other new proposed regional park names can be obtained from the City's Environmental Officer.*
- *Vegetation available for Translocation:*
The Environmental Officer advised that advice had been forwarded to her from Cr Hart, who had received an email from Jeremy Albertson of RePlant (who is salvaging grass trees from a site in Maida Vale that is due to be cleared). There are lots of understorey plants that SERCUL or local groups could use including Dasypogons, Isopogons, Conostylis, Kanga paw, sedges, orchid and low heathy plants. RePlant is available to assist in terms of supplying some gear and hiring some trucks – meeting the organisation half way with the labour. Jeremy is hoping to have a big day during the week of 17 to 20 July 2006 when he will hire trucks, excavator and an operator. It is likely the site will be accessible following this for a short period. The salvage operators can be contacted on (M) 9433 984 246. If anyone is interested they should contact this mobile number.
- *Community Capacity Building – Volunteer Risk Management Program*
Conservation Volunteers are holding workshops on Occupational Health and Safety for Community Groups free of charge on 31 July 2006. If anyone is interested in attending, this can be arranged by the Environmental Officer.
- *Supply of Herbicides to Friends Groups*
The Environmental Officer advised that the City of Armadale will supply herbicides to Friends Groups free of charge to do on-ground weed management on City lands providing the people concerned have undergone an accredited course for chemical safety (as advised by the Manager Parks). The Environmental Officer advised that she was in the process of organising that course and this would be made available to one person from each Friends Group. Friends Group Members to advise the Environmental Officer if they are interested in attending.
- *CSIRO Wetland Water Balance Study*
Cr Hart had obtained a copy of the CSIRO Wetland Water Balance (Hilbert Road Wetlands and advised that information she had gleaned from the report in regard to the Hilbert Road Wetlands was that the wetlands only exist because of the sand dunes. On behalf of Cr Hart, the City of Armadale had formally requested the Armadale Redevelopment Authority (ARA) to save the Banksia woodland but in the light of the new information we need to change the request to "save the sand

dunes". A letter has been written on behalf of AGLG to the ARA to make them aware of the updated information. Cr Hart requested the name of the contact at the Department of Environment who has responsibility for wetlands.

- *Bridal Creeper Update*
Cr Hart advised that bridal creeper rust is starting to make an appearance in the Croyden Road area, although it does not look as though it is very widespread at the moment.
- *Paterson's Curse Trial*
Cr Hart requested an update on arrangements for the Paterson's Curse Trial. Committee had been advised that a trial would take place in the middle of this year (July) but this has not occurred. The Environmental Officer advised that the Landcare Coordinator was following this matter up.

Grant watch information report

- The Lotteries Commission's Gordon Reid Foundation for Conservation.

Information items (i.e. progress reports relevant to previous business) to note

Nil

Press Releases

BEAC members to table any information relating to possible upcoming press releases.

Reminder list –items in progress or scheduled for future meetings

| Item | Progress |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Terms of Appointment – regarding the turnover of terms. | <i>In preparation.</i> |
| Watch on <i>EP Act</i> for roadside vegetation clearing regulations (BEAC April 2004) | <i>Regulations gazetted 30 June.</i> |
| Consider review of City of Armadale Dieback Policy. | <i>Under internal review.</i> |
| Collate information for Committee to consider 'what constitutes a good press release and photo'. | |

Round the table.

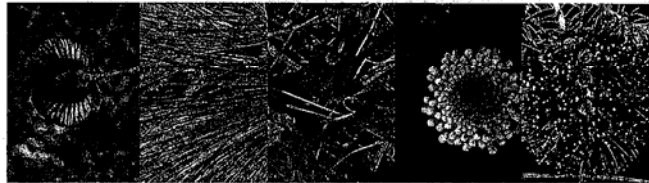
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NEXT MEETING & CLOSURE

Wednesday 13 September 2006 at 6.00 pm, City of Armadale Administration Centre.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.35 PM

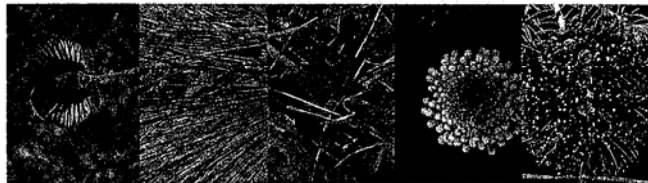
Fletcher Park Bushland Management Trial



Bushland Management Trial

CONTENT OF PRESENTATION

- Introduction & origins
- About the study
- Possible outcomes

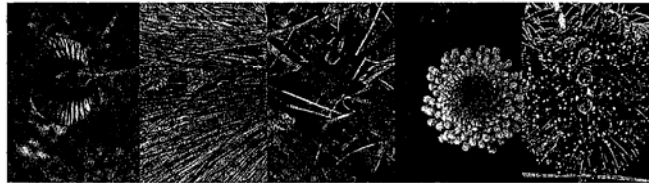


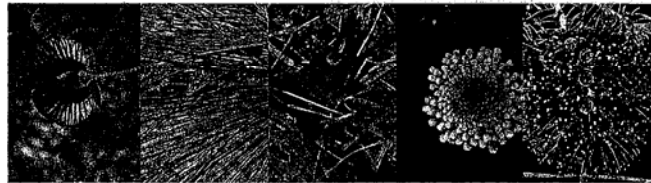
Bushland Management Trial

INTRODUCTION & ORIGIN

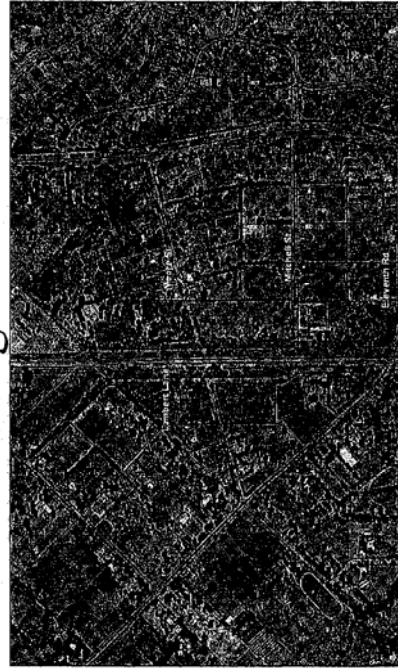
The Matrix program

- Greening Australia Program – City of Armadale participating.
- Adaptive management approach to bushland management - learning by doing.
- Selection of study site – threats and management objectives
- Scope of study – determining parameters and project design
- Do study – monitor results – report back – learn from trials.

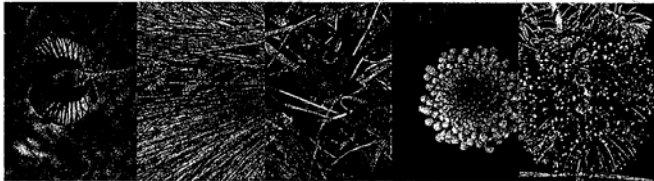




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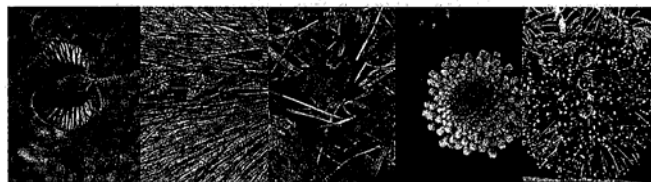
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| Asset | •Bush Forever site 264 & TEC type 3a containing declared rare flora and fauna |
| Goal | •Protect and enhance the good condition bushland in Fletcher Park north and south. |
| Threats | •Dieback, weeds, vegetation trampling, rubbish dumping, too frequent fires |



Bushland Management Trial

Setting Management goals

| Threat | SMART objective |
|-------------------------|---|
| Weeds | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Implement a 3 year weed control program to achieve an overall net reduction in quantity and distribution of weeds•To understand if there is a relationship between horse use and weed progression into the park by 2009 |
| Dieback | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•To map the occurrences of dieback in unmapped areas of Fletcher Park by 2006 |
| Trampling of vegetation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•To eliminate vehicle access from the areas of the reserve considered 'good condition' or better by 2009 |
| Rubbish dumping | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•To eliminate vehicle access from the areas of the reserve considered 'good condition' or better by 2009 |
| Too frequent fire | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•To minimise fuel loadings in the reserve through a grassy weed control program |



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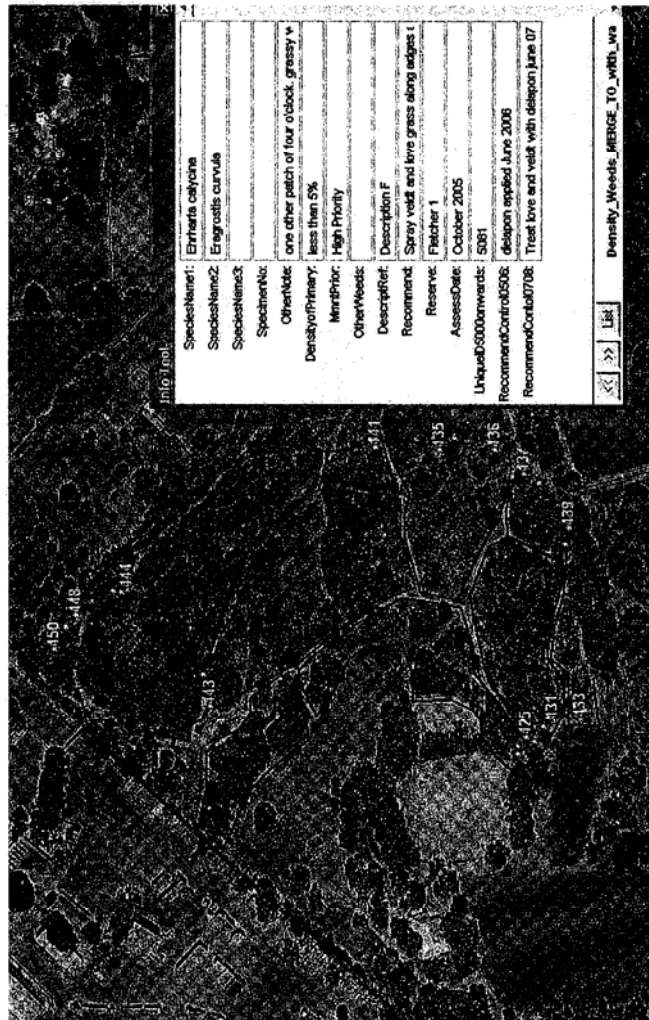
Trial 1 – weed management across the park

| Threat | SMART objective |
|--------|--|
| Weeds | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Implement a 3 year weed control program to achieve an overall net reduction in quantity and distribution of weeds -To understand if there is a relationship between horse use and weed progression into the park by 2009 |

Hypothesis: That the density and occurrence of weeds will decrease following implementation of a three year weed control program

Method of analysis:

- Weed abundance and density mapped spring 05
- Weed control program developed
- Annual re-mapping of weeds – digital display - comparison



Bushland Management Trial

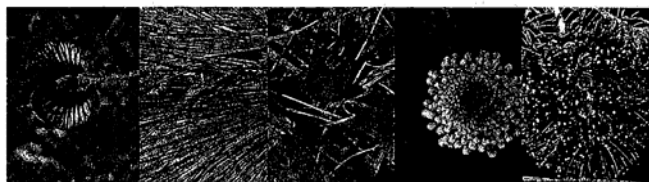
Trial 2 – love grass management

| Threat | SMART objective |
|--------|--|
| Weeds | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Implement a 3 year weed control program to achieve an overall net reduction in quantity and distribution of weeds •To understand if there is a relationship between horse use and weed progression into the park by 2009 |

Hypothesis: That the love grass control will be more effective in areas recently burnt

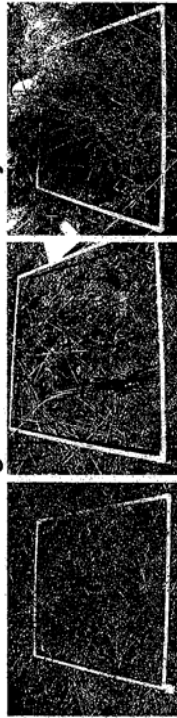
Method of analysis:

- Love Grass is a major weed in the park
- Recent fires provided opportunity to consider the effectiveness of love grass control following fire
- Annual re-mapping of weeds – digital display
- Comparison will be undertaken



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Trial 1 – weed management – method of analysis

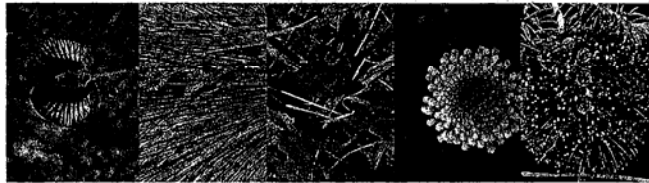


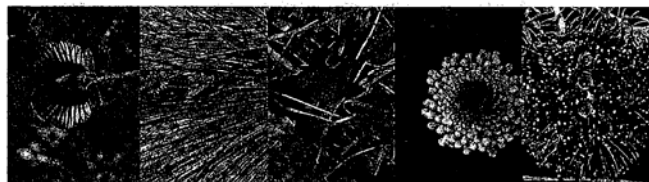
Burnt 2004. 1*1m
plot. 1 of 3

Burnt 2005.
1*1m plot. 1 of 3

Unburnt. 1*1m
plot. 1 of 3

- Same veg community – adjacent areas
- Similar Love grass starting densities (mapped 05 prior to 05 fire)
- Recorded Nov 05 – # love grass, # natives, % bare ground
- Control weed across all three: Dec 05, Jan 06 (repeat questionable job) and June 06
- Rescore plots – Nov 06





Bushland Management Trial

Trial 3 – weed progression and horse use trial

| Threat | SMART objective |
|--------|--|
| Weeds | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Implement a 3 year weed control program to achieve an overall net reduction in quantity and distribution of weeds •To understand if there is a relationship between horse use and weed progression into the park by 2009 |

Hypothesis: That tracks utilised by horses will experience poor rehabilitation and increased weed invasion in Fletcher Park.

Method on analysis:

- Two tracks with similar horse use. One track to be closed.
- Monitoring plots leading to bushland. 9 plots per track.
- Scoring # natives, # weeds, % litter, % bare ground spring 2005 after track closed
- Re-monitoring for comparison spring 2007, 2008 and 2009

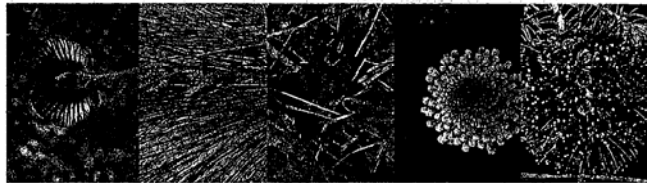
Ongoing Horse Use

No Horse Use

THE TRANSFER OF THE HORSE USE FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE FARM TO THE EAST SIDE OF THE FARM IS COMPLETE FROM THE FARM IS

Bushland Management Trial

Trial 3 – weed progression and horse use



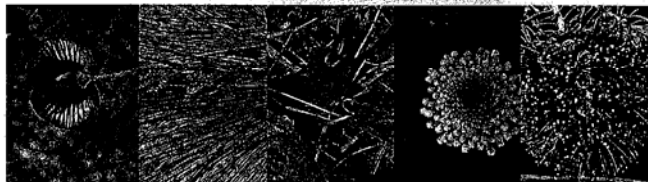
Horse access blocked
spring 06



Horse use permitted
spring 06

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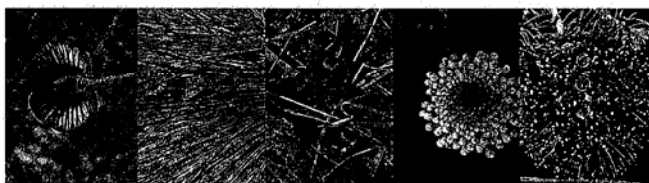
Trial 3 – weed progression and horse use

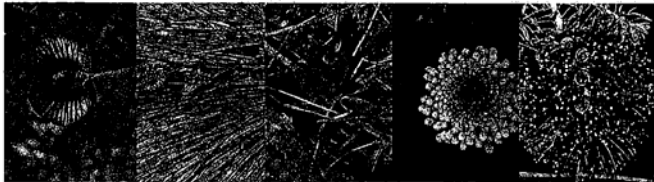


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Other trials

| Threat | SMART objective |
|-------------------------|--|
| Weeds | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Implement a 3 year weed control program to achieve an overall net reduction in quantity and distribution of weeds •To understand if there is a relationship between horse use and weed progression into the park by 2009 |
| Dieback | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •To map the occurrences of dieback in unmapped areas of Fletcher Park by 2006 |
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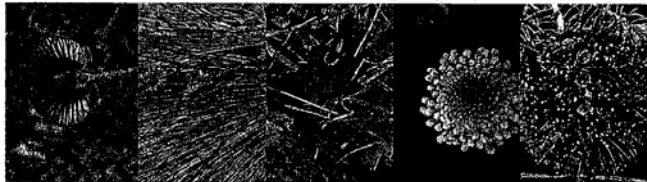
What the results will mean???

| Threat | SMART objective |
|-------------------|--|
| Weeds | ✓Better weed management – understanding success through monitoring ✓Better weed management – understanding love grass fire response in the park ✓Understanding horse use impacts |
| Dieback | ✓Mapping to inform future management decisions |
| Trampling of veg | ✓Share documented experiences with success and failure in access control |
| Rubbish dumping | ✓Share documented experiences with success and failure in access control |
| Too frequent fire | ✓Share documented experiences with success and failure in access control |

Bushland Management Trial

New opportunities for the trial to expand

- CoA and AGLG submitted application for Threatened Species Grant to undertake a rehabilitation project in Fletcher Park
- If successful— funding will be available to collect seed and revegetate with local provenance seedlings.
- Opportunity to develop program further and set up trail to look at effectiveness of different revegetation techniques (i.e.: compare direct seeding/ revegetation with tube stock/ consider scalping soil etc.)





**Local Government Reference Group
Swan Catchment Council**

DRAFT – The following minutes are not verified and may be subject to change.

Date/Time: 27 July 2006
12.00pm – 2.30 pm

Venue: Swan Catchment Council Chambers
Middle Swan

Minutes of Meeting No 08

Members Present:

Cr Clive Robartson (City of Melville) – Integrated Water Management Group
Cr Julie Baker, City of Cockburn – Coastal and Marine Group
Cr Elizabeth Taylor (Shire of Kalamunda) – EMRC (regional) Representative
Cr David Boothman, City of Stirling
Eric Lumsden, City of Melville – Integrated Water Management Group
Cr Ian McClelland proxy for Cr Mike Sabatino (City of Bayswater) – Sustainable Production Group
Paul Neilson (City of Rockingham) – Natural Diversity Group
Cr Jeff Munn (City of Armadale), SEMRC (regional) Representative

Executive Support:

Linda Soteriou, General Manager Swan Catchment Council
Bruce Hamilton, LG Coordinator
Di Blackburn-Hillier, Executive Support, Swan Catchment Council

Observer

Stephen Lloyd, Regional Coordinator EMRC

Apologies:

Cr John Holmes (City of Swan) – Natural Diversity Group
Keith Armstrong, (City of Joondalup) – Coastal and Marine Group

Primary meeting outcomes:

- Introduction of Dr Bruce Hamilton, new SCC Local Government Coordinator
- Bring members up to date on National and State Developments
- Clarify Role of Reference Group
- Review strategic framework and operating environment
- Review priority issues

Meeting opened 12.25pm

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES and PROXIES

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and accepted apologies.

**2. MINUTES FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFERENCE GROUP MEETING
No. 7**

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2006 be accepted as a true and correct record.

It was agreed that only recommendations, motions and outcomes will be recorded in future minutes.

Moved: Eric Lumsden Seconded: Cr Julie Baker Carried

Note: Members felt the interaction/partnership between WALGA and the Council was important and that reference group meetings continue to be held between WALGA head office and SCC Centre Chambers. This will strengthen links between both parties.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

No business arising.

4. NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

- ALGA Position on NRM
- Progress on post 2008 NRM funding.

Bruce Hamilton reported the three major issues in regard to current National developments:-

1. Local government working towards becoming a full partner in NRM in Australia.
2. Integrated approach to NRM – looking at all investments, defining roles and responsibilities (What's been done, what is current and what needs to be achieved).
3. Pressure / influence on Commonwealth government to have an ongoing and committed role/involvement in the environment and natural resource management with secure and sustainable funding.

An inter governmental agreement has been reached through the Planning and Local Government National Ministerial Council, stating that there should not be

any cost shifting of functions to local government without consultation and appropriate negotiations by the Commonwealth and State Governments.

5. STATE DEVELOPMENTS

Systemic Sustainability Study –

Independent study has been established by WALGA to look at the future sustainability of local government. Bruce understands that the discussion paper on the study will be presented at Local Government Week. **Action: Clive Robertson to ascertain when the paper will be presented and notify Bruce.**

NRM Council/WALGA Project –

Bruce has been contracted by WALGA and the NRM Council to develop and Policy and Position Paper on how Local Government can better support NRM and the Regional Delivery Model and work in an integrated partnership approach. Bruce identified two key issues:

- a. Sustainability of local government and its role with State government.
- b. Security of funding in the NRM arena.

Bruce said the latest draft of the Policy Paper had been circulated to members and the Draft Position Paper is nearing completion. He will distribute the "executive summary" to reference group's members in the near future.

6. Strategic Direction

Bruce Hamilton referred to the Draft Policy Paper, "Local Government Policy for Engagement in Integrated NRM in WA" – Attachment 1 for discussion. Bruce summarised the contents of the draft, which were supported and it was agreed that the Reference Group's 'Process Paper V3' should be updated in line with the draft Policy Paper as the basis of the ongoing work of the Reference Group.

Action:

Bruce to update Process Paper V3 in line with the draft NRM/WALGA Policy Paper as the basis for the Reference Group's ongoing work to be circulated for the next LGRG meeting..

Briefing Note 270706 – 01 and Briefing Note 270706-02 were also tabled and discussed. Members agreed these documents be amalgamated to form one document:

- To track all relevant work as an aid to decision making and to achieve its' and the Swan Catchment Council Objectives.
- To track all relevant strategic and operational NRM issues that affect Local Government so the Swan Catchment Council can respond in the best way.

Action:

The combined strategic and operational briefing papers will be updated with reference to Group's discussions and Bruce will circulate to members before the next LGRG meeting.

7. LINKS TO SCC THEMATIC (REFERENCE) GROUPS

To provide ongoing interaction between all of the Swan Catchment Council Reference Groups with the Local Government Reference Group the Council will:

- Ensure there is a standing item on each reference group agenda for local government reporting.
- Ensure the NRM Local Government Coordinator, Bruce Hamilton will attend each Reference Group meeting when appropriate.
- Nominate an Indigenous Representative from the Indigenous Management Advisory Group to sit on the LGRG.
- Provide assistance through Bruce Hamilton to other Reference groups and Local Government Reference Group Members on Local Government issues.

Bruce also gave an undertaking to visit all Local Government councils and Sub-regional groups over the next three to four of months.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Core issues to be discussed at the next meeting include:

- HICKS Report recommendations.
- Bruce Hamilton to provide a "map" of SCC projects/programs and Government Agency projects/programs – to start to present an overall picture of NRM.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at WALGA, West Perth on 7 September 2006 @ 12.00 midday. Light working luncheon provided.

Meeting closed: **2.45pm**

BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING No. 271, WEDNESDAY 26th JULY 2006

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr Guenter Best (Chairman)
Mr Bill Ladyman (Secretary)

Mr Ron Withnell
Mrs Elaine Hutchinson

Mr Kim Sarti

Ms Miriam Stanborough

Mrs Irene Morcombe (Treasurer)

Mr David Harrison

Mr Jim Hutchinson

APOLOGIES

Mr Ian Thompson

Cr Best declared the meeting open at 7:40 pm

Minutes of previous meeting held 28th June 2006 accepted as being correct with the following

correction: Meeting was declared open by Cr Tizard.

Mrs Hutchinson / Mr

Withnell Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Bungendore Park Management Plan 1997-2007 review – Mr Ladyman reported on follow-up of further information or letter of confirmation from Mr Lanternier. He has spoken to Ms Gaskin who confirmed the absence on special leave of Mr Lanternier and her readiness to assist with the Review process and the City budget provision for the Review process being pending along with other environment matters till the return of Mr Lanternier. Ms Gaskin was present later briefly at the meeting and confirmed the above.

2. Park fencing – Roll-over funding of \$2,000 confirmed for re-fencing parts of the southern boundary [1/270]. Mr Ladyman met Mr Peter Batt at the Park today and made agreement that DEC would undertake to supply and erect the fencing and gates required immediately east of Gate 6, including an additional 100 metre section including another locked gate at the head of a track coming to the fence from the south, 440 metres in all, to complete all the southern boundary east of Gate 6. Mr Ladyman has cleared away the old fence and trimmed and marked out the fenceline as agreed on the first section and will do likewise on the additional section. Mr Batt and Mr Ladyman viewed the fence west of Gate 6 and agreed that this section was not so urgent. Committee agreed that Mr Ladyman should write to the Regional Parks Coordinator, offering the above funding as our contribution, provided the fencing and gates were completed this winter.
Mr Ladyman/Ms Stanborough Carried. **Action: 1/271**
3. Howe Street entrance and motor bike activity – Ms Stanborough reported no further contact from the pram user. [4/268].
4. Dieback treatment plan for 2006 – Mr Tuffnell has commenced treatment work in the park, but recent (welcome) rain has slowed progress.
5. Routed log sign at Albany Highway entrance – Mr Griffiths not present to report on the relocation of the log to a more visible spot [7/268].
6. 25th Anniversary of Committee – Celebratory event 3 pm Saturday 26th August. Mr Sarti has provided names & addresses of invitees to Ms Stanborough and Cr Best has booked the Bedforddale Hall in case of inclement weather. Mr Sarti will provide displays and will conduct a walk at 3 pm before the afternoon tea. Ms Stanborough will contact Heritage FM radio and invite the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Allana MacTiernan, Cr Best will arrange a speaker and Mr Hutchinson will bring his genset and chairs from the hall. Mr Griffiths will provide the Rotary catering trailer and Mr Withnell to make parking and toilets available. Mr Ladyman will provide trestle tables.
7. Dieback Assessment and Rolling Action Plan – on-site meeting 9:30am Friday 25th August set with Mr Tuffnell for 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) [2/270]. Ms Corrine Gaskin will also attend. Bring morning tea to share at meeting start (Admiral Rd) before proceeding into the park. Mr Sarti will take photographs. **** refer Footnote at end of Minutes**
8. 2006 Revegetation programme –
(a) Community Planting Day – 22nd July. 25 people attended and 360 seedlings planted in Pit #10. Publicity was through Planet Ark website, Community “Comment News” & “Weekend Examiner”. Peter Batt (DEC) asked whether approx. 500 seedlings could be planted at the old Scout property (Lot 196) on the same day. DEC supplied the seedlings and Mr Ladyman arranged delivery. All seedlings were planted & fertilised in the afternoon. Mr Ladyman and Mr Peter Batt inspected the site this morning and Mr Batt complimented the planting effort, requested a copy of the list of names of volunteers and the Committee to add to DEC’s list of Friends Groups. He also noted the need for Pig control and the need for bagging the seedlings for rabbit and ‘roo control and weed spraying. He invited the Committee to install the supplied stakes and bags if they’d like to. Mr Withnell indicated that he would involve school students to install these after the school planting day.

(b) School Planting Day – Friday 28th July (Planet Ark date) at Pit #6 [640 seedlings]
9. Firewood cutting – in the park immediately behind Lots 44 and 45. Mr Hutchinson has reported this to the Rangers [3/270].
10. Voluntary Hours – Committee members submitted their Voluntary Hours and Mr Sarti collected the forms for collation into an annual report.

11. 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:

Messrs Ladyman and Sarti – fencing and seedling liaison Ms Stanborough - patrolling
Members – Community Day planting & supervision Mr Withnell - supervision

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].

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. Invitations to 25th Anniversary event
- 2.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

1. City of Armadale – copy of letter from DEC re proposed new names for Regional Parks.
2. City of Armadale – Revised Bushcare Directory and Friends Manual
3. City of Armadale – Invitation to BEAC walk – 13 August, Roleystone to Ellis Brook Valley
4. Greening Australia – Invitation to renew our subscription
5. David Harrison – Letter of Resignation.

INFORMATION RECEIVED

1. *Swan Catchment Council* – “The Swan” June 2006
2. UBC – Bush Telegraph
3. Greening Australia – winter – spring magazine
4. DEC – Ecoplan News

FINANCE

| Details | Amount \$ | Expenditure Type |
|---|--------------|---------------------|
| Australian Native Nurseries Group - Seedling delivery | 40.00 | XT 1 |

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| Kim Sarti – postage & stationery | 19.80 | XT 7 |
| W Ladyman – photocopying minutes | 4.95 | XT 7 |
| Pest – R – Jim spraying invoice 2516 – total \$495.00 | 368.50 | XT69 |
| | 126.50 | XT72 |

Ms Stanborough/Mrs Hutchinson - Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Fence clearing on western boundary – Mr Paddy Dawkins, landowner of Lots 303 & 302, has had the western boundary surveyed prior to erecting new fencing. The N-S fence along Lot 303 has been moved approx 15 metres into Bungendore Park and the new E-W fence along the northern boundary of Lot 303 some 45 metres. City of Armadale arranged for a new fire access track W1 along boundary to meet W2 at a new point. Corrine Gaskin ensured wash-down for the D5 'dozer was observed for the new track; no dieback hygiene procedures were followed in Lot 303. It was noted that a lot of clearing has taken place, particularly along the creek line. New fire track signs required.

Mr Batt and Mr Ladyman inspected the fence line clearing around Lot 303 and Mr Batt photographed the clearing next to DEC land, expressing the view the clearing was excessive. He also said he would push for the purchase of Lots 303 and 302 by State Planning Commission. Committee agreed Mr Ladyman write a letter to Regional Parks encouraging SPC to purchase these blocks because of their pristineness and sensitivity and fire issues. It does look like Mr Dawkins may subdivide Lot 303 at some point, from the track access now bulldozed within Lot 303, although in a telephone conversation with Mr Ladyman, he indicated he would keep Lot 303 and sell Lot 302.

Action 2/271Ms Stanborough/Mr Withnall Carried

2. Dieback Information Group seminar – Mr Sarti reported he attended the seminar held 21-7-2006 at Murdoch University. The seminar covered topics on management of *Phytophthora* dieback, latest *Phytophthora cinnamomi* research including identification of a new *Phytophthora* species in WA, Phosphite application, role of fire on Pc in Stirling Range, long-term survival of Pc in bauxite mines and causes of other tree declines in WA (Marri canker/decline, Tuart decline - water draw-down & fire, Rudis decline in Serpentine-Jarrahdale and Wandoo crown decline).
The seminar was free of charge, however, donations were requested for a scholarship fund in memory of Abe van der Sande (DEC's senior dieback interpreter) who died recently. Committee agreed to make a donation of \$25 which Mr Sarti will arrange and Cr Best will donate the proceeds of a watch.
3. Gate padlocks and keys – recent batch was keyed incorrectly. Mr Ladyman has collected the new padlocks and keys from the locksmith.
4. 'Cockatoos in Crisis' BEAC Plenary session – 7:00pm Wednesday 2nd August by Ron Johnstone, Curator Ornithology, WA Museum. A lot of museum research work on habitat, breeding biology and food of endangered cockatoos is conducted in Bungendore Park. Mr Sarti gave details.
5. Weed control –Ms Stanborough reported that old Grants were acquitted and was awaiting Spring for further weed emergence.
6. Proposed new names for parks of Darling Range – copy of letter from DEC with draft proposal of names for new national and regional parks. The proposed name for the regional

park that encompasses Bungendore Park is "Kaalaree" a Noongar name for the Marble Lizard found on granite outcrops.

7. DEC Regional Parks community grants 2007 – have been advertised. Applications close 25th August. Ms Stanborough noted that *Genista* and Cottonbush control is needed in Pt 24 of the Park to a cost of \$2,200 plus GST. Committee agreed Mr Sarti make funding application to DEC.

Action:3/271

8. Hardstand Gravel – Ms Stanborough suggested that potholes in the parking area at Admiral Road entrance ought to be filled before the anniversary celebration and will contact City of Armadale to have this done. She also noted damage to the wrought iron work on the stone entrance edifice and suggested that her husband Rob could repair it.

Action:4/271

9. Resignation – Mr Harrison hand-delivered a letter tending his resignation and thanked Committee for the opportunity to have been involved with the Park.

DIARY OF EVENTS

| 2006 | Date | Events |
|-----------|------|---|
| JULY | 28 | School Planting Day |
| AUGUST | 2 | "Cockatoos in Crisis" BEAC Plenary session |
| | 25 | 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

| | |
|--------------|--|
| <i>1/266</i> | <i>Cr Best to follow up unauthorised clearing & widening of track west of pit#10</i> |
| <i>7/263</i> | <i>Mrs Versteeg to report on approach to CALM on feral animal baiting</i> |
| <i>5/263</i> | <i>Mrs Versteeg to report on culvert at Cooliabberra Spring</i> |
| <i>4/268</i> | <i>Ms Stanborough to negotiate with Howe Street pram user</i> |
| <i>7/268</i> | <i>Mr Griffiths to relocate routed log sign</i> |
| <i>8/268</i> | <i>Mr Griffiths to talk to Parks and Gardens about pruning dumping</i> |
| <i>3/270</i> | <i>Mr Hutchinson to report firewood cutting behind Lots 44 & 45</i> |
| <i>1/271</i> | <i>Mr Ladyman to write to Regional Parks Unit re fence proposal</i> |
| <i>2/271</i> | <i>Mr Ladyman to write to Regional Parks Unit re Lots 302 and 303</i> |
| <i>3/271</i> | <i>Mr Sarti to make funding application to DEC</i> |
| <i>4/271</i> | <i>Ms Stanborough to arrange Admiral Rd entrance jobs</i> |

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (4th Wednesday)

7:30 pm Wednesday 23rd August 2006
Meeting declared closed at 9:35 pm

Mr W. Ladyman, Secretary

Signed: **Date:**

Chairman/Acting Chairman – Bungendore Park Management Committee

Footnote ——— Mr Withnell has since arranged for access to his school's seminar room for the meeting at 9:30am to layout maps etc and the school will supply morning tea.

SCIENTIFIC TRIAL AT FLETCHER PARK WUNGONG

PREVIOUS TS No. : N/A WARD : All

FILE No. : REF :CRG

STRATEGIC PLAN : To enhance and sustain our natural environment and bushland.

Background:

In 2005, the City of Armadale's Environmental Officer was invited to participate in a program known as the 'MATRIX' Program and run by Greening Australia WA. The program is aimed at providing professional development opportunities to bushland managers through the implementation of on-ground experiments. MATRIX participants, through undertaking experiments as a group, then share experimental results and modify management practices accordingly.

The City's Environmental Officer selected 'Fletcher Park' in Wungong as the study site and has set up a number of scientific trials in the reserve. Fletcher Park is a Threatened Ecological Community, meaning the assemblage of vegetation which occurs there is threatened with extinction (listed as 'critically endangered' under the federal *Environmental Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act*). It is also known to contain two 'declared rare' species plant species and three 'declared rare' Cockatoo species protected under the state *Wildlife Protection Act*.

The results of the trials inform future bushland management decisions for this, and other, City of Armadale bushland reserves. In order to design meaningful experiments, threats to the conservation values of Fletcher Park were determined and management objectives devised. The management objectives detailed below form the basis for the experiments designed.

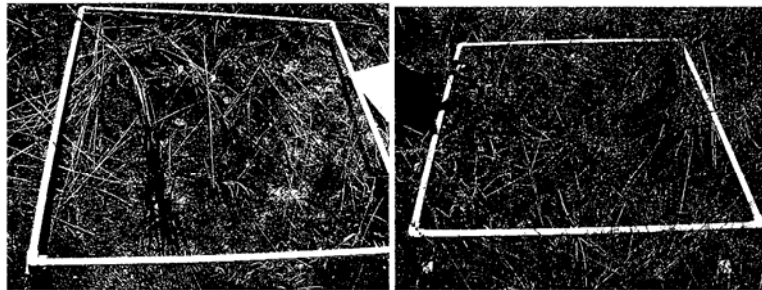
| Threat to Fletcher Park | Management objective |
|--|---|
| Weeds | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement a 3 year weed control program to achieve an overall net reduction in quantity and distribution of weeds• To understand if there is a relationship between horse use and weed progression into the park by 2009 |
| Dieback | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To map the occurrences of dieback in unmapped areas of Fletcher Park by 2006 |
| Trampling of vegetation, Rubbish Dumping and Frequent Fire | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To eliminate vehicle access from the areas of the reserve considered 'good condition' or better by 2009 |



Location of Fletcher Park, Wungong. Bound by Eleventh Rd to Stone St.

Experiment 1: Love Grass Management

Love Grass is an introduced weed that out-competes native plants, threatening the conservation values of Fletcher Park. Recent fires in Fletcher Park have provided an opportunity to set up an experiment to look at the effectiveness of love grass control following fire. It is expected that most efficiently control love grass, chemical control should be completed within the first year following fire. To confirm this, a number of plots (see images below) have been set up in Fletcher Park to compare the occurrence of love grass before and after chemical control in an area that is unburnt, burnt in 2004 and burnt in 2005.

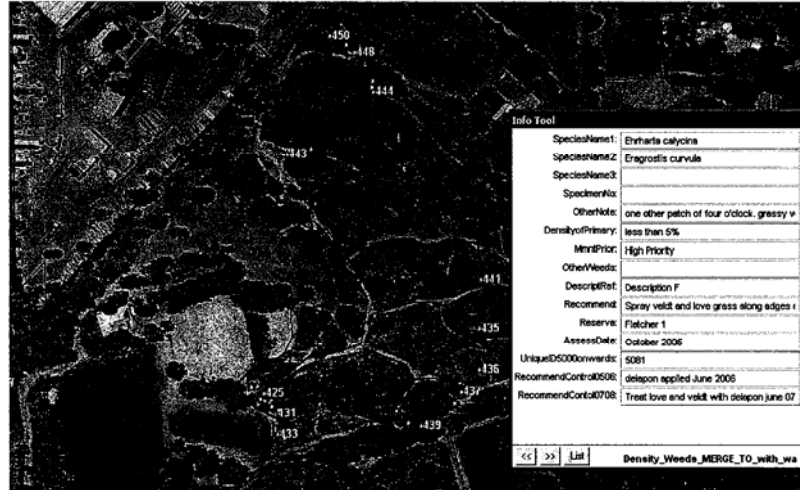


Images showing examples of plots placed in areas burnt and unburnt in Fletcher Park. A total of 9 plots exist. Love grass density was counted prior to control in Nov 05 and will again be counted in Nov 06 to compare effectiveness of control.

Experiment 2: Weed Management

In addition to love grass, a number of invasive weeds are threatening the conservation values of this bushland reserve. In order to gain an understanding of the effectiveness of an overall weed management program, an additional experiment has been established. Bushland weeds were mapped with a GPS in 2005, and a weed control program developed. Following the

implementation of the weed control program, weeds will be annually re-mapped and distribution of weeds compared digitally.



Example of the weed mapping undertaken in 2005

Experiment 3: Horse Impact Study

Fletcher Park is leased to the Wallangarra Riding and Pony Club. The impact of horses on the conservation values of this reserve is unknown. This third trial has been designed to determine if there is a relationship between horse-use and weed progression within the reserve. This study has established plots along two tracks – one which is exposed to horse use – and the other which is not. Plots will be monitored each spring and records kept relating to the number of native plants and number of weeds. One possible result includes seeing an increase in the number of native plants where horses have been removed, and an increase in the number of weeds where horse use is permitted to continue, but this may not prove to be the case. The trial is expected to take three years.



Images of areas where tracks have been closed to horse use within Fletcher Park for the weed progression/ horse use trial.

KIKUYU RESEARCH PROJECT AT UWA



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26 June 2006

Dear Paul,

Re: Kikuyu Research Project at UWA

Please find enclosed a copy of our latest Milestone Report outlining our progress to the 30th June 2006. Milestone reports are submitted to Horticulture Australia every six months, and a copy is sent to our Industry Partners once it has been accepted.

The current report provides details of our field work at Shenton Park, including some initial results related to water use by Kikuyu turfgrass.

We thank City of Armadale for supporting the Kikuyu Research Project. Should you wish to discuss the project further please contact me at The University of Western Australia.

Yours sincerely,

L. Barton

Dr. Louise Barton



Milestone Report #5 for Horticulture Australia Ltd Project TU04001
Kikuyu Turf Research Project
Due date: 30th June 2006

Dr. Louise Barton & Dr. Tim Colmer, School of Plant Biology
Faculty of Natural & Agricultural Sciences, The University of Western Australia

Summary

Australian turfgrass managers are seeking more cost efficient and environmentally acceptable approaches to manage turfgrass. Fertilising and thatch/mat control both contribute to the cost of managing turfgrass, and depending on the approach taken, can also pose a risk to the environment. Our understanding of turfgrass management practices and their effects on the environment is based mainly on data collected from cool-season turfgrasses studied in the Northern Hemisphere. Therefore, the overall objective of the Kikuyu Research Project is to optimise nitrogen fertiliser and thatch/mat control management practices for Kikuyu turfgrass under Australian conditions. The project aims include: i) optimising fertiliser management so that nitrogen leaching is minimised while maintaining turfgrass growth and quality (Experiment 1); ii) evaluating the effect of thatch/mat accumulation on turfgrass quality and water use (Experiment 2); and iii) investigating techniques for controlling thatch/mat accumulation in Kikuyu turfgrass (Experiment 3). The experiments are being conducted on both 'old' turfgrass (i.e., 20 year old turfgrass that includes 50 mm mat) and turfgrass established from new sod (i.e., 20 week old turfgrass).

Experiment 1, investigating the effects of nitrogen fertiliser management (annual application rate, frequency of application), commenced on the 19th January 2005 and preliminary data were reported in the last Milestone Report, with a further update to be provided in the next Milestone Report. Techniques for controlling mat-thatch accumulation (Experiment 3) were applied in November 2005 to plots of turfgrass planted at the same time as Experiment 1 and findings will be reported in future Milestone Reports. The influence of thatch/mat accumulation on turfgrass water use (Experiment 2) was assessed last summer (2005/2006) and is discussed in this Milestone Report.

Since our last report the following Milestone Criteria have been met:

- The effect of mat/thatch accumulation on turfgrass water use assessed after 1 summer
The effect of mat/thatch accumulation on Kikuyu turfgrass water use was examined last summer (2005/2006). Turfgrass water use was measured for both 'old' turfgrass (i.e., 20 year old turfgrass that includes 50 mm mat) and turfgrass established from new sod (i.e., 20 week old turfgrass, no mat) receiving different nitrogen application rates (0, 50 and 150 kg N ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹). The annual nitrogen fertiliser rate was evenly split across 4 applications (2 in spring and 2 in autumn).

Turfgrass water use was assessed using 'weighing lysimeters' that were inserted in the centre of the Kikuyu turfgrass plots shortly after planting Experiment 1. Weighing lysimeters comprise of turfgrass grown on a column of soil (205 mm in diameter by 625 mm in depth) with a container at the base for collecting leachate (Plate 1A). To measure water use, the weight of the lysimeters was recorded following irrigation (60% replacement of daily evaporation), and again 24 hours following the first weighing (Plate 1B). Irrigation and rainfall did not occur during this 24 hour period. The change in

weight was used to calculate daily turfgrass water use for each of the treatments, and took into account leachate losses. This measurement was repeated on 6 occasions during the 2005/2006 summer (Table 1)



Plate 1. Weighing lysimeters being lifted (A) from Kikuyu turfgrass plot for weighing (B).

Turfgrass water use varied from 3.8–7.5 mm per day, depending on environmental conditions and treatments. The older turfgrass containing 50 mm mat used 27% more water than the new turfgrass on average, while increasing the nitrogen fertiliser rate also increased water use by both turfgrass ages (Table 1). The daily water use represented 47–99% of daily net evaporation, with the older turfgrass requiring a higher proportion of daily net evaporation to be replaced than the new turfgrass. Increasing the nitrogen fertiliser rate also increased the proportion of daily water use to daily net evaporation.

Table 1. Daily water use (mm day^{-1}) for Kikuyu turfgrass of two ages and fertilised at different nitrogen application rates. Turfgrass was grown in field lysimeters and watered at 60% replacement of evaporation prior to taking measurements. Values are means of three replicates. Different letters in the same column indicate significant differences at 5% level.

| Turfgrass Age | N Rate ($\text{kg ha}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$) | Water use (mm day^{-1}) on selected days during summer | | | | | |
|---------------|---|---|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | 6 th Dec | 9 th Jan | 31 st Jan | 9 th Feb | 20 th Feb | 21 st Mar |
| Young | 0 | 4.70 ^a | 4.73 ^a | 3.89 ^a | 4.37 ^a | 5.07 ^a | 3.91 ^a |
| | 50 | 4.55 ^b | 4.56 ^a | 3.82 ^a | 4.14 ^a | 5.25 ^a | 4.13 ^a |
| | 150 | 4.92 ^{ab} | 5.52 ^{ab} | 4.65 ^b | 5.56 ^{bc} | 6.74 ^b | 5.51 ^b |
| Old | 0 | 4.31 ^a | 4.33 ^a | 5.12 ^{ba} | 5.37 ^b | 6.72 ^b | 5.45 ^b |
| | 50 | 6.36 ^{bc} | 6.38 ^b | 5.32 ^c | 6.08 ^c | 7.17 ^b | 5.20 ^b |
| | 150 | 6.66 ^c | 6.66 ^b | 5.61 ^c | 6.13 ^c | 7.50 ^b | 5.72 ^b |

Our findings indicate the older turfgrass requires more water than the newer turfgrass, and that the watering requirements for older turfgrass may be higher than the current recommended rate (60% replacement of pan evaporation every 2nd day). Further work is required to determine if the greater water use by the older turfgrass than the new turfgrass is sustained over a 48 hour period (total time between irrigation events), and if the greater

water use by the older turfgrass is related to plant growth or the presence of the mat layer. These issues will form the foundation of our 2006/2007 summer water use measurements.

- Results communicated to Australian Turf Industry via National Conference

Dr Tim Colmer presented "Optimising Water and Nutrient Management for Turf on Sandy Soils" at the 2006 Turf Producers Australia National Conference (19 – 20th April). The conference was held in Fremantle, Western Australia, and was attended by approximately 130 delegates from around Australia. The presentation examined the sustainable use of water and nitrogen fertiliser in turfgrass management. The delegates also visited our research site as part of the conference programme.

The Next Steps (i.e., Milestones for Next Report)

The next stage of the study is to continue assessing the effect of nitrogen fertiliser management on nitrogen leaching from Kikuyu turfgrass, plus continue to monitor the effects of renovation treatments on thatch/mat accumulation. The Criteria for Milestone #6 are:

- Monitor the effect of fertiliser regime on turfgrass growth and nitrogen leaching.
- Present results at a Workshop conducted with Industry Partners and other end-users.

Communication/Extension Activities

Our communication strategy comprises of a website, newsletters, regular publications in industry journals, participation in industry workshops and national conferences, field days and research site visits. Since our last Milestone Report Dr Tim Colmer has given a presentation at the 2006 Turf Producers Australia National Conference (see above for details). Dr Louise Barton and Dr Tim Colmer also hosted delegates from the Turf Producers Australia Conference when they visited the UWA Turf Research Facility on Thursday 20th April. Delegates were presented with a handout outlining the Kikuyu Research Project, and a brief presentation was delivered while delegates inspected turfgrass plots. The visit by Turf Producers Australia provided UWA Research Staff with an excellent opportunity to discuss issues facing the Australian Turf Industry.

Our industry partners continue to be kept up to date with the project's progress via the Kikuyu Research Project Newsletter (distributed every 2 months), the UWA Turf Research Program website (<http://www.agric.uwa.edu.au/turfresearch/index.htm>), and regular committee meetings.

Commercialisation and/or Intellectual Property Issues

Not applicable.

Other Issues

There are no other issues to report.



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16 June 2006

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Dear Lousie

**Milestone Report for Project:
TU04001 Kikuyu Turf Research Project
Milestone No: 5**

Congratulations on successfully completing all requirements for this stage of the above mentioned project. I am pleased to advise that your Milestone Report has been accepted by Horticulture Australia.

In order to advise industry of the project's progress to date Horticulture Australia will be sending a copy of the Milestone Report, if applicable, to key industry representatives as agreed with the relevant industry association, and selected voluntary contributors.

Once again, congratulations on the successful completion of this milestone!

Yours sincerely


Alison Turnbull
Project Manager, Environment & Plant Health

cc. Mrs C Casey The University of Western Australia

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OUTSTANDING REPORT

| COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – JULY 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 and August 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 | The due diligence assessment has commenced and is scheduled for completion by early September. The outcomes of the assessment will 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 REC3 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 August 2006 Community Services Committee. |

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LIBRARY & HERITAGE SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2006

1. LIBRARY SERVICES

1.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

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

1.2 Library Extension Activities

(Report prepared by Sheena Bell Kelmscott Library, Rita Lennon, Armadale Library and Shirley Reilly, Westfield Library)

School Holiday Activities July 2006

Theme: Popular Craft!
Dates: 13 July, 17 July, 20 July 2006
Venues: Armadale, Kelmscott and Westfield Public Libraries.
Number Attending: ARM : 55 children, 25 adults (approx) ; KMS : 40 children, 12 adults ; WST : 22 children.
Total number of children: 117

Kelmscott Library played host to 40 children and 12 parents for a Plaster of Paris session making fridge magnets and mini pins. Children mixed the plaster of paris powder with water and poured the liquid into moulds. Whilst these were drying pre-prepared figurines were decorated with fluoro coloured paint. Whilst the painted items were drying stories on Pirates, taken from the display in the library of Pirate themed books, was read to all the "scurvy naves" at the session. A display in the library and an article in the local paper promoted the School Holiday Programme for the City of Armadale library network. A photographer from the Examiner took photos of some of the children with their finished masterpieces. Parents thanked Sheena Bell Librarian and Eleanor, a first year practicum student, for a fun session and many participants used the visit to the library to stock up on holiday reading. (Sheena Bell Kelmscott).

We had a fun time with Scoubidou at Armadale Library, making the most of the latest craft craze to entice both kids and adults to the library to learn all about it. It was so popular we had to run 2 sessions to fit everyone in. Using the colourful scoubis (thin plastic strings), pipe cleaners, segments of plastic drinking straws, metal key rings and an assortment of beads the kids created crazy critters, zany

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characters and dazzling jewellery by knotting the scoubis in various ways to create different effects. Helicopters, caterpillars and zany scoubi people were the most popular creations. Beading craft books were set up on display for the activity, and printed instructions showing the basic knots and simple projects were on hand for the kids and parents to use as a guide since the scoubidou book we have in stock is in heavy demand. A reporter from the Comment News took some photographs using some of the scoubi creations we prepared earlier. Lots of positive feedback received from both children and parents. (*Rita Lennon Armadale*).

Westfield Library held a cartooning workshop with Natasha Stone from Art of Fun where children were able to learn about cartooning and how to draw super heroes. It was a very enjoyable session with several new families joining the library and many of the cartooning books on display being borrowed after the workshop finished. Comment News promoted the event with a quick photo session. (*Shirley Reilly Westfield*).

2. HERITAGE SERVICES

2.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

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

2.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

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

Department of Lands and Information Tour

The Historian/Local Studies Librarian and two volunteers from the Birtwistle Local Studies Library joined other local studies librarians from around Perth for a tour of the Department of Land and Information. The tour involved a talk from different areas within the Department providing a greater understanding of how land titles are processed. In terms of interest to local studies the tour increased knowledge of databases available for searching and how to advise anyone with a reference question relating to the research of their house.

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Talk to Local Writers Group

The Historian/Local Studies Librarian was invited to speak at a meeting of a Local Writing Group at Kelmscott Library. The aim of the talk was to inform the group of the materials available at Birtwistle Local Studies Library. The group members were encouraged not only to use the library for their writing research but also to deposit any stories that they may have written and associated research that are pertinent to the history of the City of Armadale. Examples were given of the type of material that would be of use such as recollections of life in the district, stories of experiences with local groups or stories relating to people within the district etc.

2.3 History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

Museum Roof & Air-conditioning

Recent renovation work at the museum has been completed. The new roof has added a new lease of life to the look of the building and the air-conditioning units make the museum a far more comfortable environment for staff, volunteers and visitors.

Museums Australia (WA) State Conference – *Sharing Stories in the Great Southern Land*

The Curator of History House Museum attended the Museums Australia (WA) State Conference in Albany. The main theme of the Conference was looking at different ways organisations and heritage sites tell their stories.

Speakers at the Conference included Malcolm Trail from the Albany Library and author John Dowson, as well as speakers from a series of regional museums and heritage sites managed by volunteers. Each speaker provided examples of how they or their organisation tell their local stories.

The Conference also provided the opportunity to visit several local heritage sites. These included Kodja Place in Kojonup, The Albany Gaol, The Residency Museum (Western Australian Museum), Princess Royal Fortress and Whale World. Whale World was of particular interest as it has done a wonderful job transforming what was a dilapidated and unpleasant site into a fascinating and engaging experience.

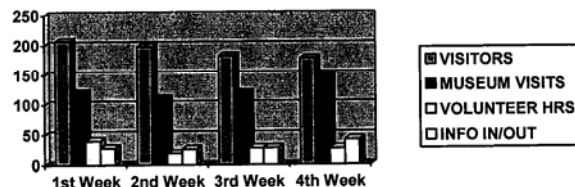
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Local Government Lesson Plan

A lesson plan looking at the history of the City of Armadale and its role in the local community has been developed. The lesson plan includes in-class modules as well as a visit to both the museum and the City of Armadale Council Chambers. The lesson plan will be sent to all schools within the City of Armadale. An evaluation form will also be included with the mail out. This will assist in fine tuning the lesson plan and ensuring that all schools who use it are receiving a high quality product.

3. VISITOR SERVICING

3.1 Visitor Servicing Statistical Performance Indicators July 2006



| Phone Enquiry | Info Sent | VISITORS | Metro | Intra State | Inter State | O/seas | Vol Hours | Museum Visits |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|-------------|-------------|--------|-----------|---------------|
| 268 | 124 | 758 | 660 | 26 | 22 | 50 | 114 | 500 |

3.2 Armadale Visitor Centre Report

(Report prepared by Yvonne Bradfield, Visitor Centre Coordinator)

The Armadale Visitor Centre Coordinator has been appointed as a representative of the Visitor Centre Association of Western Australia to the Tourism Accreditation Committee of the Tourism Council of WA.

The new City of Armadale Tourism Guide Information Map has been recently published. Copies will be available at all Libraries within the City, at the Reception area of the Administration Building and at the Visitor Centre. Copies will be delivered to each Visitor Centre within our target region, Membership Operators and various tourism outlets within the City. This Map will also assist the Visitor Centre in promoting the City of Armadale throughout the State of Western Australia.

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Coach Tour Operators continue to bring clients to the Visitor Centre. Arrangements have been made with History House to facilitate the provision of Tour Guides who will guide clients through the Bert Tyler Museum and the Post Office. There are good advanced bookings for Coach Tours in the month of August.

Training of Volunteers is ongoing – an Operational Procedures Manual has been produced. A Volunteer meeting was held during the month enabling further training on the cash register and computer.

A Marketing Familiarization itinerary established by the Visitor Centre Coordinator, in conjunction with Mr Rod Ross of HCTA, was approved by the Experience Perth Tourism Marketing Board. Ms Samille Mitchell, a contact journalist, will place an article in the West Australian Newspaper, Saturday Edition, Travel Section, on Armadale and its Hills region on Saturday, 5 August 2006. Samille conducted the Famil over two days.

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***MANAGER RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR
JULY 2006***

1. Animal Control

1.1 Dogs

Ranger Services received three hundred and sixteen (316) requests for assistance during the report period. It is of interest to note that there is a 17% increase in the number of requests for assistance in the progressive totals from 2005/2006 to 2006/2007.

The primary focus of Ranger Services is managing the response to the community for requests for service.

1.2 Livestock

During this report period Ranger Services attended to twenty six (26) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on the road.

1.3 Court Action

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

| NAME | OFFENCE | FINDING OF COURT | PENALTY \$ | COSTS \$ | TOTAL \$ |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Han Kim Wee | Dog Attack (on animal) | Guilty | 1,100 | 100.70 | 1,200.70 |
| Andrew Wanklyn | Dog Attack (on animal) | Guilty | 700 | 100.70 | 800.70 |
| Mark Congerton | Dog Attack (on animal) | Guilty | 1,500 | 369.70 | 1,869.70 |
| Dino Macaluso | Dog Attack (on animal) | Guilty | 1,000 | 269.70 | 1,269.70 |
| Kimberley Ballard | Dog Attack (on animal) | Guilty | 500 | 105.70 | 605.70 |
| Daniel Davis | Dog Attack (on person) | Guilty | 700 | 105.70 | 805.70 |

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2. Vehicles

2.1 Parking

Ranger Services attended to sixty (60) matters relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period. It is envisaged that this area of Ranger Services operations will steadily increase as development within the CBD increases.

2.2 Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Services attended to eighteen (18) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in areas that are prohibited, during the report period.

3. Fire Services

There were seventeen (17) 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 2006/2007 shows a significant increase on that of the corresponding period for the 2005/2006 year.

4. General

4.1 Emergency Management – Policy Review

The *Emergency Management Act 2005* formalises Western Australian emergency management arrangements. Following the introduction of the EM Act, the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) endorsed the continuation of existing SEMC Policy Statements and Westplans if they were not in conflict with the Act. FESA is progressing a review of SEMC Policy Statements, commencing with a review of Policy Statement 7, *Western Australian Emergency Management Arrangements* and Policy Statement 11, *Development and Promulgation of Hazard Management Agency Hazard Plans and Function Support Plans*. FESA has advised the Association that given the complexity of these matters and the need for extensive consultation the review will take some time. Updates on the progression of the State Emergency Management policies and plans are posted on the FESA website <http://www.fesa.wa.gov.au/internet/default.aspx?MenuID=318>.

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4.2 User Requirements for the Bush Fire Management Scenario

The Manager Ranger and Emergency Services has been invited to participate in a working group established to develop and introduce the Shared Land Information Platform (SLIP) program.

The SLIP program is a whole of government funded initiative that aims to improve the accessibility and utility of the State's spatial information resources. FESA has been delegated as the responsible agency for the management and development of the Emergency Management Focus Area of SLIP (SLIP-EM). SLIP-EM is focussed on ensuring consistent and equitable access to authoritative sources of spatial information, simple web based spatial tools to support existing operational process, and systems used for the State's Emergency Management Plans (WESTPLANS) and associated Bushfire mitigation activities. The analysis for the Bushfire scenario will be integrated with the broader SLIP-EM project, to ensure consistent treatment of the various WESTPLAN scenarios.

The main Focus Areas for this Analysis will be:

- Control burn planning
- Wildfire
- Wildfire investigation

Control Burn Planning:

- Improve capabilities to acquire and access data required for burn planning;
- Improve communication of control burn data between CALM, FESA, LGA's and the community; and
- Provide an audit trail for fire records that is aligned to the State Records Act.

Bushfire Emergency Management:

- Improve access to available spatial information systems and information relevant to bushfire emergency management (e.g., CALM, FESA, LGA's, WA Police);
- Provide a pilot mapping service (online and offline) to support the incident operational structure in WESTPLAN-BUSHFIRE and improve inquiry and dissemination of spatial information between HMA's, Combat and Support groups; and
- Provide an audit trail for fire records that is aligned to the State Records Act.

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Fire Investigation

- Provide real time exchange of information between CALM, FESA to WA Police for fire investigation and mitigation requirements;
- Provide “filtered” information from WA Police to support emergency management operations; and
- Provide an audit trail for fire records that is aligned to the State Records Act.

5. July 2006 Statistics

| <i>DOGS</i> | July 2006 | July 2005 | 2006/2007 Progressive Total | 2005/2006 Progressive Total |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Wandering | 51 | 41 | 51 | 41 |
| Dogs for Pick Up | 37 | 21 | 37 | 21 |
| Barking | 27 | 23 | 27 | 23 |
| Attacks | 17 | 21 | 17 | 21 |
| Lost & Found | 69 | 63 | 69 | 63 |
| General Information | 6 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| Sub Total | 207 | 173 | 207 | 173 |
| Office Phone Enquiries | 109 | 96 | 109 | 96 |
| Total | 316 | 269 | 316 | 269 |

Up 17%

| <i>PARKING / VEHICLES</i> | July 2006 | July 2005 | 2006/2007 Progressive Total | 2005/2006 Progressive Total |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| General Parking | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Trucks | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| School Parking | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Abandoned Vehicles | 16 | 14 | 16 | 14 |
| Off Road Vehicles | 18 | 13 | 18 | 13 |
| Sub Total | 44 | 35 | 44 | 35 |
| Office Phone Enquiries | 16 | 10 | 16 | 10 |
| Total | 60 | 45 | 60 | 45 |

Up 33%

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| LIVESTOCK | July 2006 | July 2005 | 2006/2007 Progressive Total | 2005/2006 Progressive Total |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Lost & Found | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| General | 16 | 13 | 16 | 13 |
| Sub Total | 19 | 13 | 19 | 13 |
| Office Phone Enquiries | 7 | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| Total | 26 | 16 | 26 | 16 |

Up 62%

| LITTER | July 2006 | July 2005 | 2006/2007 Progressive Total | 2005/2006 Progressive Total |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| General Information | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Private Property | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Roadside / Reserve | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Verge | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Sub Total | 10 | 4 | 10 | 4 |
| Office Phone Enquiries | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 11 | 4 | 11 | 4 |

Up 175%

| FIRE | July 2006 | July 2005 | 2006/2007 Progressive Total | 2005/2006 Progressive Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Burning Off / General Information | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Firebreak / Hazard | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Sub Total | 5 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Office Phone Enquiries | 12 | 1 | 12 | 1 |
| Total | 17 | 2 | 17 | 2 |

Up 750%

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| GENERAL | July 2006 | July 2005 | 2006/2007 Progressive Total | 2005/2006 Progressive Total |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| General Information | 1 | 9 | 1 | 9 |
| Sub Total | 1 | 9 | 1 | 9 |
| Office Phone Enquiries - Cats | 13 | | 13 | |
| Office Phone Enquiries - General | 3 | 17 | 3 | 17 |
| Total | 16 | 17 | 16 | 17 |

Same

| TOTAL | July 2006 | July 2005 | 2006/2007 Progressive Total | 2005/2006 Progressive Total |
|---|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sub Total Reports / Complaints | 286 | 235 | 286 | 235 |
| Total Office Phone Enquiries | 161 | 127 | 161 | 127 |
| Total Reports / Complaints | 447 | 362 | 447 | 362 |

Up 24%

| WARNINGS | July 2006 | July 2005 | 2006/2007 Progressive Total | 2005/2006 Progressive Total |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Dogs | 27 | 14 | 27 | 14 |
| Parking | 17 | 18 | 17 | 18 |
| Off Road Vehicles | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Litter | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Fire & Fire Orders | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 44 | 34 | 44 | 34 |

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| <i>INFRINGEMENTS</i> | July 2006 | July 2005 | 2006/2007 Progressive Total | 2005/2006 Progressive Total |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Dogs | 32 | 23 | 32 | 23 |
| Parking | 6 | 49 | 6 | 49 |
| Off Road Vehicles | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Litter | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Fire | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 39 | 72 | 39 | 72 |
| NUMBER WITHDRAWN | 16 | 8 | 16 | 8 |
| Number Paid | 59 | 68 | 59 | 68 |

| <i>IMPOUNDED DOGS</i> | July 2006 | July 2005 | 2006/2007 Progressive Total | 2005/2006 Progressive Total | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|--|--------------|
| Claimed | 34 | 13 | 34 | 13 | Up 160% |
| Sold | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | Same |
| Destroyed | 8 | 18 | 8 | 18 | Down 125% |
| Vet / Rescue | 11 | 4 | 11 | 4 | Up 175% |
| Stolen | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total | 57 | 39 | 57 | 39 | Up 46% |

| <i>IMPOUNDED VEHICLES</i> | July 2006 | July 2005 | 2006/2007 Progressive Total | 2005/2006 Progressive Total | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|--|---------|
| Vehicles | 10 | 5 | 10 | 5 | |
| Motor Cycles | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total | 10 | 5 | 10 | 5 | Up 100% |

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| <i>IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK</i> | July 2006 | July 2005 | 2006/2007 Progressive Total | 2005/2006 Progressive Total |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Sheep | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Horses | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cows | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Goats | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Pigs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Deer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |

| <i>COURT PROSECUTIONS</i> | July 2006 | July 2005 | 2006/2007 Progressive Total | 2005/2006 Progressive Total |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Dog | 6 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Fire | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Parking | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Litter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Off Road Vehicles | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 6 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| No. of Guilty Verdicts | 6 | 1 | 6 | 1 |

| <i>FINES ENFORCEMENT</i> | July 2006 | July 2005 | 2006/2007 Progressive Total | 2005/2006 Progressive Total |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Infringements sent to FER | 0 | 28 | 0 | 28 |

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| <i>DOG REGISTRATIONS</i> | <i>July 2006</i> | <i>July 2005</i> | <i>2006/2007 Progressive Total</i> | <i>2005/2006 Progressive Total</i> | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|---------------|
| New Dog Registrations | 76 | 66 | 76 | 66 | Up 15% |
| Renewed Dog Registrations | 17 | 1 | 17 | 1 | Up 1600% |
| Total | 93 | 66 | 93 | 66 | Up 41% |

| <i>PHONES CALLS</i> | <i>July 2006</i> | <i>July 2005</i> | <i>2006/2007 Progressive Total</i> | <i>2005/2006 Progressive Total</i> | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|--------------|
| Office – Rangers calling Office | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | |
| Office – Messages for Staff | 44 | 38 | 44 | 38 | |
| Office – Referred to Other | 32 | 23 | 32 | 23 | |
| Calls to Rangers' Private Residences via Diverter | 15 | 25 | 15 | 25 | |
| TOTAL | 116 | 111 | 116 | 111 | Up 5% |

MINUTES FROM OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee Meeting of 6 June 2006.
(Refer to Attachment “CA-3”)

Disability Advisory Committee Meeting of 9 May 2006. **(Refer to Attachment
“CA-4”.**

Disability Advisory Committee Meeting of 7 June 2006. **(Refer to Attachment
“CA-5”)**

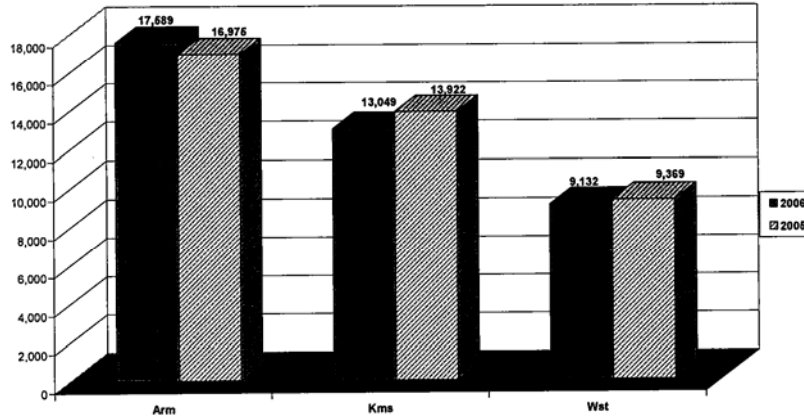
Public History Advisory Committee Meeting of 1 June 2006. **(Refer to
Attachment “CA-6”.)**

Seniors’ Interests Advisory Committee Meeting of 18 May 2006. **(Refer to
Attachment “CA-7”.)**

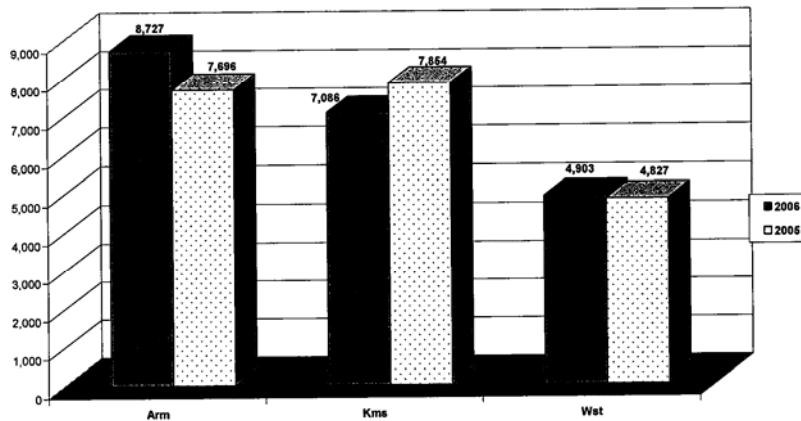
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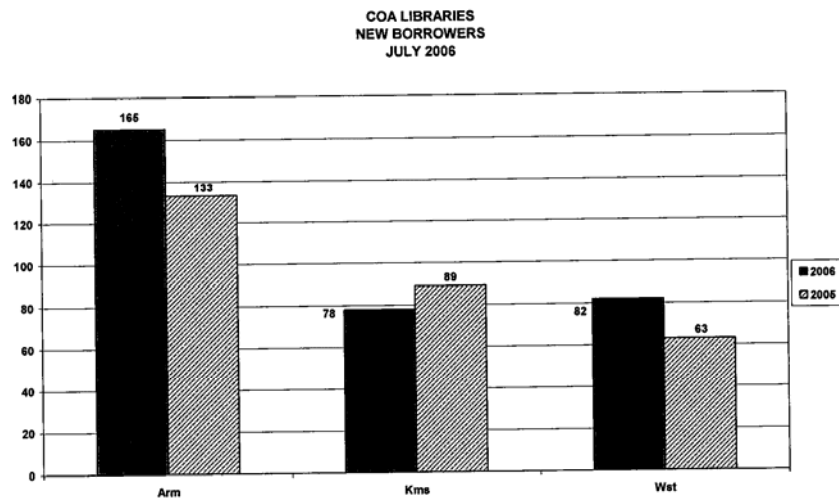
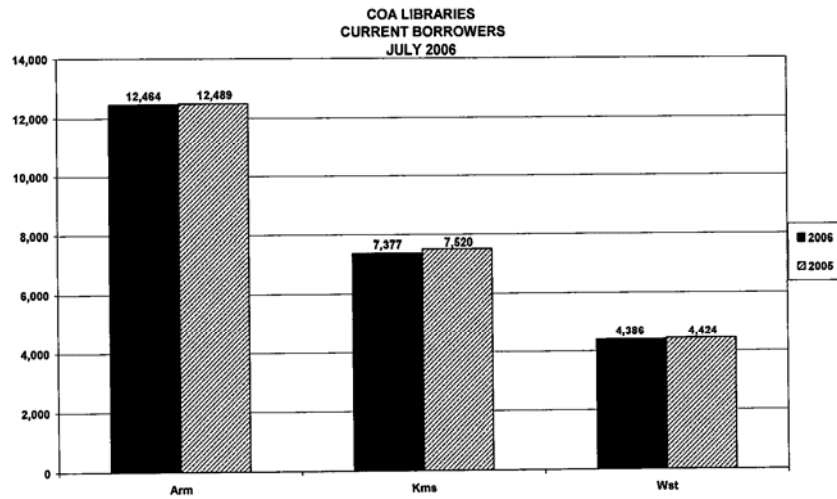
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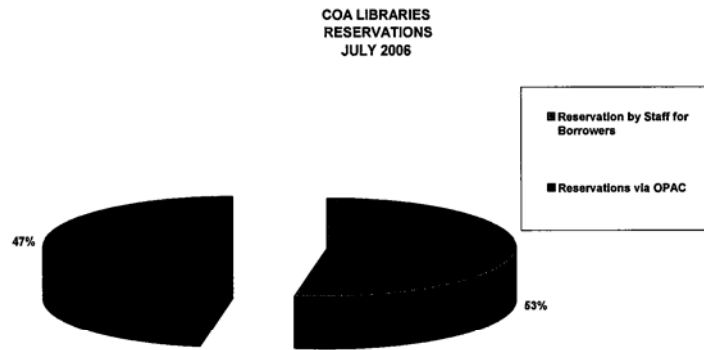
COA LIBRARIES
ISSUES/RENEWALS
JULY 2006



COA LIBRARIES
NUMBER OF VISITS
JULY 2006







Month: July Year: 2006

| History House Museum | Current Month | Year to date | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| | July 06 | July 05 | July 06- June 07 | Jul 05 – June 06 |
| Visitors | 81 | 151 | 81 | 151 |
| Volunteer Hours | 122 | 144 | 122 | 144 |
| | | | | |
| Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum | July 06 | July 05 | Jul 06 – June 07 | Jul 05 – June 06 |
| | 254 | N/A | 254 | N/A |
| Birtwistle Local Studies Library | | | | |
| | July 06 | July 05 | Jul 06 - June 07 | Jul 05 – June 06 |
| Reference Enquiries | 13 | 7 | 13 | 73 |
| Research Enquiries | 3 | 3 | 3 | 42 |
| Visitor Attendance | 15 | 39 | 15 | 911 |
| Volunteer Hours | 49 | 54 | 49 | 674 |
| Oral History Program | | | | |
| Letters sent | 2 | 4 | 2 | 36 |
| Interviews Completed | 3 | 5 | 3 | 38 |
| Transcripts Completed | 1 | 2 | 1 | 21 |
| Volunteer Hours – Transcribing | 23 | 14 | 23 | 229 |
| Volunteer Hours – Interviewing | 19 | 13 | 19 | 182 |

| Birtwistle Local Studies Library - Saturday Opening | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| | July 2006 | June 2006 | July 2006 – June 2007 |
| Reference Enquiries | nil | nil | nil |
| Researchers | 1 | nil | 1 |
| Visitor Attendance | nil | 3 | nil |
| Volunteer Hours | 4 | 4 | 4 |

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD
AVENUE, ARMADALE ON TUESDAY, 6 JUNE 2006 AT 1.20 PM

Mr A McNamara (Deputy Chairman) opened the meeting at 1.20 pm.

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------|---|
| PRESENT: | Mr A McNamara | (Deputy Chairman) |
| | Cr J Knezevich | City of Armadale |
| | Mr G Hansen | Community Representative |
| | Mr A Garlett | Community Representative [2.40 pm to 2.50 pm] |
| | Mr B Loo | Dept. for Community Development |
| | Ms C Pickett | Community Representative [1.20 pm to 2.55 pm] |
| | Ms L Murray | Community Representative [1.35 pm to 3.15 pm] |

APOLOGIES: Ms V Hansen
Ms M Hill
Ms M Sheppard
Ms H Brahim

OBSERVERS: Nil

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| IN ATTENDANCE: | Mr C Askew | Executive Director Community Services [1.20 pm to 2.10 pm] |
| | Mrs Y Coyne | Manager Community Development |
| | Ms T McCourt | Community Development Coordinator |
| | Mrs R Milnes | Community Development Officer |
| | Ms J Cowan | Koorlanga Mia Coordinator (Acting) |
| | Mrs Y Ward | Minute Secretary |
| | 1.20 pm to 2.20 pm[Ms T Musumeci | Public Transport Authority |
| | 1.20 pm to 2.50 pm[Mr A Bell | Aboriginal Customer Service Officer – DHS |
| | [Ms K Allingham | Aboriginal Legal Service |
| | 2.10 pm to 2.35 pm[Mr S Dinah | Aboriginal Legal Service |
| | [Ms B Lockyer | Aboriginal Legal Service |
| | Public: Nil | |

DISCLAIMER

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

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

QUESTION TIME

Nil

DEPUTATION

Nil

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ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6 June 2006

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In the absence of a quorum, it was decided to conduct the meeting on an informal basis.

1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

1.1 ATSIAC Meeting Times

Due to work and other commitments for some Committee Members, a review of commencement times for future meetings has been sought. It has been suggested that the new commencement time be 2.30 pm.

Committee was of the view that the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee meeting times should remain unchanged and meetings continue to be held at 1.00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month. In the absence of a quorum, it was not possible to resolve the matter of meeting times, therefore, it be placed on the next Agenda of the ATSIAC Meeting.

Bruce Loo will discuss with Margaret Sheppard. If required, a letter of support to her employer from the ATSIAC could be provided.

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1 Public Transport Authority

Ms Tina Musumeci, Community Education Officer with the Public Transport Authority attended the ATSIAC Meeting to advise Committee of an educational initiative by the PTA to build a rail track safety campaign, with emphasis being given to the Armadale line. Tina discussed the risk of harm or injury due to unsafe practices when dealing with rail and train safety, particularly to young people.

Transperth (PTA) has already begun an educational programme called “Get on Board” which explains to students how to catch public transport and the benefits of public transport in an endeavour to try to encourage students to be independent when using public transport. Tina’s role is to build on that programme and to make sure that the activities are going to be accessible for all.

Tina is working towards providing an educational DVD targeting young people to encourage safe practices when accessing public transport and will be contacting a number of schools along the Armadale line to request children to be involved in the DVD. The campaign will involve posters to be placed on trains, and an “adopt a station” programme (where children from local schools adopt a station). The point being to install pride in the Armadale line and let children know the line is part of their urban landscape. The target age is between 10 and 16 years of age. It is hoped to consult with local elders to let them know what is happening and to enable them to provide input.

Ms L Murray arrived at 1.35 pm.

Committee was supportive of the project and requested to be kept informed of its progress. Committee stressed the need to ensure the final product was “tested” before its general release to schools.

2.2 Department of Housing and Works

Mr Anthony Bell has recently been appointed to the position of Aboriginal Customer Support Officer for the Indigenous Tenants of Homeswest (Department of Housing & Works).

Anthony’s role is to provide services/assistance to the indigenous tenants of Homeswest on matters relating to their tenancy and his role geographically covers the areas of Armadale, Gosnells, Kelmscott, the South West, and the Wheatbelt. Anthony advised that he is available and can be contacted at the Homeswest office in Armadale every second Thursday of the month.

Mr C Askew left the meeting at 2.10 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 2.10 pm and resumed at 2.20 pm.

Ms T Musumeci left the meeting at 2.20 pm.

2.3 Aboriginal Legal Service of WA

ALSWA has set up an Advisory Committee to make sure that our work for social justice accurately reflects the views of Western Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of all ages and backgrounds. ALSWA is seeking groups of indigenous people to join the Committee.

Kate Allingham (Policy Officer), Sam Dinah (Male Contact Officer) and Bernadette Lockyer (Women’s Contact Officer) from the Aboriginal Legal Service advised that the purpose of their visit to the ATSLAC was to seek input on an initiative to set up consultation between the Aboriginal community and the newly formed Advisory Committee. The WA Advisory Committee has been funded by the Aboriginal Legal Service for the purpose of promoting consultation and communication between the community and the Aboriginal Legal Service and also general communication between the Committee and community. Kate advised that, in her role as Policy Officer, when a new piece of Government legislation or policy is introduced into Parliament the ALS write submissions on the process with input from the Aboriginal community. The purpose of the visit is to request interested individuals or groups to provide input on matters/legislation to the Advisory Committee that is deemed relevant to the Aboriginal community. There are no obligations. It is also a way for the community to know what is going on and what has been decided for them by the Government. There are no set meeting dates or venues for meetings but if a group of people wanted to meet regularly that can be accommodated. It is really up to the people who are involved as to how it runs.

The Chairman thanked Messrs Allingham, Dinah and Lockyer for their presentation and they left the meeting at 2.35 pm.

2.4 ATSIAC Membership

The Committee is still seeking a Torres Strait Islander representative and an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Youth representative. Dorothy Reuben has been approached. No applications have been received to date.

Committee was advised that despite advertisements in the paper it has not been possible to fill the two vacant positions for a Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Youth representative. This has ramifications for future meetings in the ability of Committee to maintain a quorum of 7. The views of Committee were sought in regard to whether it wanted to delete the positions of Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Youth representative and return to the original make up of the Committee or continue to advertise the positions. The matter to be placed on the next Agenda for further consideration.

2.5 Waminda Aboriginal Corporation

This item to be recommitted to the next meeting of Committee.

Mr A Garlett joined the meeting at 2.40 pm.

2.6 NAIDOC Event

The Community Development Coordinator and Community Development Officer sought input from Committee in regard to the preparations for the NAIDOC Event to be held on Tuesday, 4 July 2006. Because of restraints with previously suggested venues, Rushton Park near the river, with the Kelmscott Hall as a back up in case of rain has been suggested as a good option.

It was decided that another meeting should be organised and held on Wednesday, 7 June 2006 at 2.00 pm to further discuss arrangements for the NAIDOC Event.

The Community Development Coordinator advised that Waminda Aboriginal Corporation is willing “to auspice” the NAIDOC funds.

The Community Development Officer advised Committee that the names of local Aboriginal students enrolled in years 11-12 had been gained from State Schools in the area and all private schools in the Perth metropolitan area to enable Certificates to be organized for presentation at the NAIDOC Celebrations.

It was requested that the Certificates and invitations have a traditional look and the Certificates be printed on card, with the City of Armadale logo and Aboriginal flag included. The presentation of the Certificates to be carried out by a member of the Sheppard family with the MC role to be carried out by Bruce Loo. Arrangements for the Welcome to Country are still being arranged.

*Mr A Bell & Mr A Garlett left the meeting at 2.50 pm.
Ms C Pickett left the meeting at 2.55 pm.*

2.7 Indigenous Children's Programme

Jan Cowan, Koorlanga Mia Coordinator, provided the following report on the Indigenous Children's Programme.

The Indigenous Children's Programme, after looking at several different venues in Armadale, has moved to the Waminda Aboriginal Corporation premises in Seventh Road. The Waminda Aboriginal Corporation has offered to provide office space and the use of their work room for the service at a very reasonable rate. The City of Armadale has provided resources to make the facilities appropriate for children.

Some older people have volunteered to do some role modelling for the young parents and to share activities and space and link up with each other. A Year 12 student volunteer, registered with the City of Armadale Volunteer Resource Service, will become involved soon. It is envisaged that a playgroup leader will be appointed as part of the activities of the service.

3. URGENT ITEMS

Nil.

4. NEXT MEETING

To be held on **Tuesday, 1 August 2006 at 1.00 pm in the Committee Room.**

MEETING CLOSED AT 3.15 PM

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE **DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** HELD IN THE **COMMITTEE ROOM**,
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON **THURSDAY, 9 MAY**
2006 AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT:

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| Mrs P Hart | City of Armadale Councillor - Chairperson |
| Mr R Fisher | Community Representative |
| Mr L Hogg | Disability Services Commission |
| Mr J Glassford | City of Armadale Property Services Manager |
| Mr T Cutajar | Community Representative |

APOLOGIES:

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| Mr I Townson | City of Armadale Building Services Manager |
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OBSERVERS:

Nil

IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Mr J Ifould | City of Armadale Community Development Officer (Seniors & Disabilities) – CD Officer |
| Mr R Tait | Armadale Redevelopment Authority |
| Mrs G Nesci | Armadale Health Service |
| Ms R Milnes | City of Armadale Community Development Officer |

Public: Nil

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

DEPUTATION

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

Nil

QUESTION TIME

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 9 MARCH 2006

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9 March 2006, are confirmed.

Moved: Mr Ron Fisher
Seconded: Ms John Glassford
MOTION CARRIED (5/0)

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1. ARA Report

For the benefit of Mr Tait being able to meet other work commitments, the Chairperson proposed, and Committee agreed, that the next item of business be the ARA Update (item 3.3 on page 3 of the Agenda).

Mr Tait informed Members that Westzone has sought to have Condition Three involving the Detailed Armadale Shopping Centre Pedestrian and Cycling Movement Analysis now cleared after amending their notes in the document in line with the ARA's Advice Notice. This had informed Westzone that the plans were deficient in respect to some key movement corridors and safety concerns regarding current and future use. This included various issues on Third Road & Jull Street.

Mr Tait explained that with respect to various conditions in the Development Agreement the rationale involving connection from the Car Park to the shop floor, through the addition of lifts, would be very difficult to argue through the statutory requirements as well as the area of discrimination. This is because they may have met their minimum legal responsibility in these areas. Also, that on further investigation through Work Safe Guidelines, and in speaking with a policy officer at the Disability Services Commission in relation to ramps, a travelator is technically a form of ramp and therefore assuming the ramps/travelators conform to gradient requirements, then access sufficient in terms of the Building Code of Australia requirements is likely to be provided. Requiring access arrangements over and above this would be difficult to sustain and would be appealable at the Statutory Appeals Tribunal.

Mr Tait said that the ARA would persist with the case for the inclusion of lifts but not to expect that in the end this would be successful.

Mr Tait informed the Committee that the issue involving the corner at the Third Road and Jull Street intersection had been looked at quite closely with the following results/suggestions:

- *Main Roads approached for the provision of signage.*
- *Tactile pavers to be installed on the Jull Street Mall side of the road.*
- *Barriers to be installed to narrow the point at which people can cross the road from the Mall to the opposite corner (Subway).*
- *Installation of rumble paving on the road surface to act as an 'oncoming traffic' warning device.*
- *It's not a suitable location for a dedicated Pelican or Zebra Crossing*

Mr Tait added that Main Roads WA has guidelines for shared use zones but these have not formally been considered for Armadale. As a result Mr Tait doesn't anticipate the 40km/h speed limit in the area to be changed.

Mr Cutajar arrived at the meeting at 9:15am.

Mr Tait confirmed that a covered bus drop off area had now been included on the plans but that the addition of specific parking for buses was difficult since there already exists a 5% shortfall in the required number of normal parking spaces for the size of the development proper. The City had been approached in relation to providing parking on time limit arrangements for the drop off zone. Mr Tait added that they were also looking make arrangements with the Public Transport Authority in regards to the use of this drop off zone for their services.

Mr Tait explained that the opportunity for dedicated pedestrian crossings to be included in the area would not be possible due to the requirements of and use classifications by Main Roads.

Mr Tait advised that closed circuit TV surveillance for safety and security was being looked at through the City Centre Committee and with the Police for the whole of the CBD area.

In relation to the Kelmscott Precinct Plan, Cr Hart reported that the planned Kelmscott Train Station upgrade did not include stairs but ramps instead. The platform roof cover was going to be extended and security would be improved through design aspects promoting better all round vision at the station. The Public Transport Authority assured that all disability issues had been taken into account. Mr Tait added that some pictures of the planned upgrade were on display at the ARA Office in the Jull Street Mall.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Tait for a very informative update and for the ARA's continued support for the issues raised by the Committee. Mr Tait left the meeting at 9:48am.

At this juncture of the meeting the Committee returned to the set order of the Agenda.

2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

2.1 Armadale CBD Connect.

Armadale CBD Connect Project 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. 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

Ms Milnes advised that the Armadale CBD Connect Project has been based on a project previously trialled successfully at the City of Mandurah called “Street Net”, which was aimed at young people. The principles involved are the same, with the team comprising a Police Officer and a Community Support Worker, but it is aimed at the whole community accessing the CBD, not just youth. The objectives behind the project is for the team to provide a presence and develop a rapport with people accessing the CBD, find out the issues behind their anti-social behaviour, their interests and identify the appropriate services and/or activities to link them into. It is a community engagement/crime prevention project aimed at developing long term projects and activities with people. It is not about surveillance or patrolling. The team will be based at a community facility. The project will include linking in with local business and developing close relationships with community groups. Meetings have been held with a number of stakeholders in an endeavour to progress the project, including the Armadale Police, ING, Westzone, the Armadale Chamber of Commerce (representing businesses in the area) and the Office of Crime Prevention (OCP). All have been very positive about the proposed project. Funding for the first year of the project will come in various forms and from several sources including the OCP, Police, City of Armadale and other business partners.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Milnes for a very informative talk. Ms Milnes left the meeting at 9.55am.

The project will sit under the Armadale Community Safety Plan and at this stage the City is seeking “in principle” support for the CBD Connect Project concept. The project will run for a 12 month period and will be re-evaluated at the end of that period.

RESOLVED

That the Disability Advisory Committee supports the Armadale CBD Connect Project.

Moved: Mr Ron Fisher
Seconded: Mr Tony Cutajar
MOTION CARRIED (5/0)

Mrs Nesci left the meeting at 10.00am and did not return.

2.2 Disability Advisory Committee Membership Applications.

Nominations to fill vacancies on the Disability Advisory Committee have been made to the City of Armadale, with applications closing at 4.00 pm on 28 April 2006. Committee Members were requested to consider all nominations and recommendations presented at the meeting in a confidential report (Attachment – ‘B1’) and make a recommendation to Council on the proposed appointments.

Committee considered the two applications received for the Community Representative position, with the consensus of opinion being that Ms Nonnie Wickens be appointed to the Disability Advisory Committee. Committee was of the opinion that Ms Melissa Northcutt be invited to attend Committee Meetings.

Committee considered the three applications received for the two vacant Local Organisation Representative positions, with the consensus of opinion being that all three be appointed to the Disability Advisory Committee upon a change to the Terms of Reference of the Committee to increase the Membership by one Local Organisation Representative position.

Committee was also interested in receiving advice on the process of nominating deputies and the authority which is afforded to such positions.

RECOMMEND

That the Disability Advisory Committee:

- a. Supports the appointment of Ms Nonnie Wickens as a Community Representative to the Disability Advisory Committee.**
- b. Supports the appointment of Ms Gail Nesci and Ms Louise Hansen as Local Organisation Representatives to the Disability Advisory Committee.**
- c. Recommends Council increase the Membership of the Disability Advisory Committee to include another Local Organisation Representative Position and supports the appointment of Mr John Hardy as a Local Organisation Representative to the Disability Advisory Committee.**

Moved: Mr John Glassford

Seconded: Mr Tony Cutajar

MOTION CARRIED (5/0)

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Announcements by the Chairperson

No announcements.

3.2 COA Community Development Officer Report

3.2.1 Report on items from previous meeting

No update reported. Members already received ‘Disability Advisory Committee Update Notes – April 2006’, which was sent out in lieu of there being no April Meeting.

3.2.2 Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2005-2009 - Update

Nothing reported.

3.2.3 Correspondence Received

No correspondence.

3.2.4 Media Watch

No articles.

4. URGENT ITEMS

No items.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary Meeting of DAC is scheduled to be held on Tuesday the 6th June at 9am. However, Members agreed that due to competing commitments for some Members on that day the Meeting be rescheduled to Wednesday the 7th of June. The CD Officer informed Members he would make the necessary arrangements for this change and advise of the new meeting details when confirmed.

MEETING CLOSED AT 10.47AM

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE CITY OF ARMADALE
COMMUNITY SERVICES MEETING ROOM, COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING, 7
ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE, ON WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE 2006 AT 9.00 AM

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| PRESENT: | Mrs Pat Hart | City of Armadale Councillor - Chairperson |
| | Mr Ron Fisher | Community Representative |
| | Mr John Glassford | City of Armadale Property Services Manager |
| | Mr Tony Cutajar | Community Representative |
| | Ms Louise Hansen | Southern District Support Association |
| | Mrs Gail Nesci | Armadale Health Service |
| | Mrs Nonnie Wickens | Community Representative |
| APOLOGIES: | Mr Ian Townson | City of Armadale Building Services Manager |
| | Mr Lance Hogg | Disability Services Commission |
| OBSERVERS: | Nil | |
| IN ATTENDANCE: | Mr Justin Ifould | City of Armadale Community Development Officer (Seniors & Disabilities) – CD Officer |
| | Ms Trish McCourt | City of Armadale Community Development Coordinator |
| | Ms Anita Woodmass | Armadale Redevelopment Authority |
| | Mrs Lorraine Nottley | Disability Services Commission |
| | Public: Nil | |

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

DEPUTATION

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

Nil

QUESTION TIME

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 9 MAY 2006

The CD Officer reported to Committee various requested amendments to the ARA Report on pages 3-4 of the May Minutes.

In consideration of the number of amendments requested and there being no prior notice of such amendments, Committee was of the view to defer confirmation of the May 2006 meeting minutes to the next meeting of the Committee, scheduled for July 4 2006, thereby allowing members more time to reflect on the requested amendments.

RESOLVED

That confirmation of the Minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9th May 2006, be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

Moved Mr R Fisher

Seconded Mr T Cutajar

MOTION CARRIED (7/0)

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ATTACHMENTS

1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

1.1 Disability Advisory Committee Membership.

A recommendation was made by the DAC at its last meeting to extend its Membership through the creation of another position for a Local Organisational Representative. This recommendation was made on the basis of the following considerations:

- That the number of nominations received in this category exceeded the number of positions available by one;
- The quality of all the nominations received in this category and the potential agencies that would be represented;
- The current imbalance of community based membership portfolios of the Committee (i.e. two Local Organisational Representatives against three Community Representatives); and
- The anticipated benefits of an extra Local Organisational Representative in directing, progressing, and supporting community based initiatives of the City’s Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP).

The DAC believed that each nominee’s experiences and current organisational positions and roles within the community would be very valuable to the business of the Committee.

The Members were informed that since the last meeting of the DAC, and before the Agenda Item for Advisory Committee appointments went to the City’s Community Services Committee, Mr John Hardy had withdrawn his nomination due his formal position with Southside Care coming to an earlier end than anticipated. Mr Hardy had since informed the City that his role had only been a temporary one, in a caretaker capacity, whilst the organisation was taking steps to fill the position on a more permanent basis. As a result the recommendation to increase the Membership of the DAC and thereby appoint Mr Hardy became null and void and was not included in the final Agenda Item to Council as the number of nominations received now equalled the number of positions available.

It was proposed that Committee reconsider the recommendation to increase the Membership of the Committee by one Local Organisation Representative.

It was reported to Members that Caroline Dryland, Mr Hardy’s replacement as Director of Southside Care, had met with an Officer of the City in an introductory capacity and had indicated an interest to nominate for the Committee should such a position become available. Members were informed that Mrs Dryland has an impressive history of employment in the social services industry and involvement in the disability field.

Members still felt that regardless of potential nominees an increase in membership would serve a valuable strategic purpose related to the DAIP.

RECOMMEND

That Council increase the Membership of the Disability Advisory Committee to include another Local Organisation Representative Position.

Moved: Mr Tony Cutajar
Seconded: Mrs Gail Nesci
MOTION CARRIED (7/0)

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1 Announcements by the Chairperson

Cr Hart advised that the Community Services Report, in which the Committee's recommended appointments for the DAC were included, had gone through and been supported by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on the 6th of June. As a result Cr Hart welcomed the new Members to the Committee.

2.2 COA Community Development Officer Report

2.2.1 Report on items from previous meeting

The CD Officer informed Members of the following:

- Item 2.1 Armadale CBD Connect – The in principle support provided by the DAC was being used in the process of firming up the project past the concept stage.
- Item 2.2 DAC Membership – As indicated by the Chairperson, recommendations (a) and (b) had been supported by Council resulting in the appointment of Nonnie Wickens (Community Representative), Gail Nesci (Local Organisation Representative), and Louise Hansen (Local Organisation Representative) to the DAC.
- Item 2.2 DAC Membership – Recommendation (c) of the DAC had not been put to Council as per reasoning detailed in item 1.1 of this meeting.

2.2.2 Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2005-2009 - Update

Members received a copy of a document titled 'DAIP Implementation Support Grant 2006 For Western Australian Local Government'. The Committee was informed that the City intended on making a funding submission under this grant scheme and that, although it would not be official business of the DAC, Members were invited to participate in a workshop to be arranged on an amicable date to be identified at the meeting.

The Committee was informed that the intent was for this workshop to be held within the next two weeks taking into consideration the close of applications was on the 30th of June 2006, that other key community member's and stakeholders would also be invited to participate, and that the CD Officer would need sufficient time after the workshop to complete the application and submit it on time. The intent of this workshop will be to identify a suitable priority issue or outcome from the City's DAIP to apply for funds and at the same time discuss in detail how the relevant strategies could be expanded upon to provide direction and content to such an application.

Tuesday the 20th of June at 9am was suggested as the most suitable date for the workshop. Members were informed that before the workshop the CD Officer would forward a copy of the document, originally an attachment to the February 2006 Minutes of the DAC, detailing the proposed immediate priorities for the City under the City's DAIP. It was suggested that this document could then be used in reference to the grant funding guidelines received and that workshop participants could come along with pre-considered ideas of what type of project/initiative would be best positioned to seek the funding available.

2.3 ARA Update

Ms Woodmass informed Members of the following:

2.3.1 Shopping Centre Developments

Nothing to report.

2.3.2 Kelmscott Precinct Concept Plan

Works on the Kelmscott train station would ensure the platform would better support level access onto the trains.

3. URGENT ITEMS

No items.

4. NEXT MEETING

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

MEETING CLOSED AT 10.47AM

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF PUBLIC HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN BIRTWISTLE LOCAL
STUDIES LIBRARY, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON

THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2006 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

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| Mr K Fletcher | Chair |
| Cr L Reynolds | |
| Ms K Coulthard | |
| Ms H James | |
| Mrs Faye Clay | |

APOLOGIES:

Mr Christen Bell
Mr Terry Holton
Mrs Colleen Fancote

OBSERVERS:

Nil

IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Mrs P Walker | - Manager Libraries & Heritage |
| Mrs L Pearce | - Historian/Local Studies Librarian |

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil.

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| 1. MINUTES |
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Minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2006 were confirmed.

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| 2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING |
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2.1 Plaques for Parks

Completed plaque for Kuhl Park was tabled for PHAC to view.

A printed copy of the standard layout of the plaques was tabled as well as completed wording for:

Cross Park
Kuhl Park
Rushton Park

Draft copies of the following parks for review were also tabled:

Alfred Skeet Oval
Barry Poad Reserve
Bob Blackburn Reserve
Borello Park
Bryan Gell Reserve
Fancote Park
Frye Park
Gwynne Park
Lina Hart Memorial Park
Lloyd Hughes Park

ACTION:

To post out lists to PHAC members who were not present at the meeting.

PHAC was asked to make the decision as to whether title searches should be done for the parks that dates of ownership were not available as there would be a cost involved.

DECISION:

To proceed with title searches.

The suggestion was made that PHAC prioritise all City of Armadale Parks for future plaques.

AGREED:

That PHAC prioritise all City of Armadale Parks.

2.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library Collection Management Practice

A draft copy of the Birtwistle Local Studies Library Collection Management Practice has been written. PHAC is asked to make any comments or recommendations regarding the plan.

SUGGESTIONS:

- 1) Collection parameters in section 8.6 Council Records to contain a provision for the Citizenship and Art Awards to be deposited into the collection.

ACTION:

For Historian/Local Studies Librarian to add this into draft copy and to meet with the Mayor's Personal Assistant to ensure these records are deposited into the Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

- 2) Concern was expressed in relation to the wording of section 7.3.4 of the Appraisal Process stating that items that have been accepted into the collection “may be at some future date be sold, transferred to another institution or destroyed as appropriate.”

ACTION:

Wording to be changed to make it clear to the donor that the above processes may take place.

2.3 Disposal of microfiche reader

Owing to the purchase of the new Scanpro reader/scanner the Birtwistle Local Studies Library has an old microfiche reader to dispose of. It was suggested that as Murdoch University is requesting old microfiche readers to send to Uganda that the reader be donated to the university.

AGREED:

That the Historian/Local Studies Librarian contacts the relevant person to organise for the donation of the microfiche reader to Uganda.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Weekend Opening of Birtwistle Local Studies Library

The following proposal has been accepted by Community Services Directorate and is to go before the Council on Tuesday 7 June 2006:

That the Birtwistle Local Studies Library will be open from 12–4pm on the last Saturday of each month for a trial period of six months commencing on 24 June 2006.
Detailed statistics will be kept to ascertain the feasibility of opening the library at the above time on a permanent basis.

A press release and posters for the libraries have been prepared.

SUGGESTION:

The Western Australian Genealogical Society Representative promotes the new opening times at the Society.

3.2 2006 Museums Australia National Conference

The Curator of History House Museum attended the conference in Brisbane. A report on the conference is presently being prepared for the COA.
The conference was an amazing experience covering a wide variety of topics. Of special interest were the visits to Redcliffe Museum and the Logan Community Art Gallery.

3.3 Digitisation of oral histories

The hardware and software has been purchased to enable oral histories to be recorded and stored digitally.
The interviews will be recorded onto flash RAM cards and downloaded onto the council server where they can be stored and accessed for editing and transcribing.
Three copies of the recordings will be burnt onto CDs – one for archiving (on archival quality discs) one for reference use and one will be given to the interviewee.

The suggestion was made that photograph/s of the oral history interviewees be collected when they are interviewed and later be placed with the transcript.

ACTION:

Historian/Local Studies Librarian to discuss with the oral history volunteers at their next meeting on 15 June 2006.

3.4 History House Museum Report

Report and statistical data attached.

3.5 Birtwistle Local Studies Library

Report and statistical data attached.

3.6 Reports from PHAC committee members

Committee members are invited to report on the activities of their respective organisations

(Any other information items that require a decision will be listed as a business item on the agenda for the next meeting.)

Community Representatives.

- a) Concern was expressed that the Wildflower Society’s latest pamphlet of areas close to the city has missed out the areas of Lesmurdie through to Jarrahdale.

ACTION:

Manager for Libraries and Heritage to discuss the matter with Department of Conservation and Land Management.

- b) A Nissen hut has been donated to be used as a picnic shelter at Migrant Park.

- c) It was brought to the committee’s attention that the date of the opening of the Armadale Senior High School on the City of Armadale’s historical timeline section of the web page is incorrect.

ACTION:

The Historian/Local Studies Librarian to follow up and organise for the correct information to be inserted into the timeline.

- c) The suggestion was made that it would be of benefit to the Birtwistle Local Studies Library if school yearbooks were added to the collection.

ACTION:

Historian/Local Studies Librarian to send out letters to schools in the district encouraging them to deposit yearbooks into the Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

Armadale Districts Preservation Group Inc. Representative.

The dust room at the Brickworks has been placed on the State Heritage Interim List.

City of Armadale, Council Representative.

Nothing to report.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Next Committee Meeting
THURSDAY 3 AUGUST 2006

Attachment 1.

**Report for History House Museum for
March and April 2006.**

March.

Tour Groups

March saw the start of tour groups visiting History House Museum. Three tour groups made bookings during March including Freedom Tours who have regularly brought groups of over 30 people to the museum.

Timetrackers

Organised by Historian/Local Studies Librarian Lorraine Pearce, History House Museum played host to “History in Song” performed by Timetrackers Mike Murray and Lesley Silvester. The event was attended by thirty people, many of who expressed that they would like to see a repeat performance, commenting that the fifty minute session was not long enough.

After the performance that was enjoyed by everyone, morning tea was served in the courtyard.

Education Program

History House Museum has engaged a consultant to assist in the development of a series of teacher lesson plans that link in with important themes relating to the City of Armadale and the Western Australian School Curriculum. The initial lesson plans will cover local government, use of local natural resources and immigration to the district. The local government lesson plan will be ready for Local Government Week.

Local Government Museum Network

On the 13th of March History House Museum Played host to a meeting of the Local Government Museum Network. The meeting discussed the emerging roles of museums and Local Studies Collections and the differing education programs available. The group was also taken on a tour of the Birtwistle Local Studies Library and spoke with the Local Studies Librarian.

Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum

With the COA taking over the management of the Armadale Visitors Centre visitor numbers to the Bert Tyler Machinery Museum are now being recorded and will be included in the monthly statistics.

April.

Minnawarra Festival.

603 people visited the museum during the festival. Much of the success of the day can be attributed to Museum tents located on the main pathway running between the council building and the Birtwistle Local Studies Library. Located in the tents were displays about the history of the park, a Morse code demonstration by the Morscodians and an ‘old tool’ display from the Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum.

History House Museum volunteers were also in the tent informing the public about the museum and encouraging them to visit the museum. This was very successful and without their efforts across the festival visitor numbers would have been considerable lower.

In the museum was the main exhibit about the history of Minnawarra Park titled *‘Brookside: The Story of Minnawarra Park’*. The community group Tales of Time Past used the museum as a venue to tell stories and conducted activities including old style writing with pen and ink.

History House Museum 30th Birthday

On the 25th of April History House Museum turned 30. A birthday party was held at which many former volunteers and founding members of the Armadale-Kelmscott Historical Society attended. The museum founding curator Margaret Bettenay entertained the crowd with how the History House Museum came into existence and the influence Ivor T Birtwistle had on achieving this. Cr Linton Reynolds then spoke of the relationship between the City of Armadale and History House Museum and the expansion of heritage based services by the council.

Work Experience Student

History House Museum and the Birtwistle Local Studies Library currently have a work experience student from Cecil Andrews Senior High School working with them one day a week during the school year. The student is being introduced to many aspects of both museum and local studies library management.

‘Brookside: The Story of Minnawarra Park’.

This exhibit opened during the Minnawarra Festival. The display looks primarily at the history of the site from when the Jull family created the property of Brookside through to its role as a civic precinct and public park. The exhibit will be on display till July.

Attachment 2.

**Report for Birtwistle Local Studies Library for
March and April 2006**

March.

Visit from City of Gosnells Heritage Staff.

Birtwistle Local Studies Library and History House Museum were visited by the City of Gosnells Heritage Officer and Local Studies Librarian. They were shown the collections in both the library and the museum with the majority of time spent discussing digitising oral histories. It was a good opportunity to continue the relationship that has developed between the City of Armadale and the City of Gosnells heritage services.

Timetrackers

Organised by Historian/Local Studies Librarian, History House Museum played host to “History in Song” performed by Timetrackers Mike Murray and Lesley Silvester. Mike and Lesley research Western Australian history which they share by telling stories and singing songs. They have a CD titled *Strangers on the Shore* containing songs relating to Western Australian maritime history which was purchased by Birtwistle Local Studies Library. The event was attended by thirty people, many of who expressed that they would like to see a repeat performance, commenting that the fifty minute session was not long enough.

After the performance that was enjoyed by everyone, morning tea was served in the courtyard.

April.

Minnawarra Festival.

Birtwistle Local Studies Library was visited by 361 people during the Minnawarra Festival. Volunteers dressed in period costume and walked around the festival encouraging people to visit the Minnawarra Historic Precinct.

Many visitors took the opportunity to discuss district history with local historians or ask questions relating to researching their family history.

The temporary displays of the district, Henrietta Drake-Brockman and Warden William Lambden Owen as well as the permanent library display of the relocation project and items found under the school room were all enjoyed and appreciated. Transcripts of oral histories were also available and well utilised. A number of people expressed the desire to return to the library to carry out research.

Special thanks go to all the volunteers who worked so tirelessly over the weekend to make the event the success that it was.

Preservation Survey

The preservation survey for Birtwistle Local Studies Library has now been completed resulting in a report on the continuing preservation of the library's collection and physical environment. Recommendations were made on how to maximize preservation of the collection. The survey also resulted in the development of a Disaster Management Plan for the collection.

Installation of ScanPro

A new ScanPro machine has been installed in the library. The machine allows both microfilm and microfiche to be viewed, scanned onto a computer where it can be manipulated to suit the amount of material that is needed before printing.

Attachment 3.

**Statistical Report for History House Museum and
Birtwistle Local Studies Library for Month of March 2006.**

| History House Museum | Current Month | Year to date | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | Mar 05 | Jul 05- Mar 06 | Jul 04 – Mar 05 |
| Visitors | 121 | 101 | 1,153 | 2,046 |
| Volunteer Hours | 149 | - | 1,159 | |
| | | | | |
| Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum | Mar 06 | Mar 05 | Jul 05 – Mar 06 | Jul 04 – Mar 05 |
| | | | | |
| | 76 | | 76 | - |
| | | | | |
| Birtwistle Local Studies Library | Mar 06 | Mar 05 | Jul 05- Mar 06 | Jul 04 – Mar 05 |
| | | | | |
| Reference Enquiries | 13 | - | 29 | - |
| Research Enquiries | 2 | - | 32 | - |
| Visitor Attendance | 55 | - | 400 | - |
| Volunteer Hours | 59 | - | 395 | - |
| Oral History Program | | | | |
| Letters sent | 2 | 3 | 25 | 25 |
| Interviews Completed | 3 | 3 | 27 | 18 |
| Transcripts Completed | 3 | nil | 20 | 1 |
| Volunteer Hours – Transcribing | 30 | - | 158 | 67 + - |
| Volunteer Hours – Interviewing | 9 | - | 166 | 81 + - |

Attachment 4.

**Statistical Report for History House Museum and
Birtwistle Local Studies Library for Month of April 2006.**

| History House Museum | Current Month | Year to date | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | April 06 | April 05 | Jul 05- April 06 | Jul 04 – April 05 |
| Visitors | 867 | 330 | 2,020 | 2,376 |
| Volunteer Hours | 113 | - | 1,272 | |
| | | | | |
| Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum | April 06 | April 05 | Jul 05 – April 06 | Jul 04 – April 05 |
| | 153 | | 229 | - |
| | | | | |
| Birtwistle Local Studies Library | April 06 | April 05 | Jul 05- April 06 | Jul 04 – April 05 |
| | | | | |
| Reference Enquiries | 7 | - | 36 | - |
| Research Enquiries | 5 | - | 37 | - |
| Visitor Attendance | 460 | - | 860 | - |
| Volunteer Hours | 59 | - | 473 | - |
| | | | | |
| Oral History Program | | | | |
| Letters sent | 0 | 1 | 26 | 26 |
| Interviews Completed | 0 | 2 | 29 | 20 |
| Transcripts Completed | 1 | nil | 21 | 1 |
| Volunteer Hours – Transcribing | 13.5 | - | 158 | 67 + - |
| Volunteer Hours – Interviewing | 1.5 | - | 167.5 | 81 + - |

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2006 AT 1.00 PM

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|---|
| PRESENT: | Cr J MacDonald | Chairperson |
| | Cr G Best | City of Armadale Councillor |
| | Mrs M McKay | Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Club Inc. |
| | Ms J Jeffries | Westfield Kelmscott Senior Citizens' Club |
| | Mrs B Perkins | Over 50's Club |
| | Mr G Fawcett | Armadale Kelmscott Senior Citizens' Association |
| | Ms L Fahey | Armadale Mental Health Service |
| | Mr R Fisher | Community Representative |
| | Ms C Samborski | Armadale Home Help |
| | Ms V Bola | Armadale Community Health |
| APOLOGIES: | Ms L Charles | Kelmscott Library |
| | Mrs T Hodges | Dale Cottages |
| OBSERVERS: | Nil | |
| IN ATTENDANCE: | Mr J Ifould | City of Armadale Community Development Officer – Seniors & Disability (COA Officer) |
| | Ms R Milnes | City of Armadale Community Development Officer – General |
| | Mr I Townson | City of Armadale – Building Services Manager |
| | Mrs Y Ward | Minute Secretary |
| | Public: Nil | |

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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Va Bola joined the meeting at 1.15 pm.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Adaptable Housing Concept – Mr Ian Townson

Mr Townson advised that in its basic form those developing Australian Standards on Adaptable Housing simply wanted the whole community to move towards building homes that could be more easily adapted as people age or have health issues during their lives. Ultimately, if the adaptable housing concept is pursued, a larger percentage of homes will be able to be more easily used by people with disabilities. The government is keen that there is a move in the direction of adaptable housing because as more people age there will be more people with disabilities. The Town Planning Scheme and the new Town Planning and Development Act encourages adaptable housing. Within the City of Armadale and all Local Government Residential Codes (Town Planning & Development Act) encouragement is given to adaptable housing by giving people a discount. This is done by allowing them to have perhaps another unit on the block (10 x unit development) if they make one of the units or a percentage of the units, adaptable. The Government has not yet got to the point where it has prescribed that all houses have to be adaptable due to the costs involved, so there are no legislative requirements for all houses to be adaptable at the moment.

A number of questions and discussion were had by the Committee after which the Chairperson thanked Mr Townson for a very informative talk. Mr Townson left the meeting at 1.20 pm.

The Meeting adjourned at 1.20 pm and resumed at 1.25 pm.

2. Armadale CBD Connect Project – Ms Rebekah Milnes

Ms Milnes advised that the CBD Connect Project had been initiated in response to concerns about varying levels of anti social behaviour and criminal activities in the Armadale CBD. The Armadale CBD Connect Project has been based on a project previously trialled successfully at the City of Mandurah called “Street Net”, which was aimed at young people. The principles involved are the same, with the team comprising a Police officer and a community support worker, but it is aimed at the whole community accessing the CBD, not just youth. The objectives behind the project is for the team, comprising of a Police Officer and the Community

Support Worker to develop a rapport with people accessing the CBD, find out the issues behind their behaviour, their interests and identifying the appropriate service to link those people into. It is a community engagement/crime prevention project aimed at developing projects and activities with people. The team will be based at a community centre and people will be encouraged to access it. Meetings have been held with a number of stakeholders in an endeavour to get the project off the ground, including the Armadale Police, ING, Westzone, the Armadale Chamber of Commerce (representing businesses in the area) and the Office of Crime Prevention.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Milnes for a very informative talk. Ms Milnes left the meeting at 1.40 pm.

QUESTION TIME

Meetings of the Committee are not be open to the public, unless at the invitation of the Committee.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 16 MARCH 2006

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Seniors’ Interests Advisory Committee Meeting held on 16 March 2006, are confirmed.

Moved: Ms Maureen McKay

Seconded: Ms Jean Jeffries

MOTION CARRIED (10/0)

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1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

1.1 Armadale CBD Connect

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.

Ms Rebekah Milnes provided the Seniors' Interest Advisory Committee with an overview of the project and requested Committee's support for the initiative via her presentation.

The Community Development Officer (Seniors and Disabilities) advised that the project will sit under the Armadale Community Safety Plan, which is supported within a strategy under the social policy area of 'Safety and Security' within the Seniors' 'Action' Plan. Since one of the main objectives of this Committee is to review, monitor, and advise on the implementation of the Seniors' Plan, to a certain extent a commitment has already been made to seniors relevant projects developing from the Safety Plan. The Committee has also been directly involved with supporting the Armadale Community Safety Plan in a meeting held early in 2005 where it was assured that the SIAC would get opportunities such as this to have input in, and show its support to, initiatives such as the Armadale CBD Connect project.

At this stage, the Community Development Officer (General) is seeking "in principle" support for the CBD Connect Project concept. It is planned for the project to run for a 12 month period and will be re-evaluated at the end of that period.

Committee was supportive of the Armadale CBD Connect project, acknowledging that it is merely a concept at this stage and that further work needs to be done to firm up the project.

RESOLVED

That the Seniors' Interests Advisory Committee supports the Armadale CBD Connect Project.

Moved: Ms Va Bola
Seconded: Ms B Perkins
MOTION CARRIED (10/0)

1.2 Seniors’ Interests Advisory Committee Membership Applications

Cr MacDonald declared an interest in the following item (Seniors’ Interests Advisory Committee Membership Applications), as she has an association with the National Seniors Association State Policy Council of WA, and left the meeting at 1.50 pm.

Mr Ron Fisher declared an interest in the following item (Seniors’ Interests Advisory Committee Membership Applications), as he has an association with the Armadale & Districts Branch of the National Seniors Association, and left the meeting at 1.50 pm.

Ms Maureen MacKay assumed the Chair.

A call for nominations to fill vacancies on the Seniors’ Interests Advisory Committee have been made by the City of Armadale, with applications closing at 4.00 pm on 28 April 2006. Committee Members were requested to consider all nominations presented at the meeting in a confidential report and make a recommendation to Council on the proposed appointments.

At the close of nominations date, no nominations were received for the position of Community Representative from the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community. The vacancy to be re-advertised.

Committee considered the two applications for the Seniors’ Community Groups Representative, with the consensus of opinion being that Ms Susan O’Leary be appointed to the Seniors’ Interests Advisory Committee.

RESOLVED

**That the Seniors’ Interests Advisory Committee supports the appointment of:
Ms Susan O’Leary as Seniors’ Community Groups Representative to the Seniors’ Interests Advisory Committee.**

Moved: Mr George Fawcett

Seconded: Cr Guenter Best

MOTION CARRIED (6/2)

Ms Lesley Fahey left the meeting at 2.10 pm.

Cr June MacDonald and Mr Ron Fisher returned to the meeting at 2.10 pm.

Cr MacDonald resumed the Chair.

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1 Announcements by the Chairperson

2.1.1 Community Policing – Danita Plozza

Community Policing (Danita Plozza) is running Seniors' Group Safety Talks with Police Officers talking to people about safety. The first one was held last Tuesday, with the next being held at the Neighbourhood Watch Resource Centre on Saturday, 3 June 2006 between 10.00 am to 11.30 am. A spokesperson from the Commonwealth Bank will talk on “Safety in Banking”. Contact will need to be made with Danita Plozza on (0409 880 155) to confirm attendance.

2.1.2 Newsletters

Cr MacDonald advised of the availability of the following:

- *Armada Police Community Care Programme Newsletter.*
- *An Article in the “Councillor” issue of recent date regarding urban design for the ageing population. The paper is available on the website and is entitled Age Friendly Built Environment – Opportunities for Local government. It is available at www.alga.asn.au/policy/HealthAgeing.*
- *Centrelink Pamphlet – relating to Specialised Services for Seniors and Carers.*

2.2 COA Councillor's Report

Nil

Cr Guenter Best left the meeting at 2.15 pm.

2.3 Community Development Officer Report

2.3.1 Report on items from previous meeting

Westzone Working Party Committee Meeting – 21 February 2006

The Community Development Officer (Seniors & Disabilities) (CDO) advised:

- *The Minutes of the part of the Westzone Meeting held on 21 February 2006 that involved the presentation by Developers and then feedback from Advisory Committee Members were not recorded and therefore unavailable.*
- *The opportunity for the SIAC to have a look at the revised report has not yet transpired as the Armadale Redevelopment Authority (ARA) is yet to formally receive a revised version. Timing issues could prevent the opportunity for the SIAC to do this. Anita from ARA will keep the SIAC informed of the progress of this.*

- *SLAC Recommendations:*
 - (a) *Issues and suggestions have been referred to the ARA and Development Services Directorate for follow up with Westzone, with the following feedback:*
 - *Bus parking in the road reserve is a Council/City issue and will need to be followed through at that level. City of Armadale (COA) Building Department staff have added it to the list of things for consideration.*
 - *Shared taxi drop off area and phone have been referred to the ARA for follow up.*
 - (b) *Follow up with key staff in the Building Services Department with the following feedback:*
 - *Building staff will speak in favour of the lifts under various sections that apply to the proposed buildings in the Building Codes of Australia (BCA), Vol. 1. The main area being “Section D – Access and Egress”, particularly under “Part D3 – Access for People with Disabilities”.*
 - (c) *Follow up with Westzone resulted in the invitation to do a walk through with the SLAC being declined due to the following reasoning received from Westzone:*
 - *Issues requiring review, as stipulated by the ARA, have already been addressed (i.e. mistakenly identified pedestrian crossing near Subway, failure to elaborate or adequately address some key movement corridors and safety concerns regarding current and future use.)*
 - *They have been more than reasonable in considering the needs of people with disabilities and have in many areas gone above their statutory requirements.*
 - *The absence of lifts affects a very small minority of the population and their focus is delivering a cost effective facility to suit the majority which is represented by able bodied shoppers.*
 - *25% (4) of the total number (16) disabled parking bays are provided with adjacent access to shopping centre floor level access (i.e. 2 bays outside on Orchard Avenue side and 2 bays near Cinema passenger lift).*
 - *Each ‘normal’ parking space represents a potential \$8,000 in income each year. Sacrificing this through provision of extra specialised parking (over and above statutory requirements) does not make good business sense.*
 - *Travelators are the most efficient way of delivering shoppers.*
 - *The estimated cost of passenger lifts adds an extra \$100,000 per lift to the cost of the project.*

2.3.2 Roleystone Revitalisation Precinct Plan

Step process for involvement of Advisory Committees query:

- *A City of Armadale Community Consultation Policy is being developed in which the details of this process will be included.*

2.3.3 Seniors Plan Update

- *The “Stay on your Feet” project is still in the preliminary stages of preparation but once it has been progressed it will be presented to Committee for consideration.*
- *Expansion of the Living Longer Living Stronger program has attracted interest from Shapes Health Club, Roleystone Recreation Centre and Armadale PCYC. Funding opportunity through the Active Ageing at the Local Level Fund provided by the Department of Local Government and Regional Development is being sought.*
- *Preliminary talks have been undertaken with Southside Care about the City hosting some practical workshops for Carers similar to the Carers WA workshops already being supported by the City under the Seniors Plan.*
- *The last Centrelink Financial Information Service seminar of their four part seminar series hosted by the City is coming up on the 31st of May and will cover ‘Estate Planning’. The City’s Public Relations Department will be supporting it and its link to the Seniors Plan through a Media Release to the local papers. Arrangements have also been made for the seminar series to be hosted by the City again in the second half of the year due to the ongoing success of these in attracting an average of 70 people per session.*
- *The last of four Carers WA workshops hosted by the City was coming up on the 30th of May and will cover ‘Planning Ahead’. Intentions are for an informal support network to be developed from the Carers attending since Carers WA will then be pursuing the delivery of the workshops in other local government areas due to their limited resources to provide them in an ongoing fashion in the one location. The workshops so far have been very beneficial for the fifteen or so people attending.*
- *The City will be hosting an ‘Asthma in Seniors – Ask the Educator’ session on the 22nd of June from 6.30pm-8.30pm and tabled a flier for Members interest. The City’s Public Relations Department will also support this event through a timely Media Release to local papers.*

2.3.4 ARA Update

Nil

3. URGENT ITEMS

No items.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary Meeting of SIAC to be Thursday, 15 June 2006 at 1.00pm.

Mr Ron Fisher requested that he be shown as an apology for the next meeting.

MEETING CLOSED AT 2.30 PM

MINUTES CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

Chairperson

Date



South East Regional Recreation Advisory Group

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN OF VICTORIA PARK
ON THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2006, COMMENCING AT 4:10 PM

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.1 Attendance and Apologies

Present

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Cr Ron Mitchell (Chair) | City of Gosnells |
| Mr Geoff Moor | City of Canning |
| Mr Paul Howrie | Town of Victoria Park |
| Ms Shelagh Pascoe (Secretary) | Curtin University of Technology |
| Mr Patrick Quinlivan | City of Armadale |
| Ms Rachael Ward | City of Gosnells |
| Ms Robbie Watkins | City of Gosnells |
| Mr Andre Lee (Secretary) | Curtin University of Technology |
| Mr Greg Kaeding | WA Sports Federation |

Apologies

| | |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Ms Yvette Peterson | Department of Sport and Recreation |
| Mr Clayton White | Department of Sport and Recreation |
| Mr Kevin Knapp | City of Belmont |
| Mr Brett Horner | City of South Perth |

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 February 2006

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 February 2006 be confirmed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

- 3.1 **SERRAG Regional Recreation Plan - Update on report progress and actions**
City of Armadale updated status on recommendation 16.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.1 **Correspondence Inward**
Department of Sport and Recreation: Update on SERRAG details for Sport and Recreation Directory
- 4.2 **Correspondence Outward**
Nil

RESOLVED
To include a listing of all electronic communications in future minutes as ‘correspondence’.

- 4.3 **Invitation to City of Kalamunda for membership of SERRAG.**

RESOLVED
That the City of Kalamunda be invited to join SERRAG

ACTION
SERRAG Secretary to correspond with the City of Kalamunda inviting them to join SERRAG.

5. REPORTS

- 5.1 **Reports**
Member groups presented local reports.

RESOLVED
That member reports be received.

ACTION
Curtin representatives to provide SERRAG with information on The Council On The aged, Living Longer Living Stronger Program and the environmentally friendly Starch Bags.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 6.1 **Update on Tennis West Project (Shelagh Pascoe)**
Final draft has been sent to all LGA. SERRAG LGA members to encourage feedback on document.

- 6.2 Update on the WAFL Facilities Strategic Plan (Robbie Watkins)**
Consultative process under way, position of WAFL committee progressive.
- 6.3 City of Canning – New Administration Offices**
Geoff Moore, City of Canning, announce the opening of the new Canning City Council on 29th July 2006.
- 6.4 SERRAG Meeting Times**
The meeting discussed a proposal to bring forward the commencing time for future meeting.
- RESOLVED**
Future SERRAG meetings would commence at 3 pm.

7. NEXT MEETING

- 7.1 Location of Next Meeting**
Thursday, 3:00pm, 17th August 2006, at the offices of the City of Canning.
- 7.2 Proposed Schedule of Future Meetings**
2006:
16th November 2006 - Curtin University of Technology
2007:
15th February 2007 - City of Armadale
17th May 2007 - City of Belmont
16th August 2007 - Town of Victoria Park
15th November 2007 - City of South Perth

8. CLOSURE.

- 8.1 The meeting closed at 5:50 pm.**

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

**OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE CITY OF ARMADALE
FUNCTION ROOM, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON MONDAY, 26 JUNE 2006 AT
5.00 PM**

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---|
| PRESENT: | Ms Katie Hully | Community Representative |
| | Ms Melissa Northcott | Community Representative |
| | Ms Carol Surgeon | Community Representative |
| | Mr Leighton Cotter | Kelmscott SHS Representative |
| | Mr Ben Shaw | Community Representative |
| | Mr Matthew Baskerville | Community Representative (Chair) |
| | Ms Kiera Bassula | Community Representative |
| | Mr David Thoomes | Community Representative |
| | Cr. Ruth Butterfield | Councillor |
| APOLOGIES: | Mr Ben Ritacca | Carey Baptist College Representative |
| OBSERVERS: | Nil | |
| IN ATTENDANCE: | Ms Megan Farr | City of Armadale Community Development Officer (Youth) |
| | Ms Liz Way | Chaplin – Cecil Andrews SHS |
| | Mr Jonathon Handcock | Student Armadale Christian College |
| | Mr Michael Philp | Student Armadale Christian College |

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1.1 Ordinary Meeting – 24 April 2006

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on 24th April 2006, are confirmed.

Moved: Melissa Northcott

Seconded: Katie Hully

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATION

2.1 Office for Children and Young People – Fit Kit (Lincoln George and Natalie LaTrousche)

YAC members were asked to make comments on various fact sheets developed by the Office of Children and Young People in relation to their appeal to young people, appropriateness and representativeness of the issue. The fact sheets covered various mental health issues including depression, loss and grief, body image, coping with stress, pressures and expectations, bullying, suicide and relationships.

The committee discussed the possibility of making the fact sheets interactive and virtual. The YAC felt that the resources would be more valuable if they could be accessed through a computer or the internet. The committee is of the opinion that young people prefer to access information via a computer/internet as opposed to fact sheets. This feedback was taken on board by the Office of Children and Young People. However, the YAC were told that it was unlikely that the resources would become interactive.

3. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

3.1 Outside the Frame Art Award – YAC Involvement

The YAC was provided with an overview of the Outside the Frame Art Award and the proposal to increase youth participation in the Awards Night.

The City of Armadale's Outside the Frame Art Award is an annual event designed to showcase the work of Year 11 and 12 students from across the South East Metropolitan region. Outside the Frame is a prestigious event which supports the artistic endeavours of youth. The event runs from the 10th to the 12th of August and includes an Awards Night (10/8) for entrants, their families and various dignitaries.

Given that Outside the Frame is primarily an event in celebration of the talents of young people, it is proposed that the Awards Night incorporate greater youth involvement. This concept has been discussed with the City’s Mayor and Public Relations Department. All parties support the idea.

It was suggested that this year’s Outside the Frame Awards Night involve the City’s Youth Advisory Committee. A member of the YAC is invited to make a brief speech at the event, possibly to thank the sponsors or to advise attendees of a proposed on-line gallery/voting system (more details to follow when available). YAC members are also invited to attend the event to distribute competition entry forms to the audience.

The night will also include a musical performance by local students from Kelmscott Senior High School (String Quartet). Furthermore, all high schools in the region will be encouraged to send their Art Studies students to the exhibition to increase local awareness of the event.

The Committee was asked to consider nominating a representative to (potentially) make a brief speech during the Awards Night for Outside the Frame. All members of the YAC agreed to support the proposal. It was also requested that all YAC members be invited to attend the Awards Night.

RESOLVED

The YAC supports the decision to nominate a representative from the committee to present at the Outside the Frame Awards Night. The nominee is Leighton Cotter.

Moved: Mr Matthew Baskerville
Seconded: Ms Katie Hully

CARRIED

3.2 Armadale Youth Precinct Study

The committee was provided with an update on the Armadale Youth Precinct Study and advised that the funding application (Department of Transport and Regional Services) for \$10,000 in support of the study was successful. Overview as follows;

The Armadale Youth Precinct Study is essential to the development and eventual construction of a Youth Precinct in central Armadale. The study is a vital component in the progress of the Armadale Youth Precinct as it will determine the feasibility of the Precinct, recommend a management plan to ensure the short and long term sustainability of the Armadale Youth Precinct and facilitate the acquisition of funds to support the Precinct.

The establishment of a Youth Precinct in central Armadale features extensively in planning documents, feasibility studies, community meetings, surveys, local media, and in outcomes of

consultations with the community. The concept has support from government organisations, as well as local business, community groups, schools and young people.

When complete, the Armadale Youth Precinct Study will deliver the following;

- A proposed Management plan for the Precinct to ensure its short and long term sustainability and detailing costs and proposed services and facilities
- Outline potential stakeholders and occupants of the centre through the identification of target groups that would be serviced by the Precinct, and the types of programs that could be offered to cater to these groups
- Provide advice to facilitate the occupancy of existing youth and community services in the Precinct, as well as identifying new services to take up residence
- Determine the appropriateness of the location for the Precinct based on opportunities and constraints as identified in the feasibility component of the study
- Identification of potential funding sources to support the construction and on-going maintenance and management of the Precinct.
- Recommendations to the Armadale Council on the feasibility and financial viability of the proposal, and an outline of strategies to progress the project to construction
- Preparation of visual conceptual designs

It is proposed that a Reference Group be established to progress the Armadale Youth Precinct Study. The Reference Group will consist of representatives from the City of Armadale, the Armadale Redevelopment Authority and various community groups and Government Departments.

The YAC was asked to consider nominating a representative to join the Reference Group. The representative will be required to attend all meetings and to provide input on behalf of local youth.

The committee maintains its interest in the project and agreed to nominate TWO representatives to join the Reference Group. The nominees will also be required to report back to the YAC with regular project updates.

RESOLVED

The YAC supports the decision to nominate TWO representatives from the committee to join the Armadale Youth Precinct Study Reference Group. The nominees are Mr Ben Shaw and Ms Melissa Northcott subject to their availability to attend meetings – dates and times of meetings to be determined.

Moved: Ben Shaw
Seconded: Cr. Butterfield

CARRIED

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Youth on the Rails

The YAC were asked to submit their completed Rail surveys, as requested in the agenda. Brief discussion followed;

Committee members discussed Armadale’s Rail system and made the following anecdotal comments;

- Transit Guards often appear intimidating and can be reluctant to offer assistance and advice if requested;
- After 10pm, it is not uncommon for trains to be running late and not in accordance with the timetable;
- It has been reported that trains bypass the Kelmscott Station and don’t stop when they’re supposed to;
- The ‘Smart Rider’ system has a number of faults, such as overcharging users (incorrect zonage information is encoded in the cards)
- The Kelmscott Station is considered to be unsafe, particularly for young people;

Cr. Butterfield informed the committee that the Kelmscott Train Station will be re-developed. The station has been identified as a hub for anti-social behaviour in the community and a potentially unsafe environment. Renovations will include additional lighting and security systems. Attempts will be made to improve visibility, surveillance and security to encourage more people to use the station and to decrease the likelihood of anti-social behaviour.

4.2 Mountain Bike Track – John Dunn Reserve (Community Development Officer – Youth)

The committee was provided with an overview of the proposed Mountain Bike Track at John Dunn Reserve.

The City’s Community Development Officer - Youth was recently contacted by a local resident in regards to the development of a Mountain Bike facility at the John Dunn Reserve in Kelmscott to compliment the existing BMX track. It is proposed that unused land adjacent to the existing BMX track at the John Dunn oval be used for a Mountain Bike Facility, catering for all skill levels.

It is proposed that the Mountain Bike Track will be constructed, monitored and maintained by a core group of riders. The City will have minimal involvement with the facility. The Mountain Bike Track is a low cost recreation facility which can be easily constructed and removed if necessary. The Mountain Bike Facility has been driven by local youth in the community, under the guidance of experienced riders who are familiar with guidelines and standards. Furthermore, members of the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) are prepared to oversee the construction of the jumps to ensure compliance with international design standards to reduce risk and promote safe riding.

The City’s Community Development Department and Parks and Gardens Department are in support of the Mountain Bike Track. A proposal has been developed for Council’s consideration which will subsequently determine whether or not the facility will go ahead.

The YAC will be provided with updates as they occur and will be notified of the dates of construction of the Park, if and when it eventuates. YAC members expressed their support for the Mountain Bike Track as a means of increasing the range and availability of youth activities in Armadale.

4.3 Youth Radio Station – (Carol Surgeon and Katie Hully)

Several members of the YAC have expressed interest in establishing a regular youth radio show on Heritage FM. The concept involves inviting young listeners to phone in and discuss any issues they feel are pertinent to youth in the community to generate discussion and brainstorm solutions.

The committee was advised against the project *as a City of Armadale YAC initiative*. All advisory committees must adhere to City policy and protocol. All media and promotions must be coordinated and overseen by the Public Relations Department. YAC members are not permitted to embark on their own promotional activities without prior approval by Council. It is unlikely that Council would support a YAC radio station as it is not in accordance with Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

The YAC can promote up-coming activities and events on Ms Hully’s Heritage FM Youth segment provided that the content has been approved by the City’s Public Relations Coordinator. The Community Development Officer – Youth informed that the committee that she had been approached by the organisation ‘SMYL’ in relation to establishing a youth radio programme in Armadale involving disadvantaged young people (primarily Indigenous). If the program eventuates, there may be opportunity for YAC members to become involved, perhaps as mentors or group leaders.

4.4 Youth Careers Expo 21 June 2006 – feedback (Community Development Officer Youth)

YAC members were invited to discuss the 2006 Armadale Youth Careers Expo and to share their thoughts about the event. Overall, event was considered to be successful by YAC members. The following comments were made by the members in regards to the proceedings on the day, as well recommendations for future events;

- Venue (Armadale SHS) did not work as well as John Wollaston Anglican Community School. The venue at Armadale SHS was disjointed and lacked continuity. This disrupted the flow of students through the Expo and led to congestion and overcrowding in the gym. This also impacted on the Teachers’ ability to supervise and monitor students. The YAC recommended a larger venue to accommodate all the stalls and attractions in the one location (similar to John Wollaston). This was also supported by stallholder feedback;

- Student behaviour. YAC members commented on the overall behaviour of Kelmscott SHS students. The students were unruly and disrespectful to stallholders. Many of the students were only interested in the free merchandise and did not utilize the event as intended (career development);
- The committee was impressed with the range and variety of stalls and industry on display. The interactive displays were well received by students and made the event more interesting and entertaining. The live trades demonstration and Army presence were very popular with students and created an exciting atmosphere that lifted the event.
- The committee recommended that for future events, students be primed and prepared for the Expo to encourage them to make the most of the event in terms of career development. The community Development Officer – Youth explained that schools were given a worksheet to complete with students before and after the event, yet many opted not to do so. Schools are encouraged to prepare students for the Expo. However, it is largely the responsibility of the Teachers to ensure that this happens.

4.5 LiveWorX Program – (Community Development Officer Youth, Ms Katie Hully)

Ms Katie Hully provided an overview of the LiveworX program and encouraged other members to consider participating in future sessions.

The *LiveworX Training* is a nationally accredited 12-day skills development program for young people 15-25 years that has been funded by the Department for Education and Training.

The *LiveworX Training* has been developed to inspire young people and to help them learn some of the basic life and workplace skills needed to access, and thrive in, employment, further education and community life. While the LiveworX training program has a key focus on working in the arts and cultural industries, the program will also help participants develop a range of practical skills that are useful in many areas of employment. Some of the practical skills which participants will learn include:

- Team work
- Self-confidence
- Effective communication
- Working effectively with cultural diversity
- Project development and management
- Networking and finding information; and
- Occupational health and safety

Ms Hully explained to the YAC that the group is currently working on a design for a bus shelter. The design reflects youth culture and captures the various forms of art in society. Painting is due to commence in the first week of July.

5. URGENT ITEMS

There are no urgent items to report.

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was declared closed at 6.55pm

The next meeting is 31st July 2006, 5pm Function Room

