



---

# **INFORMATION BULLETIN**

---

**ISSUE NO. 17/2010**

**22 September 2010**

# Information Bulletin

**Issue No. 17/2010**

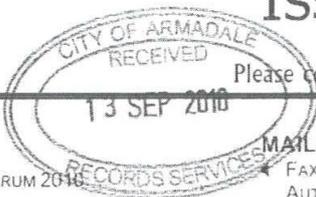
<b>Inside this Issue</b>	
<p>➔ <b>Correspondence &amp; Papers</b> Pink Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>WA Local Government Association (WALGA)</b> Issue No.36.10 – 13 September 2010.....COR-1 Issue No.37.10 – 20 September 2010.....COR-3</li> <li>▪ <b>Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)</b> 10 September 2010.....COR-5 17 September 2010.....COR-17</li> <li>▪ <b>Correspondence</b> Reform Report Misses Key Opportunities.....COR-28</li> </ul>
<p>➔ <b>Information from Human Resources</b> Blue Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Employee Movements..... HR-1</li> </ul>
<b>Information to Standing Committees</b>	
<p>➔ <b>Technical Services</b> Green Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Outstanding Matters &amp; Information Items</b> Report on Outstanding Matters – Technical Services Committee ..... T-1</li> <li>▪ <b>Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports</b> Technical Services Works Programme ..... T-2</li> <li>▪ <b>Minutes of Occasional / Advisory Committees</b> Bungendore Park Management Committee – August 2010 ..... T-11 Bushcare and Environmental Working Group – July 2010..... T-16</li> <li>▪ <b>Miscellaneous</b> UWA Turf Research Newsletter ..... T-25 Kent Street Weir Media Release ..... T-26 Waste Services Report January 2010 – June 2010..... T-29</li> </ul>
<p>➔ <b>Community Services</b> Beige Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Outstanding Matters &amp; Information Items</b> Report on Outstanding Matters – Community Services Committee ..... C-1</li> <li>▪ <b>Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports</b> Library &amp; Heritage Services General Monthly Report – August 2010 ..... C-2 Manager Ranger &amp; Emergency Services Monthly Report –July 2010 ..... C-10</li> <li>▪ <b>Minutes of Occasional/Advisory Committees</b> South East Regional Recreation Advisory Group – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010..... C-21 Disability Advisory Team – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010 ..... C-31</li> </ul>



# Issue No. 36.10

13 September 2010

Please copy and distribute to interested readers



## HEADLINES

- ◀ WA TRANSPORT AND ROADS FORUM 2010
- ◀ ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING
- ◀ CONSULTATION DRAFT DISCUSSION PAPER: IS WASTE MANAGEMENT AN 'ESSENTIAL SERVICE'?
- ◀ SURVEY REMINDER - LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT AND INVESTMENT IN EARLY YEARS SERVICES
- ◀ LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRAIN FREIGHT PROJECT
- ◀ ROMAN II PRESENTATIONS
- ◀ COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS CLOSING SOON
- ◀ EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM HALF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

## MAILBAG

- ◀ FAXBACK - ROAD TRAFFIC CODE 2000 - AUTHORISED PERSONS UNDER REGULATION 271
- ◀ INFOPAGE - OVERHEAD POWERLINE CLEARANCES - LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS (METRO COUNCILS)
- ◀ INFOPAGE - SEA LEVEL CHANGE IN WA - APPLICATION TO COASTAL PLANNING (COASTAL COUNCILS)
- ◀ INFOPAGE - CONSULTATION DRAFT DISCUSSION PAPER - IS WASTE MANAGEMENT AN 'ESSENTIAL SERVICE'?
- ◀ ROMAN II BULLETINS 19-21

## ISSUES UPDATE

### WA TRANSPORT AND ROADS FORUM 2010

WALGA in partnership with Main Roads WA will be holding the annual Transport and Roads Forum 2010 on Wednesday, 13 October at the Bunbury Regional Exhibition Centre

This year's forum will address the critical issues facing roads and transport in Western Australia, with a focus on freight management. For more information, please visit the WALGA website for registration, program and accommodation information at [www.walga.asn.au](http://www.walga.asn.au) Registrations to attend the Forum close on Wednesday, 6 October.

The Forum has been arranged to coincide with the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National Local Roads and Transport Congress on the 14-15 October 2010 also taking place in Bunbury. On a national level, this event aims to improve investment in Local Government owned transport infrastructure and other transport infrastructure that impacts on our communities. Please visit the ALGA website for further information at [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au).

For further information, please contact Policy Officer - Transport and Roads, Nina Clarke on 9213 2050 or email [nclarke@walga.asn.au](mailto:nclarke@walga.asn.au)

### ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

The venue for all of the following training is Local Government House, 15 Altona St, West Perth.

#### Block 1 - Governance & Leadership

#### Councillor Roles & Responsibilities

Councillor Roles and Responsibilities covers the behaviours and actions required of Elected Members in meeting their roles and responsibilities.

Knowledge of the legislation and regulations within which Councils must operate is essential in order for Elected Members to lead and support their communities

**Date:** Saturday, 2 October

**Time:** 9:00am - 4:30pm

**Cost:** \$395.00 (GST exempt)

### Ethics & Conduct of an Elected Member

This unit introduces leadership concepts and the behaviours required of Elected Members in their role as leaders of Council and prominent leaders in the community. This module will provide Elected Members with an understanding of current ethical issues and principles to ensure an appropriate, professional and positive ethical framework is maintained.

**Date:** Sunday, 3 October

**Time:** 9:00am - 4:30pm

**Cost:** \$395.00 (GST exempt)

For further information, please contact Training Coordinator, Melika Aydin on 9213 2098 or email [maydin@walga.asn.au](mailto:maydin@walga.asn.au)

### CONSULTATION DRAFT DISCUSSION PAPER: IS WASTE MANAGEMENT AN 'ESSENTIAL SERVICE'?

WALGA, through MWAC has developed a draft Discussion Paper looking at whether or not waste management activities should be classified as an 'essential service' by the State Government.

The term 'essential service' is often applied to waste management activities by representatives from Local Government and the waste industry although this title is not reflected officially in State or Federal government policy.

This Paper aims to describe what an 'essential service' is to ascertain whether or not waste management activities should be categorised as an essential service, and what this will mean for the industry.

The Draft Discussion Paper is now available for comment until Friday, **5 November** and can be accessed on the WasteNet website at <http://www.wastenet.net.au/>

For further information, please contact Waste Policy Coordinator, Erin Fuery on 9213 2086 or email [efuery@walga.asn.au](mailto:efuery@walga.asn.au)

#### **SURVEY REMINDER - LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT AND INVESTMENT IN EARLY YEARS SERVICES**

WALGA is requesting support in completing a formal survey to update the gap in current knowledge in Local Government support and involvement in Early Years Services. WALGA needs this vital information in presenting the sector's position on Early Years.

The survey can be accessed at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WALGAEarlyYearsServices>. The survey closure has been extended to Friday, **17 September**. Thank you to all those who have already responded.

For further information, please contact Richard Struik, Community Policy Officer on 9213 2082 or [rcstruik@walga.asn.au](mailto:rcstruik@walga.asn.au)

#### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRAIN FREIGHT PROJECT**

Thank you to Local Government representatives that attended the recent grain freight workshops at Northam, Katanning, Narrogin, Merredin and Perenjori.

Over 140 people attended these workshops with more than 45 Councils represented at the Officer and Elected Member level. The maps from the workshop will be digitised and returned to Councils for further input and feedback.

For Councils that were unable to attend a workshop, draft maps will be produced for consideration. WALGA is in the process of organising a workshop for the metropolitan area to discuss metro grain freight transport issues.

As part of the grain freight project, WALGA will develop a model Local Government Heavy Vehicle Access Policy and is seeking copies of Local Governments' heavy vehicle access policies that are currently in place. Those Local Governments with a policy in this area are requested to forward a copy of their policy to [mmackenzie@walga.asn.au](mailto:mmackenzie@walga.asn.au)

For more information on the Local Government Grain Freight Project, please contact Michelle Mackenzie, Executive Manager Infrastructure on 9213 2031 or [mmackenzie@walga.asn.au](mailto:mmackenzie@walga.asn.au) or Ray Cook at Cardno on 6461 0749 or [Raymond.cook@cardno.com](mailto:Raymond.cook@cardno.com).

#### **ROMAN II PRESENTATIONS**

For participating Local Governments ROMAN II subscription agreements need to be signed and returned by Thursday, **30 September**.

Local Governments requiring additional time or information before subscribing are asked to contact ROMAN Project Manager, Graham Lantzke.

ROMAN II is being demonstrated at a number of locations over the next four weeks – a Bulletin outlining dates and locations is included in this week's mailbag.

Local Governments who are unable to attend one of the presentations and require a demonstration are asked to contact WALGA to make alternative arrangements.

For further information, to register attendance at a demonstration or to arrange a presentation, please contact ROMAN Project Manager Graham Lantzke on 9213 2061 or email [roman2@walga.asn.au](mailto:roman2@walga.asn.au)

#### **COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS CLOSING SOON**

The Community Arts Network's (CANWA's) next round of Catalyst funding closes Thursday, **30 September** for projects starting from 1 January 2011.

These grants focus on art activities for youth and can be utilised by Local Governments to facilitate opportunities for Urban Art Projects or other public space projects:

There are three categories of funding available, encompassing innovative projects, community and cultural expression, and research. Amounts of up to \$75,000 are available.

For further information, please visit <http://www.canwa.com.au/funding/catalyst> or phone CANWA on 9226 2422 or email [admin@canwa.com.au](mailto:admin@canwa.com.au)

#### **EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM HALF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Applications for the 2010 'Excellence in Local Government Leadership Program' are now open, with applications closing on Friday, **17 September**.

This world-class new Program will run in Melbourne from Monday, **22 November**- Friday, **10 December** 2010, delivered by the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) as a core initiative of the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG).

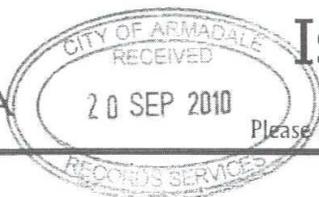
To date, a number of half scholarships have been confirmed from WALGA and the State Government. In addition, there is also a number of half scholarships from the Commonwealth Government available for women in acknowledgement of 2010 Year of Women in Local Government. An information brochure and application forms can be downloaded from: <http://anzsog.edu.au/content.asp?pagelid=194>

For further information, please contact ANZSOG Director Strategic Projects, Monica Pfeffer on (03) 8344 1989 or email [M.Pfeffer@anzsog.edu.au](mailto:M.Pfeffer@anzsog.edu.au)

---

#### **LG DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Shire of East Pilbara – Cr Barbara O'Driscoll (replacing Kate Edwards)



## Issue No. 37.10

20 September 2010

Please copy and distribute to interested readers

### HEADLINES

- ◀ REFORM REPORT MISSES KEY OPPORTUNITIES
- ◀ WA TRANSPORT AND ROADS FORUM 2010
- ◀ SOUTH WEST SAFE SYSTEM WORKSHOP – TOWARDS ZERO – WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS?
- ◀ CCC WORKSHOP FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- ◀ SOFTWARE TRAINING
- ◀ ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING
- ◀ CONSULTATION DRAFT DISCUSSION PAPER: IS WASTE MANAGEMENT AN 'ESSENTIAL SERVICE'?

### MAILBAG

- ◀ PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER
- ◀ FAXBACK – LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING STATUS
- ◀ INFOPAGE – REVIEW OF SEMC OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE 20 ALL HAZARD ROAD CLOSURES

## ISSUES UPDATE

### REFORM REPORT MISSES KEY OPPORTUNITIES

The State Government has released the Local Government Reform Steering Committee Report. A WALGA review of the document has identified that the sector is likely to support all but four of the 42 recommendations.

The four recommendations that will cause concern for the sector relate to a preference to abandon voluntary reform which is against the sector's endorsed position.

In addition the report does not adequately address three key areas of the SSS Report.

These are:

- Local Government Enterprises (recommended by the CEUD Working Group but not endorsed by the Legislative Working Group or the Steering Committee)
- Regional Service Delivery Options
- Rating of Independent Living Units (recommended by 2 working groups but not endorsed by the Steering Committee)

A further point of interest for WALGA is to see the progress of 16 SSS recommendations that the Department of Local Government had advised would be progressed by the Department.

A copy of the report is available at <http://www.dlg.wa.gov.au> or by phoning (08) 9217 1500.

For further information, please contact Executive Manager, Governance and Strategy Tony Brown on 9213 2000 or email [tbrown@walga.asn.au](mailto:tbrown@walga.asn.au)

### WA TRANSPORT AND ROADS FORUM 2010

WALGA in partnership with Main Roads WA will be holding the annual WA Transport and Roads Forum 2010 on Wednesday, **13 October** at the Bunbury Regional Exhibition Centre.

This year's forum will address the critical issues facing roads and transport in Western Australia, with a focus on freight management. Please visit the WALGA website for registration, program and accommodation information at [www.walga.asn.au](http://www.walga.asn.au) Registrations to attend the Forum close on Wednesday, **6 October**.

The Forum has been arranged to coincide with the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National Local Roads and Transport Congress on the 14–15 October 2010 also taking place in Bunbury. On a national level, this event aims to improve investment in Local Government owned transport infrastructure and other transport infrastructure that impacts on our communities. Please visit the ALGA website for details at [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au)

For further information, please contact Policy Officer – Transport and Roads, Nina Clarke on 9213 2050 or email [nclarke@walga.asn.au](mailto:nclarke@walga.asn.au)

### SOUTH WEST SAFE SYSTEM WORKSHOP – TOWARDS ZERO: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS?

The Local Government Safe System Project is conducting a series of road safety workshops for Local Government officers and Elected Members. These workshops will assist in identifying the barriers and enablers for Local Government to embed safe system principles into policy and practice, and to develop changes necessary to implement *Towards Zero*, the WA road safety strategy 2008-2020.

A workshop for South West Local Governments will be held on Thursday, **23 September** at the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup.

More information on the workshops is available at [www.roadwise.asn.au/safesystemproject](http://www.roadwise.asn.au/safesystemproject).

For further information or to reserve your place, please contact Safe System Coordinator, Andrea Smithson on 0429 034 641 or email [asmithson@walga.asn.au](mailto:asmithson@walga.asn.au)

#### CCC WORKSHOP FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

WALGA, together with the Corruption & Crime Commission will hold a workshop for Local Government on Thursday, **28 October**. In this special one-day workshop learn from experts from the Corruption and Crime Commission on how to manage your risk and to recognise the signs that a problem may be emerging. Also hear from interstate colleagues that have been confronted with managing the crisis when incidents of corruption have been uncovered. Suitable for both Local Government staff and Elected Members.

**Date:** Thursday, **28 October**

**Time:** 9:00am to 4:30pm

**Venue:** Hyatt Regency Perth,  
99 Adelaide Tce, Perth

**Cost:** \$290.00 (incl. GST)

A registration form will be available shortly from the WALGA website – [www.walga.asn.au](http://www.walga.asn.au)

For further information, please contact Marketing and Events Officer, Emily Ward on 9213 2097 or email [eward@walga.asn.au](mailto:eward@walga.asn.au)

#### SOFTWARE LICENSING

Affiliates of the WALGA Agreement for Microsoft Software Licensing will be receiving their annual reconciliation (True Up) accounts from Data #3, WALGA's Licensed Agreement Reseller.

For further information or enquiries relating to the reporting process or the Microsoft Software Licensing Contract, please contact Nicole Grice, Account Executive on 9420 0509 or email [Nicole.Grice@data3.com.au](mailto:Nicole.Grice@data3.com.au).

#### ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

##### **Block 1 – Governance & Leadership**

##### **Councillor Roles & Responsibilities**

Councillor Roles and Responsibilities covers the behaviours and actions required of Elected Members in meeting their roles and responsibilities. Knowledge of the legislation and regulations within which Councils must operate is essential in order for Elected Members to lead and support their communities.

**Date:** Saturday, **2 October**

**Time:** 9:00am – 4.30pm

**Venue:** WA Local Government Association

**Cost:** \$395.00 (GST exempt)

##### **Ethics & Conduct of an Elected Member**

This unit introduces leadership concepts and the behaviours required of Elected Members in their role as leaders of Council and prominent leaders in the community. This module will provide Elected Members with an understanding of current ethical issues and principles to ensure an appropriate, professional and positive ethical framework is maintained.

**Date:** Sunday, **3 October**

**Time:** 9:00am – 4:30pm

**Venue:** WA Local Government Association

**Cost:** \$395.00 (GST exempt)

#### **BLOCK 2- Integrated Strategic & Financial Planning**

##### **Strategic Planning**

Strategic Planning describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to establish the strategic direction of Council. It requires analysis and interpretation of relevant markets, capability assessment of the Council and its existing and potential competitors and allies.

**Date:** Thursday, **14 October**

**Time:** 9:00am – 4:30pm

**Venue:** WA Local Government Association

**Cost:** \$395.00 (GST exempt)

##### **Financial Reports & Budgets**

This unit gives Elected Members the skills and knowledge required to analyse financial reports and budgets. The purpose of this training is to inform Elected Members of their role in monitoring and guiding the activities of their Local Government, specifically in relation to working to ensure organisational finances are appropriately allocated and accounted for.

**Date:** Friday, **15 October**

**Time:** 9:00am – 4:30pm

**Venue:** WA Local Government Association

**Cost:** \$395.00 (GST exempt)

For further information, please contact Training Coordinator, Melika Aydin on 9213 2098 or email [maydin@walga.asn.au](mailto:maydin@walga.asn.au)

#### **CONSULTATION DRAFT DISCUSSION PAPER: IS WASTE MANAGEMENT AN 'ESSENTIAL SERVICE'?**

WALGA, through MWAC has developed a draft Discussion Paper looking at whether or not waste management activities should be classified as an essential service by the State Government.

The term 'essential service' is often applied to waste management activities by representatives from Local Government and the waste industry although this title is not reflected officially in State or Federal government policy.

This Paper aims to describe what an 'essential service' is to ascertain whether or not waste management activities should be categorised as an essential service, and what this will mean for the industry.

The Draft Discussion Paper is now available for comment until Friday, **5 November**. The Draft Discussion Paper can be accessed on the WasteNet website at <http://www.wastenet.net.au/>

For further information, please contact Waste Policy Coordinator, Erin Fuery on 9213 2086 or email [efuery@walga.asn.au](mailto:efuery@walga.asn.au).

---

#### **MEDIA RELEASE**

16 Sept Reform Report Misses Key Opportunities

---

#### **LG DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Shire of Irwin: CEO - Darren Simmons

Shire of Coolgardie: CEO – Matthew Scott

## ALGA NEWS

### 10 September 2010 Minority Report

Almost three weeks since Australians went to the polls on 21 August 2010, we now know the outcome of the 2010 Federal Election. On 7 September 2010, both Rob Oakeshott and Tony Windsor announced their support for the ALP, enabling Julia Gillard to retain her position as Prime Minister. The ALP won 72 seats in its own right, and with the support of independent MPs Andrew Wilkie, Rob Oakeshott and Tony Windsor and the first Greens Member of the House of Representatives, Labor notionally holds 76 seats to Tony Abbott's 74 (including Tony Crook and Bob Katter).

Prior to the announcement, a historic agreement was reached between key independent MPs, the ALP and the Coalition on reforms to the way in which the House of Representatives conducts its business. This has generally been received as a positive sign of progress by media and political commentators, and further information on the reforms is contained in the article further on in this edition of ALGA News, titled *Key Federal parliamentary reforms negotiated by Independents*.

In the *Australian Financial Review* this week, prominent political commentator Laura Tingle hinted at the new future that presents itself as a result of the first minority government nationally since 1940. She commented that 'the slightest mistake, slightest lack of attention to a disgruntled MP, the prospect of a departure and a by-election would bring down the government.'

ALGA will be closely monitoring the agreements struck with the ALP over the last week and how they deal with the issues close to local government. It would appear that a referendum recognising local government as a level of government in the Federation is now closer as a result of the ALP/Greens and Wilkie/ALP agreement. There will also be an opportunity to again put the case for improved general purpose funding of local government from the Commonwealth as a new Tax Summit is to be held by June 2011, and policies and initiatives for regional Australia will become more prominent.

The new federal parliament will sit for the first time on Tuesday September 28. The parliament will sit for three days in its first week. Another four weeks of sittings are planned before the end of the year.

### Roads Congress "just around the corner"

Following the re-elected Gillard Government's announcement of a \$10 billion regional spending plan, albeit most of that commencing after the next election, there will be around \$763 million in total new spending over the next four years. The Local Roads and Transport Congress presents an ideal opportunity to set future regional priorities for transport funding.

With the Congress only four weeks away, be sure you register [now](#) to ensure that your council contributes to the formulation of the national case for improved transport investment.

Three of the independent MPs (Bob Katter, Rob Oakeshott and Tony Windsor) have been invited to address the Congress, and delegates will hear from the major political parties and key roads and transport stakeholders. A 10 year needs study, commissioned by ALGA, will be

released at the Congress and will assist in providing the evidence base to argue our funding needs.

Help us to gather more evidence of the need to upgrade seriously degraded transport infrastructure in your council area. You can do this by entering the ***Worst Road and Bridge competition*** which will be judged at the Congress. We are keen to see photos of the worst roads and bridges and need as many photos to be submitted to the competition as possible. Photos should be sent to [andy.hrast@alga.asn.au](mailto:andy.hrast@alga.asn.au). Award winners will be selected at the Congress.

### **Recycling drive gears up to be biggest ever**

Starting from 30 tonnes one month ago to 38 tonnes registered today, the ChemClear collection scheduled for October is shaping up to be Victoria's biggest ever.

ChemClear continues to provide a great service to farmers and other chemical users to safely dispose of their old and unwanted agricultural and veterinary chemicals which they may be holding and are no longer useable.

Lisa Nixon, National Program Manager said: "We have received lots of interest for the service from farmers who predominantly want to do the right thing and dispose of chemicals safely and environmentally, some have been storing these chemicals for a long time and in some cases in excess of 20 years. A chemical can become a waste as a result of prolonged drought, change in chemical application requirements, overstocking, inheritance and through the sale and purchase of farms. By utilising this service farmers and other chemical users can dispose of their chemicals responsibly and meet their quality assurance and best practice objectives.'

The booking line closed for this collection last Friday with a healthy response to the call for registrations during the booking line period. Registrations exceeding 34 tonnes have been received and ChemClear is still wading through the online and fax back registrations.

Ms Nixon said with the great support of over 50 councils across Victoria collections would be undertaken in early October. "We are very pleased to have built such a great partnership with local government to ensure safe and effective collections can occur," she said.

Nationally the program has collected 232 tonnes of obsolete agricultural and vet chemicals and has a further 109 tonnes registered awaiting collection. Register at 1800 008 182 or visit [www.chemclear.com.au](http://www.chemclear.com.au) or [www.agstewardship.org/](http://www.agstewardship.org/).

### **From the President**

Leaving aside the Federal Election 2010, the past week has reminded us that natural disasters are increasingly common, both in Australia and overseas. In particular, we have seen the consequences of two different yet damaging natural disasters impact on the communities of northern Victoria and NZ's second largest city, Christchurch.

Flood waters spread right across northern and western Victoria as a blanket of heavy rain fell on the state over the weekend. Whilst many Victorians are welcoming the rain, destructive waters have caused damage and heartache in the areas worst affected.

The townships of Euroa, Myrtleford, Wangaratta, Benalla, Shepparton and Eurobin have been the worst affected, with some houses inundated with water and thousands of hectares of farming land flooded. Thirty-four councils have been affected so far and are doing a great job in leading the recovery effort.

Across the Tasman, a state of emergency has been in place in Christchurch for most of this week following the 7.1 earthquake and subsequent tremors. The building evaluation teams have assessed more than 1000 buildings within the CBD and along the edge of the city's arterial roads. The teams have now started to evaluate the extent of damage done to the city's suburban areas.

NZ Insurance Council head Chris Ryan estimates about 10 per cent of people aren't insured in Christchurch and about one or two per cent of those have been hit hard by Saturday's quake. People with private insurance can claim up to \$100,000 on buildings and \$20,000 for contents from the Earthquake Commission, after which their private insurance kicks in.

Civil Defence officers have made further progress with road works and water connections. All water for drinking (including drinking fountains), brushing teeth, making coffee and washing food and dishes must be boiled for at least three minutes before use. In response to sewage problems, the city has distributed port-a loos to those areas in greatest need.

Around 150 people continue to make use of the local council's welfare centres in Christchurch.

Despite the good efforts by authorities and especially the local councils, not enough is really known about the full economic and social impact of disasters and addressing this task remains a considerable challenge. I raise this point in reference to a recent report released by the APEC Task Force for Emergency Preparedness that drafted Guidelines and best practices for post-disaster damage and loss assessment, following a workshop held in Yogyakarta in August last year. The report makes for interesting reading and proposes several principles on disaster damage and loss assessment, as well as recommendations for individual APEC members on the subsequent management and implementation of such assessments.

ALGA was particularly supportive of the finding that when assessing needs, the longer-term recovery phases should be viewed as an opportunity to boost and accelerate development and economic growth, and to mainstream disaster risk reduction initiatives. In other words, to build communities with greater prosperity, resilience and preparedness than existed before the disaster hit.

**Cr Geoff Lake**  
**ALGA President**

### **Regional boost assured, and new Ministry possible**

In the deal announced on 7 September 2010 to form Australia's next Federal Government, the Prime Minister has confirmed that \$9.9 billion will be spent on regional programs across Australia. The spending, put together to win the support of the rural independents, appears to include a mix of new money, repackaged promises and local handouts. The *Australian Financial Review* (8 September 2010) reported that 'less than a tenth' will be for new programs over the next four years and that 'most of the spending is from policies which had already been outlined by Labor, including \$6 billion for regional infrastructure underwritten

by the minerals resource rent tax, and much of it will occur after the next election. Just \$763 million is for new measures....'

As part of the package, the Australian Government will ensure that all customers, irrespective of location, will pay the same wholesale prices for high-speed internet access under the National Broadband Network, and regional areas will be the first to receive services under the new system.

The major new injection of money is an \$800 million Priority Regional Infrastructure Program to be spent in the five years to 2016. Whilst details have still to be released, this funding will go towards local projects identified by regional communities. Much of the rest of the package involves carving out a specific one-third share of existing programs for the regions. The Australian Government will also allocate at least a third of its budgeted \$123 million to upgrade health services to regional areas and will do the same with a \$200 million pledge to pay for vocational training, a \$388 million policy to reward the country's most improved schools, and a \$47 million policy to help provide principals with more autonomy in running schools.

A new round of payments from the \$1.8 billion Health and Hospitals Fund will be exclusively applied to regional Australia. A \$500 million round of funding from the Education Investment Fund will also be sliced off for the regions.

"In total, this means, for regional Australia, they can look forward to benefits in the order of \$9.9 billion," Prime Minister Gillard said.

Mr Windsor was reported to have won a \$20 million commitment for a new teaching and training facility at Tamworth Hospital, in his electorate of New England. Mr Oakeshott has been promised \$35 million to accelerate work on the Pacific Highway between Kempsey and Port Macquarie, in his electorate of Lyne.

Another \$20 million will pay for a new university campus on the NSW mid-north coast, provided it is agreed to by the Education Investment Fund. The Port Macquarie Base Hospital may also receive a \$75 million expansion.

It has also been reported in the *Australian Financial Review* (8 September 2010) that Rob Oakeshott has been offered a Cabinet position as the Minister for a new Regional Affairs portfolio.

### **AusCivics Film Festival launches in Broken Hill then goes national**

Mayor Wincen Cuy of Broken Hill City Council will launch the first ever AusCivics Film Festival in Broken Hill on September 11, 2010. The festival will then move nationally around the country encouraging the local community and particularly school students to attend and watch 2 hours of innovative, entertaining and exciting civics material in the form of short films and the feature film for 2010, "Broken Hill" which has received praise internationally.

The film festival in Albury will coincide with the Local Government Association of New South Wales' Annual Conference in Albury this October and the Executive Director of the Constitution Education Fund Australia (CEFA), the organisation behind the AusCivics project, is inviting all Mayors to attend the premiere of the film festival in Albury on October 25th at 6pm at the Regent Cinema, 456 Dean Street Albury. "Our office has been working with various Mayors all over Australia to bring this festival to their LGA. AusCivics is part of a 10

year plan in civics education and we hope to encourage Mayors who we are yet to work with, see first hand the kind of material we are bringing to students, teachers and the community through this festival."For more information on AusCivics, or to purchase tickets to any of the festivals, please go to [www.auscivics.org.au](http://www.auscivics.org.au)

### **Victorian Parliamentary Committee Reports on Federal State Road Funding arrangements**

The Victorian Parliament's Road Safety Committee reported on its Inquiry into Federal-State road funding arrangements on 1 September 2010.

The Committee found that the Australian Government's contribution to total national road funding remains the least of Australia's three tiers of government and that this is inequitable given that it raises significantly greater revenue, and has significantly greater capacity to raise revenue, than state and local governments. This situation, called 'vertical fiscal imbalance', has an especially negative impact on the quality and safety of Australia's local roads and should be redressed as a national priority, according to the Committee.

The Committee also found that local governments have faced mounting cost pressures in recent years alongside a simultaneous real reduction in Federal funding, because the Commonwealth has not considered roads as a high priority.

The Committee has recommended a redistribution of the local roads grant based on a greater weighting of state and territory populations and the development of a nationally consistent road classification system to be the basis for equitable states' shares.

In relation to the Roads to Recovery Program, the Committee found the matching funding requirement places councils, particularly rural and regional councils, at a disadvantage since they generally have less capacity to raise the necessary revenue from their own sources. The Committee recommends that this be abolished for councils where rate bases do not allow a matching contribution.

The Committee has further recommended that 50 per cent of the annual fuel excise revenue collected by the Commonwealth be hypothecated to roads, and that the majority of this hypothecated revenue should be allocated to local roads under the Roads to Recovery Program. The remainder of the fuel excise revenue should then be allocated to state arterials, highways and freeways, as well as to improvements to the road interface with public transport.

The Committee received evidence advocating the adoption of comprehensive road pricing. The Committee noted that there were significant uncertainties regarding the way in which such a scheme might be implemented, the extent to which it would actually increase the current level of road funding and that it had not been adopted anywhere in the world to date. The Committee concludes that private efficient financing such as Public Private Partnerships, as well as the prudent use of government debt, represent the most appropriate means of developing new sources of road financing in the foreseeable future.

The Committee found that federal funding for road safety is currently inadequate and has recommended a significant increase in the level of Black Spot funding, saying that this funding should be dedicated to local roads.

## Youth Road Safety

The National Road Safety Council believes young motorists should be driving their parents' cars rather than the low-priced "old bomb" first cars that so many P-platers find themselves behind the wheel of.

Speaking at the Australasian Road Safety Research, Policing and Education Conference, National Road Safety Council Chairman Roger Cook said that the youth road toll could be dramatically cut if parents handed over their own cars - particularly for night driving. Mr Cook said that research had shown more than 400 lives could be saved each year if Australians bought the safest car in its class, while around 8000 injuries would be prevented.

"The average age of the Australian car fleet is 10 years. The risk of death or serious injury in a crash in a vehicle made in 1987 is about double that of a vehicle made in 2007," Mr Cook said. "We need to get drivers, young drivers in particular, into safer cars."

Mr Cook said that features we take for granted in new cars, such as ABS and newer technologies packaged with ESP systems, are absent from many cars driven by P-platers. Mr Cook added that if Australian and State Government departments purchased only independently-tested 5-star cars, the number of safe cars on the second-hand market would increase rapidly thanks to the fast turnover on most government fleets.

### Andrew Wilkie - Independent MP

In recent editions of ALGA News, we have provided profiles of three of the four independent MPs who will sit in the next Federal Parliament. This week, we profile Andrew Wilkie, the new member for Denison. His electorate is located in Tasmania and includes Hobart.

Mr Wilkie is a former Army lieutenant colonel who made national headlines as 'the only intelligence official in Australia, the UK and US to question the Iraq war publicly before Australia joined the invasion in 2003' (see his [website](#)).

Mr Wilkie, who is 48 years old, previously stood as a candidate for the Greens at the 2007 Federal Election, having been a member of the Greens from 2003 to 2008. He also ran as an independent candidate earlier this year for a seat in the Tasmanian House of Assembly, being defeated by 315 votes. The Tasmanian election also resulted in a minority Labor government.

During his Tasmanian election campaign, Mr Wilkie's main focus was on pokie machines, an issue he again nominated for the 2010 Federal Election. Other 'big issues' identified by Mr Wilkie, about 17 in total, included aged care, economic development, disability, climate change and asylum seekers. Local government was not specifically nominated, however in his agreement with the ALP, he has called for referenda on indigenous recognition as well as recognition of local government.

Mr Wilkie holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, a Graduate Diploma of Management and a Graduate Diploma of Defence Studies. He has received Awards including the Australian Intelligence Community Medallion (twice), Australia Day Achievement Medallion, UN Association of Australia Whistleblower Award, Australian Plaintiff Lawyers Association Civil Justice Award and Free Speech Victoria Voltaire Award. His book, *Axis of Deceit*, about what he describes as 'the dishonesty behind the Iraq war' is a best seller.

Media this week reports that Mr Wilkie is married to a former staffer of Duncan Kerr MP, the Labor MP for Denison who retired at the 2010 Federal Election; he also has two daughters.

### **Key Federal parliamentary reforms negotiated by Independents**

This week, the major parties and the independent MPs Bob Katter, Tony Windsor and Rob Oakeshott announced a range of parliamentary reforms that will be observed throughout the next Parliament. The reforms, announced on 6 September 2010, include reforms to the Speaker position, Question Time, Committees, Parliamentary proceedings and financial costings. Recognition of traditional owners will now take place before prayers each sitting day and a register of lobbyists will be published online. Reforms include:

#### **Reforms to the position of the Speaker (House of Representatives)**

The Speaker will be independent of government and if the speaker is drawn from one party, the Deputy Speaker will be drawn from the other party. Both will abstain from voting in the party room. The independent Speaker will ensure that private members' Bills, rarely debated in the past, will reach the Senate.

#### **Question Time**

The role of the executive will be pared back during Question Time, where the time limit for questions will be 45 seconds and answers will be limited to 4 minutes, and Question Time must finish by 3.30pm. The leader of the Opposition or his/her delegate can ask one supplementary question.

#### **Parliamentary Proceedings**

There will be limits on the length of ministerial statement speeches, to 10 minutes in most cases, thereby allowing MPs greater opportunities to raise issues relating to their electorates. Speeches on Matters of Public Importance will be extended to a maximum of 90 minutes and a formal code of conduct for MPs and Senators will be formulated by a cross-party group of Parliamentarians, overseen by the Privileges Committee.

#### **Committees**

The number of Standing Committees will be reduced from 11 to 9, with a membership of 7, drawn from both parties and the cross benches. All bills will immediately stand referred to the Selection of Bills Committee and on the word of one member will be referred to a Standing Committee or Joint Committee. The government is bound to respond to reports within 6 months or provide reasons why it has failed to do so.

#### **Financial scrutiny and costings**

A Parliamentary Budget Office will be created to provide independent costings, financial analysis and research to all members of parliament. A Parliamentary Integrity Commissioner will be appointed to report to the Privileges Committee.

In more recent announcements, the Premier of NSW says that a joint select committee will review the reforms to see whether they can be adopted in the NSW State Parliament.

### **Is it Your Shout Again?: Uncovering Councils' Hidden Alcohol Costs**

ICLEI Oceania's Cities for Safe and Healthy Communities program has developed a new economic model to help councils calculate how much they really spend each year on alcohol. The model separates the amount councils spend on responding to alcohol-related problems (e.g. alcohol-related waste management, property damage to council assets, management of relevant local laws) from operational and preventative costs. This ratio can help councils track the return on their investment in preventing alcohol related harms, and target strategies that reduce some of the most expensive problems.

For every dollar the council spent on prevention (e.g. community safety and health promotion staffing and projects), it spent \$2.78 on mopping up the impacts of alcohol and 43 cents in operational costs (e.g. assessment of planning and licensing approvals, licensees' accords management).

The Costs to Council Calculator is available as part of the CSHC Alcohol Harm Reduction program's baseline dataset. The dataset interlocks with other resources, such as best practice guides, peer support networks and workshops designed to meet the needs of local government practitioners.

This can be useful for funding submissions, advocacy, more accurate program evaluation, tracking long term changes and calculating savings for council operations.

Please contact Peter Streker, the CSHC Director on (03) 9660 2233 or [peter.streker@iclei.org](mailto:peter.streker@iclei.org) or click [here](#) to find out more.

### WCAG 2.0 Blog

Following the endorsement of Version 2.0 of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0) for government websites in late 2009, the Australian Government Information Management Office (AGIMO) is progressing plans to implement the new web standard, develop the National Transition Strategy (NTS) and work one-on-one with agencies to find solutions to common (and sometimes uncommon) accessibility issues. As local government has a strong interest in accessibility issues, councils are encouraged to access and participate in a new blog created by AGIMO which brings together the WCAG 2.0 Community of Expertise.

### Governments urged to look urgently at South East Queensland housing market

A new study commissioned by the Local Government Association of Queensland has shown the urgency for federal and state governments to rethink their strategies for the south-east Queensland (SEQ) housing market, the association's CEO, Greg Hallam, said recently.

Mr Hallam released *The Econometric Analysis of the Determinants of SEQ Housing Prices* undertaken by the AEC Group, University of Queensland and rpdata.com late last month.

"The analysis provides a description and explanation of the relationship between real median prices of SEQ houses, units and land in relation to supply and demand factors," he said. "It shows clearly that the SEQ market behaves differently to other capital city markets, and deserves closer attention by the two senior government sectors.

"The research shows the number of SEQ dwellings has increased faster than population over all census periods, resulting in the number of dwellings per 100 population increasing from 38.1 in 1991 to 41.1 in 2006.

"What this study has done has refuted for all time the spurious arguments of a so-called under-supply of dwellings in the SEQ market.

"Local government has undertaken this important research, because we are part of the solution not the problem.

"The research does not come cheaply. We hope the federal and state governments can pick up the analysis, use it effectively and continue the research on a continuing basis," Mr Hallam said. The report recommends that follow up research should be undertaken in order to ensure a better understanding of the supply and demand side factors impacting the SEQ housing market. The research paper can be accessed through the LGAQ website.

### **Melbourne's Western edge now Australia's fastest growing region**

The fastest growing region in Australia is no longer the Gold Coast but the Western edge of Melbourne, finds KPMG research.

The analysis by KPMG demographer, Bernard Salt, shows that the municipalities of Wyndham and Melton added 18,000 new residents over the 12 months to June 2009, as compared with 17,000 added to the Gold Coast.

"This extraordinary growth in Melbourne's West has come out of the blue," says Mr Salt.

"Just ten years earlier this region was attracting approximately 4,000 new residents per year, but is now attracting more people than the Gold Coast", Mr Salt adds.

Mr Salt says housing affordability may be a key driver of growth in the West.

"There are new house and land packages on the market in Werribee for less than \$280,000, compared to Melton South where packages start at around \$260,000," says Mr Salt.

The analysis also revealed that over the next decade the Western edge is projected to add 175,000 people and 82,000 dwellings. Much of this will occur in the growth areas that lie to the north of Werribee and to the west of Deer Park.

"Population growth at this pace and scale means more demand for social infrastructure such as houses, shops, schools, roads, medical centres and sporting grounds," says Mr Salt.

"One could say Melbourne is rebalancing to the West. In fact, much of the story of Melbourne's growth in the early 21st century will be created in the West," Mr Salt adds.

### **Female board representation hits 10 per cent**

Women now make up 10 per cent of the directors of Australia's top listed companies, according to recent figures by the Australian Institute of Company Directors. The appointment of Sam Mostyn to the Board of Virgin Blue Limited pushed the women's quota on ASX 200 boards from 8.3 percent earlier this year to 10 percent.

Although this does not seem a huge step for womankind, so far in 2010, 36 women have been appointed to ASX 200 boards, compared to only 10 for the whole of 2009. According to the statistics, 27 per cent of appointees this year, or one in four, have been female. This compares to 5 per cent in 2009 and 8 per cent in both 2007 and 2008. In the last month (since 10 August) Woolworths Limited, OneSteel Limited, Boral Limited, UGL Limited and Virgin Blue Limited have appointed women to their boards, according to the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Chief Executive of the Institute, John Colvin, said the 10 per cent ceiling "represents an important landmark in the drive to achieve greater board diversity in Australia". He

admitted that there was still a long way to go, but initiatives being taken in this area are starting to have an effect, however "certainly, more progress needs to be made."

We hope this upward trend continues.

### **Study finds low uptake on swine flu vaccine - 19 per cent**

Only 19 per cent of Australians availed themselves of the free vaccine against the swine flu virus H1N1, according to a report published by the *Medical Journal of Australia* this week. The report says that this was much lower than the 50 per cent target required to contain transmission throughout the community. The research, conducted in Western Australia from late September 2009 to late January 2010, concluded that the vaccination rate in Western Australia was comparable to the national estimate of 19 per cent.

Factors contributing to the low uptake may have included: the public and the vaccine providers' perceptions that the vaccine caused mild illness; side effects; and media coverage about the safety of the vaccine. A further factor could have been that the inoculation campaign fell in the spring period rather than the traditional pre-winter period. In a separate study in Western Australia, it was found that pregnant women also had a low uptake of the vaccine even though they were a high risk group, citing safety concerns as their primary reason for not having the vaccination.

### **Closing the Gap Clearinghouse website - feedback sought**

The Closing the Gap Clearinghouse is reminding readers that it is seeking feedback on the Closing the Gap Clearinghouse website here and thanks those who have already responded to the User Satisfaction Survey here. Feedback will help improve the website and closes on 13 September 2010.

### **National Interpreter Symbol**

All local councils are encouraged to use the National Interpreter Symbol advertising the availability of an interpreter if needed; and promote its use to staff and clients.

The Interpreter Symbol was developed and tested by the Victorian Multicultural Commission with assistance from the Commonwealth, state and territory governments. The symbol was one of five variations designed and tested in Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia and New South Wales with over 580 people from a range of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Testing was conducted according to Australian Standard 2342: Development, testing and implementation of information and safety symbols and symbolic signs.

### **Refugee Welcome Zones: tell us how your council has welcomed refugees!**

The *Refugee Council of Australia* (RCOA) is seeking information from local councils which have signed the Refugee Welcome Zone declaration about policies, projects, activities or services that have been implemented to welcome refugees to their community and support their settlement in Australia. The information will be used to develop online resources to support councils in taking positive action in support of the declaration. Please contact Lucinda on (02) 9211 9333 or [lucinda@refugeecouncil.org.au](mailto:lucinda@refugeecouncil.org.au)

## Marketplace of Ideas - Call for Applications

The Melbourne Forum (10-12 October, 2010), organised by the Global Dialogue Foundation (GDF) under the auspices of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, will showcase some of the most innovative and successful grassroots initiatives aimed at promoting mutual understanding among people and cultures in the Asia-Pacific Region.

This event will be held in the presence of business and political leaders, policy makers, influential civil society leaders, media, heads of religious communities and academics.

The Global Dialogue Foundation is looking for long-term partnerships with creative grassroots projects that drive change by:

1. contributing to mutual understanding among diverse communities and cultures;
2. helping to overcome cultural, religious, and ethnic tensions;
3. building peace

Civil society organisations are invited to submit applications by 22 September 2010. Representatives of the UN Alliance of Civilizations and the Global Dialogue Foundation will review all applications and select best essays for further support, by September 30, 2010.

### *Quote of the week*

"When she got the Labor leadership, Gillard declared that she intended to model her leadership style on the consensus approach of her political hero, Bob Hawke. She could not have imagined when she said that, that she would have to govern without a majority...." - Geoff Kitney, *Australian Financial Review*, 8 September 2010

### *International news*

US President Barack Obama has announced plans to spend tens of billions of dollars on a huge infrastructure project to create jobs and boost confidence in the American economy. Mr Obama is promising to put Americans back to work by rebuilding many of the country's roads, railways and airport runways. His US\$50 billion plan involves rebuilding more than 240,000 kilometres of roads and 6,000 kilometres of railways, although the president has warned that there is no quick fix for the American economy.

"I want America to have the best infrastructure in the world. We used to have the best infrastructure in the world - we can have it again, we are going to make it happen", he said.

The latest unemployment figures showed the US jobless rate running at 9.6 per cent after a net loss of 54,000 jobs. Mr Obama is under pressure to do more to create jobs and bring down the stubbornly high unemployment rate. Economists are sceptical any measures Mr Obama takes now will make a significant difference in the US economy and point out that investments in infrastructure typically do not stimulate the economy quickly.

While Mr Obama declared some jobs would be created "immediately" under the plan, a senior Obama administration official said the proposed infrastructure overhaul would not have an immediate impact on the economy and said the first jobs would not be created until 2011.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual RMA Conference Risk Management Excellence: Better, Faster, Smarter**

Registrations are open for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual RMA Conference, to be held in Sydney on 21-24 November. This conference is the focal gathering point of risk management professionals in the Asia-Pacific region, attracting delegates from government and industry alike, from all corners of the globe. Through this international forum for risk management education and learning, risk professionals are given the opportunity to exchange ideas and network among world leading specialists.

#### **Featured Speakers:**

- **Patrick McClure AO**, Ethics Fellow, St James Ethics Centre and Centre for Social Impact, UNSW
- **Terry Fleming**, President, Risk and Insurance Management Society, (RIMS) Inc USA
- **Michael Wilkins**, Chief Executive Officer, Insurance Australia Group Ltd
- **Dr Andries Terblanche**, Chair of Financial Services, Partner KPMG Australia
- **John Clayton**, Pacific Region Head and Chief Executive Officer, Marsh Pty Ltd
- **Brian Roylett**, President, Risk Management Institution of Australasia Limited
- **Melinda Howes**, Chief Executive Officer, Institute of Actuaries
- **Tim Sheehy**, Chief Executive, Chartered Secretaries Australia
- **Lee White**, General Manager Leadership & Quality, The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia
- **Stephanie Koehn**, Technical Manager, Institute of Internal Auditors.

For more information visit [www.rmiaconference.com](http://www.rmiaconference.com).

### **NatStats 2010 Conference 15 - 17 September 2010 Darling Harbour Sydney**

NatStats 2010 will be held from 15 - 17 September 2010 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour.

As a participant in the NatStats 2010 Conference, you will have the opportunity to contribute to more effective use of better, broader and more comparable information; better monitoring of government services, improved access and use of data by the wider community, and reduced overall costs of government information services.

The overall theme for the conference is "Measuring what counts: economic development, wellbeing and progress in 21st century Australia". Conference speakers will explore drivers of economic and related social change that are shaping Australia's progress, identify the challenges facing Australia in the coming decades, and highlight the importance of policies and strategies in understanding and responding to these challenges. The role that statistical frameworks will play in enabling a greater understanding of these challenges, in informing research and public debate, and in helping to develop practical responses, will also be discussed.

#### **Plenary Speakers include:**

- **Dr Ken Henry AC**, Secretary, Commonwealth Treasury
- **Hon Dr Geoff Gallop AC**, Professor and Director, University of Sydney
- **Dr Phillip Lowe** Assistant Governor, Reserve Bank of Australia
- **Ms Martine Durand**, OECD Chief Statistician and Director, Statistic Directorate

For a full list of confirmed speakers, program and registration information, please visit [www.nss.gov.au/natstats2010](http://www.nss.gov.au/natstats2010) or email [natstats@nss.gov.au](mailto:natstats@nss.gov.au).

## ALGA NEWS

17 September 2010

### Simon Crean new Local Government Minister

Simon Crean is the new Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government. Mr Crean has a long association with local government during his time as Shadow Minister for Regional Development after Labor lost office in March 1996. In Parliament he often quoted ALGA's State of the Regions reports. Mr Crean has a distinguished Parliamentary career. He is the only person to have been a Cabinet minister under Prime Ministers Hawke, Keating, Rudd and Gillard. In over two decades as an MP, Crean has not spent a single day on the backbench. Minister Albanese retains his portfolio of Infrastructure and Transport and will still have carriage of land transport, including AusLink and Roads to Recovery. Senator Barnaby Joyce is the new Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Water and Warren Truss holds the reins of the Shadow Infrastructure and Transport portfolio. The Greens Senators will keep their portfolios until July next when the new senators come on board, with Senator Scott Ludlam spokesman for Local Government, Sustainable Cities, Public Transport, Housing and Broadband among other portfolios.

### Reforming the Australian Federation

Readers of 'ALGA News' will recall that ALGA made a submission to the Senate Select Committee Inquiry on the Reform of the Australian Federation inquiry last month, in which ALGA outlines the reasons why it believes that reforms that support the role of local government in local communities throughout Australia must be made to the Australian Federation. The submission describes the evolving role of local government since it was first established in Australia in 1840, and the relationship it has had with the Commonwealth over recent decades. Particular issues canvassed in the submission include the intergovernmental funding of local government and the need for reforms to the nation's Constitution so that uncertainties affecting the position of local government are overcome. ALGA puts the case for a Parliamentary Inquiry into Financial Assistance Grants, and a referendum to recognise local government in the term of the next Parliament.

ALGA has now had the opportunity to analyse other submissions made to the Inquiry (almost 40 in total). Many submissions came from members of the public; others have been submitted by academics including George Williams, and separately Anne Twomey - both presenters at previous ALGA General Assemblies. Regional Development Australia Committees, some councils, and two of ALGA's members (the South Australian Local Government Association and the Western Australian Local Government Association) also provided submissions.

The submissions canvass a range of topics, including what one person saw as a need to advance a charter of political and legal process rights; questions about a Bill of Rights; the importance of the Federation as a way of encouraging people to participate in democracy; the importance of observing the spirit of the Constitution, problems caused by its interpretation by the High Court of Australia and what some people consider as questionable applications by the Commonwealth; appointment of High Court Justices; the need to address Vertical Fiscal Imbalance in our Federation, without which, 'states cannot possibly fulfil their responsibilities' (Liberal Party WA Pearce Division); the possibility of federal regional councils; the need to amend the Constitution so that the referenda provisions are more likely to bring success (deliberative referenda are discussed in one submission; whilst

another refers to the need for state-initiated national referenda); and the need to strike efficiencies in intergovernmental relations (Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry).

It is encouraging to note that many submissions agree that local government functions are more than 'roads, rates and rubbish' and that irrespective of the recognition question, they say local government is not adequately funded to support its increasing range of functions and expectations (for example, Rethink Australia). The Australian Monarchist League, which argues against recognition of local government in the constitution, nonetheless says 'it is quite clear that the workload that has fallen on local councils is far in excess of their income earning potential' and that it 'obviously needs a share of the national tax revenue.'

The Committee is due to report its findings by 17 November 2010.

ALGA's submission is available on the Committee [website](#) and at ALGA's [website](#).

### **Celebrating Australian Citizenship Day, 17 September**

This week local government councils across Australia are welcoming new citizens to their local communities as part of Australian Citizenship Day celebrations.

Around 3600 new citizens from 118 countries will officially be welcomed at 69 citizenship ceremonies hosted by local government councils and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

Australian Citizenship Day, celebrated annually on 17 September, is a special day for all of us to reflect on what it means to be an Australian citizen-whether we are Australian by birth or by choice.

Three north-west Tasmanian councils (Burnie, Devonport and Central Coast Councils) joined together to co-host a citizenship ceremony in Burnie for the national launch of Australian Citizenship Day celebrations.

Local school students attended the citizenship ceremony to perform the national anthem. It was also a great practical experience for the students which built on the civics and citizenship theory they had studied in the classroom.

The importance of being an active citizen in the community was highlighted by Delwyn Polden-Burnie school teacher and Tasmania's 2010 Local Hero-who gave an inspirational speech about the responsibilities and privileges of Australian citizenship.

### **From the President**

The finalisation of the new ministry and shadow ministry this week means that we can now get back to business. I'm optimistic about local government's potential to influence the national agenda given the particular political sensitivity around regional and local services at the moment.

I have written to the Prime Minister to congratulate her on forming government. I've also written to Anthony Albanese to thank him for his contribution as local government minister and to Simon Crean to welcome him to the portfolio. Simon is the most experienced member of the Gillard cabinet and he has served in a wide range of portfolios during the Hawke, Keating, Rudd and now Gillard governments, as well as in various shadow portfolios in

opposition as well. It is a further sign of the government's emphasis on regional development that he has been ranked as the most senior minister in the Cabinet pecking order.

On the Opposition front bench, Warren Truss has retained infrastructure and transport and Barnaby Joyce is the new shadow minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Water.

The other reason for optimism is that the independents have continued to show that they are keenly interested in regional and local government issues. It is fantastic that the Prime Minister, the independent Member for Denison, Andrew Wilkie and the Greens have signed agreements to hold a referendum in this term of parliament or at the next election on the inclusion of local government in the Australian Constitution.

ALGA looks forward to working with the new ministers, shadow ministers and the parliament, over the next three years and in particular - on planning for a referendum.

**Cr Geoff Lake**  
**ALGA President**

### **NSW and Victoria storm assistance**

Attorney-General, Robert McClelland, has announced that the Commonwealth Government would provide financial assistance to New South Wales and Victorian communities affected by recent storms and torrential rainfall. Commonwealth assistance is being provided through the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) and in NSW will apply to the nine natural disaster declared areas of Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, Wingecarribee, Shoalhaven, Eurobodalla, Tumut, Gundagai and Tumbarumba shires in NSW. In Victoria, Emergency relief centres have been established in Bright, Creswick and Euroa. Funding will include assistance for the restoration of essential public infrastructure and relief operations.

### **Constitutional convention push by Beattie**

Readers of ALGA News will know that ALGA has strongly advocated for reforms to the Federation, including in its recent submission to the Senate Select Committee on the Reform of the Australian Federation.

Writing in the Australian last weekend (September 11-12 2010), former Premier Beattie also urges national debate on the Federation. He comments in the article that 'the list of demands from the independents and Greens for the formation of federal government under Prime Minister Julia Gillard has missed the opportunity to dramatically improve the operation of the federation' and that 'Australia needs a constitutional convention 110 years after federation to clearly define and delineate the role of the states within the Constitution and the Commonwealth'.

Peter Beattie argues that the convention should discuss not just heads of power for the different jurisdictions, but whether Australia needs to abolish the states altogether or create new ones to 'better represent regional Australia'. He also says that 'the future role and power of local government should be thrown into the mix.'

## Roads Congress - register now

The 2010 Roads Congress is shaping up to be a very important opportunity to hear and question the priorities of the new Federal Government. Following the announcement of the Ministry and Shadow Ministry, we have invited the relevant new players to come and address delegates at the Congress in three week's time. Be sure you [register](#) for the Congress to show the new Minister that transport remains a key issue for local governments across the country.

In a packed program, we will hear from the major political players, key transport stakeholders, release a 10 year needs study on future local roads funding - all in the beautiful wine region of Bunbury, West Australia.

Please continue to send us your photos showing the need for greater investment in local road infrastructure by entering the *Worst Road and Bridge competition* which will be judged at the Congress. We need your photos to build our case. Photos should be sent to [andy.hrast@alga.asn.au](mailto:andy.hrast@alga.asn.au). Award winners will be selected at the Congress.

## Safe disposal of chemicals

ChemClear continues to provide a great service to farmers and other chemical users to safely dispose of their old and unwanted agricultural and veterinary chemicals which they may be holding and are no longer useable.

Nationally the program has collected 232 tonnes of obsolete agricultural and vet chemicals and has a further 109 tonnes registered awaiting collection. Register at 1800 008 182.

## Setting the agenda for local government

The Australia-New Zealand School of Government's (ANZSOG) Excellence in Local Government Leadership Program was commissioned by the Federal Government in June 2009 as part of the remit of the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government to support the development of "World-class local government to meet the emerging challenges of 21st century Australia".

Its objective is to enhance the capacity of local government leaders to provide innovative, community-centred governance that delivers genuine public value for Australian citizens.

The program will provide the first executive leadership course which brings together elected leaders and general managers to solve critical issues in local governance. It proceeds from the assumption that excellence in local government leadership requires a creative and dynamic working relationship between elected leaders and general managers. As 2010 is the Year of Women in Local Government, the program will also celebrate the contribution of women to excellence in local government leadership. The program will be launched in Melbourne from 22 November to 10 December 2010 but will then move annually to a different state or territory building case studies and better practice toolkits in local government innovation as the course rolls-out.

The content of the program is the product of a comprehensive national consultation with local government leaders, professions and stakeholders conducted over the last six months in every state and territory. The evidence from the national consultation exercise has emphasised the importance of bringing together some of the world's leading academic

thinkers and public sector practitioners to address the challenges of contemporary local governance. However, respondents have also highlighted that the program should focus on the 'real issues' faced by local government leaders and it should be taught in a dynamic, interactive learning environment with a problem-solving focus.

### World Carfree Day

Every September 22, people from around the world get together in the streets, intersections, and neighbourhood blocks to remind the world that we don't have to accept our car-dominated society. Let World Carfree Day be a showcase for just how our cities might look like, feel like, and sound like without cars...365 days a year. As the climate heats up, World Carfree Day is the perfect time to take the heat off the planet, and put it on city planners and politicians to give priority to cycling, walking and public transport, instead of to the automobile. Check out our [resources](#) and find inspiration there. Find potential allies in your neighbourhood / town. A general tip is to get the local authority and shop owners on your side as early as possible, generally nine months before the event, if you intend to close streets to private cars for the day.

### Share your Census story

The Australian Bureau of Statistics is seeking potential speakers and exhibitors for a conference from 2-4 March 2011 on the Census. The program will feature a variety of presentation formats, including plenary presentations, panel discussions, concurrent sessions and workshops. If you or your organisation would like to join us or know of others who have a Census story to tell, we would like to hear from you. Visit [www.abs.gov.au/beyondthecount](http://www.abs.gov.au/beyondthecount) for more information.

### Is life in Australia getting better?

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has released a report containing a range of information that should help Australians decide if life is getting better.

The report, *Measures of Australia's Progress*, describes how Australia is progressing across a range of social, economic and environmental measures. For example:

- **Health:** During the past decade Australia's health improved - children born in 2009 were expected to live two to three years longer than those born in 1999.
- **Education and training:** During the past 10 years, the Australian population became more educated - between 1999 and 2009 the proportion of people with a vocational or higher education qualification rose from 49% to 63%.
- **Work:** Despite the recent economic downturn, Australia's annual average unemployment rate was lower in 2009 (5.6%) than in 1999 (6.9%).
- **National income:** Australia experienced significant real income growth during the past decade. Between 1998-99 and 2008-09, real net national disposable income per capita grew by 2.6% a year.
- **National wealth:** National wealth, as measured in Australia's balance sheet, grew over the last decade. Real national net worth per capita increased by about 0.9% a year between June 1999 and June 2009.
- **Household economic wellbeing:** In the decade to 2007-08, the real average household income of low income Australians grew by 41%.
- **Biodiversity:** There's been a decline in Australia's biodiversity over the past decade with the number of threatened animals increasing by 37%.
- **Atmosphere:** Australia's total net greenhouse gas emissions in 2008 were 16% higher than they were in 1998.

## **Councils want action on the Inquiry into Local Water Utilities**

The Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW want action from the State Government on the Inquiry into the Local Water Utilities, saying councils are the best positioned to manage local water supply and sewerage.

The Minister for Water, the Hon Phillip Costa MP, told delegates at the 2010 Water Management Conference in Orange he supports a model of regional alliances of Local Water Utilities that is consistent with the one proposed by the Associations.

President of the Shires Associations of NSW, Cr. Bruce Miller, said while he thanks the Minister for consulting with councils and taking Local Government's views on board, councils want to see these words put into action and put through cabinet in the coming months.

"A number of council groups would like to go ahead with a co-operative alliance structure, however, we've been waiting almost two years for the government to respond to the inquiry recommendations and provide regulatory certainty," said Cr. Miller.

Cr. Miller said that it is widely acknowledged that councils are consistently delivering best-practice water management and the 106 Local Water Utilities in NSW are well placed to manage water supplies and sewerage.

"It just makes sense for councils to continue to handle water management - we're performing at best practice levels, we know what local priorities are and we can provide a whole-of community approach to water management - something that other agencies are not in a position to do."

## **New book on local government**

In 2006, a group of four Canadian and four Australian researchers were invited to share their work. 'Local Government in a Global World: Australia and Canada in Comparative Perspective' is the culmination of this work with authors completing chapters on four key issues that impact on local government in both countries. The book is edited by John Martin (La Trobe University) and Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (University of Victoria, BC). Published by the University of Toronto Press, it contains chapters on citizen participation and engagement, restructuring and reform, performance management and inter-government relations. These chapters are book-ended with chapters that draw comparisons between the two countries.

## **Emergency warning funding**

The Australian Government has announced that it will fund the upgrade of the national emergency warning system, '*Emergency Alert*', to deliver warnings to mobile phones based on the location of the handset. The '*Emergency Alert*' system currently sends warnings by recorded voice and text message to landlines and mobile phones based on an owner's billing address rather than the actual location of a handset at the time of a disaster or emergency. This has meant that people caught in a disaster zone, who have a billing address outside the affected area, have been unable to receive the vital and potentially lifesaving warnings. Following the Interim Report of the Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission in August 2009, the Australian Government supported the Commission's recommendation to implement a national warning system based on the location, in addition to the billing address, of a mobile phone.

To achieve this, the Commonwealth provided \$1.35 million to the Victorian Government to investigate the capability on behalf of all States and Territories. Since *'Emergency Alert'* became operational in December last year it has been used 56 times and has issued in excess of 500,000 messages. The system has been used in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Queensland for flood, tsunami, bushfire, chemical incidents and even a missing child. The feasibility study into location based warnings conducted by Victoria earlier this year concluded that it is possible to implement these enhancements across all Australian mobile networks. The Victorian Government will now commence and lead negotiations with each of the mobile phone carriers, the outcome of which will be considered by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG).

### **Banksia Awards finalists**

ACF's Sustainable Cities Index has made it to the finals of the prestigious Banksia Awards. Finalists were announced in Melbourne. The Sustainable Cities Index provides a snapshot of comparative performance in each of Australia's 20 largest cities, with the aim of encouraging healthy competition, stimulating discussion and suggesting new ways of thinking about how our cities can be sustainable. The winners will be announced on 15 October in Sydney.

### **Climate change and risk management**

The National Exposure Information System (NEXIS) is a capability developed by Geoscience Australia, an agency within the portfolio of the federal Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism. NEXIS is a nationally consistent database of building assets, essential infrastructure, economic activity and demographic information. All these community elements are at risk to natural hazards and will be exposed to the unavoidable, long term influences of climate change. The system collects and collates a broad range of information for research and policy development in Australia, including that associated with climate change adaptation. The development of NEXIS has been undertaken in parallel with ongoing national assessments of climate change risk for hazards such as storm surge, severe wind, bushfire and extreme temperature.

NEXIS employs a largely statistical approach to developing a national definition of exposure using a number of existing databases maintained by others. These include the Geocoded National Address File (GNAF), the Property Cadastre, the Business Registry, and census datasets from the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Costing modules developed by quantity surveyors have also been incorporated to provide estimates of building replacement costs across Australia. State Government departments have supplied data on local building information in Tasmania and South Australia. The Census of Land Use and Employment (CLUE) has also been made available by local government for comprehensive information about land use, employment and economic activity across the entire Greater Melbourne area.

Local governments are a major source of the data needed to make NEXIS more specific and useful to decision makers. This is not surprising given their role of maintaining regional infrastructure, assessing rates and taxes, and providing essential services for the community. Information as diverse as that pertaining to historical waste landfills are needed to support improved assessments of the risk of sea level rise to coastal communities. As local governments are custodians of many of the datasets required, they are being invited to have an increased role in both the development of NEXIS and the utilisation of the information it brings together. Access to nationally consistent information will in-turn

enable local government to more effectively assess their community risks and secure the funds they will need for community adaptation into the future. For more information, contact [nexis@ga.gov.au](mailto:nexis@ga.gov.au).

### **Ban on smoking 'breath of fresh air'**

The Heart Foundation says it hopes a Melbourne council's move to consider a ban on smoking in outdoor areas is the first of many.

The Monash City Council will decide this week whether to start community consultation on a ban on smoking in alfresco dining areas, shopping strips, and sports clubs.

The Frankston Council is planning to ban smoking in its CBD from November and the Surf Coast Shire has already banned smoking on beaches.

The chief executive of the Heart Foundation, Kathy Bell, says the most recent research shows that more than 70 per cent of Victorians surveyed are against smoking in outdoor areas around children.

"I think what we're really trying to support here is not only reducing second-hand smoke, but we're also trying to make smoking less visible in the community," she said.

"If we can do that, our kids are less likely to take up smoking and it's going to be easier for smokers who want to quit to actually be able to quit."

### **Multicultural guide for councils**

A new publication, *Implementing the Principles of Multiculturalism Locally: A planning guide for Western Australian local governments*, incorporates case studies highlighting the innovative multicultural programs and experiences of several Western Australian local governments.

The guide was developed by an across-agency Working Group coordinated by the Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI). The Working Group comprised of representatives from the WA Local Government Association, Department of Local Government, non-government agencies and WA local governments.

Parts of the guide were adapted, with permission, from the NSW Community Relations Commission's 2008 publication - *Implementing the Principles of Multiculturalism Locally*. Local governments are encouraged to use this guide and the accompanying easy-to-use *Local Government Multicultural Planning Framework*, to integrate multicultural initiatives and principles into their planning and reporting processes.

### **Councils to Launch ECO ERA Website**

Seven councils in Adelaide will launch a new website on Wednesday 8 September designed to help people find ways to be more environmentally friendly.

The ECO ERA - [Sustainable Living Guide](#) is packed with ideas about how you can make small changes that are good for the environment, your health and your wallet.

The website shows people how they can do their bit for their environment in their neighbourhood: where they can buy locally grown food, how they can save water and what they can do to reduce their power bills.

Developed in conjunction with The Natural Strategies Group, this Guide is designed to help our residents take action to live more sustainably at home and in the community.

The Eastern Region Alliance (ERA) is a cooperative between the Cities of Burnside.

### **Remote Economic Participation**

The new Cooperative Research Centre for Remote Economic Participation (CRC-REP) was launched by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Senator Kim Carr. The Centre will be based in Alice Springs but with research nodes and partners spread widely across the continent. A central part of our mission is to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and governments to "close the gap" of disadvantage by identifying how to achieve successful enterprises, genuine livelihoods and skilled people in remote areas," the CRC-REP managing director Jan Ferguson said. "We will not only study the drivers and results of disadvantage in order to overcome them, we will analyse what communities are doing to close the gap successfully. These communities will become potential models for others to follow," she says. "We are also working with pastoralists, miners, tourism operators and small businesses to identify the keys to business and employment success in remote Australia - where the challenges are so different, and usually far greater, than in the cities." Together with partner contributions, the Centre will invest over \$100 million over seven years in research and development in remote Australia. Partners include the Australian and four state and territory Governments, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and communities, non-government organisations, universities and other research providers, private businesses and industries such as mining, pastoralism and tourism.

### **Farmer of the Year finalists announced**

A Kimberley fruit producer and a Tasmanian grain grower are among the finalists in the inaugural Australian Farmer of the Year Awards. Farmers from right across Australia have been nominated for their diversity, innovation and success. Winners will be announced at an awards dinner in Sydney on September 21. Finalists at [www2.kondinin.com.au/awards/](http://www2.kondinin.com.au/awards/)

### **Indigenous families miss out on regional spending**

Increasing the quantity of goods and services produced in northern Australia regional communities mainly benefits non-Indigenous households, according to new research.

Researchers from the Tropical Rivers and Coastal Knowledge (TRaCK) program developed a model that shows that merely injecting money into an area doesn't mean that Indigenous people will automatically reap the benefits.

TRaCK researcher Dr Natalie Stoeckl from James Cook University found this to be the case whether the increased cash flow came from stimulating industry or increasing non-Indigenous household incomes (by, for example, providing tax refunds).

The new economic simulation model tracked impacts on household incomes for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people from stimulating different businesses, including accommodation, cafes, and restaurants, agriculture, mining and government.

"It's a chain of supply issue, and it demonstrates how economic benefits can flow in very lopsided ways," Dr Stoeckl says.

Researchers used towns in the Mitchell (Queensland) and Daly (Northern Territory) river catchments as case studies areas.

The model showed that money coming into the region disproportionately flows to non-Indigenous households. For example, just 1-3 cents of a \$1 stimulus in the agricultural, construction and recreational sectors reaches Indigenous households, while non-Indigenous households receive between 20 cents and 33 cents.

"Put simply, because many Indigenous people aren't employed by private businesses and the number of Indigenous business owners is comparatively low, the money coming into these areas flows straight to the shop-owners and business operators - who are mostly non-Indigenous," Dr Stoeckl says.

"Indigenous people in northern Australia are often disconnected from the mainstream economy, so actions that increase the size of the non-Indigenous economy do not generate significant benefits to the Indigenous sector.

"This research has important implications for regional development policy, since only a relatively small share of monies injected into these regional economies will find its way into the pockets of Indigenous householders."

#### *Quote of the week*

"I was involved in two great struggles: a great public struggle...the Republican Congress, and a private struggle with my old demons. I won the public one and lost the private one." - *Former US President Bill Clinton*

#### International news

Singapore is launching another campaign to promote dating among its notoriously love-shy singles as the city-state grapples with low birth and marriage rates. The Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports issued a tender this month through the government's official procurement website calling for proposals on how to encourage singles to date. "This tender is called to engage a communications agency to conceptualise, plan and implement a public communications campaign to promote dating," said a notice monitored on the government's online

### Place Making for People - Case Studies in Delivering Community Expectations

As we've outlined in our previous ALGA articles, the Place Leaders Association (PLA) is a not-for-profit organisation of leading place makers committed to economic, social and environmental sustainability. A fundamental mandate of the PLA is to meet the diverse needs of its membership base.

One of the many ways in which the PLA directly assists its members in learning from each other's challenges and building on each other's successes, is through the biennial publication of member case studies.

September 2010 heralds the launch of the PLA's latest publication: *Place Making for People - Case Studies in Delivering Community Expectations*.

It provides compelling evidence of the PLA's core commitment to practices that nurture community involvement. All of the featured projects have faced different challenges and have gone on to demonstrate that positive outcomes, in relation to built form and community well-being, stem from quality engagement.

Whether redeveloping a disused industrial area in Western Australia, rejuvenating a run-down precinct in Singapore, or creating a brand-new sustainable village in South Australia, the projects detailed in this latest collection of case studies reflect the forefront of current place making practices.

Eleven of our current PLA member agencies, from throughout Australasia, proudly showcase their latest place making achievements in this, their book.

As the late urban activist Jane Jacobs said so succinctly: 'Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody.'

To order your copy of *Place Making for People - Case Studies in Delivering Community Expectations*, or to find out more about becoming a member, please visit the Place Leaders Association at: [www.placeleaders.com](http://www.placeleaders.com)

### Tonkin's Public Sector Community Engagement Forum

8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010 - The Grace Hotel Sydney

*Delivering effective, diversified community engagement strategies to enhance decision making, policy and results*

**DISCUSS** future directions for a whole of government approach to community engagement

**DISCOVER** best practice in community engagement frameworks and strategies

**HEAR** from expert speakers on leading case studies

**SEE** how Web 2.0 and social media is changing the face of community engagement

**EXPLORE** the role of community engagement in disaster recovery

**Hear from and network with community engagement professionals from:**

- Department of Premier and Cabinet South Australia
- Department of Human Services NSW
- City of Melbourne
- Sunshine Coast Regional Council
- Yarra Valley Water
- Railcorp
- Any many more

**PLUS** don't miss out on the essential post conference workshop **A how-to guide to using social media in community engagement facilitator** by James Dellow, Social Business Design Consultant, Headshift.

For more information visit [www.tonkincorporation.com/images/Eureka/GOV28ALGA.pdf](http://www.tonkincorporation.com/images/Eureka/GOV28ALGA.pdf)) or call 02 9224 6060 and quote **ALGA news**

## Media Release

### **Reform Report Misses Key Opportunities 16 September 2010**

Potentially one of the most important documents for the future of Local Government in this State has missed a number of key opportunities to build the long term sustainability of the sector.

The tabling in State Parliament today of the Local Government Reform Steering Committee Report is seen by the WA Local Government Association as being mostly positive with the main exception that it signals a preference to end voluntary reform.

WALGA President Mayor Troy Pickard said much of the report provided sensible and practical recommendations many of which mirrored the Association's SSS Report endorsed by the sector in 2008.

He said WALGA supported either totally or in part all but four of the 42 recommendations of the report but primarily disagreed on those that went against the principle of voluntary reform.

Unfortunately there also remains key recommendations of the SSS Report that were not fully addressed including enabling Local Government enterprises, regional service delivery options and the capacity to set rates on independent living units.

"Overall the report presents practical and sensible recommendations for Local Government in this State and we congratulate the Minister on these aspects," Mayor Pickard said.

"Unfortunately there are aspects that the sector will disagree with, predominantly in relation to moving away from voluntary reform which we believe is the only way to ensure buy in from the community and consequently long term, sustainable change.

"Ultimately the objective of reform has to be to deliver a sector that is better placed to meet the requirements of the community in the longer term and this report goes a long way towards doing that.

"I believe the Local Government sector will want the Minister to reconsider his position on ending the voluntary process and work with the sector to look at those areas where we think the State Government could have gone further to help build capacity."

# Information Bulletin

**Issue No. 17/2010**

<b>Inside this Issue</b>	
<p>➔ <b>Correspondence &amp; Papers</b> Pink Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>WA Local Government Association (WALGA)</b> Issue No.36.10 – 13 September 2010.....COR-1 Issue No.37.10 – 20 September 2010.....COR-3</li> <li>▪ <b>Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)</b> 10 September 2010.....COR-5 17 September 2010.....COR-17</li> <li>▪ <b>Correspondence</b> Reform Report Misses Key Opportunities.....COR-28</li> </ul>
<p>➔ <b>Information from Human Resources</b> Blue Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Employee Movements..... HR-1</li> </ul>
<b>Information to Standing Committees</b>	
<p>➔ <b>Technical Services</b> Green Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Outstanding Matters &amp; Information Items</b> Report on Outstanding Matters – Technical Services Committee ..... T-1</li> <li>▪ <b>Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports</b> Technical Services Works Programme ..... T-2</li> <li>▪ <b>Minutes of Occasional / Advisory Committees</b> Bungendore Park Management Committee – August 2010 ..... T-11 Bushcare and Environmental Working Group – July 2010..... T-16</li> <li>▪ <b>Miscellaneous</b> UWA Turf Research Newsletter ..... T-25 Kent Street Weir Media Release ..... T-26 Waste Services Report January 2010 – June 2010..... T-29</li> </ul>
<p>➔ <b>Community Services</b> Beige Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Outstanding Matters &amp; Information Items</b> Report on Outstanding Matters – Community Services Committee ..... C-1</li> <li>▪ <b>Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports</b> Library &amp; Heritage Services General Monthly Report – August 2010 ..... C-2 Manager Ranger &amp; Emergency Services Monthly Report –July 2010 ..... C-10</li> <li>▪ <b>Minutes of Occasional/Advisory Committees</b> South East Regional Recreation Advisory Group – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010..... C-21 Disability Advisory Team – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010 ..... C-31</li> </ul>

## **1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS**

### **New Staff:**

- Shop Assistant, Resource Recovery Centre – commences 24/9/10.

### **Staff Leaving:**

- Irrigation Fitter – resignation effective 1/10/10.
- Local Studies Librarian – resignation effective 15/10/10.

### **Other Staff Movements (Internal):**

- Temporary Planning Services Information Officer, transferred to Permanent status – effective 29/10/10.

### **Current Recruitment Activity:**

- Asset Management Coordinator – position on hold.
- Engineering Surveyor – position on hold.
- Senior Projects Engineer – applications closed 25/3/2010 – no applications received.
- Drafting Officer – applications closed 10/6/10, no suitable applicants, to be re-advertised 25/9/10.
- Projects Planning Engineer – (advertised internationally), closed 28/6/10.
- Subdivision Engineer – (advertised internationally), closed 28/6/10.
- Assistant Subdivision Engineer – (advertised internationally), closed 28/6/10.
- Shop Assistant – Resource Recovery Centre (Part-time) – recruitment complete.
- Asset Data Officer – interviews held 2/9/10, recruitment progressing.
- Administrative Officer - Planning – recruitment complete.
- Administrative Officer – Governance & Admin (Part-time) – applications close 26/8/10, recruitment progressing.
- Records Officer – applications close 26/8/10, recruitment progressing.
- Aquatic Centre – bulk recruitment – applications closed 31/8/10, recruitment progressing.

**Current Recruitment Activity: (cont.)**

- ❑ Community Facilities Officer – applications closed 2/9/10, recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Ranger (Part-time) – interviews complete, recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Education Officer (Part-time) – applications close 30/9/10.
- ❑ Planning/Building Liaison Officer – applications close 30/9/10.
- ❑ Historian/Local Studies Librarian – applications close 7/10/10.
- ❑ Drafting Officer – applications close 7/10/10.
- ❑ Senior Records Officer – re-advertised, closing 7/10/10.

# Information Bulletin

**Issue No. 17/2010**

<b>Inside this Issue</b>	
<p>➔ <b>Correspondence &amp; Papers</b> Pink Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>WA Local Government Association (WALGA)</b> Issue No.36.10 – 13 September 2010.....COR-1 Issue No.37.10 – 20 September 2010.....COR-3</li> <li>▪ <b>Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)</b> 10 September 2010.....COR-5 17 September 2010.....COR-17</li> <li>▪ <b>Correspondence</b> Reform Report Misses Key Opportunities.....COR-28</li> </ul>
<p>➔ <b>Information from Human Resources</b> Blue Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Employee Movements..... HR-1</li> </ul>
<b>Information to Standing Committees</b>	
<p>➔ <b>Technical Services</b> Green Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Outstanding Matters &amp; Information Items</b> Report on Outstanding Matters – Technical Services Committee ..... T-1</li> <li>▪ <b>Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports</b> Technical Services Works Programme ..... T-2</li> <li>▪ <b>Minutes of Occasional / Advisory Committees</b> Bungendore Park Management Committee – August 2010 ..... T-11 Bushcare and Environmental Working Group – July 2010..... T-16</li> <li>▪ <b>Miscellaneous</b> UWA Turf Research Newsletter ..... T-25 Kent Street Weir Media Release ..... T-26 Waste Services Report January 2010 – June 2010..... T-29</li> </ul>
<p>➔ <b>Community Services</b> Beige Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Outstanding Matters &amp; Information Items</b> Report on Outstanding Matters – Community Services Committee ..... C-1</li> <li>▪ <b>Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports</b> Library &amp; Heritage Services General Monthly Report – August 2010 ..... C-2 Manager Ranger &amp; Emergency Services Monthly Report –July 2010 ..... C-10</li> <li>▪ <b>Minutes of Occasional/Advisory Committees</b> South East Regional Recreation Advisory Group – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010..... C-21 Disability Advisory Team – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010 ..... C-31</li> </ul>

<b>TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS</b>		
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>REFERRING COMMITTEE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b><u>BBQ facilities CBD and speeding traffic in Jull Street</u></b> <i>Refer T20/3/08</i>	Technical Services	Future report to the Technical Services Committee
<b><u>Clifton Street – Traffic Calming Devices</u></b> <i>Refer T70/8/09</i>	Technical Services	Report to Council – expected Q4/10
<b><u>Verge Clearing</u></b> <i>Refer D88/7/090</i>	Development Services	Future report to the Technical Services Committee – expected Q4/FY10/11
<b><u>Lefroy Road</u></b> <i>Refer T84/10/09</i>	Technical Services	Future report to the Technical Services Committee – expected Q4/10
<b><u>Sporting Reserves</u></b> <i>Refer T11/2/10</i>	Technical Services	Future report to the Technical Services Committee – expected Q4 FY10/11
<b><u>Armadale Road – Speed Limit</u></b> <i>Refer T36/6/10</i>	Technical Services	Future report to the Technical Services Committee – expected Q1FY11/12
<b><u>Barbeque Installation Costing</u></b> <i>Refer Councillors' Items - 6 September 2010</i>	Technical Services	A report to be presented to the Technical Services Committee at the December 2010 meeting.



**TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE  
Works Programme – August – October 2010**

Department	August 2010	September 2010	October 2010
<b>Civil Works</b>	<p><u>Construction:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warton Road – Stages 1 and 2.</li> <li>• BC Programme.</li> <li>• Frye Park Carpark.</li> <li>• Jull Street channelisation.</li> <li>• Ranford Rd dualling.</li> </ul> <p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine maintenance as per programme.</li> <li>• Contract road sweeping.</li> <li>• Footpath defects.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Construction:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warton Road – Stages 1 and 2.</li> <li>• Frye Park Carpark.</li> <li>• Jull Street channelisation.</li> <li>• Ranford Rd dualling.</li> <li>• Admiral Rd upgrade</li> </ul> <p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine maintenance as per programme.</li> <li>• Contract road sweeping.</li> <li>• Footpath defects</li> <li>• Drainage maintenance in various locations</li> </ul>	<p><u>Construction:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warton Road - Stages 1 and 2.</li> <li>• Ranford Road - dualling.</li> <li>• Admiral Road - upgrade</li> <li>• Railway Avenue/Champion Drive.</li> <li>• Neilson Avenue/Forrest Road.</li> <li>• Forrestedge Retreat drainage.</li> </ul> <p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine maintenance as per programme.</li> <li>• Contract road sweeping.</li> <li>• Footpath defects.</li> <li>• Drainage maintenance in various locations.</li> </ul>
<b>Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 1D.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 4B.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 5B.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 5C.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 6 (School Site).</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 6A.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 6B.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 9.</li> <li>• Vertu – Stage 4A.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 1D.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 4B.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 5B.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 5C.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 6 (School Site).</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 6A.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 6B.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 7.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 9 Commercial.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harrisdale Green – Stage 1.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 1D.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 4B.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 6 (School Site).</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 6C.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 7.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 7B.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 7C.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 7D.</li> </ul>

Department	August 2010	September 2010	October 2010
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vertu – Stage 4B.</li> <li>• Vertu – Stage 4C.</li> <li>• Vertu – Stage 5A.</li> <li>• Heron Park – Stage 4A.</li> <li>• Heron Park – Stage 6.</li>   <li>• Heron Park – Stage 6A.</li> <li>• Heron Park – Stage 7.</li> <li>• Heron Park – Stage 8A.</li> <li>• Lot 15 Brooks Road.</li> <li>• Lot Pt 6 and 7 Carradine Road.</li> <li>• Lot 9000 Westfield Road.</li> <li>• Lot 51 Salter Road.</li> <li>• Lot 9000 Gribble Avenue.</li> <li>• Lot 501 Holden Road.</li> <li>• Lots 4 and 160 Irymple Road.</li> <li>• Lot 681 Canns Road.</li> <li>• Lot 604 Waterwheel Road – Stage 4.</li> <li>• Lot 56 Birtwhistle Place.</li> <li>• Lot 11 Ivanhoe Way.</li> <li>• Lot 9504 Kilkenny Loop – Stage 2.</li> <li>• Lot 701 Eighth Road.</li> <li>• Lot 151 Wright Road.</li> <li>• Lots 113 and 114 Warton Road.</li> <li>• Lot 1006 Nicholson Road.</li> <li>• Lot 22 Nicholson Road.</li> <li>• Lots 88 and 89 Turner Place.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 9A.</li> <li>• Vertu – Stage 5A.</li> <li>• Heron Park – Stage 4A.</li> <li>• Heron Park – Stage 6.</li> <li>• Heron Park – Stage 6A.</li>   <li>• Heron Park – Stage 7.</li> <li>• Heron Park – Stage 8A.</li> <li>• Heron Park – Stage 9.</li> <li>• Lot 15 Brooks Road.</li> <li>• Lot Pt 6 and 7 Carradine Road.</li> <li>• Lot 9000 Westfield Road.</li> <li>• Lot 51 Salter Road.</li> <li>• Lot 9000 Gribble Avenue.</li> <li>• Lot 501 Holden Road.</li> <li>• Lots 4 and 160 Irymple Road.</li> <li>• Lot 681 Canns Road.</li> <li>• Lot 604 Waterwheel Road – Stage 4.</li> <li>• Lot 11 Ivanhoe Way.</li> <li>• Lot 9504 Kilkenny Loop – Stage 2.</li> <li>• Lot 700 Eighth Road.</li> <li>• Lot 701 Eighth Road.</li> <li>• Lots 113 and 114 Warton Road.</li> <li>• Lot 1006 Nicholson Road.</li> <li>• Lot 22 Nicholson Road.</li> <li>• Lot 2 Nicholson Road.</li> <li>• Lot 58 Armadale Road - Preliminary earthworks and filling.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 9 Commercial.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 9A.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 9D.</li> <li>• Newhaven Precinct 9G.</li> <li>• Vertu – Stage 4A.</li>   <li>• Vertu – Stage 5B.</li> <li>• Vertu – Stage 5C.</li> <li>• Heron Park – Stage 6A.</li> <li>• Heron Park – Stage 8A.</li> <li>• Heron Park – Stage 9.</li> <li>• Lot 9000 Westfield Road.</li> <li>• Lot 51 Salter Road.</li> <li>• Lot 9000 Gribble Avenue.</li> <li>• Lot 501 Holden Road.</li> <li>• Lots 4 and 160 Irymple Road.</li> <li>• Lot 681 Canns Road.</li> <li>• Lot 604 Waterwheel Road – Stage 4.</li> <li>• Lot 11 Ivanhoe Way.</li> <li>• Lot 9504 Kilkenny Loop – Stage 2.</li> <li>• Lot 700 Eighth Road.</li> <li>• Lot 701 Eighth Road.</li> <li>• Lots 113 and 114 Warton Road.</li> <li>• Lot 1006 Nicholson Road.</li> <li>• Lot 22 Nicholson Road. – Stage 1.</li> <li>• Lot 22 Nicholson Road. – Stage 2.</li> <li>• Lot 22 Nicholson Road. – Stage 3.</li> <li>• Lot 22 Nicholson Road. – Stage 4.</li> <li>• Lot 22 Nicholson Road. – Stage 5.</li> <li>• Lot 22 Nicholson Road. – Entry.</li> <li>• Lot 2 Nicholson Road.</li> </ul>

Department	August 2010	September 2010	October 2010
	<p><u>ARA Works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forrestdale Business Park – Spine Roads.</li> <li>• FBP – Lots 5056 Armadale Road, 5057 Allen Road, and 54 Ranford Road.</li> <li>• FBP – Lots 5054, 130 and 131 Ranford Road.</li> <li>• FBP – Lots 3 and 53 Ranford Road.</li> <li>• FBP – Lots 4, 82, 296 and 406 Ranford Road.</li> <li>• Champion Lakes – Stage 2.</li> <li>• Wungong Urban Water – Cell K – Preliminary earthworks and filling.</li> <li>• Wungong Urban Water – Cell 1A – preliminary earthworks and filling.</li> <li>• Lots 34, 35 and 800 Westfield Road.</li> <li>• Lots 10 and 11 Gillam Drive.</li> </ul>	<p><u>ARA Works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forrestdale Business Park – Spine Roads.</li> <li>• FBP – Lots 5056 Armadale Road, 5057 Allen Road, and 54 Ranford Road.</li> <li>• FBP – Lots 5054, 130 and 131 Ranford Road.</li> <li>• FBP – Lots 3 and 53 Ranford Road.</li> <li>• FBP – Lots 4, 82, 296 and 406 Ranford Road.</li> <li>• FBP – Proposed Bunning’s site Lot 13 Lake Road.</li> <li>• Champion Lakes – Stage 3.</li> <li>• Wungong Urban Water – Cell K – Preliminary earthworks and filling.</li> <li>• Wungong Urban Water – Cell 1A – preliminary earthworks and filling.</li> <li>• Wungong Urban Water – Cell E – preliminary earthworks and filling.</li> <li>• Lots 34, 35 and 800 Westfield Road.</li> <li>• Lots 10 and 11 Gillam Drive.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lot 58 Armadale Road - Preliminary earthworks and filling.</li> </ul> <p><u>ARA Works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forrestdale Business Park – Spine Roads.</li> <li>• FBP – Lots 5056 Armadale Road, 5057 Allen Road, and 54 Ranford Road.</li> <li>• FBP – Lots 5054, 130 and 131 Ranford Road.</li> <li>• FBP – Lots 3 and 53 Ranford Road.</li> <li>• FBP – Lots 4, 82, 296 and 406 Ranford Road.</li> <li>• FBP – Proposed Woolworths hardware site Lot 801 Ranford Road.</li> <li>• FBP – Proposed Bunning’s site Lot 13 Lake Road.</li> <li>• FBP – Proposed Bunning’s site Adj to Armadale Road and Ranford Rd Ext.</li> <li>• FBP – Proposed Bulky Goods site Lots 9503 and 9504 Ranford Road.</li> <li>• Champion Lakes – Stage 3.</li> <li>• Wungong Urban Water – Cell 1A – preliminary earthworks and filling.</li> <li>• Wungong Urban Water – Cell C – preliminary road layouts.</li> <li>• Wungong Urban Water – Cell E (North) Stage 1 – preliminary earthworks and filling.</li> </ul>

Department	August 2010	September 2010	October 2010
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wungong Urban Water – Cell E (North) Stage 2 – preliminary earthworks and filling.</li> <li>• Wungong Urban Water – Cell E (North) Stage 3 – preliminary earthworks and filling.</li> <li>• Wungong Urban Water – Cell E (South) – preliminary earthworks and filling.</li> <li>• Wungong Urban Water – Cell F – earthworks stockpiling.</li> <li>• Wungong Urban Water – Cell K – Preliminary earthworks and filling.</li> <li>• Lots 34, 35 and 800 Westfield Road.</li> <li>• Lots 10 and 11 Gillam Drive.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Design and Engineering</b></p>	<p><u>Design and Engineering:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canning Road – Install edge lines</li> <li>• Wungong Road – Install edge line.</li> <li>• Wungong Road – Upgrade lighting to AS1158 V Category.</li> <li>• Railway Avenue/Streich Avenue – Part 3 - Install painted RT pocket, install median island on south approach, install LT lane.</li> <li>• Champion Drive/Gillam Street – Install pre deflection of Gillam Street (east approach).</li> <li>• Neilson Avenue/Forrest Road – Install median island.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Design and Engineering:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warton Road/Armadale Road – Install TCS and modify intersection to provide two through lanes on Armadale Road and left slip lane in Warton Road.</li> <li>• Canning Road – Install edge lines.</li> <li>• Wungong Road – Install edge lines.</li> <li>• Wungong Road – Upgrade lighting to AS1158 V Category.</li> <li>• Railway Avenue/Streich Avenue – Part 3 – Install painted RT pocket, install median island on south approach, install LT lane.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Design and Engineering:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warton Road/Armadale Road – Install TCS and modify intersection to provide two through lanes on Armadale Road and left slip lane in Warton Road.</li> <li>• Canning Road – Install edge lines.</li> <li>• Wungong Road – Install edge lines.</li> <li>• Wungong Road – Upgrade lighting to AS1158 V Category.</li> <li>• Railway Avenue/Streich Avenue/Rail Crossing modifications.</li> <li>• Champion Drive/Gillam Street – Install pre deflection of Gillam Street</li> </ul>

Department	August 2010	September 2010	October 2010
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Westfield Road – Upgrade lighting to AS1158.</li> <li>• Railway Avenue/Champion Drive – Install pre deflection of Champion Drive (west approach).</li> <li>•• Railway Ave – Merrifield to Westfield Road.</li> <li>• Challis Road/Seville Drive – Install roundabout.</li> <li>• Seville Drive/Poad Street/Salamanca Boulevard– Pre deflection on Seville Drive (south approach).</li> <li>• Railway Avenue/Streich Avenue – Part 2/Railway Crossing Kelmscott – Install protected RT pocket.</li> <li>• Railway Avenue/Streich Avenue – Part 1 – Part 1 – install left turn lane.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Champion Drive/Gillam Street – Install pre deflection of Gillam Street (east approach).</li> <li>• Westfield Road – Upgrade lighting to AS1158.</li> <li>• Railway Avenue/Champion Drive – Install pre deflection of Champion Drive (west Approach) – with MRWA for approval.</li> <li>• Railway Avenue – Merrifield to Westfield Road.</li> <li>• Challis Road/Seville Drive – Install roundabout.</li> <li>• Seville Drive/Poad Street/Salamanca Boulevard – pre deflection on Seville Drive (south approach).</li> <li>• Railway Avenue/Streich Avenue – Part 2/Railway Crossing Kelmscott – Install protected RT pocket.</li> <li>• Railway Avenue/Streich Avenue – Part 1 – Install left turn lane.</li> <li>• Tonkin Highway/Champion Drive – Install traffic signals.</li> <li>• Armadale Road/Abbey Road/Railway Avenue – Intersection modifications, traffic signals.</li> <li>• Railway Avenue/Streich Avenue – Part 2/Railway Crossing Kelmscott – Install protected RT pocket, install median island on north approach.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(east approach).</li> <li>• Ranford Road Stages 3 and 4, Tonkin Highway to Armadale Road.</li> <li>• Railway Avenue – Merrifield to Westfield Road.</li> <li>• Challis Road/Seville Drive – Install roundabout.</li> <li>• Seville Drive/Poad Street/Salamanca Boulevard – pre deflection on Seville Drive (south approach).</li> <li>• Tonkin Highway/Champion Drive – Install traffic signals.</li> <li>• Armadale Road/Abbey Road/Railway Avenue – Intersection modifications, traffic signals.</li> <li>• Denny Avenue / Streich Avenue intersection modifications/traffic signals.</li> </ul>

Department	August 2010	September 2010	October 2010
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Railway Avenue/Streich Avenue – Part 1 – Install protected RT pockets, install median islands, install left turn lanes.</li> </ul>	
<b>Parks and Reserves</b>	<p><u>Capital Works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground Strategy.</li> <li>Public Open Space Strategy – Reserve Developments.</li> </ul> <p><u>Asset Works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground – Soft fall and repairs Citywide.</li> <li>Reticulation preservation.</li> </ul> <p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scheduled mowing.</li> <li>Irrigation maintenance.</li> <li>Bushland maintenance.</li> <li>Civic Precinct maintenance.</li> <li>New estate maintenance.</li> <li>Citywide Streetscape maintenance.</li> <li>Customer requests.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Capital Works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground Strategy.</li> <li>Memorial Park Improvements</li> </ul> <p><u>Asset Works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground – Soft fall and repairs Citywide.</li> <li>Reticulation Preservation.</li> <li>Turf Preservation.</li> <li>Tree Preservation.</li> </ul> <p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scheduled mowing.</li> <li>Irrigation maintenance.</li> <li>Bushland maintenance.</li> <li>Civic Precinct maintenance.</li> <li>New estate maintenance.</li> <li>Citywide Streetscape maintenance.</li> <li>Customer requests.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Capital Works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground Strategy.</li> <li>Memorial Park Improvements.</li> <li>Fancote Park Improvements.</li> <li>Streetscape Improvement – Nicholson Road and Harrisdale Drive.</li> </ul> <p><u>Asset Works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground – Soft fall and repairs Citywide.</li> <li>Reticulation Preservation.</li> <li>Turf Preservation.</li> <li>Tree Preservation.</li> </ul> <p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scheduled mowing.</li> <li>Irrigation maintenance.</li> <li>Bushland maintenance.</li> <li>Civic Precinct maintenance.</li> <li>New estate maintenance.</li> <li>Citywide Streetscape maintenance.</li> <li>Customer requests.</li> <li>PAW maintenance.</li> </ul>
<b>Property Management</b>	<p><u>Capital Works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roleystone Theatre – Electrical upgrade.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Capital Works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roleystone Theatre – Electrical upgrade.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Capital Works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administration - Reallocation of offices/workstations for Building,</li> </ul>

Department	August 2010	September 2010	October 2010
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Champion Centre – Refurbishment.</li> <li>• Conversion of Old Library to Offices.</li> <li>• Reallocation of offices within Administration Building.</li> <li>• Designs for community Services additional space.</li> </ul> <p><u>Asset Preservation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration – internal refurbishment.</li> <li>• Seville Grove Library – air conditioner replacement.</li> </ul> <p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduled Cleaning – Council buildings.</li> <li>• Building Maintenance – all buildings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Champion Centre – air conditioning.</li> <li>• Reallocation of offices/workstations within Administration Building for Building and Health and IT.</li> <li>• Designs for community Services additional space.</li> <li>• Admin archive conversion.</li> <li>• Audio equipment for Council Chambers.</li> </ul> <p><u>Asset Preservation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration – internal refurbishment.</li> <li>• Seville Grove Library – air conditioner replacement.</li> </ul> <p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduled Cleaning – Council buildings.</li> <li>• Building Maintenance – all buildings.</li> </ul>	<p>Health and IT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designs for Community Services additional space.</li> <li>• Admin archive conversion.</li> <li>• Audio equipment for Council Chambers.</li> </ul> <p><u>Upgrade:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Dunn Hall - Carpet to Junior Football Club.</li> <li>• History House - Ceilings to store room.</li> <li>• Administration - Switchboard.</li> <li>• Depot Workshop – Switchboard.</li> </ul> <p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduled Cleaning – Council buildings.</li> <li>• Building Maintenance – all buildings</li> </ul> <p><u>Renewal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Armadale Hall – Carpet to rear offices.</li> <li>• Bob Blackburn – Carpet joiners at doorways.</li> <li>• Gwynne Park Pavilion – Carpet to function areas.</li> </ul>

Department	August 2010	September 2010	October 2010
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kindiamanna – Vinyl flooring to store areas.</li> </ul>
<b>City Projects</b>	<u>Capital Works:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frye Park – Stage 2.</li> <li>Youth Activity area.</li> <li>Aquatic Centre.</li> </ul>	<u>Capital Works:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frye Park – Stage 2.</li> <li>Youth Activity area.</li> <li>Aquatic Centre.</li> </ul>	<u>Capital Works:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frye Park – Stage 2.</li> <li>Youth Activity area.</li> <li>Aquatic Centre.</li> <li>Interplan implementation.</li> </ul>
<b>Stream Management</b>		<u>State Funded Project - Williams Road Main Drain (Implementation Deadline 30/6/2011)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft MOU between city of Armadale and SERCUL - With SERCUL for comment.</li> <li>Concept designs in progress.</li> <li>Process for finalising detailed designs has been agreed (Detailed Designer – David Wills). City of Armadale will attend Design Workshop/Committee Meeting.</li> <li>Consultation ongoing with Water Corporation.</li> </ul> <u>Federally Funded Projects (Implementation Deadline 30/6/2012)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment provided on the Draft MOU between the Department and the City of Armadale.</li> </ul>	<u>State Funded Project - Williams Road Main Drain (Implementation Deadline 30/6/2011)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft MOU between city of Armadale and SERCUL - With SERCUL for comment.</li> <li>Concept designs in progress.</li> <li>Process for finalising detailed designs has been agreed (Detailed Designer – David Wills). City of Armadale will attend Design Workshop/Committee Meeting.</li> <li>Consultation ongoing with Water Corporation.</li> </ul> <u>Federally Funded Projects (Implementation Deadline 30/6/2012)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment provided on the Draft MOU between the Department and</li> </ul>

Department	August 2010	September 2010	October 2010
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal Funding yet to be released to SERCUL.</li> <li>• First tranche of state funds received by SERCUL for the Riverside Lane and Wungong River projects. Concept designs to commence immediately.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the City of Armadale.</li> <li>• Federal Funding yet to be released to SERCUL.</li> <li>• First tranche of state funds received by SERCUL for the Riverside Lane and Wungong River projects. Concept designs to commence immediately.</li> </ul>

**BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING No. 315, WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2010**

***MINUTES***

***MEMBERS PRESENT***

Cr Guenter Best (Chairman)	Mr Matt Hamilton
Mrs Irene Morcombe (Treasurer)	Mr Craig Nock
Ms Miriam Stanborough (Weeds Co-ordinator)	
Mr Don Griffiths	

***GUESTS PRESENT***

Mr Tony Simpson MLA

***APOLOGIES***

Mrs Kerry Batt (Secretary & Dieback Co-ordinator) Mr Kim Sarti (Projects Co-ordinator)  
Mr Ron Withnell

***ABSENT***

Mrs Penny Versteeg	Mr Simon Dawkins
Mr Gavin Fancote (Armadale CFO)	

Councillor Best declared the meeting open at 7:40pm. Minutes of the meeting held 28th July 2010 accepted as being correct.

I Morcombe/ D Griffiths Carried.

***BUSINESS ARISING***

1. Mr Simpson congratulated committee on successfully obtaining two grants from DEC, being an Environmental Community Grant 2010 (\$6,600), and a Biodiversity Grant (\$7,490). Committee briefed Mr Simpson on some of the projects that this money will be used for, such as weed control, dieback control and revegetation activities. Mr Simpson acknowledged the work that has gone into preparing grant applications and the work to be done in effectively using the funds.
2. Updating Bungendore Park map – Further amendments are still required based on recent fire track discussions and will be attended to upon Mr Sarti's return from overseas.
3. Committee's 30<sup>th</sup> commemoration – 2011 is Committee's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mr Withnell has reported that he has contacted Gary Smith (Manse Restaurant) who is preparing a

- menu & costing; the school has given approval to use its facilities where necessary. Ms Stanborough is co-ordinator of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, and has prepared a calendar of events for 2011. All committee members to consider a theme for the dinner in the park for next meeting (Simply Red, Green etc).
4. 2010 Revegetation programme – Mr Withnell not present to report on school planting (he was to arrange for school students to plant 100 seedlings at trial plot on Dryandra Drive Dieback-affected site and 350 seedlings in Pit #6) Mr Sarti completed the online results registration form for the Planet Ark website.
  5. Gate ‘M’ protection – Gate M has been replaced with a small pedestrian gate and adjoining fence re-strained. Mr Withnell advised that Mike O’Neill has expressed an interest in assisting to bury protective rocks and will ask him to assess the job when next at Armadale Christian College
  6. Protective mosaic burning – Incident Report for the burn on May 8 & 9 has been received. Committee discussed the report and in general were disappointed with the lack of information contained therein. Issues that the report did not address include: an explanation of why Bedfordale Volunteer Bushfire Brigade (BVFB) thought it was a good day for burning, an analysis of why control was lost of the fire, a description of BVFB’s decision-making processes and chain of responsibility, an analysis of the fuel load and comments about whether it was excessive, and recommendations for preventing this type of occurrence in the future. Cr Best to follow up to request more information in writing.
  7. Track signage – Down Under Signs has completed manufacture of fire access track, Dieback and other signage to value of \$1,000. Some of the signs are at Willow Heights awaiting installation.
  8. DEC 2009 Environmental Grant reports – Mr Sarti has prepared preliminary Project Acquittal reports for Environmental Community grant [XT55] and Regional Parks grant [XT54]. Once the final accounts are received, Ms Stanborough to complete the reports and return them by 7<sup>th</sup> September.
  9. Bungendore Bush Breakfast – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 7:30 am to 8:30 am – desire by committee to have local Aboriginal people involved and it was felt a “Welcome to Country” would be an appropriate opening for the Breakfast. Cr Best has approached the Aboriginal group he is involved with, *Men of the Shed* and they have agreed to participate with a Welcome to Country, a demonstration of bush tucker and bush medicine. Cr Best to follow up with the local Noongar community to ensure that there are no concerns about the Welcome to Country being conducted by a Yamatji person. Contacts for RSVPs will be Ms Stanborough and Mr Griffiths. Albert MacNamara local aboriginal will do the Welcome to Country, Terry (Koodah) Cornwall will do the bush tucker demonstration for approx. 10 minutes.
  10. Exclusion Fencing – Mrs Batt has obtained a quote from Williams Rural Fencing for \$1235.59 for installation of exclusion fencing between the boundary of Armadale Christian College and Lot 15 Blake Street. The fencing is to enable pedestrian traffic, but exclude motorbikes. Ms Stanborough to contact Mrs Batt to confirm that the design will prevent motorbike access.
  11. Damage to post and rail fence at Gate ‘E’ – Albany Highway entrance. The fence damage has been repaired by the CoA’s Parks Operations Dept. Mr Anton Lees has advised that any damage to the City infrastructure in Bungendore Park needs to be

reported through [info@armadale.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@armadale.wa.gov.au) or calling 9399 0111. By following this procedure the request will be logged into the City's Customer Request Management System and be assigned to an officer for action.

12. Fire access tracks in Bungendore Park – a meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July attended by Mrs Batt, Mr Sarti, Cr Best, Ms Haro and Messrs Brian Watkins and Gavin Fancote was called at short notice to discuss the installation of two tracks in late June without prior knowledge of committee. A range of topics was discussed and one outcome was a further on-site meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July to discuss access tracks in the Landscape Protection Area – the 2 new tracks are in the LPA, one of which crosses the Dieback-free interface. Most access tracks within the park don't meet the City's 3 metre wide/4 metre high clearance standard for safety reasons. Refer to works schedule attached to July minutes which details the tracks to be closed or maintained to City's standard; this may take a few years. Mr Fancote is to provide quotes to undertake machine work. Cr Best has written to the BVFBF to invite a member of the BVFBF to join the committee.
13. Voluntary Hours – members logged their hours since last meeting.
14. Volunteer work authorisation – the following motion was put for the ensuing year: *Bungendore Park Management Committee authorises members and volunteers to perform maintenance works and management activities for the ensuing year as, and when, required.*

Moved: Stanborough /Griffiths. Carried 27/01/2010.

**Activity since last meeting includes:**

### **AWAITING COMPLETION AND/OR REPLY**

1. Dieback treatment information – Mr Sarti has met with Paula Haro re drafting a flyer which Ms Stanborough is prepared to deliver neighbours of Bungendore Park. The outline has been agreed and text is being prepared.
2. Dieback interpretive signs – Mr Withnell still to install one sign towards the Albany Highway entrance in consultation with Mr Tuffnell. Mr Withnell to email Mr Tuffnell to confirm desired location.

### **GRANTS IN PROGRESS**

1. Alcoa Bravo! Grant 2005	\$305.35	[XT63]
2. Alcoa Bravo! Grant 2008	\$289.14	[XT63]
3. Alcoa Bravo! Grant 2009	\$274.22	[XT63]
4. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2008 (08S06)	\$6,210	[XT59]
5. Regional Parks Community Grant 2008/09 part-funded	\$3,500	[XT57]
6. DEC Environmental Community Grant 2009	\$6,490	[XT55]
7. DEC Regional Parks Community grant 2009 part-funded	\$2,000	[XT54]
8. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2010 (08S10)	\$4,260	[XT53]
9. DEC Environmental Community Grant 2010	\$6,600	[XT52]
10. DEC Biodiversity Grant	\$7,490	[XT51]

**CORRESPONDENCE IN**

DEC – confirmation of funds granted as part of Environmental Community Grant 2010 & Biodiversity Grant 2010.  
 Dieback Treatment Services – Invoice #913 for dieback treatment.

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT**

DEC – completion of form advising ABN & GST status for Environmental Community Grant 2010 & Biodiversity Grant 2010.  
 DEC – tax invoice for Environmental Community Grant 2010 & Biodiversity Grant 2010.

**INFORMATION RECEIVED**

**FINANCE**

Details	Amount \$	Expenditure Type
Dieback Treatment Services – phosphite application, inv	\$1,160.00	[XT54]
Irene Morcombe – USB drives	\$30.00	[XT7]

Stanborough/Griffiths Carried

**BUSHCARE & ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

No BEAC meeting held since last committee meeting.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Spring Family Bushwalks – CoA has allocated Sept 5<sup>th</sup> to Bungendore Park (Father’s Day). Mr Griffiths has not been contacted by CoA. No committee members able to assist on the day.
2. Cr Best informed committee that on 26/8/10 Men of the Shed (a group of local Noongar people) and police will be taking some local aboriginal youths on a walk through the Park to share their knowledge of bushland and aboriginal culture.

2010	Events	Courses available

**SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS**

--	--

Meeting declared closed at 8:25pm.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** (*4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday*)

Committee Meeting Room 7:30 pm, 22nd September 2010

Ms Miriam Stanborough (acting Secretary)

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....

Chairman – Bungendore Park Management Committee

# BUSHCARE AND ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP

## MINUTES

Wednesday 14 July 2010 – 6 PM

Committee Room – City of Armadale Administration Centre

### CONTENTS

<b>1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES &amp; LEAVE OF ABSENCE.....</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>2. DISCLOSURES OF FINANCIAL INTEREST .....</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>3. PROJECTS FOR COUNCIL’S NOTICE .....</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>4. GUEST SPEAKER .....</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES .....</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES.....</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>7. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION .....</b>	<b>19</b>
7.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN.....	19
7.2 CORRESPONDENCE OUT.....	19
<b>8. COUNCIL RELATED BUSINESS .....</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>9. OTHER BUSINESS .....</b>	<b>20</b>
9.1 EARTH ALIVE BIODIVERSITY MONTH.....	20
9.2 BEAC GRANTS 2010/2011.....	20
<b>10. INFORMATION .....</b>	<b>21</b>
10.1 PLANNING APPLICATIONS & SCHEME AMENDMENTS OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. ....	21
10.2 ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE/ COUNCIL MINUTES/ AGENDA TO NOTE.21	
10.3 GRANT WATCH INFORMATION REPORT .....	21
10.4 OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS (I.E. PROGRESS REPORTS RELEVANT TO PREVIOUS BUSINESS) TO NOTE .....	21
10.5 PRESS RELEASES .....	22
10.6 REMINDER LIST –ITEMS IN PROGRESS OR SCHEDULED FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.....	22
10.7 AROUND THE TABLE.....	23
<b>11 NEXT MEETING &amp; CLOSURE.....</b>	<b>24</b>

## ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Member/Deputy Member	Affiliations
Cr Pat Hart	Chair - Armadale City River Care Group
Cr G Best	Councillor – City of Armadale [6.15 pm to 7.25 pm]
Mr Cam Clay	Deputy Chair - Bedforddale Volunteer Fire Brigade and Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group
Mr Adrian Choules	Friends of Goolamrup
Ms Beth Laurie	Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group
Ms Gwen Watson	Armadale City River Care Group
Ms Claire Robertson	Friends of Lloyd Hughes
Mr David James	Friends of Forrestdale
Ms Paula Haro	Environmental Officer – City of Armadale
Mrs Yvonne Ward	Minute Secretary – City of Armadale
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Dr Ian Colquhoun	Roleybushcare
Mr Kim Fletcher	Friends of Armadale Shale Quarry

### 1. DISCLOSURES OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Nil

### 2. 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 Working Group 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
Mr Adrian Choules	Friends of Goolamrup	Fortnightly	Watering and mulching seedlings at Goolamrup Reserve
Dr Ian Colquhoun	Roleybushcare	8 August 2010	National Tree Planting Day Session – Stonegate Reserve

<b>Project/ Group leader</b>	<b>Group (if any)</b>	<b>Span of dates</b>	<b>Scope of works/ volunteers duties</b>
		19 September 2010	Injecting Session – Jarrah Road Reserve

*Friends Groups, who carry out on ground works through out the year but who are affiliated to other groups and are not shown above, should be acknowledged for their hard work and achievement.*

#### **4. GUEST SPEAKER**

Nil

#### **5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Recommend

**That the Minutes of the Bushcare and Environmental Working Group Meeting held on 12 May 2010 be adopted.**

**MOVED Mr Cam Clay  
SECONDED Ms Beth Laurie**

**CARRIED**

#### **6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- **BEAC Awareness Walks** – 20 June Roleystone Reserves (linking reserves in Roleystone), 4 July Connell Avenue Reserve, and date to be advised Fletcher Park and Lambert Lane in August.  
*The Fletcher Park/Lambert Lane walk will be held in August on a date to be confirmed.*  
*Cr Hart expressed concern regarding the likely pressure on the Connell Avenue Reserve emanating from the proposed rezoning development in the vicinity. The following measures were suggested to alleviate the pressure on the Reserve, i.e.:*
  - *fencing to be erected around the whole of the reserve.*
  - *the erection of appropriate signage.*
  - *the formation of a Friends Group.*

*Cr Best joined the meeting at 6.15 pm*

- **Kangaroos in Mt Richon** – Cr Best to investigate placement of 50km signage on Bedforddale Hill Road to try to help reduce the danger of kangaroos around the area.  
*Cr Best advised that 50km signage on Bedforddale Hill Road was already in place and suggested that a public relations exercise requesting drivers to slow down in the area may be of greater value.*  
**Action:**

***A press release to raise awareness of the need to slow down for wildlife on Bedfordale Hill Road to be generated.***

***Peaceful Ponds*** – Environmental Officer has been in liaison with Friends of Peaceful Ponds and the Parks Department regarding the placement of a bench at Peaceful Ponds. Cam Clay to investigate the drainage situation of Peaceful Ponds. *The Environmental Officer advised that Parks, in liaison with the Friends of Peaceful Ponds, will provide a bench to be located at Peaceful Ponds, as requested.*

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

### 7.1 Correspondence in

- Wungong Whispers Volume 10 June 2010.
- *Urban Nature Bushland News Winter 2010 edition.*
- *Urban Bushland Council WA – The Urban Bush Telegraph winter 2010.*
- *Forrestdale Rag.*

### 7.2 Correspondence out

- Letter to Friends Groups regarding BEAC grants 2010/11

## 8. COUNCIL RELATED BUSINESS<sup>1</sup>

- ***Change of purpose of Lloyd Hughes Park*** – It was a recommendation of the Lloyd Hughes Management Plan to initiate a change in reserve purpose for Lloyd Hughes Park from “Parklands” to “Conservation and Recreation”. A request was made to the Department of Regional Development and Lands to initiate this in 2009. The proposal has been tabled in both houses of Parliament with no disallowance motions. Documents to amend the Reserve’s purpose and issue a new management order to the City of Armadale have been lodged by the State Lands Service.
- ***Canning River Walk Trail*** – Expected scoping document for the walk trail to be provided by the consultants in June. Expected to go to Community Services Committee in the following months.  
*The Environmental Officer advised that the Consultants have completed the design aspect of the walk trail and scoping the project from Orlando Street to Gilwell Avenue. This will involve research into what opportunities are available to construct the trail and the cost of same.*  
*Cr Hart enquired whether consultation had been undertaken with the Noongar community and if not, that this occur when consultation with the community does occur.*
- ***Review of Local Planning Policy PLN 3.1 Residential Density Development*** - Local Planning Policy PLN 3.1 has been reviewed and a number of changes are proposed to achieve better design, streetscape and landscape. The policy would

21/09/2010

<sup>1</sup> This part of the agenda is to focus on providing advice to council on **creating and reviewing policy and strategy**, and **on the Committee’s opinion and attitude on environmental issues**. Recommendations to Council.

apply specifically to proposed medium density development. Comments by 25 June 2010.

- **Dieback Best Practise Framework** – The EMRC and Dieback Working Group have developed an online tool for local governments to help assess their dieback management practises. The City of Armadale and Shire of Mundaring are currently trialling the draft framework and providing feedback on the tool.

*David James requested a copy of the proceedings of the Dieback Information Group (DIG) to be held on Friday, 16 July 2010.*

**Action:**

***The Environmental Officer will investigate whether the presentations from the DIG will be available on CD and if available will burn a copy for David James and other interested members.***

- **Urban Waterways Renewal Project** – Funding for the project has now been signed off by the Federal Minister and with the first instalment of the funds expected to be received by SERCUL (the project managers). On-ground work should be progressing in the second half of the year. The initial concept design has commenced for the Riverside Lane, Wungong River and Strawberry Drive projects.

*The five sites chosen were identified through water quality monitoring (for phosphorous and nitrogen). A total of \$2.2M from the Federal and State Governments will be available for the projects (see point below also).*

- **Implementation of the Southern River Water Quality Improvement Plan**

- 1) Williams Road Main Drain Project has been selected for funding for nutrient intervention project through the Swan River Trust. Design work has commenced with the work to be completed 30/6/2011. SERCUL will engage with local residents during the project.
- 2) Sediment and Erosion Project Officer looking into compliance issues within the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells to be a shared resource. Expected that this phase of the project will commence in July 2010.

- **Keane Road Progress Report**

*Keane Road Strategic Link EIA Process Update, dated 5 June 2010, was provided at the meeting. Indicates that the anticipated release of the PER for public comment is August/September 2010.*

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS<sup>2</sup>

### 9.1 **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.

*It was suggested that efforts be concentrated on highlighting biodiversity at the Kelmscott Agricultural Show in October 2010. As in previous years, AGLG, BEAC and SERCUL to join together to provide a display at the Show.*

### 9.2 **BEAC Grants 2010/2011**

Letters have been sent. Applications for BEAC grants closed on 30 June 2010. Following the City's Budget process applications will be assessed.

21/09/2010

<sup>2</sup> This part of the agenda is for discussion purposes. Items requiring decisions are to be presented in 'Business Items for Discussion' on following agenda's. Administrative matters.

## **10. INFORMATION**

### **10.1 Planning applications & scheme amendments out for public comment.**

- *Lot 41 Lefroy Road Mt Nasura* - Amendment No. 55 of Schedule No. 2 of City of Armadale Town Planning Scheme No. 4 to include an additional use of "Medical Centre" at Lot 41 (No.1) Lefroy Road, Mount Nasura. Comments to be received by 21 July 2010.
- *Lot 26 (4) Arnott Court, Kelmscott* - Development application for Seven grouped dwellings.

### **10.2 Items of interest from the Council Committee/ Council minutes/ agenda to note.**

- *Equestrian Club Facilities Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study* –At Council's 14 June 2010 meeting, the Equestrian Needs Assessment and draft Feasibility Study report were presented. Recommended that Council receive the draft Feasibility Study and provide "*in principle*" support for the project to upgrade Palomino Park in order to increase the facilities capacity and cater for increased usage from the relocation of Kelmscott Pony Club and Kelmscott Adult Riding Club. Community Services will continue to meet with the clubs to work through the process.

### **10.3 Grant watch information report**

- Department for Communities Grants Program – see flyer circulated at meeting for further information [www.communities.gov.au](http://www.communities.gov.au).
- *Caring For Our Country – Community Action Grants 2010/2011*. Closes on 31 August 2010. For more information, visit [www.nrm.gov.au](http://www.nrm.gov.au) or information line 1800 552 008.
- *City of Armadale Community Grants Program*. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for projects and initiatives that benefit local residents. Applications to be received by 27 August 2010 – Contact Volunteering Services for more information.
- *The Council of Australasian Museum Directors has a project that is linked to the International Year of Biodiversity*. Website to promote biodiversity news and events, contributions to promote activities are welcomed. Contact Catherine Belcher, Regional Manager – WA Museum on [Catherine.belcher@museum.wa.gov.au](mailto:Catherine.belcher@museum.wa.gov.au) or on 9921.5080.

### **10.4 Other Information items (i.e. progress reports relevant to previous business) to note**

- Australian Network for Plant Conservation Inc – 28 September to 1 October 2010, registrations open until 28 July 2010. Further information available at: [www.anpc.asn.au/conferences/2010/](http://www.anpc.asn.au/conferences/2010/).
- WACOSS (Western Australian Council of Social Service) – offering free websites for communities- [www.wacoss.org.au](http://www.wacoss.org.au)

- Regional Achievement and Community Awards - Nominations close Tuesday 17th August 2010, more information about the categories and how to nominate can be found at [wa@awardsaustralia.com](mailto:wa@awardsaustralia.com).
- Department of Local Government Proposed Domestic Cat Control Legislation – Submissions are sought on a Consultation Paper released on proposed domestic cat control legislation. Comments and submissions are invited on the proposed legislation and are to be forwarded to the Department by COB on Friday, 30 July 2010. More information can be found at <http://dlg.wa.gov.au/Content/Legislation/ProposedCatAct.aspx>.
- Release of technical dolphin death report – Swan River Trust has released the technical report on the *Bottlenose Dolphin Unusual Mortality Event within the Swan Canning Riverpark*. The report said that the inflow of fresh water associated with rainfall events in winter and spring may have contributed to progression of the ulcerative skin lesions in two of the dolphins but that the contaminants were not a direct cause of mortalities in the dolphins.
- *State Planning Policy 2.8 Bushland Policy for the Perth Metropolitan Region has been adopted. More information can be found at [www.planning.wa.gov.au](http://www.planning.wa.gov.au)*
- *Metropolitan Region Scheme Amendment 1082/33 Bush Forever & Related Lands – report on submissions. The amendment, with modifications, has been presented to, and approved by the Governor in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act. Once tabled in both Houses of Parliament, subject to no disallowance, it becomes legally effective in the MRS.*
- *Draft State Planning Policy 3.2 Aboriginal Settlements – it revokes SPP 3.2 Planning for Aboriginal Communities. Objective to provide for the recognition of Aboriginal settlements through local planning schemes and strategies and to collaboratively plan for the orderly and coordinated development of Aboriginal settlements.*

### 10.5 Press Releases

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

*A press release to be organised as per part (6) of the Minutes, i.e. (Slow down for wildlife on Bedfordale Hill Road).*

### 10.6 Reminder list –items in progress or scheduled for future meetings

Item	Progress
Analysis of best practice Firebreak Maintenance procedures.	<i>Research in progress.</i>
**Consider opportunities for a cross agency response to preventing rubbish dumping in the City.	<i>Opportunistic</i>
Bettenay Reserve - awaiting resolution of zoning.	<i>Will be addressed in Town Planning Scheme amendments.</i>

**\*\*Rubbish Dumping**

*Members expressed concern regarding the increase in rubbish dumping that is occurring within the district.*

**RECOMMEND**

**BEAC to advise the City of Armadale of its concerns in regard to an increase in rubbish dumping on Crown Reserves, State Forest and Council Reserves and that it offers its support for whatever measures Council deems fit for the State Government to address the matter.**

**MOVED Mr David James  
SECONDED Mr Cam Clay**

**CARRIED**

**10.7 Around the table.<sup>3</sup>**

**10.7.1 Great Night Stalk [Environmental Officer]**

SERCUL and AGLG will be conducting a Great Night Stalk on Tuesday, 14 September 2010 from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm at the SERCUL premises. Participants to make a gold coin donation. The event will be followed by a "Sausage Sizzle".

**10.7.2 City RiverCare – Kelmscott [Gwen Watson]**

- A planting day will be held at the Canning River site on Saturday, 14 August 2010.
- 100 plants were planted by Kelmscott Primary School students two weeks ago. However, there are 4,000 plants still to be planted.
- Acknowledging the City of Armadale's decision to decline to proceed with the rezoning of (Amendment No. 22) land in Buckingham Road, Kelmscott from Rural Living 2 to Rural Living 1 zone.

**10.7.3 Friends of Forrestdale [David James]**

- As reported in the Forrestdale Rag by Cr June MacDonald, a meeting was held on Thursday, 27 May 2010 to bring to closure the Forrestdale Boardwalk project that has been ongoing for some two and a half years. Two signage boards will be erected at the site to commemorate the cumulative efforts of Aboriginal custodians, more recently arrived settlers, local volunteer groups and government agencies in the protection and enhancement of this nationally valued asset in Forrestdale Lake.
- The boardwalk has been sprayed with anti-graffiti paint to deter vandalism.
- The SALP grant for Lot 281, Commercial Road has progressed along very well. A very busy tree planting program was held last

21/09/2010

<sup>3</sup> Information sharing opportunity. Topics that require detailed discussions will be referred to future meetings as agenda items.

month. Hand watering was carried out initially but the recent rains have meant this could be discontinued. Fencing works will be carried out shortly to be followed up by weed control.

- The grant for Lot 68, Anstey Road has been signed off. An in-kind contribution from Friends of Forrestdale has allowed for the removal of weeds and control work to be carried out.
- Lake Forrestdale – 90 mls of rain have fallen in the last week so the Lake is looking good. Many birds are arriving to take advantage of the water.
- Boardwalk Celebration – if all goes to plan, it is intended to have a celebration of the opening of the boardwalk, which will be combined with the Friends of Forrestdale 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, towards the end of the year.

#### ***10.7.4 Friends of Goolamrup [Adrian Choules]***

- Madeira Vine –significant outbreaks of Madeira Vine in various areas including Martin Street along the Canning River in Kelmscott have been noted. Cr Hart suggested that information be gained from other Councils/Groups on how they have approached the removal of the problem. Also that an item be posted on the SERCUL website requesting feedback on identification of the problem in the metropolitan area and methods for removal of same.

*Cr Best left the meeting at 7.25 pm*

#### ***10.7.5 Bush Forever Status Under Metro Region Scheme [Cr Pat Hart]***

Cr Hart advised on a recent newspaper article which stated that 50 x 1,000 hectares will be rezoned to bushland conservation – 94 sites in the Perth metropolitan area will be rezoned to Parks & Recreation creating inner City pockets of wilderness. The rezoning is part of Planning Minister John Day's efforts to formalise the 10 year old Bush Forever Policy by introducing it into Council.

## **11 NEXT MEETING & CLOSURE**

**Next Meeting - at 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 8 September 2010, City of Armadale Committee Room.**

**MEETING CLOSED AT 7.30 PM**



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## UWA Turf Research Newsletter

Number 3 Volume 8 September 2010

### Welcome

UWA Turf Research Staff have been busy completing laboratory measurements from last summer's kikuyu and soft-leaf buffalo experiments. The group welcomes Timothy Higgot as the new Research Officer for the "Evaluation of soft leaf buffalo cultivars: renovation, mowing heights, and water use" project. Many of you may have met Tim at our last field day when he was assisting Sharyn Burgess with water-use measurements (see below).



Using weighing lysimeters to measure turfgrass water use

### Managing Turfgrass on <7500 kL/ha/yr: Survey Results and Proposal

The UWA Turf Research Programme, in Partnership with the WA Local Government Association (WALGA), recently conducted a survey to further understand the issues being faced by turfgrass managers irrigating turfgrass on less than 7500 kL water per hectare per year. Twenty-eight people completed the survey representing 16 local government authorities. Respondents were:

- Very concerned (88% of total) about managing active turfgrass on 7500 kL/ha/year, and would be further concerned (94%) if the allocation was lowered to 5000 kL/ha/year.
- Not particularly concerned (38%) about managing passive turfgrass on 7500 kL/ha/year; however, 77% would be concerned if only allocated 5000 kL/ha/year for passive turfgrass.

A variety of approaches are being implemented by turfgrass managers to best manage turfgrass within

constraints of water allocations. Initiatives include: hydro-zoning, utilising soil amendments, allocating more water to active turfgrass at the expensive of passive turfgrass, and even decreasing the area of passive turfgrass.

A research project to investigate approaches for best managing current, and possible future, water allocations to turfgrass has now been developed by UWA Turf Research Staff, in consultation with local government and the turfgrass industry. Industry partners are being sought to assist finance the project. If you are interested in being involved with the project, or would like further information, please contact Louise (e-mail: [louise.barton@uwa.edu.au](mailto:louise.barton@uwa.edu.au)).

### Pesticide Leaching Workshop

Over 60 people attended the *Pesticide Leaching Workshop* hosted by UWA's Turf Research Program and the School of Earth and Environment, which discussed recent developments in pesticide fate, risk assessment and regulations.

Attendees from across the Turf Industry had a common interest in better understanding all aspects of pesticide leaching and what that meant for those applying the pesticides and for members of the public. A key challenge highlighted at the workshop was managing the multitude of pathways that pesticides can migrate, including through air, sediment, groundwater, and surface runoff.

A research project aimed at developing a management tool to assist turfgrass managers and horticulturalists implement "best practice" pesticide usage is now being developed by the group.

### Turfgrass Research Funded by Horticulture Australia Ltd (HAL)

Turfgrass Research funded by HAL has been nicely summarised in their 2009/10 Turf Industry Annual Report. The document is freely available online from: [http://www.horticulture.com.au/reports/industry\\_annual\\_reports.asp#a\\_40](http://www.horticulture.com.au/reports/industry_annual_reports.asp#a_40).

If you would like further information about the UWA Turf Research Program, please contact A/Prof Louise Barton ([louise.barton@uwa.edu.au](mailto:louise.barton@uwa.edu.au); 6488 2543) or Prof Tim Colmer ([tdcolmer@cyllene.uwa.edu.au](mailto:tdcolmer@cyllene.uwa.edu.au)).



*Thursday 16 September 2010*

**Media Statement**

---

Low rainfall, first time weir boards stay in

For the first time on record, the Kent Street Weir boards will remain in place throughout 2010 due to record low stream flows in the Canning River.

Below average rainfalls means current stream flows would not prevent salt water entering the river upstream of the Kent St Weir.

Swan River Trust Senior Environmental Officer Dr Shaun Meredith said that poor water quality would result if salt water was trapped behind the Kent St Weir during summer.

“The Kent St Weir was built in 1927 and has been upgraded over time to stop the flow of salt water upstream in the summer months,” Dr Meredith said.

“Typically, the weir boards are removed in May or June each year to help flush the weir pool and to allow freshwater to flow easily into the estuary.”

“Extremely low rainfall in 2010 has meant the Canning River is not flowing strongly enough to stop the salt water moving upstream of the Kent St Weir.”

Dr Meredith said the Trust could not be sure that there would be enough rain in spring to flush any salt water from the weir pool before the boards need to go back after the winter and spring rains, typically in October/November.

“This means the best decision is to leave the boards in throughout the 2010 winter and spring seasons,” he said.

Salt water remaining in the weir pool across summer would reduce the effectiveness of the Trust’s oxygenation of the river upstream of the Weir.

“This would likely increase nutrient levels in the weir pool, and also increase the likelihood and severity of algal blooms,” Dr Meredith said.

The Trust, along with other agencies, is working to determine the risks of leaving the weir boards in, and developing strategies to manage this unprecedented event now, and into the future.

“Not removing the weir boards may affect some activities, particularly canoeing. This is regrettable but is the best option to ensure the health of the waterway upstream of the Weir,” Dr Meredith said.

“We hope to resume to normal weir board removal and replacement practices next year, pending average rainfalls.”

**MEDIA CONTACT: Bridget Tombleson 9278 0953 or 0434 603 684**

## **Background**

- The Kent St Weir was first constructed in 1927 to prevent salt water from inundating agricultural land adjacent to the upper Canning River.
- The weir consists of 17 concrete bays, each containing four removable boards, which creates a ‘weir pool’ that stretches approximately 4.5km upstream (to Elliston Rd).
- These boards are typically removed in late autumn or early winter (May/June) to allow rainfall runoff from the catchment to flow freely into the estuary.
- These winter flows usually contain sufficient force to prevent estuarine salt water from moving upstream (above the weir) and to ‘flush’ the weir pool, scouring any sediment that may have accumulated behind the weir while the boards were in place.
- The boards are typically replaced in late spring (Oct/Nov) when flows in the Canning River have subsided, but before salty estuarine water has moved upstream of the weir.
- The prevention of salt water movement upstream remains a key function of the weir, but many other ecological and social values are now also promoted by the Kent St weir.
- Lack of rainfall has meant the boards have remained in place since 29 Oct 2009.



## WASTE SERVICES REPORT JANUARY 2010 – JUNE 2010

In the financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010, 1252 new waste services were delivered. This represents a 5.5% increase in the number of services provided across the City.

<b>Third Quarter, January 2010 - March 2010</b> (plus financial YTD and same period last financial year for comparison)	<b>08-09 Financial Year</b>		<b>09-10 Financial year</b>	
	<b>Jan-Mar 09</b>	<b>YTD 08/09</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 10</b>	<b>YTD 09/10</b>
Number of Properties Served	22316		23543	
New Services Added this Quarter	269	690	188	821

<b>Fourth Quarter, April 2010 - June 2010</b> (plus financial YTD and same period last financial year for comparison)	<b>08-09 Financial Year</b>		<b>09-10 Financial year</b>	
	<b>Apr-Jun 09</b>	<b>YTD 08/09</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 10</b>	<b>YTD 09/10</b>
Number of Properties Served	22722		23974	
New Services Added this Quarter	406	1096	431	1252

### Refuse and Recycling Waste Collection Service

The tonnage of household waste collected in the financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 increased by 5.7% against the 08/09 financial year. This is in line with the increase in new services provided for the same period (5.5%).

<b>Third Quarter, January 2010 - March 2010</b> (plus financial YTD and same period last financial year for comparison)	<b>08-09 Financial Year</b>		<b>09-10 Financial year</b>	
	<b>Jan-Mar 09</b>	<b>YTD 08/09</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 10</b>	<b>YTD 09/10</b>
<b>KERBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION</b>				
Municipal Solid Waste Collected (tonnes)	4547.42	13795.06	4547.42	13795.06
Dry Co-mingled Recyclable Tonnes Collected (tonnes)	1380.37	4400.79	1380.37	4400.79
Of which Recycled (tonnes)	966.26	3080.55	966.26	3080.55

<b>Fourth Quarter, April 2010 - June 2010</b> (plus financial YTD and same period last financial year for comparison)	<b>08-09 Financial Year</b>		<b>09-10 Financial year</b>	
	<b>Apr-Jun 09</b>	<b>YTD 08/09</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 10</b>	<b>YTD 09/10</b>
<b>KERBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION</b>				
Municipal Solid Waste Collected (tonnes)	4378.71	18173.77	4658.66	19206.86
Dry Co-mingled Recyclable Tonnes Collected (tonnes)	1360.32	5761.11	1408.60	5947.56
Of which Recycled (tonnes)	952.22	4032.78	986.02	4163.29

### Hopkinson Road Landfill and Recycling Facility

For each tonne of waste that is disposed of in landfill in Western Australia, the State Government imposes a levy on the landfill operator, paid quarterly to the Department of Environment and Conservation, Waste Management Branch.

In the past the City's quarterly return for waste disposed of at the Hopkinson Road Landfill Site has been approximately \$55,000 to \$70,000.

**However, from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 the State Government increased the levy from \$8.00 per tonne to \$28.00 per tonne, bringing the return for the quarter January to March 2010 to \$242,000 and the quarter April to June 2010 to \$229,000.**

<b>Third Quarter, January 2010 - March 2010</b> (plus financial YTD and same period last financial year for comparison) (All figures in tonnes)	<b>08-09 Financial Year</b>		<b>09-10 Financial year</b>	
	<b>Jan-Mar 09</b>	<b>YTD 08/09</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 10</b>	<b>YTD 09/10</b>
Material Recycled from Hopkinson Road Landfill				
Aluminium	0.00	0.00	0.26	3.13
Heavy Metal	9.42	21.14	3.82	15.94
Light Gauge Steel	738.62	1303.34	670.80	1394.98
Glass Bottles	10.44	15.54	13.88	22.62
Batteries	20.39	38.47	13.73	46.32
Mulch	1753.38	3757.97	1362.60	4548.50
Oil	4.62	17.12	6.08	23.64
Paper & Cardboard	76.92	213.28	59.42	208.87
Plastic	16.84	71.18	12.78	41.62
Tyres	0.38	10.64	5.18	25.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2631.01</b>	<b>5448.68</b>	<b>2148.55</b>	<b>6330.68</b>

<b>Fourth Quarter, April 2010 - June 2010</b> (plus financial YTD and same period last financial year for comparison) (All figures in tonnes)	<b>08-09 Financial Year</b>		<b>09-10 Financial year</b>	
	<b>Apr-Jun 09</b>	<b>YTD 08/09</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 10</b>	<b>YTD 09/10</b>
Material Recycled from Hopkinson Road Landfill				
Aluminium	0	0.00	3.44	6.57
Heavy Metal	7.64	28.78	4.00	19.94
Light Gauge Steel	316.14	1619.48	299.06	1694.04
Glass Bottles	0.00	15.54	0.00	22.62
Batteries	11.50	49.97	9.22	55.54
Mulch	977.74	4735.71	1366.71	5915.21
Oil	8.34	25.46	6.34	29.98
Paper & Cardboard	54.32	267.60	63.66	272.53
Plastic	2.30	73.48	6.08	47.70
Tyres	22.82	33.46	16.02	41.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1400.80</b>	<b>6849.48</b>	<b>1774.53</b>	<b>8105.21</b>

The total tonnage of material recycled from the Hopkinson Road Landfill & Recycling Facility for the 09/10 financial year increased by 18.3% against the total tonnage for the 08/09 financial year. This was due largely to an increase in Mulch leaving site.

### Roleystone Greenwaste Site

The Roleystone Greenwaste Site is continuing to show increased use by the public with the tonnage received during the 09/10 financial year increasing by 33% over the previous financial year.

Third Quarter, January 2010 - March 2010 (plus financial YTD and same period last financial year for comparison)	08-09 Financial Year		09-10 Financial year	
	Jan-Mar 09	YTD 08/09	Jan-Mar 10	YTD 09/10
<b>ROLEYSTONE GREENWASTE SITE</b>				
Approximate Tonnes Received at Site From Public	299.40	759.80	266.24	1022.31
Number of Vehicles	909	2297	766	2322

Fourth Quarter, April 2010 - June 2010 (plus financial YTD and same period last financial year for comparison)	08-09 Financial Year		09-10 Financial year	
	Apr-Jun 09	YTD 08/09	Apr-Jun 10	YTD 09/10
<b>ROLEYSTONE GREENWASTE SITE</b>				
Approximate Tonnes Received at Site From Public	180.10	939.90	228.00	1250.31
Number of Vehicles	706	3003	685	3007

### Bulk Verge Collections

#### Greenwaste Collection

The spring greenwaste collection will begin around the beginning of October and is scheduled to run for 10 weeks.

#### Junk Collection

The annual junk waste collection began in February and ran for 8 weeks. During the collection almost 120 tonnes of electronic waste was collected from the verge separately and was recycled.

Third Quarter, January 2010 - March 2010 (plus financial YTD and same period last financial year for comparison)	08-09 Financial Year		09-10 Financial year	
	Jan-Mar 09	YTD 08/09	Jan-Mar 10	YTD 09/10
<b>VERGE COLLECTIONS (tonnes)</b>				
Verge Collections Greenwaste	0.00	1727.74	0.00	1759.46
Verge Collections Junk	1554.44	1554.44	1791.94	1791.94

Fourth Quarter, April 2010 - June 2010 (plus financial YTD and same period last financial year for comparison)	08-09 Financial Year		09-10 Financial year	
	Apr-Jun 09	YTD 08/09	Apr-Jun 10	YTD 09/10
<b>VERGE COLLECTIONS (tonnes)</b>				
Verge Collections Greenwaste	570.94	2298.68	912.62	2672.08
Verge Collections Junk	11.02	1565.46	0.00	1791.94

### Additional Information

The City's Waste Services submitted an application for funding to the State Government Waste Authority's Strategic Waste Initiatives Scheme (SWIS) to expand the City's electronic waste dismantling and recycling program. The City was recognised as the first local authority in WA to establish any kind of electronic waste recycling program and our efforts were rewarded with funding of \$98,161.10. The funding was announced by the Minister for Environment during a visit to the site.



Hon Donna Faragher MLC, Minister for Environment; Youth, meets City of Armadale Mayor and Coordinator Waste Services at Hopkinson Rd Landfill & Recycling Facility to announce funding.

The City's Waste Services also submitted an application to the Keep Australia Beautiful Council for funding to set up recycling stations at City and community events such as the Kelmscott Show and the City's Australia Day celebrations. The City has received \$3,500 to provide bins, other infrastructure and information displays and incentives to the public for recycling at these events.

The City's Drop 'N' Shop reuse centre located at the Hopkinson Road Landfill & Recycling Facility won the Waste Management & Litter Prevention category at the WA 2010 Sustainable Cities awards.



Geoff Wheeler, Resource Recovery Centre Project Leader receives award from Sustainable Cities Judge Caroline Minton on behalf of the City.

# Information Bulletin

**Issue No. 17/2010**

<b>Inside this Issue</b>	
<p>➔ <b>Correspondence &amp; Papers</b> Pink Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>WA Local Government Association (WALGA)</b> Issue No.36.10 – 13 September 2010.....COR-1 Issue No.37.10 – 20 September 2010.....COR-3</li> <li>▪ <b>Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)</b> 10 September 2010.....COR-5 17 September 2010.....COR-17</li> <li>▪ <b>Correspondence</b> Reform Report Misses Key Opportunities.....COR-28</li> </ul>
<p>➔ <b>Information from Human Resources</b> Blue Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Employee Movements..... HR-1</li> </ul>
<b>Information to Standing Committees</b>	
<p>➔ <b>Technical Services</b> Green Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Outstanding Matters &amp; Information Items</b> Report on Outstanding Matters – Technical Services Committee ..... T-1</li> <li>▪ <b>Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports</b> Technical Services Works Programme ..... T-2</li> <li>▪ <b>Minutes of Occasional / Advisory Committees</b> Bungendore Park Management Committee – August 2010 ..... T-11 Bushcare and Environmental Working Group – July 2010..... T-16</li> <li>▪ <b>Miscellaneous</b> UWA Turf Research Newsletter ..... T-25 Kent Street Weir Media Release ..... T-26 Waste Services Report January 2010 – June 2010..... T-29</li> </ul>
<p>➔ <b>Community Services</b> Beige Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Outstanding Matters &amp; Information Items</b> Report on Outstanding Matters – Community Services Committee ..... C-1</li> <li>▪ <b>Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports</b> Library &amp; Heritage Services General Monthly Report – August 2010 ..... C-2 Manager Ranger &amp; Emergency Services Monthly Report –July 2010 ..... C-10</li> <li>▪ <b>Minutes of Occasional/Advisory Committees</b> South East Regional Recreation Advisory Group – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010..... C-21 Disability Advisory Team – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010 ..... C-31</li> </ul>

**MATTERS OUTSTANDING REPORT**

<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE                  REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – AUGUST 2010</b>		
	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>ACTION/STATUS</b>
Provision of Enclosed Dog Recreational Area (C32/11/09)	Ranger & Emergency Services/Parks	That Council request a report on an enclosed dog recreational area within the City, taking into account resource and legal implications of such an area. This is a Cross Directorate working group considering options
Future Use of Cross Park – Consultative Process (C2/2/10)	Community Development	That Council receives a further report on this issue which includes a strategy for ensuring effective and sustainable use of active reserves in the Roleystone area for local sporting clubs.
Piara Waters Oval and Pavilion – Draft Concept Plans (C3/2/10)	Community Development	That officers carry out further negotiations with the developer and the Department of Sport and Recreation regarding the funding arrangements for the new oval and pavilion at Piara Waters and present a further report and proposed funding strategy to a future Community Services Committee Meeting.
Councillors’ Items – Cr MacDonald – Review of Parking Fines (C20/5/10)	Ranger & Emergency Services	That a report be provided to the Community Services Committee. Ranger Services are currently reviewing Parking Local Laws and this item will be reflected in that report (November Community Services Committee meeting)
Equestrian Club Facilities Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study (C23/6/10).	Community Planning	Part (9): That Council: (9) Conduct further investigation into management and funding matters associated with development option two and prepare a further report for the Community Services Committee that outlines how these would be addressed. A report will be provided to the October Community Services Committee.
Matters for Referral to Standing Committees – Cr Hart – that the matter of a Community Plan be referred to the Community Services Committee.	Community Development	To be referred to October Community Services Committee meeting.
Matters for Referral to Standing Committees – Cr Zelones – that the matter of dogs on leads on Council Reserves be referred to the Community Services Committee.	Ranger & Emergency Services	To be considered in conjunction with the review of the Dog Local Laws, expected to be discussed at the November Community Services Committee meeting

OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT

---

***LIBRARY & HERITAGE SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 2010***

---

**1. LIBRARY SERVICES**

**1.1 Statistical Performance Indicators**

The Library Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month August is attached. (Attachment CA - 1)

**1.2 "E"xtension Activities (Enrich, Educate, Explore, Escape, Entertain, Evolve)**

Reports on activities and community information sessions held during the month:

**1.2.1 "E" (Enrich, Entertain, Escape) Session**

**Children's Book Week 2010 : "Across the Story Bridge"**

**Book Week activities: 23 August – 31 August, 2010**

**Presenters:** Clare Stace (Storyteller), Shirley Reilly (Librarian)

**Library Venues:** Armadale, Kelmscott and Seville Grove

**School Venues:** Neerigen Brook Primary School, Challis Early Childhood Education Centre

**Co-ordinator:** Shirley Reilly, Librarian, Seville Grove Library

**No. Attending: 359 children; 75 adults**

---

Children's Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia, celebrating its 65th birthday in 2010. Each year, many schools and public libraries from all over Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators.

We enjoyed our Children's Book Week celebrations in the City of Armadale Libraries by hosting professional storyteller Clare Stace who presented 'Classic Tales' and also entertained the children with her balloon bending. This session was held at Armadale Library on Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> with 28 children and 16 adults in attendance. Clare retold 'The Frog Prince', 'Cinderella' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' – which tied in nicely with the Book Week theme 'Across the Story Bridge'.

Librarians from each of the three libraries also conducted several storytelling sessions in the libraries promoting books shortlisted for the Children's Book of the Year Awards. Busy Bee Pre-Kindergarten visited Seville Grove Library for three sessions of storytelling. Neerigen Brook Primary Year 1's and Challis Early

## OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT

---

Childhood Education Centre Kindergarten and Pre Primary students had a visit to the school by librarian Shirley Reilly to read and promote these books and the library service.

After some discussion and a review of the programmes we have held in previous years we decided to revise our CBW programme this year in order to better achieve our aims. Our links with schools will be enhanced with the launch of the new Armadale Young Writer's Awards commencing in 2011. Writing workshops will be held in our libraries and in schools with local author D.J. Stutley and this will tie in well with our Children's Book Week activities.

Each library set up a display, promoting the winning and shortlisted books for the Children's Book of the Year Awards.



**Clare Stace retelling some "Classic Tales"**



**Lily with the house she made at Story Time at Seville Grove Library during Children's Book Week**

### **1.3 Armadale Library IT Training Room – program introduction**

The introduction of community training sessions related to many aspects of information technology is progressing. To date, the libraries have been running one-on-one "Net Basics" sessions for people wishing to gain some understanding of how to access the internet. These sessions have been extremely popular, in particular with seniors. Unfortunately, these sessions were very time intensive for library staff, and

## OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT

---

the IT Training room at the Armadale Library has provided the opportunity to provide these sessions in a more professional and efficient manner.

The City of Wanneroo has been offering a similar service in its new library facility and has been generous in allowing usage of its course materials in the Armadale program. Beginner classes will commence in early October and the intent is to move to more advanced classes early in the New Year. Volunteers with some IT knowledge are being recruited, with assistance from the City's Volunteer Services Coordinator, so that the ratio of instructors to participants is manageable.

It is anticipated that this will be a popular and invaluable addition to the Library Department's other community service programs.

## 2. HERITAGE SERVICES

### 2.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

The Heritage Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of August is attached. (Attachment (CA-1 )

### 2.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library

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

#### **South Australia Genealogy Resources Display**

To further promote the Birtwistle Local Studies Family History Research Centre collection a display has been placed in the local studies library display area.

The display highlights the genealogy research materials available for South Australia; showing the CDs, books and online resources available for researching ancestors from South Australia.

#### **GWN Top Tourism Award**

Birtwistle Local Studies Library participated in the GWN Top Tourism Award for the judging of the City of Armadale's entry by presenting displays depicting the history of the district. The historical displays were amongst a number of other displays exhibited from various groups and businesses from around the district, set up to showcase many of the City's features and potential as a top tourist destination. The district's rich history and heritage are seen as important cultural aspects of the City of Armadale.

### 2.3 History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator.)

#### **Armadale Cubs Visit**

To earn their Local History Badge the Armadale Cubs visited the Museum. The focus of their activities was the names of the City of Armadale's suburbs and their

## OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT

---

historical significance. They matched the names with their histories and pinned the picture that represented the suburb on to a map of the district. They also completed the general museum quiz designed to highlight the main exhibits in the museum and touch on the main aspects of Armadale's history.

### **Textile Conservation Workshop**

Museums Australia WA held this workshop at the Embroiderer's Guild in Applecross. The workshop outlined the basic requirements for conservation of a variety of textiles. Presenters spoke about how they have conserved textiles and then went into the detailed process of accomplishing this. A detailed report on this workshop is available on request from the History House Museum Curator.

### **Museums Australia State Conference 2010**

August 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> saw Museums Australia (WA) hold its annual state conference in Kalgoorlie. The theme of the conference was making connections from the Beach to the Bush. This year the COA provided assistance for Robert Richings a volunteer at History House Museum to attend the conference.

Highlights of the conference included:

- Alec Coles (CEO WA Museum) opening address regarding the different types of museums around the world and his role at the Tyne & Wear Archive and Museum in the UK.
- Philipa Roger's discussion on 12 months on since the opening of the City of Wanneroo's Library & cultural Centre.
- Discussion on the disaster management plan being implemented in Boulder to save the town's heritage following the recent earthquake.

### **Recent Donations**

Zena Lenanton has kindly donated the milking bale, stool and feed bucket used by her mother to milk the family cow on their Kelmscott property in the 1960s-1970s. She has also donated a section of orchard irrigation as well as a camp bed her family used when living at the Kelmscott Migrant Camp in the 1950s. These are all highly significant items relating to the migrant story of the City of Armadale and how these families became an important part of the local community.

Robert Richings has donated his Civil Defence overalls worn in the 1960s. The Civil Defence was a voluntary organisation tasked with helping the community during times of emergency. The group was the forerunner for today's State Emergency Service. This item is significant to the story of community groups that have helped create the City of Armadale.

OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT

**Local Government Week Walk**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of August as part of local government week the curator hosted two walks through the Armadale CBD to highlight points of historical interest and key COA services. The walk was promoted through local newspapers and on the radio. 18 local residents participated in the walk and each was presented with a souvenir booklet that contained information on each of the places the walk visited. The walk was well received and the majority of participants commented on how they had learnt something new about Armadale.

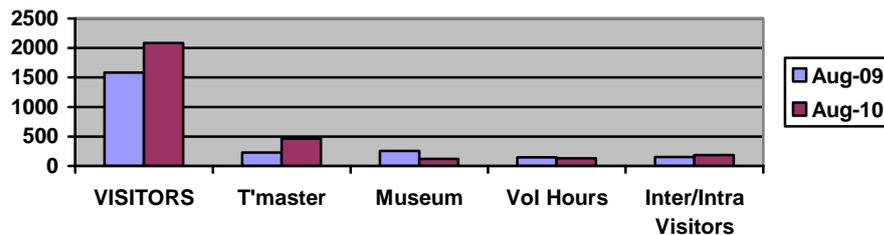
One participant emailed the City with the following comment:

I took part in the walk organised by the Curator of the History House Museum and it was a wonderful event.  
 I learned about local history and community in a most interesting way and had a sense of pride in our city.  
 Using the booklet provided with the tour I will take friends and family through the same experience but it would be fabulous if that guided walk could be a regular part of the Armadale tourist attractions on offer. Well done to everybody involved.

**3 VISITOR SERVICING**

**3.1 Statistical Performance Indicators: August 2010**

**2085 people** came to the Centre for the month of August 2010 compared to **1581** for the same period in 2009. This is an increase of 33% from last year.



**August Stats**

Visitors	Ticketmaster	TOTAL Visitors Less Ticketmaster	Inter State Visitors	Overseas Visitors	TOTAL O/sea & Interstate VISITORS	Volunteer Hours	Museum
<b>2085</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>1617</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>117</b>

**VISITOR CENTRE OPENED FOR 199 HOURS**

**AVERAGE VISITORS PER WEEK: 521**  
**VOLUNTEER HOURS PER WEEK: 33**

OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT

---

**VISITOR CENTRE - DOLLAR VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY:**

*Average Visitor Spend – Day Visitor:*

**\$ 2,888** per day = **\$ 20,213** per week = **\$ 80,850** per month

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

*Average Spend – Including Accommodation:*

**\$980** per night = **\$ 6,863** per week = **\$ 27,450** per month

Figure is calculated by Using Inter and Overseas figures only for the month, based on \$150 per person.

**TOTAL TOURISM DOLLAR VALUE – AUGUST 2010: \$ 108,300**

**3.2 Visitor Centre**

(Report prepared by Yvonne Bradfield, Visitor Centre Coordinator)

**Operator Workshop and business partnerships:**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> August, as part of the Consultancy Tourism Destinalional Marketing Strategy brief, the Visitor Centre arranged a workshop for Operators within Tourism in the region. This was held at Waterford Executive Conferencing. Representatives included businesses within the shopping centres, representatives of ARBA, local orchards, accommodation properties, caravan parks, wineries, Elizabethan Village, Araluen Botanic Park and Roleystone Theatre Group. 25 people in total attended.

It is pleasing to report that there is a greater cooperation between the Visitor Centre and our Armadale business community as we commence several marketing partnerships over the coming 12 months. This includes a double page advert inside the popular 'Your Guide to Perth and Fremantle' that is positioned at both airports and strategically across the whole State. There is a commitment from eight operators, over 12 months, sharing the cost with the Visitor Centre to facilitate a consistent double page advert within the booklet.

The potential to grow this destinalional marketing partnership and 'bundling' within the upcoming Tourism Destinalional Marketing Strategy is evident.

**Top Tourism Judges Visit:**

The following is the media release from the Visitor Centre Association of WA regarding the GWN Top Tourism Award.

## OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT

---

***The Visitor Centre Association of Western Australia (VCAWA) is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2010 GWN Top Tourism Award.***

***Nineteen nominations were received and the desktop assessments have now been completed by the judging panel.***

***According to the Chair of the judging panel, Nicolas Petit "Once again this year the quality of the submissions was of an extremely high standard and it's very encouraging to see the diverse range of Tourism opportunities that WA has to offer".***

***Of the nineteen nominations, the judges have advised there are six entrants who have been selected as finalists. These include Armadale, Broome, Bunbury (2009 Winner), Kalgoorlie, Margaret River and Swan Valley.***

***Each of the six finalists will receive a site visit from the judges and the winning entrant of the 2010 GWN Top Tourism Award will receive from GWN an airtime package valued at \$25,000 to utilise in support of their overall marketing activities to attract visitors to their area.***

Three Judges visited Armadale on the 10<sup>th</sup> August to conduct an 'on-site' assessment of the City's submission for the 2010 Top Tourism Awards. They were greeted by the Mayor, CEO, Councillors, Executive Staff, Volunteers, Staff and local business operators. After an inspection of the Visitor Centre, a bus took the Judges and other City representatives on a 'First time Visitor to Armadale' journey, that ended at Roley's on the Ridge for a special luncheon.

The Mini Trade Expo at Waterford Executive Conferencing demonstrated to the Judges the diversity of tourism product within our region. In attendance were Armadale Reptile Centre, Cohuna Koala Park, Roleystone Orchards, B & B's, Champion Lakes, Bungendore Park Volunteers, Environmental Department, Events, Parks and Gardens and Waterford Executive Conferencing. Each one showcased areas within the submission, as required for the on-site assessment. Other members involved during the visit included Elizabethan Village, Lakeside Country Resort, Rocksgate Winery, Araluen Botanic Park and Roley's on the Ridge.

The cooperation and support of the local businesses on the day is sincerely appreciated. Without their level of support the visit could not have taken place. The positive response from the three judges to the sites and attractions bodes well for tourism development in the City.

The announcement of the Top Tourism Awards will be made at the Gala Dinner on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 as part of the Visitor Centre Association of WA's Annual Conference, in Bridgetown.

### **Eve Training Course:**

On 11<sup>th</sup> August the VCAWA held an 'Enhancing Visitor Experiences' full day training course which the Coordinator and Trainee Tourism Officer attended. It was pleasing to note that several of the City's local tourism operators also attended the training, indicating their commitment to advancing tourism within our region

## OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT

---

### **Tourism Radio:**

On 20<sup>th</sup> August the Coordinator met with the Manager of WTR, Mr Barry Green.

He presented an overview of the website, dedicated to promoting small tourism related businesses in Perth and regional WA. The Tourist radio website includes pages for many towns which in turn link to local Visitor Centre Websites. He offered the following:

All Visitor Centres are invited to review the page pertaining to their town and offer suggested additions. Towns not already included are invited to provide 150 to 200 words about their town and a suitable image as well as advise their website address. There is no charge for this service provided that the Visitor Centre website includes a link to at least one page of the tourist radio website.

Many of the special interest subpages ( [www.farmstaywest.com.au](http://www.farmstaywest.com.au) , [www.petfriendlywa.com.au](http://www.petfriendlywa.com.au) , [www.harvesthighway.net.au](http://www.harvesthighway.net.au) ) of the tourist radio site rank highly on search engines bringing significant traffic to these pages and the businesses listed on them. Some traffic also flows onto the towns that have properties listed under the various categories. [noleavenolifewa.com.au](http://noleavenolifewa.com.au).

Work is progressing towards adding Armadale to the many links above, in conjunction with re-development of the Visitor Centre website and our positioning within the fields of Search Engine Optimisation.

### **Meetings:**

The Coordinator held a meeting with three members of the Toodyay Shire on the 30<sup>th</sup> August. Deputy CEO Sam Mastrolembo and two members of the Toodyay Visitor Centre were given an overview of the Centre operational systems and protocols. Having recently engaged in the complete overhaul of the Toodyay Visitor Centre, the Shire recognised that the City of Armadale had done similar, hence the visit. Enquiries from Avon Tourism and members of York Tourism regarding the City's Visitor Centre operational structure have also been received.

### **Staff Familiarisation:**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> August the Visitor Centre conducted a Family Tour of our tourism region for all the VC Volunteers and Staff Members. The tour included Discovery Holiday Parks, Forrestfield, Poplar Cottage, Brackenridge Village, Genesis in the Hills and Rocksgate Winery. Nine of our Volunteers attended, expressing their appreciation of actually viewing each operators business, facilitating a greater ability to 'sell' the product.

OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT

---

**MANAGER - RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 2010**

**1. Animal Control**

**1.1 Dogs**

Ranger Services received four hundred and thirty three (433) requests for assistance during the August 2010 report period.

Whilst the number of reported dog attacks is slightly more than the corresponding period of August 2009 it is also interesting to look at the progressive 2009/2010 figures, which indicates an increase in the number of reported dog attacks over the last twelve (12) months.

Notwithstanding dog attacks on people, other animals and livestock being of serious concern Council should be careful not to react to a few isolated, but serious, incidents with short term measures, but support the development of educational, training and management programmes that are adequate and appropriate to reduce both the seriousness and frequency of dog attacks.

**1.2 Livestock**

During this report period Ranger Services attended to thirty five (35) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on the road.

The increase in the number of reports regarding wandering livestock is of serious concern, and there has been considerable pressure on property owners to repair or replace faulty fencing in order to prevent any livestock escaping.

**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 Magistrates Court during August 2010

NAME	OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Anthony George Chirardi	Dog Attack on Animal	Guilty	600	119.20	<b>719.20</b>
Steven Edward Eatwell	Dog attack on Person	<b>Guilty</b>	1,700	119.20	<b>1,829.20</b>
John William Callcott	Attack on another Animal	<b>Guilty</b>	200	119.20	<b>329.20</b>

**2. Vehicles**

**2.1 Parking**

Ranger Service attended to forty eight (48) general enquiries relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

## OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT

---

### **2.2 Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)**

Ranger Service attended to sixteen (16) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in areas that are prohibited, during the report period. Rangers currently provide a service to the community in respect to reports of off-road vehicles being driven or used in certain areas, particularly where it is identified that life and or property are at risk.

However it would appear that the majority of Off Road Vehicle (ORV) activity is being carried out on land owned by or under the care management and control of the following organisations.

- Department of Conservation
- Landcorp
- Department of Transport
- Private land.

Ranger Services regularly conduct patrols, and are cognisant of illegal ORV activity, in the abovementioned bushland areas whilst having regard for the difficulty in enforcing the provisions of the Act and apprehending offenders.

Notwithstanding DEC, Landcorp and Department of Transport appear not to provide any deterrent to the use of ORV's on their land, and are quite happy to leave this up to the Local Government Authority (LGA) to enforce.

Private land owners, in the area, are also disinterested in people using their land to ride ORV's, in fact one land owner has refused permission for Rangers to enter his property in order to deal with ORV's.

Ranger Services previously conducted a joint action, against ORV users with Police, DEC, and other stakeholders. The cost of that particular exercise was about \$11,000.00, which was paid for by the City.

Unfortunately Ranger Services do not have a budget to conduct a similar exercise particularly on private land, or land that is owned by or under the management of a State Authority such as those listed above who seem to care little about who uses or denigrates this land.

### **3. Fire Services**

The innovative and very colourful information pamphlet, “Your Rates at Work 2010-2011”, has been distributed to all residents throughout the City, this very informative document has a plethora of fire related information for landowners and occupiers throughout the district.

## OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT

---

### 4. **Litter Control**

Ranger Services have received a number of complaints, from concerned members of the community, regarding the amount of household rubbish being deposited onto Reserves and road verges throughout the district.

During this report period Ranger Services attended to fifty four (54) requests for assistance regarding the illegal dumping or rubbish. Again it is interesting to note an overall increase of 19% in the progressive total of the number of reported incidents of littering.

Keeping roadsides, reserves and other areas litter free is a major focus of the City of Armadale and Rangers are ever vigilant in identifying and apprehending litter offenders.

### 5. **General**

#### **Australian Safer Communities Awards**

On 2 September 2010 the City was advised that their nomination for Bush Fire Management Arrangements had been selected as a Western Australian State finalist.

Finalists in all categories are invited to attend the award ceremony on Monday 20 September 2010 at 2:30pm at City West Function Centre, where the West Australian State winners will be announced.

#### **Comment**

On 20 May 2010 the City of Armadale was nominated for the Australian Safer Communities Award for its Bush Fire Management Arrangements Project.

The project was initiated in April 2009 when a meeting between FESA District Manager, Perth South East, Mr. Stuart Wade, and the Manager, Ranger & Emergency Services, Mr Brian Watkins developed the aim and scope of the project.

The aim of producing the Bush Fire Management Arrangements was to develop a comprehensive document that not only contained the relevant information to assist in the management of bush fires, but presented it in such a way that allowed for the information to be easily and rapidly accessible.

The Australian Safer Communities Awards are sponsored by the Australian Government Attorney-General's Department, in conjunction with States and Territories. They recognise innovative practices and achievements across the nation, which are making our communities safer, stronger, more resilient and better prepared to manage any emergency situation.

The awards cover all aspects of community safety and resilience with an emergency management focus including:

## OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT

---

- Risk assessment
- Research
- Education and training
- Information and knowledge management
- Prevention, preparedness, response and recovery

The awards are judged on two levels (excluding the Federal agencies category) – State and Territory winners are decided and recognised first and in turn become finalists for the National Awards.

### **There are seven categories:**

1. **State and Territory**, including government-owned business enterprises
2. **Local Government**, single and collective subcategories
3. **Volunteer** and community groups (where membership is substantially voluntary)
4. **Private sector**
5. **Education and training**, including vocational training and research
6. **Federal** (projects which are cross-jurisdictional and/or projects of national significance)\*
7. **Projects** developed and/or managed by **youth** (under 18)

Entries in this category are not judged at the State/Territory level. They are to be sent to the national coordinator for consideration by the national judging panel.

### **Eligibility**

The entries in the 2010 Awards must:

- relate to projects commenced after 1 January 2008, or
- relate to existing projects with demonstrated significant outcomes since 1 January 2008, or
- relate to existing projects with demonstrated significant enhancements since 1 January 2008

Any organisation or individual can enter.

Australian Safer Communities Award winners are recognised throughout the emergency management sector for their outstanding achievements.

**OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT**

---

Each State and Territory will host a special ceremony for its award recipients. The national awards will be presented by the Attorney-General at a ceremony in Canberra, late in 2010. National award recipients will be sponsored to travel to Canberra to attend this ceremony. Press releases and a commemorative booklet will be issued.

Award recipients may use the appropriate Australian Safer Communities Awards logo in their letterhead and promotional material.

**Judging Criteria**

Each entry will be assessed on its contribution to community safety and/or resilience with an emergency management focus.

The judging panels will assess each entry's achievement against the following criteria:

1. What triggered the project?
2. How has the project improved safety or enhanced resilience, in your community?
3. To what extent was the community engaged in the project?
4. Why is the project special or innovative in the community?
5. How does the project raise awareness in the community?

**Statistics – August 2010**

**August 2010/2011 Statistics**

<i>DOGS</i>	<b>August 2010</b>	<b>August 2009</b>	<b>2010/2011 Progressive Total</b>	<b>2009/2010 Progressive Total</b>	
Wandering	65	49	123	101	Up 22%
Dogs for Pick Up	31	34	64	66	Down 3%
Barking	32	27	66	48	Up 38%
Attacks	15	9	46	21	Up 119%
Lost & Found	73	88	162	162	Same
Multiple / Restricted Inspections	15	N/A	23	N/A	
General Information	7	9	15	24	Down 38%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>422</b>	Up 18%
Office Phone Enquiries	195	205	363	357	Up 2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>779</b>	Up 11%

OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT

<i>PARKING / VEHICLES</i>	August 2010	August 2009	2010/2011 Progressive Total	2009/2010 Progressive Total	
General Parking	15	7	30	21	Up 43%
Trucks	6	3	11	5	Up 120%
School Parking	14	4	15	9	Up 67%
Illegal Parking in CBD	3	0	3	0	Up
Abandoned Vehicles	16	26	29	48	Down 40%
Off Road Vehicles	16	22	30	44	Down 32%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>127</b>	Down 7%
Office Phone Enquiries	10	35	24	51	Down 53%
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>178</b>	Down 20%

<i>LIVESTOCK</i>	August 2010	August 2009	2010/2011 Progressive Total	2009/2010 Progressive Total	
Lost & Found	0	0	1	1	Same
General	21	8	30	24	Up 25%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	Up 24%
Office Phone Enquiries	14	14	19	17	Up 11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>42</b>	Up 19%

<i>LITTER</i>	August 2010	August 2009	2010/2011 Progressive Total	2009/2010 Progressive Total	
General Information	0	0	6	0	Up
Private Property	4	1	7	7	Same
Roadside / Reserve	26	9	36	11	Up 227%
Verge	3	5	3	8	Down 63%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>26</b>	Up 100%
Office Phone Enquiries	21	6	27	6	Up 350%
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>32</b>	Up 147%

OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT

<i>FIRE</i>	August 2010	August 2009	2010/2011 Progressive Total	2009/2010 Progressive Total	
Burning Off / General Information	12	2	19	5	Up 280%
Firebreak / Hazard	0	0	1	0	Up
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	Up 300%
Office Phone Enquiries	18	12	30	20	Up 50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>25</b>	Up 100%

<i>GENERAL</i>	August 2010	August 2009	2010/2011 Progressive Total	2009/2010 Progressive Total	
General Information	15	27	30	28	Up 7%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	Up 7%
Office Phone Enquiries - Trolleys	12	12	14	25	Down 44%
Office Phone Enquiries - Cats	8	13	15	27	Down 44%
Office Phone Enquiries - General	20	26	49	61	Down 20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>141</b>	Down 23%

<i>TOTAL</i>	August 2010	August 2009	2010/2011 Progressive Total	2009/2010 Progressive Total	
<b>Sub Total Reports / Complaints</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>633</b>	Up 18%
Total Office Phone Enquiries	298	323	541	564	Down 4%
<b>Total Reports / Complaints</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>1291</b>	<b>1197</b>	Up 8%

<i>WARNINGS</i>	August 2010	August 2009	2010/2011 Progressive Total	2009/2010 Progressive Total	
Dogs	15	14	34	34	Same
Parking	0	2	0	6	Down
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	1	Down
Litter	2	1	3	3	Same
Fire & Fire Orders	1	0	1	0	Up
Shopping Trolleys	0	0	0	0	Same
Other Inc Abandoned Vehicles	20	19	27	50	Up 46%
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>94</b>	Down 31%

OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT

<i>INFRINGEMENTS</i>	August 2010	August 2009	2010/2011 Progressive Total	2009/2010 Progressive Total	
Dogs	62	48	118	116	Up 2%
Parking	166	34	194	117	Up 66%
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0	Same
Litter	18	3	24	8	Up 200%
Fire	0	0	0	0	Same
Shopping Trolleys	4	0	4	0	Up
Other	0	3	0	19	Down
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>260</b>	Up 31%
<b>NUMBER WITHDRAWN</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>54</b>	Up 13%
<b>Number Paid</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>235</b>	Up 2%

<i>IMPOUNDED DOGS</i>	August 2010	August 2009	2010/2011 Progressive Total	2009/2010 Progressive Total	
Claimed	46	31	93	76	Up 22%
Sold	0	0	0	0	Same
Destroyed	18	4	28	7	Up 300%
Vet / Rescue	14	16	27	24	Up 13%
Stolen	0	0	0	0	Same
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>107</b>	Up 38%

<i>IMPOUNDED VEHICLES</i>	August 2010	August 2009	2010/2011 Progressive Total	2009/2010 Progressive Total	
Vehicles	4	5	7	13	Down 46%
Motor Cycles	0	0	0	0	Same
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	Down 46%

<i>IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK</i>	August 2010	August 2009	2010/2011 Progressive Total	2009/2010 Progressive Total	
Sheep	0	1	0	1	Down
Goats	0	0	1	0	Up
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	

OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT

<i>ABANDONED TROLLEYS</i>	August 2010	August 2009	2010/2011 Progressive Total	2009/2010 Progressive Total	
Impounded	53	0	71	0	Up
Released	47	0	64	0	Up
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>0</b>	Up

<i>IMPOUNDED SIGNS</i>	August 2010	August 2010	2010/2011 Progressive Total	2009/2010 Progressive Total	
Impounded	1	0	1	11	Down
Released	0	0	0	0	Same
<i>COURT PROSECUTIONS</i>	August 2010	August 2009	2010/2011 Progressive Total	2009/2010 Progressive Total	
Dog	3	6	4	13	Down 69%
Fire	0	1	0	1	Down
Parking	0	0	0	0	Same
Litter	0	0	1	0	Up
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0	Same
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	Down 64%
<b>No. of Guilty Verdicts</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	Down 64%

<i>FINES ENFORCEMENT</i>	August 2010	August 2009	2010/2011 Progressive Total	2009/2010 Progressive Total	
<b>Infringements sent to FER</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>131</b>	Up 8%

<i>DOG REGISTRATIONS</i>	August 2010	August 2009	2010/2011 Progressive Total	2009/2010 Progressive Total	
New Dog Registrations	173	14	401	349	Up 15%
Renewed Dog Registrations	39	17	70	36	Up 9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>385</b>	Up 22%
<b>Total Animals on System</b>	<b>11732</b>	<b>11018</b>			

OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT

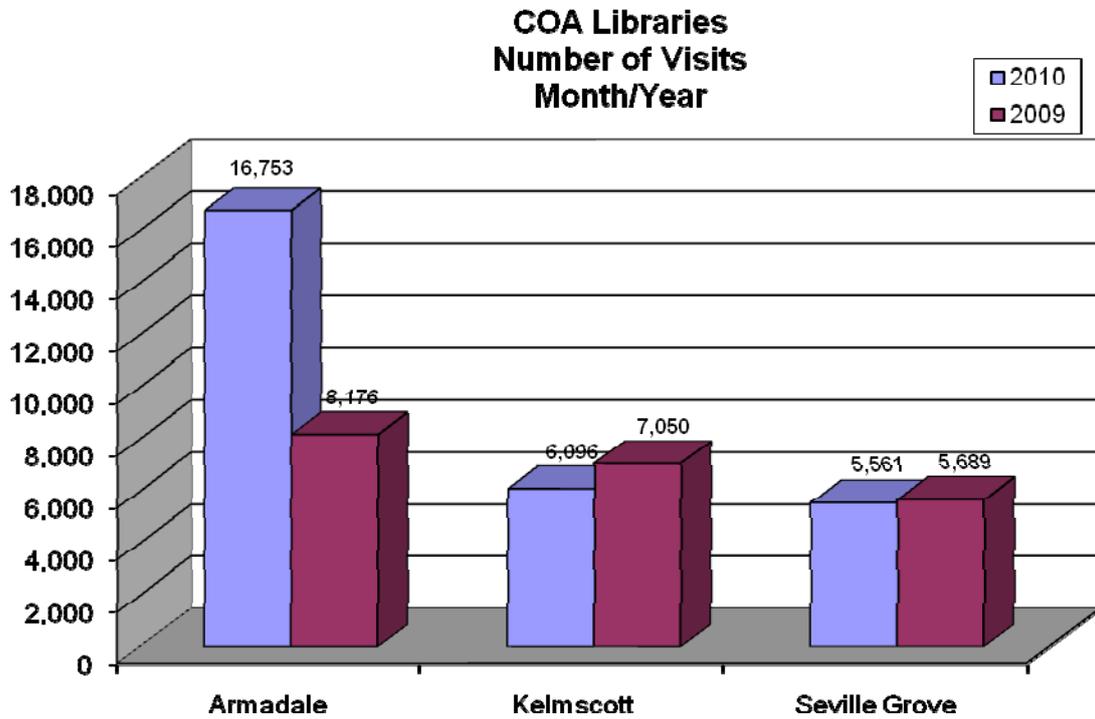
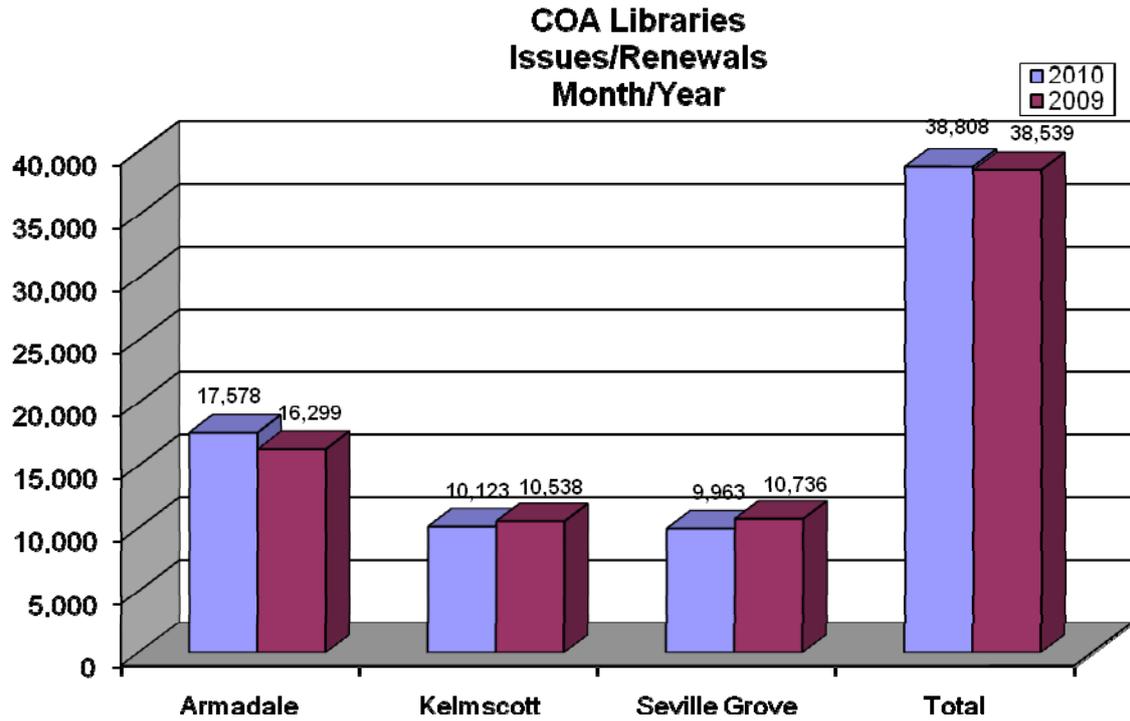
---

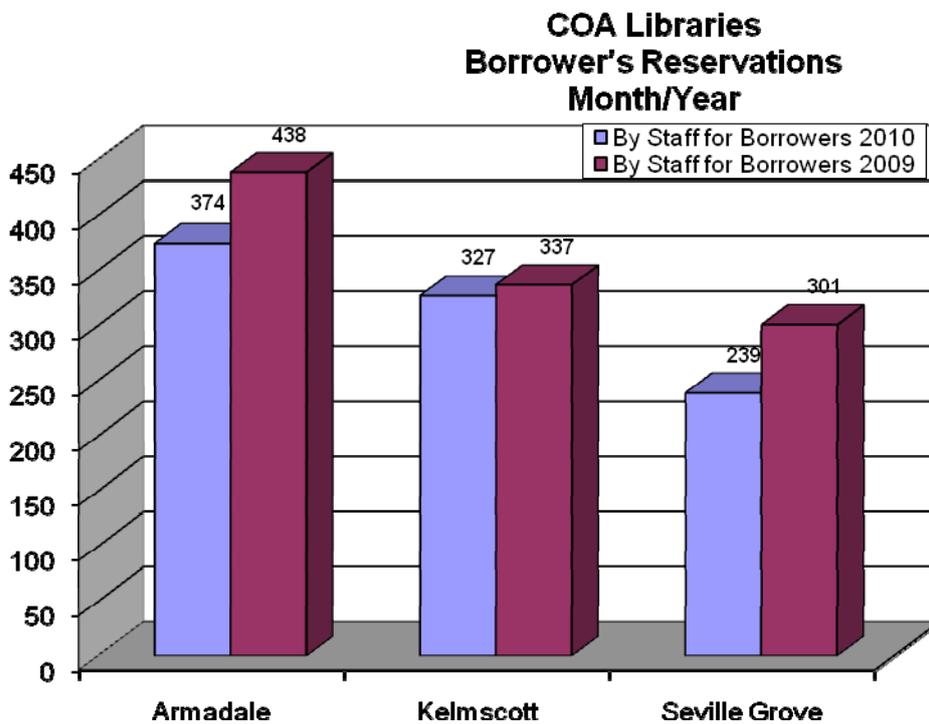
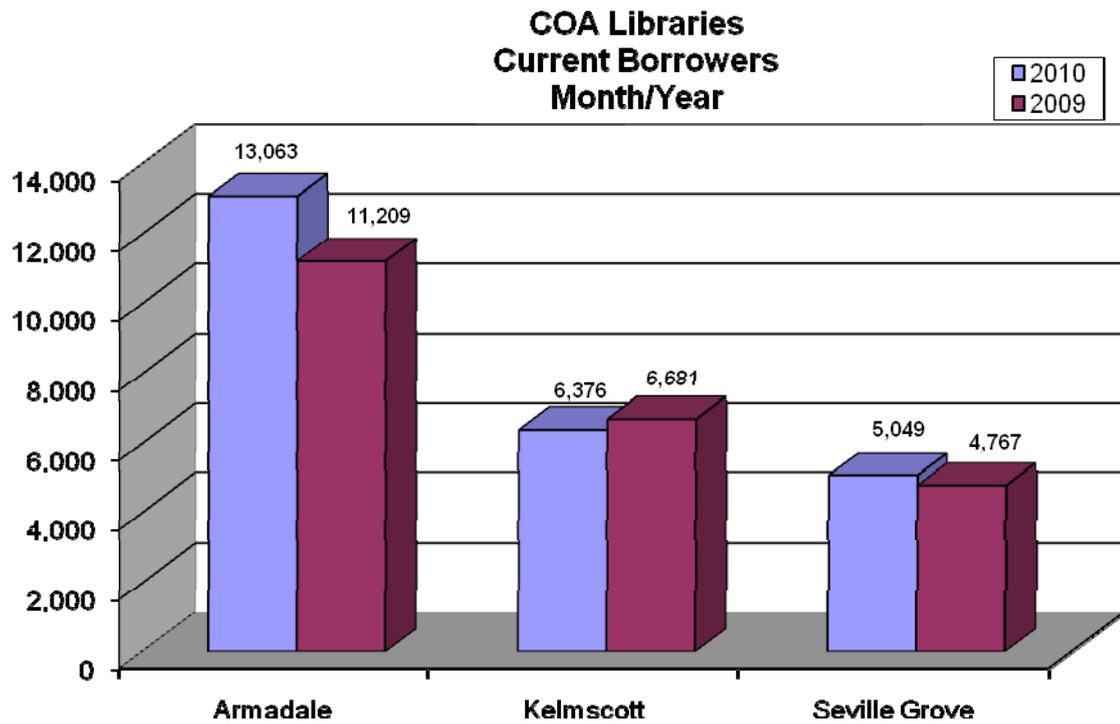
<i>PHONE CALLS</i>	<b>August 2010</b>	<b>August 2009</b>	<b>2010/2011 Progressive Total</b>	<b>2009/2010 Progressive Total</b>	
Office – Rangers calling Office	80	101	192	196	Down 2%
Office – Messages for Staff	16	25	32	71	Down 55%
Office – Referred to Other	6	12	35	22	Up 59%
Calls to Rangers' Private Residences from After Hours Service	1	0	3	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>289</b>	Up Down 9%

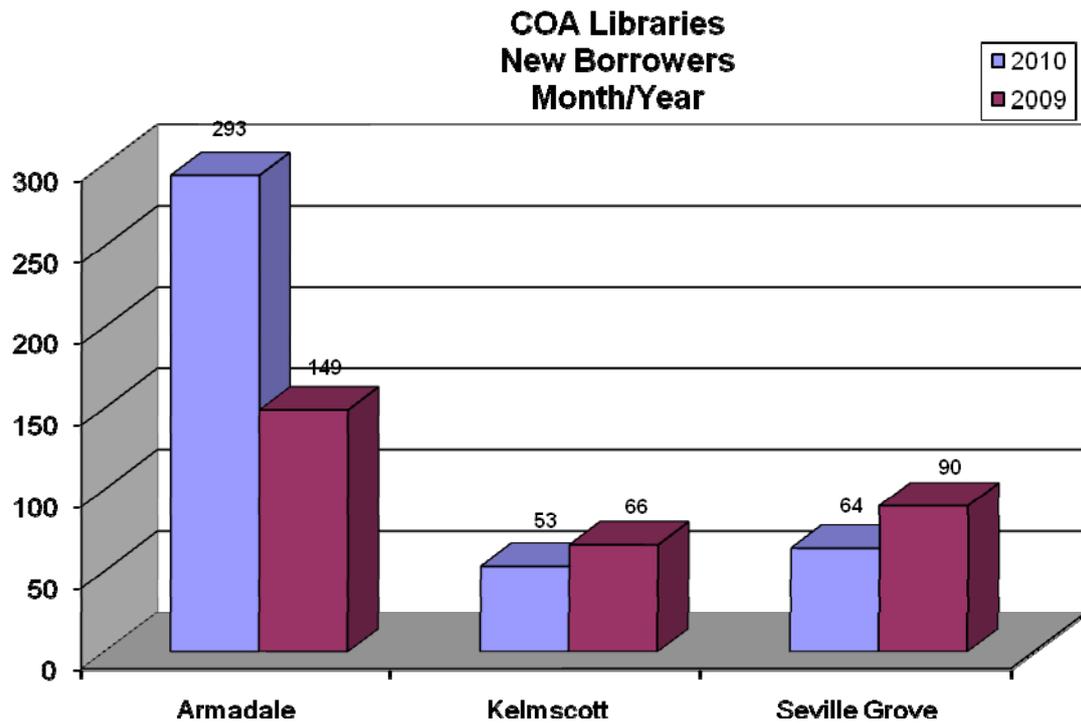
**MINUTES OF OCCASIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

South East Regional Recreation Advisory Group 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010 (**Refer to Attachment (“CA-2”).**)

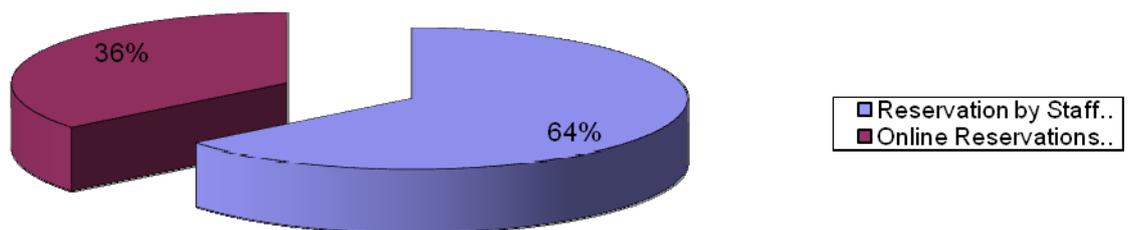
Disability Advisory Team Meeting of 7 September 2010. (**Refer to Attachment (“CA-3”).**)







### COA Libraries Comparison Reservation by Staff & Direct by Borrower Month/Year



<b>Birtwistle Local Studies Library</b>				
	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to date</b>		
	<b>Aug 10</b>	<b>Aug 09</b>	<b>Jul 10 – Aug 10</b>	<b>Jul 09 – Aug 09</b>
Reference Enquiries	40	22	62	49
Research Enquiries	21	17	27	24
Visitor Attendance	120	71	132	157
Volunteer Hours	8	12	20	131
<b>Oral History</b>				
Letters Sent	1	1	3	1
Interviews Completed	nil	2	3	4
Transcripts Completed	3	3	5	4
	95.5	73	162.5	141
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	nil	19	6	27
Digitising Records	12	9	24	9
<b>Family History Research</b>				
Reference	31	5	57	8
Research	33	33	72	63
Volunteer Hours	59	35	111	105

**Month: August Year: 2010**

<b>History House Museum</b>	<b>Current Month</b>			<b>Year to Date</b>
	<b>Aug.10</b>	<b>Aug 09</b>	<b>July 10 – June 11</b>	<b>Jul 09 – June 10</b>
General Visitors	<b>141</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>NA</b>
School/Child Care Groups/holiday programs	<b>23</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>NA</b>
Total Visitors	<b>164</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>244</b>
Volunteer Hours	<b>153</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>272</b>
<b>Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum</b>	<b>Aug 10</b>	<b>Aug 09</b>	<b>July 10 – June 11</b>	<b>Jul 09 – June 10</b>
Visitors	117	257	296	375

2010 will see the visitor stats for History House Museum broken into two categories:

- General Visitors include individuals and adult groups
- School and child care groups are that make bookings to attend the museum or those attending a school holiday program.

This has been done so to identify the impact of programs and lesson plans developed for children and young (17 or under) adults.



*South East Regional Recreation Advisory Group*

## MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING HELD 19 AUGUST 2010  
HOSTED BY SHIRE OF KALAMUNDA, COMMENCING AT 3.00PM

### 1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

#### 1.1. MEETING OPENING

Chairperson Travis Moore opened the meeting at 3.08pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

#### 1.2. PRESENT

Mr Patrick Quigley	City of Gosnells
Mrs Robbie Watkins	City of Gosnells
Mrs Rachel Ward	City of Gosnells
Ms Julie Rutherford	DSR
Ms Melissa Rudez	DSR
Ms Nerisa Finau	DSR
Mr Travis Moore	Shire of Kalamunda
Mrs Katie Gordon	Shire of Kalamunda
Ms Geordie Dumbleton	Shire of Kalamunda
Ms Shelagh Pascoe	Curtin University of Technology
Mr Patrick Quinlivan	City of Armadale
Ms Fiona Grieves	City of Armadale
Mr Geoff Moor	City of Canning
Mr Stuart Clarke	City of Canning
Ms Sally De La Cruz	City of Belmont
Ms Dianne Begg	City of Belmont
Mr Matthew Hunt	City of South Perth
Mr Rick Gill	WA Sports Federation Representative

#### 1.3. APOLOGIES

Mrs Jude Thomas	Town of Victoria Park
Mr Andre Lee	Curtin University of Technology
Mr Ron Mitchell	City of Gosnells
Ms Kelly Anne-Charles	City of Armadale

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **2.1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 May were confirmed as accurate.

Moved: Stuart Clarke.

Seconded: Shelagh Pascoe.

## **3. BUSINESS ARISING**

### **3.1 Presentations**

#### **Recreation Facilities Benchmarking**

Chris Rutherford from Yardstick Global conducted a presentation on their Yardstick and Leisure Check recreation facilities benchmarking programs.

SERRAG Members can access more information about the benchmarking programs via [www.yardstickglobal.com](http://www.yardstickglobal.com)

#### **Walking Programs**

Gemma Whitman from the Heart Foundation was scheduled to conduct a presentation at the meeting on walking programs, but she was unable to attend. The next SERRAG Secretariat (Curtin University) to contact Heart Foundation to invite a representation to do their presentation at next meeting.

ACTION: That the information on the above presentations be received.
--

### **3.2 Managing Access and Turf Quality of Active Sporting Reserves**

Following agreement at the last SERRAG meeting, a letter dated 14 June was sent to the Western Australian Sports Federation (WASF) on the ongoing issues arising from the use of active sporting reserves by state sporting associations and groups affiliated with the WASF. In particular, the four key issues outlined were:

- Pressures from some sporting users who wish to extend their usage beyond what is manageable;
- Increased demand for access to public open space versus limited supply;
- Ageing sporting facilities and pressures on owners (mainly LGA's) to meet rising costs; and
- Water scarcity and other sustainability factors.

It was noted at the SERRAG meeting that an email was received from the WASF on 19 August in relation to the above issues. In particular, the WASF sought further clarification on the following points:

1. Are there persistent issues?
2. Which sport(s) is providing challenges?
3. What is the level of communication between sport (not just the local clubs) and council like?
4. Is there a consistency of approach by sport and local governments to season changes?

On a positive note the email indicated that the WASF would convene a meeting with any sports where there are persistent issues.

During the discussion on this item, the SERRAG Members presented robust opinions on the issues. The discussion concluded with agreement for SERRAG Members to provide individual feedback directly to WASF on the particular sports providing challenges. Furthermore, the WASF was requested to provide feedback on behalf of the sporting sector about the best time for the two week break to be scheduled between the Winter and Summer sporting seasons, to enable SERRAG members to investigate if consistent timing could be allocated across the region to undertake much needed ground maintenance, during which time the sporting grounds would be unavailable to all user groups. It was also suggested that the LG Booking Officer's Forum Group have input into the decision making process on this issue as they liaise with sporting clubs and other user groups on a regular basis.

**ACTION:** SERRAG members to provide feedback directly to WASF on the particular sports providing challenges and for the WASF to provide feedback to SERRAG on behalf of the sporting sector on the best time for the two week turf maintenance break between the Winter and Summer sporting seasons.

### **3.3 Regional Sport & Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan Review**

SERRAG Members acknowledged the work completed by Patrick Quinlivan from the City of Armadale on the Regional Sport & Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan Review. To date a consultant's brief has been completed and a project budget of \$42,000 has been set. Funding totalling \$14,000 will be sought in the next round from the DSR and there was agreement amongst the SERRAG Members to contribute \$3,500 each towards the project costs. A SERRAG working group comprised of Patrick Quinlivan (Armadale), Robbie Watkins (City of Gosnells), Travis Moore (Shire of Kalamunda) and Jude Thomas (Town of Victoria Park) will oversee the project.

**ACTION:** Application to be lodged in next small grants round which closes on 31 August 2010. Once funding is approved, SERRAG Members will be requested to forward their financial contributions of \$3,500 each to the City of Armadale who will manage the project funds on behalf of SERRAG.

Stuart Clarke left the meeting, the time being 4.20pm.

### **3.4 State Sporting Associations Strategic Facility Plans**

Julie Rutherford from the DSR provided feedback on the strategic facility plans being undertaken on behalf of state sporting associations.

In recent times, strategic facility plans have been completed for the sports of Football (Soccer), Hockey and Lawn Bowls. These are in addition to the strategic facility plans previously completed for Tennis, Cricket and Australian Rules Football. The next plan being conducted is for Aquatics.

Electronic copies of the plans are available on the DSR's website via [www.dsr.wa.gov.au](http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au) and clicking on the “Facilities” drop down menu.

**ACTION:** That the report on the State Sporting Associations Strategic Facility Plans be received.

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE

### 4.1. OUTWARDS

- 4.1.1 Agenda, minutes and reports of May meeting.
- 4.1.2 Letter to WA Sports Federation regarding sporting reserve access and turf maintenance issues.
- 4.1.3 Letter to City of Canning to request funding contribution for SERRAG Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy.

### 4.2. INWARDS

- 4.2.1 Letter from City of Canning to confirm funding consideration for SERRAG Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy.
- 4.2.2 Email from WA Sports Federation regarding sporting reserve access and turf maintenance issues.
- 4.2.3 Reports from SERRAG Members.
- 4.2.4 DSR Fees & Charges draft report.

ACTION: That the report on the SERRAG correspondence be received.

## 5. MEMBER ISSUE DISCUSSION

### 5.1 SPORTS LIGHTING

Geoff Moor sought feedback from SERRAG Members on the use of swipe tags or other electronic devices to monitor the use of sports lighting by sporting clubs. The intent is to initiate a system that would more accurately pass on utility usage charges to user groups depending on their particular usage.

ACTION: SERRAG Members to forward any relevant feedback on sports lighting to Geoff at the City of Canning.

## 6. REPORTS

### 6.1 SERRAG Reports

No reports were circulated by SERRAG Members at the meeting.

ACTION: SERRAG Members to circulate their reports electronically.

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 7.1 Local Government Active Advisory Panel (LGAAP)

Patrick Quigley from the City of Gosnells is a LG representative on the LGAAP, and so, provided a verbal report on the following items:

**Water for Public Open Space** – WALGA is seeking feedback on its Water for Public Open Space Policy Background Paper.

The current legislative water reform could potentially impact on Local Government capacity to provide irrigated public open space areas for the community. This Background Paper explores the reform process and is intended to generate discussion on how Local Government should adapt to changing legislation and climatic conditions.

The background paper can be downloaded from WALGA via the following:  
[www.walga.asn.au/about/policy/environment\\_waste/docs\\_pubs/CurrentIssues/](http://www.walga.asn.au/about/policy/environment_waste/docs_pubs/CurrentIssues/)

**Costs Levied on Personal Trainers for Use of Reserves** – The Physical Activity Taskforce has requested a discussion paper on this issue. More information will follow.

**Access to Education Department Facilities** – A School Sites Working Group has been started as part of the Built Environment Group to investigate and WALGA are progressing the position paper through ministerial meetings.

## **7.2 CSRFF Projects**

The SERRAG Members had a general discussion on the next CSRFF round. There are no current plans by the SERRAG Members to seek CSRFF funding for a large scale major sporting facility in the region.

ACTION: SERRAG Members to note the report on the general business items.
--

## **8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 18 November 2010 at the City of Gosnells (2120 Albany Highway, Gosnells).

Curtin University will undertake the secretariat duties and City of Gosnells will chair the meeting.

Meetings for 2011:

- 17 February 2011 – Curtin University
- 19 May 2011 – City of Armadale
- 18 August 2011 – City of Belmont
- 17 November 2011 – Town of Victoria Park

## **9. CLOSURE**

Meeting concluded at 4.45pm

# **CITY OF ARMADALE**

## **Disability Advisory Team Notes**

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010  
**Time:** 9:30am to 11:00am  
**Venue:** Function Room, Council Administration  
Building, 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale.

### **Present:**

Cr Pat Hart (Chair – Councillor)  
Ms Melissa Northcott (Deputy Chair, Community  
Representative)  
Mr Mark Dadd (Community Representative)  
Mr Lance Hogg (Local Organisation Representative)  
Ms Lynne Darby (Local Organisation Representative)  
Mr Ron Fisher (Community Representative)  
Ms Nonni Wickens (Community Representative)  
Ms Sheila Parker (Community Representative)  
Mr John Glassford (City of Armadale Property Services  
Manager)  
Ms Gail Nessi (Local Organisation Representative)  
Ms Shelia Parker (Community Representative)

### **Apologies:**

Ms Sue Hillel (City of Armadale Building Services Manager)

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **1) Minutes of last meeting**

Accepted

#### **2) Updates of 'You're Welcome'**

Discussion on You're Welcome Recognition Ceremony

### **3) Review of 'Access and Inclusion Plan'**

Reviewed

Outcome 2: People with disabilities have the same opportunities as other people to access the buildings and other facilities of City of Armadale

And

Outcome 3: People with disabilities receive information from the City of Armadale in a format that will enable them to access the information as readily as other people are able to access it.

Changes noted on DAIP

Tamlyn Downes will attend the next meeting to make the changes with the DAIP.

### **4) Other Business**

Disability Advisory Meeting cancelled on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010

Kelmscott Shopping Centre – Due to renovations accessible parking has been cut. Susan Hillel will investigate.

Centre Link signage for Accessible Access and number of ACROD bays to be investigated. Sue Hillel will investigate.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 9:30am.

Function Room, Council Administration Building, 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale.

**Meeting Closed: 11:00am**