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FINANCIAL INTERESTS RETURNS

Elected Members are reminded that they are required to declare their business and investment interests in their annual Financial Interests Returns. The declarations are to be lodged in the official format and need to include all financial interests, irrespective of whether they pertain to Council business.

Chief Executive Officers are required to assist Elected Members in the process by providing proper induction, however, the responsibility for ensuring the Financial Interests Returns are lodged falls to each individual Elected Member. The potential for failure to lodge returns is heightened with the election of 299 new Members in May. However, existing Elected Members may also need reminding that the returns have to be updated and lodged every year and are not a once-off procedure. Breaches of the requirement to lodge the returns can end up with a substantial fine or imprisonment. Any Elected Members with questions concerning the process should first contact their Council's CEO.

For further information, please contact Policy Manager Governance, Bruce Wittber, on (08) 9321 5055 or email bwittber@walga.asn.au.

BANNERS IN THE TERRACE 2005

Congratulations to the Banners in the Terrace 2005 competition winners.

By now, all Councils should have received their banner. Can you please open the package to ensure you have received the correct banner?

For further information or if you would like a picture of your banner emailed to you, please contact Workplace Solutions Support Officer, Kristy Faulkner, on (08) 9213 2097 or email kfaulkner@walga.asn.au.

OFFICER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Essential Human Resources Skills

This course has been designed to provide Chief Executive Officers, Managers and Supervisors with an overview of the two main Local Government awards with an emphasis on how the awards impact employment issues. It will also cover recruitment and termination of employment, and highlight important requirements of which Councils need to be aware.

Date: **Friday 16 September**
Time: 9.00 am to 4.30 pm
Venue: Local Government House
15 Altona Street, West Perth
Cost: \$297 (incl GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
\$324.50 (incl GST) for non-members

To register or for further information, please contact Training Coordinator, Heather Bewsher, on (08) 9213 2098 or email hbewsher@walga.asn.au.

WITH COMPLIMENTS HOAX

A letter is being circulated requesting that organisations send a "With Compliments" slip to a seven-year-old boy with terminal cancer at the Beehive Montessori School in Mosman Park.

The School has confirmed that this request is a hoax and has not come from them.

For further information, please contact Beehive Montessori School on (08) 9383 1283.

BIOSECURITY AND AGRICULTURE MANAGEMENT BILL

In 1999 the Department of Agriculture began the process of drafting legislation to establish new provisions for regulating Biosecurity and agricultural management. This legislation is timetabled to be introduced to Parliament this Spring.

The draft Bill's primary intent is to set-up a coherent legislative framework for mitigation of threats posed to the environment, agriculture, public health and amenity by weeds, pests and diseases; veterinary chemicals; animal feed contaminants; agricultural chemicals; and fertilisers.

Under the new legislation, Local Government will be responsible for the management of invasive organisms in Council jurisdictions. The legislation will be printed early next year, when the Department of Agriculture will invite comments from a broader range of stakeholders.

For further information and to view an Infopage providing an overview, please visit www.councils.wa.gov.au/directory/lg_policies/environment/comment/folder_contents.

ALGA LAUNCHES ONLINE AGEING STRATEGY REGISTER

ALGA has launched its online ageing strategy register (www.alga.asn.au/policy/healthAgeing/ageing/innovativePractice/register.php) which is a compilation of Local Government ageing strategies. Local Government ageing strategies are made available on ALGA's ageing strategy register so that Councils developing a strategy can benefit from other Councils' work and experience. This product is an initiative of the Australian Local Government Population Ageing Action Plan, which aims to build the capacity of Local Government to respond to ageing communities.

For further information or to register your strategy, please contact ALGA's Assistant Director Health and Ageing Policy, Alley Peck, on (02) 6122 9421 or email alley.peck@alga.asn.au.

STRONGER FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES – STRATEGY 2004-2009 LOCAL ANSWERS INITIATIVE

Up to \$20 million in funding is now available as part of Round Three of the Local Answers initiative.

Locals Answers funding aims to help strengthen disadvantaged communities enabling them to give children a better start in life, by building skills and community capacity, and by supporting people through life transitions. An area could be considered disadvantaged for a number of reasons. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- High levels of unemployment;
- A limited range of community services;
- A large number of low income people in the community; and
- Rural and remote areas

Local Answers gives communities the power to develop their own solutions to local problems and helps them help themselves.

Funding under Local Answers will support projects that:

- Build effective parenting and relationship skills;
- Build opportunities and skills for economic self-reliance in families and communities;
- Strengthen and support to families and communities by delivering better services and addressing unmet needs through the building of partnerships between local services;
- Assist young parents in particular to further their education or access to training and other services where they are seeking to make the transition to employment; and
- Assist members of the community to get involved in community life through local volunteering, mentoring of young people or training to build community leadership and initiative.

Local Answers Round Three closes **5 pm on Friday 23 September**.

For further information, please visit www.facs.gov.au. Application Forms and Guidelines are available from www.facs.gov.au/sfcs.

SMALL TOWN SURVIVAL CONFERENCE – PARTNERSHIP FOR PROGRESS

Small towns are facing new challenges and pressures to be resilient, resourceful and contribute to the nation's economy.

The Wheatbelt Area Consultative Committee is hosting the inaugural Small Town Survival conference in York on **Wednesday 19 October**.

The program features an array of speakers who will examine the scenario for the future if small towns continue as they are, as well as controversial issues such as amalgamation of Local Government. The key objective is not to be a talk fest, but that actions will result from the conference.

For further information and to register, please visit www.wheatbeltacc.com.au/SmallTownSurvival.

MARINE SAFETY RESEARCH CONFERENCE

A Marine Safety Research Conference, Taking Safe Boating on Board, will be held:

Date: **Thursday 24 and Friday 25 November**
Venue: Maritime Museum,
Victoria Quay, Fremantle

The two-day conference will showcase a range of marine safety research, interventions and new technologies that are currently being undertaken in Western Australia. It will also explore the future directions for marine safety in our State.

Early bird registrations close on **Friday 30 September**.

For further information or to register, please visit www.irc.uwa.edu.au, contact Dr Terri Pikora, Injury Research Centre, on (08) 96488 7057 or email terri@sph.uwa.edu.au, or Heather Williams, on (08) 6488 1672, or email heatherw@sph.uwa.edu.au.

MEDIA RELEASES

26 August Member for Riverton is Out of Touch

DIARY DATES

19 September	South Metropolitan Zone
22 September	Goldfields Esperance Zone
23 September	South West Zone
27 September	Gascoyne Country Zone
28 September	South East Metropolitan Zone
29 September	Great Eastern Country Zone
29 September	Central Metropolitan Zone
29 September	Peel Zone
29 September	North Metropolitan Zone
29 September	East Metropolitan Zone
30 September	Pilbara Country Zone
30 September	Central Country Zone
3 October	Northern Country Zone
5 October	State Council



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ISSUES UPDATE

TENDER FOR GRAFFITI REMOVAL SUPPLIES

The Association, in response to member requests, is tendering for graffiti removal supplies for Councils. This tender is being hosted in order to yield aggregated purchase discounts, ensure Councils compliance with regulations, and to deliver administrative efficiencies which compliment current graffiti removal arrangements. Assistance with the development of the specification for this tender has been requested in order to ensure that the product range that is strategically sourced is relevant to the supplies required and currently used.

For further information and to forward product details that should be included in this tender, please contact Services Manager, Brian O'Mara, on (08) 9213 2070 or email bomara@walga.asn.au by Wednesday 14 September.

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Venue: WA Local Government Association
Cost: \$297 (incl GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
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Introduction to Local Government Finance

This module aims to improve the participants understanding and knowledge of financial instruments, standards and processes undertaken by Local Government, as well as how the roles and responsibilities of the various team members interact.

Date: **Friday 30 September**
Time: 9.00 am to 4.30 pm
Venue: Local Government House
15 Altona Street, West Perth
Cost: \$297 (incl GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
\$324.50 (incl GST) for non-members

To register or for further information, please contact Workplace Solutions Support Officer, Kristy Faulkner, on (08) 9213 2097 or email kfaulkner@walga.asn.au.

NEW PUBLIC HEALTH ACT WORKSHOP

The Association, in partnership with the Department of Health, is planning a series of State-wide consultative workshops on the new Public Health Act during September/October.

The workshops are designed to investigate:

- If a new Act will give Local Government more autonomy and flexibility to meet local environmental health issues;
- If it will give Local Government scope to tackle public health issues without imposing unrealistic and un-resourced demands; and
- Input on issues in relation to the Act that the Association need to consider from a Council perspective.

The first workshop will be:

Date: **Monday 19 September**
Time: 12.00 noon to 5.00 pm
Venue: Bunbury Chamber of Commerce & Industries,
Conference Room, Podium Level, Bunbury Tower
61 Victoria Street, Bunbury

In concert with the workshops, the State Government has released a discussion paper on the new Public Health Act. The period for consultation on the associated Discussion Paper has been extended until **Wednesday 30 November**.

The discussion paper is available at www.newpublichealthact.health.wa.gov.au.

For further information and to RSVP, please contact Workplace Solutions Support Officer, Kristy Faulkner, on (08) 9213 2097 or email kfaulkner@walga.asn.au.

INFORMATION WORKSHOP ON JOINING THE NATIONAL PACKAGING COVENANT

The National Packaging Covenant Mark II has been endorsed by Environment Ministers Australia-wide and is now seeking signatories. Councils are among those being encouraged to sign the new Covenant and are invited to attend a free information workshop on **Wednesday 28 September** at the Hyatt Centre. The workshop is being run jointly by the Department of Environment and the National Packaging Covenant Council.

For further information, please visit www.wastenet.net.au/issues/npc/wshop_inv.

NATIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT HUMAN RESOURCES CONFERENCE 2005 – UPDATE

This premier national human resources event is aimed at Chief Executive Officers, Directors, Managers, Human Resource Managers, Safety Officers, Training Staff and Consultants, who are interested in exploring performance and workforce planning issues.

This is a national event and a unique opportunity to network with your peers, increase professional skills and keep up with trends.

Date: **Wednesday 23 November to Friday 25 November**
Time: From 12.00 noon Wednesday and concluding 12.00 noon Friday
Venue: Stamford Plaza
Double Bay, Sydney
Cost: \$800 per person (incl GST) for registrations before **Friday 14 October**
\$900 per person (incl GST) after Friday 14 October

The Conference Dinner, (included in the fee) in keeping with the theme of *Building a Sustainable Workforce*, has a “Come as Your Dream Job” theme with prizes for the best outfits.

For further information, please contact Local Government Learning Solutions on (02) 9242 4181/3 or email learning@lgsa.org.au or visit www.lgsa.org.au.

NOMINATIONS FOR YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Young Achiever Awards Program is focused on encouragement, acknowledgement and reward for achievements. The search is on for Young Achievers aged between 14 and 27 years, in the following categories;

- Arts
- Sport
- Community service
- Regional initiative
- Career achievement
- Science and technology
- Environment

Nominations close **Friday 14 October**.

For further information, please contact Project Coordinator, Melissa Preston, on (08) 9201 1155 or visit www.awardsaustralia.com.

REGIONAL ARTS AUSTRALIA 2006 CONFERENCE 14 – 17 SEPTEMBER

The conference has grown to become one the largest gathering of people interested in the arts playing a role in the social, economic and cultural life in their town. People from the arts, community, councils, regional development, health and cultural sectors gather for three days to learn from great arts events, high impact projects, to challenge thinking on audiences, to

build skills and knowledge. There are also plenty of networking and informal information exchange opportunities as well.

Organisers are calling for stories and presentations that have relevance to *The Pacific Edge* core themes of:

- Building strong communities
- Young people with creative futures
- Indigenous people and communities
- Innovative communication
- Art as a powerful agent for change
- Connections across the Pacific Rim
- Reaching new audiences
- Arts partnerships and collaborations

Due to the nature of arts practice, research is not always best presented in the traditional academic format. Therefore we invite interested participants to present their current research, relevant to the conference topics in the following ways:

- Forum
- Workshop
- table top conversation
- debate
- performance
- exhibition/installation
- stage event

Submissions should be brief, a maximum of one page detailing your idea along with a one page personal or organisational Curriculum Vitae and necessary attachments. Deadline for receipt of proposals is **Monday 31 October**.

For further information, please contact Conference Coordinator, Rebecca Atkinson, on (07) 3004 7561 or email rebecca.atkinson@gac.org.au or visit www.gac.org.au.

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ALGA NEWS

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National News for Local Government

Friday 2 September 2005

Australian Local
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STOP PRESS: ALGA has been advised that in recent weeks, councils, schools and government departments have received via mail a brochure advertising the National Guide to Local Government. The brochure promotes the establishment of a national register that costs \$400 to join and claims that ALGA has endorsed the guide. Please be aware that ALGA has not endorsed such a publication and strongly advises that you investigate the credentials of the publication before purchasing it.

National General Assembly

This year's National General Assembly to be held in Canberra, 7-10 November, will demonstrate local government's wide-ranging partnerships - with other spheres of government, communities and businesses. ALGA's strong relationship with the Australian Government will be highlighted, with no less than four sessions that promote our positive collaboration. The General Assembly symposium **Health and Ageing and Local Government - a Partnership in Action** will form part of the National Speaker Series, **A Community for All**



Ages - Building the Future, launched by the Minister for Ageing, Julie Bishop, in April this year. ALGA will also highlight the Natural Heritage Trust 2 and Local Government Natural Resource Management Facilitator programs, as well as **Working Together to Manage Emergencies** and arts-based community development strategies the Australia Council is developing with local communities. The General Assembly will also showcase the partnerships Australian local government is forging with its neighbours in East Timor and Papua New Guinea. Local government's strong relationship with its federal counterpart is not only aptly illustrated through this year's "partnerships program", but the Prime Minister, John Howard, will open this year's National General Assembly and Kim Beazley, Leader of the Opposition, will address the delegates during the closing session. ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, said, "We are delighted to have the strong support of both the Australian Government and the Opposition. It represents the excellent relationship we enjoy with both sides of Parliament."

GA Notices of Motion closing next week

Several councils have already submitted Notices of Motion using ALGA's online facility, an innovation introduced at the 2004 National General Assembly. We are pleased with the positive response we have received from Councils who have embraced this slick approach to submitting motions. Don't miss your chance to join those who have already registered - actively participate in local government's national debate by submitting your council's Notices of Motion by Friday 9 September.



Telecommunications on the wire at Regional Forum

This year's Regional Cooperation and Development Forum will focus on Australia's telecommunications access across Australia's 64 regions. Delegates will learn how e infrastructure is benefiting communities build capacity and assist disparate communities stay connected, through Adult Learning Australia's E-learning Creative Community Partnerships Project. The Learning Communities Catalyst – a wealth of resources designed for connecting communities – will also be put to the test in a session where delegates can actively participate. The findings of the Infrastructure Survey that forms part of this year's State of the Regions Report will also be revealed in a lively presentation by Dr Craig Shepherd, National Economics. This year's Forum is an important vehicle to check that your community is travelling in the right direction on the superhighway to sustainability. Register before 12 September to take advantage of the early bird registration fee.



From the President

Earlier this week, severe weather warnings and storms had our councils in the south-east of the country on their toes. Launceston City Council staff worked through the night to minimise flood damage and councils in Victoria and South Australia were left to clean up in the aftermath of strong winds and rains.



Such events bear out the project I jointly launched last week with the Attorney-General, Phillip Ruddock, under the auspices of the Australian Government's Working together to manage emergencies project. This project will enhance the capacity of local government to respond to local emergencies – whether they are natural or man-made.

Natural disasters cost Australia more than \$1.4 billion every year – a staggering figure. At the end of the day, all emergencies are local and building our capacity to respond at the local level is a sound investment in our communities. The Working together project recognises the role that local government can and does play in mitigation strategies, but also recognises that local government should not be left to carry the can when it comes to funding such strategies.

The ALGA project will undertake a stock take of activities and opportunities for local government in emergency management, including our role in counter-terrorism issues. We look forward to greater cooperation in the future so that, together with our federal and state counterparts, we can build resilience in our communities to face all hazards that nature or man may send our way. It will save lives. It will safeguard property, but above all, it will protect the communities we collectively serve.

Cr Paul Bell
ALGA President

Turn young landlubbers into sea adventurers

Avest me hearties! The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme seeks councils interested in providing community scholarships. The Scheme gives young Australians a unique, challenging and inspirational experience that increases their self-awareness, develops teamwork and leadership skills, and creates a strong sense of community responsibility. By offering a community scholarship, Councils can select a person from their community (aged 16 - 23 years) to participate in a 5-11 day sea faring voyage on the tall ship Young Endeavour. Since the Scheme began in 1988, there have been over 8,500 young voyagers. The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme is run in partnership with the Royal Australian Navy with the head office at Garden Island, Sydney.

Community building by place

Social Enterprise Partnerships is hosting its national conference in Melbourne 8-9 September. This event provides an opportunity for community and business leaders, social entrepreneurs, policy makers and investors to do a national stock take on community building and future directions. Speakers from across Australia and New Zealand will address delegates and the Social Enterprise Awards will be presented during the conference, including the Enterprising Community Award. Social Enterprise Partnerships (SEP) is a unique organisation in Australia who's aim is to support community activity at both local and national levels. SEP believes the capacity to generate ventures and form partnerships for social purposes is critical to our present and future quality of life; and is arguably the most important question facing the nation at the start of the 21st century.

POST BillPay opens the house

Australia Post invites councils to attend an Open House discussion on some of the latest developments in the bill payment market. The session will help you gain a deeper understanding of your ratepayers' bill payment behaviour. The insights covered may assist your council in developing strategies to reduce payment collection costs and speed up the collection cycle. The POSTbillpay session will be held on Wednesday, 9 November 2005 at 11:00am. To find out about sessions in Open House, check the Open House diary - Has your council got something to say? Why not make your own booking? Sessions can be booked now online, or at any time during National General Assembly.

Launceston Council caught in the deluge

About 100 council staff at Launceston City Council worked through the night to minimise damage from the flood earlier this week. Emergency crews closed floodgates in a northern Tasmanian river to head off rising waters ahead of the river's mid-morning peak. Torrential rain caused major flooding, closing roads, inundating shops and forcing the evacuation of a caravan park. Natural disasters impact on all local governments at one time or another and councils across Australia have a role in emergency management. This role is recognised by the Australian Government who recently granted ALGA \$473,000 for a local government project. The ALGA project is funded under the federal government's **Working Together to Manage Emergencies** initiative managed by Emergency Management Australia and will be examined at the National General Assembly of Local Government being held in Canberra 7-10 November.

New resources available for councils

The Australian Government has recently released two useful resources for land managers, including local government. The first, a CD **Rehabilitating Streams and Recycled Water Schemes**, outlines the ways to rehabilitate and manage Australian streams. It provides an interactive way of working through planning, implementation and approval processes. For a copy of the CD contact angela.shepherd@alga.asn.au, or your state association. The second, Guidelines for Developing Recycled Water Schemes in Horticulture, provides a summary of the key requirements and procedures when planning and implementing waste water recycling schemes in horticulture.

White Ribbon Day

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – White Ribbon Day – will be held on 25 November. As part of the campaign UNIFEM Australia, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (Australia) is seeking Ambassadors Against Violence. Ambassadors are eminent highly respected Australian men across all sectors and in all states. Project Partners, those organisations who would like to work with UNIFEM for the 2005 campaign, and White Ribbon Distributors are also being sought. If your council would like to be involved in the campaign, please contact the White Ribbon Day Project Management Team at admin@unifem.org.au or ribbons@unifem.org.au.

**BFA Conference 2005
Planning for Healthy Communities**



**Connecting
Cycling '05**
BRISBANE, 5-8 OCTOBER

5 - 8 October, City Hall, Brisbane

Early Bird discounts end 2 September

This conference will be a fabulous event. Speakers will include:

- John Pucher, Rutgers University, USA. His interests include public health impacts of land use policies
- Troels Andersen, a leading Danish expert on cycle planning
- Sharon Roerty, a US authority on Safe Routes to Schools Programs

The conference is a must if you are involved in planning or installing cycling facilities. You should not miss this opportunity to get information on the best programs around and meet people who can help you deliver them.

Topics will include:

- Innovative planning to create healthy environments
- Best practice in engineering for cycling facilities
- Government and community actions to increase cycling and walking

For more information and to register for the conference please visit:
www.bfa.asn.au/conference

**Strategic Awards for Research on Preventive Healthcare and
Strengthening Australia's Social and Economic Fabric**




Australian Government

National Health and Medical Research Council

Call for Expressions of Interest

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) is addressing the Australian Government's National Research Priority Goals of Preventive Healthcare and Strengthening Australia's Social and Economic Fabric through a program of targeted funding.

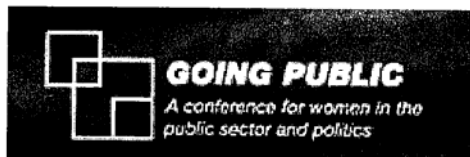
Up to \$10 million over five years will be available for this program. The NHMRC strongly encourages expressions of interest from collaborative teams to conduct multi-disciplinary and cross-sectoral research.

For information on the scope and objectives of the program please refer to  Preventative Healthcare and Strengthening Australia's Social and Economic Fabric Strategic Award Program Framework (PDF 135 kb). Applicants must consult the supporting documentation which provides further information regarding this program.

Administrative enquiries can be directed to the NHMRC project officer Ms Alice Church on 02 6289 9103 or email alice.church@nhmrc.gov.au. Enquiries regarding the scope and objectives of this program should be directed to: Professor Justin Beilby on (08) 8303 5193, email justin.beilby@adelaide.edu.au or Dr Moira Clay on (03) 8341 6421, email moira.clay@mcri.edu.au.

Closing date: 5.00 pm AEST Friday, 28 October 2005. Late applications will not be considered.

Women in Politics – Going Public



Former Democrats leader Cheryl Kernot, Shadow Health Minister, Julie Gillard and ALGA Board Member, Cr Lynn Mason, will be among the line-up of top speakers set to address an important conference for women in politics and the public sector in September. *Going Public*, to be held on September 15 and 16 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, delivers a program focused on career and life issues for women working in local, state and federal government, and elected representatives. *Going Public* will be facilitated by author and journalist Anne Summers and officially opened by the Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor, Marie Bashir.

To register see: www.publicsectorevents.com.au or contact the Conference Director, Pamela Adams on (02) 9223 9366 or email padams@padamsassociates.com.au. *The Conference is being supported by ALGA.*

Australian Small Bridges Conference



October 12-13
Powerhouse Museum, Sydney

The Australian Small Bridges Conference will provide a unique opportunity for councils and other road authorities to review legal, technical and financial issues involved in the testing, strengthening and replacement of small bridges in Australia including road and pedestrian bridges, as well as boardwalk structures.

The two day conference will be held in Sydney at the Powerhouse Museum between 12-13 October. Leading international and Australian bridge experts will address the vital issues of public liability, risk management, bridge asset management, funding issues, the scope of the New Bridge Code AS5100 requirements, inspection and assessment, load testing, monitoring of timber bridges, bridge materials, repair and strengthening, and related technical matters.

With more than 30,000 small road bridges and many thousands more pedestrian bridges in Australia, local and state road authorities are facing enormous pressures as these bridges come to the end of their structural lives. The cost of replacing these bridges is in the many billions of dollars, and could impose a crushing burden on councils which are responsible for the vast majority of these, mostly, timber bridges.

This important conference will focus on legal, financial and technical solutions available to road authorities in their search for cost effective outcomes to improve the management of their ageing bridge assets.

The conference has a structured program of invited speakers to take delegates through all the major issues facing small bridges, and equip them to more effectively manage bridge assets into the future. Presentations will include case studies focused on practical solutions to be put into practice immediately post conference.

The Conference Director, Scott Matthews, is an experienced road engineer. For details of the conference, see www.halledit.com.au/conferences/bridges or email Scott on scottm@halledit.com.au
To register, contact Denise on (03) 8534 5000 or email denise@halledit.com.au.

Forthcoming events

- Odour Assessment and Control (www.odour.unsw.edu.au), 2 day workshop presented by: University of New South Wales, 12 – 13 September 2005, Sydney
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ALGA VP to address first National Speakers Series

ALGA Vice-President, Cr Geoff Lake, will address the opening event of the National Speakers Series, 'A Community for All Ages - Building the Future' in Sydney on 27 September. The National Speakers Series is an Australian Government initiative, supported by several partners including ALGA. The Speaker Series aims to increase awareness of the need to design the built environment - the building, structures and spaces in which we live, work and play - to sustain health and well-being for an ageing population. Local government practitioners and elected representatives

are invited to attend this free event which will travel to all capital cities and some larger regional centres over the next year. To register your interest, please contact the Office for an Ageing Australia, NatSpeakersSeries@health.gov.au, or telephone (02) 6289 5685. The National General Assembly symposium Health and ageing and local government - a partnership in action will also form part of the National Speaker Series.



The early bird catches the worm



Early bird registrations for General Assembly close on Monday 12 September. This year's GA, themed 'Good to Great: Pursuing Progress Through Partnerships', is shaping up to be another terrific event. As part of the plenary debate, the President will conduct an open discussion with delegates from the floor on "cost shifting" and what it means for your council. This will lead into the examination of the proposed intergovernmental agreement on cost shifting and the Fair Share Campaign on Thursday morning. Once again ALGA is receiving strong political support from both sides of politics. Both the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition will speak at this year's event. Be sure to register by Monday 12 September to save \$100 off the registration fee.

IDEA project wins award



**CONNECTING
LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Since 1986 the federal government has been recognising, celebrating and promoting innovation, excellence and leading practice in local government through the National Awards for Local Government. This year, the IDEA project (Information Discovery and Exchange Across Government), a joint Local Government Association of Tasmania and ALGA project to improve local government websites, is the category winner for the Information Technology award. The project undertook pilots to identify the most effective ways to improve the discoverability of websites and developed guidelines, a metadata tool, and the Local Government Research Gateway, all of which can be found on the Connecting

Local Government website by clicking 'ICT Guides' and selecting 'Website Toolkit'. The national winners of these prestigious awards will be announced by the Minister for Local Government, Jim Lloyd, at an invitation only dinner on Monday 7 November 2005, to be held in conjunction with National General Assembly of Local Government.

From the President

Last week I wrote about the damaging storms sweeping across the south-east of Australia and reflected on our need for preparedness to cope with disasters of all kinds, natural and man made. While we were getting a battering of our own, on the other side of the world New Orleans fell victim to Hurricane Katrina, with devastating consequences. The destruction in New Orleans has been likened to that of the Indian Ocean tsunami late last year.



As I head to Bangladesh later this week, to assist local government in this developing nation to build capacity through exchanging skills and expertise - I am again reminded of Australian local government's generosity towards those less fortunate. It is true that our own councils face many problems balancing a demanding and ever increasing list of responsibilities, but I am proud to belong to a sphere of government that despite our local woes, remains always willing to help and support others.

Australian councils were amongst the first to put up their hands to assist in the reconstruction of devastated Indian Ocean and SE Asian communities after the tsunami. We were praised for our quick and compassionate response to the victims of that catastrophe. In fact, being neighbourly is nothing new for Australian councils, who have for many years looked beyond their boundaries to assist neighbours in need. For example, many councils throughout Australia have established Friendship Relationships with communities in East Timor. These councils are committed to building sustainable community-to-community relationships, based on mutual trust and respect. We are also assisting communities in Papua New Guinea through the Commonwealth Local Government Forum Best Practice Scheme, funded by AusAID. The work we do abroad will be the subject of a concurrent symposium at this year's General Assembly, giving us an opportunity to look at what Australian councils are doing to support communities in need.

Right now, it is the people of New Orleans that need our support. I am sure local government across Australia will join with me in expressing our solidarity with the people and local governments of New Orleans in their time of need. On behalf of local government I extend our most sincere condolences to all those who have lost members of families and friends in the Gulf States of the USA.

Cr Paul Bell
ALGA President

AusAID White Paper consultations

Through various overseas aid programs, Australia helps our neighbours reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development. For example, the billion dollar aid program was a central component of Australia's response to the December 2004 Indian Ocean disaster. Our aid programs support poverty alleviation around the world with the main focus on the Asia Pacific region, particularly our immediate neighbours. The Australian Government is developing a White Paper, to be tabled in Parliament in early 2006, which will be a strategic blueprint for the future direction of Australia's overseas aid efforts. The Government seeks the views of interested members of the Australian community on the future directions of the aid program and has conducted a series of special meetings across Australia. The Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Bruce Billson MP, invites members of the public interested in aid and development issues to have their say at the two remaining special public meetings to be held in Perth on Monday 19 September and in Sydney on 21 September 2005. RSVPs are essential rsvpwa@horizoncommunication.com.au or contact Claire Dean telephone: (02) 8572 5600.

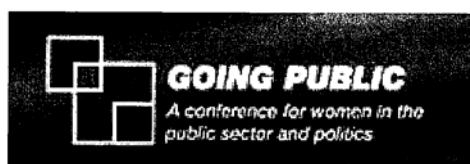
Campbelltown opens the communication channels to their residents

Campbelltown City Council recently held an open access forum called Access to Public Information. Julie Deane, Facilitator and Disability Coordinator, said "understanding the needs and preferences of residents with a print disability is essential while developing our DAP". Guest speaker Jay Richards from Vision Australia noted, "the benefits from this type of consultation has lead to Campbelltown providing large print books and zoom text at the library, conversion of standard English to Plain English for public documents, adjustable text size on their website and a council wide audit to determine what information should be provided in which alternative format (such as audio, Braille or e-text)". Other positive suggestions were that Council should have a phone message while on call-waiting. If you would like to have certain council information in an alternative format such as audio or Braille, council wants to hear from you.

Have your say on coastal zone management issues

ALGA recently released the coastal zone management discussion paper - Increasing Coastal Councils Capacity to Manage the Natural Resource Base. The paper provides councils with the opportunity to input suggestions at the national level on what is needed to allow councils to improve the management of the natural resource base. These issues do not only affect coastal councils - all councils will have something to offer. If you would like to have input into the ALGA policy process, please send your submissions in by 23 September 2005. For more information, contact Angela Shepherd, angela.shepherd@alga.asn.au on telephone (02) 6122 9433.

Women in Politics – Going Public



Former Democrats leader Cheryl Kernot, Shadow Health Minister, Julie Gillard and ALGA Board Member, Cr Lynn Mason, will be among the line-up of top speakers set to address an important conference for women in politics and the public sector in September. *Going Public*, to be held on September 15 and 16 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, delivers a program focused on career and life issues for women working in local, state and federal government, and elected representatives. *Going Public* will be facilitated by author and journalist Anne Summers and officially opened by the Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor, Marie Bashir.

To register see: www.publicsectorevents.com.au or contact the Conference Director, Pamela Adams on (02) 9223 9366 or email padams@padamsassociates.com.au.
The Conference is being supported by ALGA.

Australian Small Bridges Conference



October 12-13
Powerhouse Museum, Sydney

The Australian Small Bridges Conference will provide a unique opportunity for councils and other road authorities to review legal, technical and financial issues involved in the testing, strengthening and replacement of small bridges in Australia including road and pedestrian bridges, as well as boardwalk structures.

The two day conference will be held in Sydney at the Powerhouse Museum between 12-13 October. Leading international and Australian bridge experts will address the vital issues of public liability, risk management, bridge asset management, funding issues, the scope of the New Bridge Code AS5100 requirements, inspection and assessment, load testing, monitoring of timber bridges, bridge materials, repair and strengthening, and related technical matters.

With more than 30,000 small road bridges and many thousands more pedestrian bridges in Australia, local and state road authorities are facing enormous pressures as these bridges come to the end of their structural lives. The cost of replacing these bridges is in the many billions of dollars, and could impose a crushing burden on councils which are responsible for the vast majority of these, mostly, timber bridges.

This important conference will focus on legal, financial and technical solutions available to road authorities in their search for cost effective outcomes to improve the management of their ageing bridge assets.

The conference has a structured program of invited speakers to take delegates through all the major issues facing small bridges, and equip them to more effectively manage bridge assets into the future. Presentations will include case studies focused on practical solutions to be put into practice immediately post conference.

The Conference Director, Scott Matthews, is an experienced road engineer. For details of the conference, see www.halledit.com.au/conferences/bridges or email Scott on scottm@halledit.com.au
To register, contact Denise on (03) 8534 5000 or email denise@halledit.com.au.

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- Connecting Cycling Conference: Planning for Healthy Communities (www.bfa.asn.au/conference), presented by: The Bicycle Federation of Australia, 5 – 8 October 2005, Brisbane
- Asia Pacific Cities Summit (www.apcsummit.org), presented by: Brisbane City Council, 11 – 14 October 2005, Chongqing, People's Republic of China
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MEDIA RELEASE

2 September 2005

Local Roads Need Improvement

WA local roads were recently given a low rating by Engineers Australia's latest *Infrastructure Report Card* with the observation being made that sustainability of local roads is bordering on poor, particularly for rural areas and that a shortage of funding is the main issue.

In responding to the report, WA Local Government Association President, Cr Bill Mitchell, said the C+ rating for WA roads was an indictment of the need for greater funding by all spheres of Government including Commonwealth and State.

"The report demonstrates Local Government's ongoing commitment to managing this important infrastructure on behalf of their local communities to ensure the safety, maintenance and enhancement of the local road network with limited and insufficient funding," Cr Mitchell said.

"While a C+ is still a poor rating, there has been an improvement in ratings of infrastructure managed by Local Government, such as local roads and stormwater over the last 4 years and this is welcome news."

Cr Mitchell said State and Commonwealth Governments reap millions of dollars return from fuel charges, vehicle registration charges and specific heavy vehicle charging, but only a small proportion of this revenue is returned to Local Government to maintain local roads.

"Local Government needs a greater funding injection for local roads from this road user charge revenue to improve its local roads rating. The roads on which the community travels almost half the time deserve to be at least the same standard as national and state roads, which score a B-," he said.

"Considering the budget surplus, the State Government should recognise the importance of a well maintained local road network by rectifying the \$45 million shortfall that will occur for local roads over the next five years."

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- Brett Kuhlmann has been appointed to the contract, full-time position of Landcare Coordinator for the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group. He commenced on 12 September 2005.
- Vicki Carpenter has been appointed to the permanent, full-time position of Directorate Secretary Technical Services. She commences on 27 September 2005.

Staff Leaving:

- Glen Williams has resigned from his position of Horticultural Technical Officer, effective 23 September 2005.

Other Staff Movements:

- Nil

Current Recruitment Activity:

- Directorate Secretary, Technical Services – recruitment completed.
- Gardener Level 4 – recruitment completed.
- Aquatic Centre Staff – interviews completed, medicals booked for most and reference checking continuing.
- Caretaker – interviews completed, medical booked.
- Planning Services Manager – interviews scheduled for 12 September 2005.
- Project Co-ordinator – shortlisting continuing.

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ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS	OFFICER RESPONSIBLE
<u>Armadale Shale Quarry – Management Plan</u> <i>Refer T145/02 25 November 02</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee.	Executive Director
<u>Gillam Drive, Kelmscott – Verge Streetscaping</u> <i>Refer T106/10/03 27 October 03</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee.	Manager Engineering and Design / Manager Parks
<u>Armitage Road – Temporary Road Closure/Parking arrangements</u> <i>Refer T23/04/04 27 April 04</i>	Development Services/ Technical Services	Further report to future Development Services Committee. Future report to Technical Services Committee	Executive Director Development Services. Manager Engineering and Design.
<u>Road Calming to Jarrah Road Roleystone and other items associated with upgrading of the Roleystone Shopping Centre</u> <i>Refer T29/04/04 27 April 04</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee.	Manager Engineering and Design.
<u>Tomah Street, Armadale – Traffic Management, Resurfacing and Parking Petition</u> <i>Refer T89/09/04 27 September 04</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design
<u>Lack of Lighting at Cross Park Precinct, Roleystone</u> <i>Refer T91/09/04 27 September 04</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Parks
<u>O’Sullivan Drive, Westfield Petition</u> <i>Refer T21/03/05 30 March 05</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design
<u>Tender 35/04 – Construction of Culvert 5206 Champion Drive over Southern River</u> <i>Refer T26/04/05 18 April 05</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design
<u>Rubbish and Litter emanating from shopping Centres</u> <i>Refer T94/08/05 22 August 05</i>	Technical Services	Further report to the March 2006 Technical Services Committee	Manager Parks & Coordinator Waste Services

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Civil Works	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbial Rd. ▪ Armadale Rd/Orchard Ave Black spot. ▪ Brookton Hwy Service Rd ▪ Drainage construction various locations ▪ Lake Cammillo Rd Roundabout ▪ Commerce Ave II stage-Armadale Road/Eighth Road ▪ Glebe Road Construction ▪ Westfield Rd ▪ Cul de sacs <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Car park maintenance 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fisher St ▪ Armadale Rd/Orchard Ave Black spot. ▪ Westfield Rd ▪ Drainage construction various locations ▪ Wymond Rd ▪ Croyden Rd ▪ Gillam Dr/Railway R/about ▪ Commerce Ave II stage ▪ Cul de Sacs ▪ Billabong Rd/Lefroy Rd ▪ Glebe Rd ▪ Brookton Hwy Service Rd <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Car park maintenance 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fisher St ▪ Armadale Rd – Weld St -End ▪ Slab Gully drainage ▪ Girraween St traffic calming ▪ Gillam Dr/Railway R/about ▪ Braemore St traffic calming ▪ Cul de Sacs ▪ Tomah Rd fencing, kerbing, rescaling <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Car park maintenance ▪ Bridge maintenance
Design & Development	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seville Grove (Hesketh Ave) ▪ Chevin Woods Estate Stg 4 ▪ Newhaven Precinct 1A ▪ Adios Stg 3 ▪ Irymple Road Development ▪ Corondale Stage 5 & 6 ▪ Lot 2 Poad Street 	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seville Grove (Hesketh Ave) ▪ Chevin Woods Estate Stg 4 ▪ Newhaven Precinct 1A ▪ Irymple Road Development ▪ Corondale Stage 5 ▪ Lot 2 Poad Street ▪ Armadale Shopping Centre 	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 24 & 25 Seville Drive Sub ▪ Lot 2 Poad Street ▪ Newhaven Precinct 1A ▪ Chevin Woods Estate 1 ▪ Irymple Road Development ▪ Churchman Brook Stg 7 & 8 ▪ Armadale Shopping Centre (ING)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Armadale Shopping Centre ▪ Churchman Brook Stg 8 <p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Armadale Road II ▪ Ranford Road (Tonkin Hwy to Southern River Road) ▪ Blackspot turning Places (various locations). ▪ Rock Crescent ▪ Brookton Hwy Service Road ▪ Traffic Calming- Braemore St, Lefroy Road. <p>Drainage Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subsoil systems (various Places) ▪ Westfield Road ▪ Bilkurra Way Subsoil Drainage ▪ Slab Gully Stage II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Churchman Brook Stg 8 <p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ranford Road (Tonkin Hwy to Southern River Road) ▪ Westfield Road ▪ Roundabout Railway/Gillam ▪ Prospect Road ▪ Wymond Road Stage II ▪ Brookton Hwy Service Road ▪ Roundabout Camillo/Lake ▪ Bernard Street ▪ Kevin Road <p>Drainage Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Keates Road Stage II ▪ Westfield Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Armadale Plaza Development (westzone) ▪ Kelmscott Shopping Centre <p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jarrah/Wygonnda Road ▪ Fisher Street ▪ Bernard Street ▪ Randford Road ▪ Traffic Calming- Braemore St II, Girraween Street. ▪ McNess Drive Stage II ▪ Propsect Road ▪ Commerce Avenue ▪ Seveille Drive <p>Drainage Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bernard Street ▪ Keates Road II ▪ Lake Road (Put fall drain)
Parks and Reserves	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Tree Day Community Planting ▪ Revitalize Roleystone Project ▪ Corfield Streetscape ▪ Champion Drive Stg II S/Scope ▪ Memorial Park Redevelopment 	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Revitalize Roleystone Project ▪ Corfield Streetscape ▪ Champion Drive Stg II S/Scope ▪ Memorial Park Redevelopment ▪ Rushton Park Redevelopment ▪ Seasonal Mowing 	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Revitalize Roleystone Project ▪ Memorial Park Redevelopment ▪ Champion Drive Stg II S/Scope ▪ Rushton Park Redevelopment ▪ Neighbourhood Improvement Project (Final) ▪ Roundabout S/Scope – Lake

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	Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seasonal Mowing ▪ Winter Planting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Changeover from Winter to Summer Sports ▪ Turf Renovation 	Road/Camillo Road Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seasonal Mowing ▪ Changeover from Winter to Summer Sports ▪ Turf Renovation ▪ Intrim CBD/Shopping
Property Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of Existing and vacated space in Administration ▪ Consultation with Rushton Park Ref. Grp. ▪ Cross Park lighting projects. ▪ Admin air-conditioning audit of existing units ▪ Consultation with Kelmscott Scouts Group ▪ Consultation with Roleystone Scout regarding Lease of Karragullen Hall ▪ Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of Existing and vacated space in Administration ▪ Consultation with Rushton Park Ref. Grp. ▪ Cross Park lighting projects. ▪ Admin air-conditioning audit of existing units ▪ Consultation with Kelmscott Scouts Group ▪ Consultation with Roleystone Scout regarding Lease of Karragullen Hall ▪ Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consultation with Rushton Park Ref. Grp. ▪ Cross Park lighting projects. ▪ Admin air-conditioning audit of existing units ▪ Consultation with Kelmscott Scouts Group lease of Creyk Park Hall. ▪ Consultation with Roleystone Scout regarding Lease of Karragullen Hall ▪ Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group ▪ Completion of Arena Bus Shed ▪ Construction of Training Room ▪ Demolition of old Scout Hall Frye Park.
Waste Services			

BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING No. 260, WEDNESDAY, 27th JULY 2005

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr Guenter Best (Chairman)
Mr Don Griffiths
Mrs Penny Versteeg
Mr James Hutchinson

Mr Kim Sarti
Mrs Irene Morcombe
Mr Ron Withnell
Mrs Elaine Hutchinson

APOLOGIES

Mr Bill Ladyman (Secretary)
Mrs Miriam Stanborough

Mr David Harrison

Cr Best declared meeting open at 7:40 pm. Minutes of previous meeting held 22nd June 2005 accepted as being correct. Moved J. Hutchinson/ R. Withnell. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Finance – flowchart of payment & funding processes – [1/234 & 1/239] carried over to next meeting?
2. Hazard reduction review – Cr Best reported he's had discussions with Paul Lanternier about Committee's request seeking a variation to the Management Plan for a control burn of the 100 metre buffer area between Gates K and J [1/256]. Mr Lanternier is still investigating.
3. Unauthorised clearing and widening of track west of pit #10 – Cr Best to report on discussion with Mr Lanternier about a response to Mr Allen's previous letter [1/258].
4. Vacant Committee positions – Mr Ladyman not present to report on omission of Mr Thompson's name [1/259] on the list of members recently re-appointed to Committee when his name was included in the recommended list in April minutes [1/257].
5. Cheque Account signatories – Mrs Morcombe has the paperwork to follow up with Cr Best.
6. Australia Post – Signatures for Standing Order for Delivery Mail has been completed [2/259].
7. 2005 Planting Days –
 - (a) Community Planting Day – was held Saturday 16th July at Pit 10 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Some 31 people registered; approx 500 seedlings were planted. At afternoon tea, Cr Best thanked the people involved. Single-tyne ripping was completed by Mr Paul Johnson [4/257]; all 1,000 seedlings were delivered on-site [2/258] and Ms Stanborough's article appeared in *The Examiner* newspaper [3/258] – see Attachment "A".
 - (b) School Planting Day – was held by Armadale Christian College Friday 29th July; ≈ 500 seedlings were planted. Mr Withnell registered the site with Planet Ark.
8. Dieback control in the park – Mr Sarti reported that Mr Glenn Tuffnell (Dieback Treatment Services) has commenced work in the park. Mr Sarti has taken photos for an article to appear in the local newspapers in the near future.

Information Items from the Technical Services Directorate

9. Map of Bungendore Park – Mr Sarti reported he has received an updated map from Mr Reinaard Manger (Planning Department) in AutoCAD. However, he has yet to check for errors [5/258].
10. Animals in Bungendore Park – Mr Sarti has forwarded a list of mammals seen & trapped in Bungendore Park and any known sightings of feral cats in the park to Ms Maggie Lilith.
11. CALM Regional Parks Community Grant 2004 – the acquittal form for grant project (XT73) has been forwarded to CALM [5/259].
12. Bushcare & Environmental Advisory Committee grants – Mr Ladyman has notified Ms Gaskin that our BEAC 2005/06 funding request was forwarded to the City in March/April [6/259].
13. Spring Walk – September 11th. Djilba Walks from Admiral Road entrance. Arrangements being -
Mr Withnell to follow up school access & toilet facilities; signage to go at school entrance. Mr Griffiths to follow up morning teas. Mrs Morcombe to arrange book sales etc. Ms Stanborough to be asked to do publicity article. Ms Stanborough not present to report on Wildflower Spotting sheet for walkers' involvement [7/259].
14. Logs and Old Car body – Mr Hutchinson reported logs have been removed from the bridle trail. The old car body in the Spinebill Close area discussed at last meeting is on Water Corporation land, not CALM land [8/259]
15. Vandalism in the park – Gate 'K' and nearby bollard on the southwest corner [4/258]. These have not been repaired and Mr Lanternier has been contacted again. Apparently CALM has been asked to conduct the repairs – still to be completed.
16. Voluntary Hours – Committee members completed the Voluntary Hours forms.
17. Volunteer work authorisation – Bungendore Park Management Committee authorises members and volunteers to perform maintenance works and management activities for the ensuing year as and when required. Moved Mr Sarti/Mrs Versteeg
Carried 16/02/2005
Activity since last meeting includes:

Sign replacement & trees from tracks	Mr Hutchinson, Mr Sarti
Tree planting & supervision	Committee members
Patrolling and sign assessments	Mr Sarti
Weed control supervision	Ms Stanborough
Ripping supervision	Mr Griffiths
Education, PR	Mr Withnell

AWAITING COMPLETION AND/OR REPLY

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

GRANTS COMPLETED

CALM Regional Parks Community Grant 2004 [XT73]
 Envirofund 2002/2003 GL 1860340-03
 Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2004 (04SE06) [XT71]

GRANTS IN PROGRESS

1. Community Conservation 2003/2004 – \$900 [XT72]

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| 2. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2005 (05S08) – \$2,700 | [XT70] |
| 3. Community Conservation 2004/2005 – \$2,200 | [XT69] |
| 4. Regional Parks Community 2005 grant – \$1,155 | [XT68] |

INFORMATION RECEIVED

1. Swan River Trust – “RiverView” Autumn 2005
2. Planet Ark – National Tree Day information

CORRESPONDENCE IN

1. Urban Bushland Council – notice of Special Meeting 2nd August to amend its constitution.
2. Urban Bushland Council – withdrawal of Special Meeting pending further advice.
3. City of Armadale – reply re development application for Lot 12 (802) Albany Highway.
4. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – seeking clarification on our 2006 grant application.
5. Greening Australia – Membership Certificate for current year.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

1. CALM – Regional Parks 2004 Community grant: Acquittal form
2. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – confirming City of Armadale’s contribution to park management.

FINANCE

Details	Amount \$	Expenditure Type
Pest-R-Jim - Genista spraying adjacent to Bungendore Park, Inv #01673	175.51	XT 73
Pest-R-Jim - Genista spraying adjacent to Bungendore Park, Inv #01673	74.49	XT 73
Pest-R-Jim - Genista spraying adjacent to Bungendore Park, Inv #01673	60.50	XT 68
Pest-R-Jim - Watsonia spraying, Bungendore Park, Inv #01673	50.00	XT 71
Kim Sarti - photocopying etc	19.95	XT 7
Kim Sarti - Glue for aluminium symbol signs	10.95	XT 3
Armadale Wildflower Society -1,000 seedlings	500.00	XT 70
Australian Native Nurseries Group - Seedling delivery, Inv #969	55.00	XT 1
Australian Native Nurseries Group - Apex fertiliser, Inv #970	59.60	GL 1860340
Australian Native Nurseries Group - Apex fertiliser, Inv #970	39.00	XT 71
Australian Native Nurseries Group - Apex fertiliser, Inv #970	33.40	XT 1
D.R. Griffiths & Co – gravel pit ripping for 2005 plantings	330.00	XT 1

Moved P. Versteeg/ R. Withnell Carried.

Mr Griffiths disclosed an interest in the financial payments and left the meeting during voting.

Mrs Morcombe reported that she has received the audited accounts from the City’s auditor and the City of Armadale has reimbursed Committee &70.17 for Post Office box set-up and rental.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Development application for Lot 12 (802) Albany Highway – reply from City of Armadale informing Council considered the development application by Armadale Noongar Corporation for “Educational Establishment” on 20 June 2005 and approved the application subject to numerous conditions (as listed in the letter). Condition 2(j) states ... *With regard to the proposed bush trail, the applicants are advised to consult with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure in respect of ownership of Lots 11 and 24 immediately behind Lot 12 and the Bungendore Park Management Committee in respect of the objectives of the Bungendore Park Management Plan 1997-2007.*
 2. “Managing Phytopthera Dieback in Australia” – seminar July 1st at Perth Zoo hosted by Dieback Information Group. Messrs Sarti & Ladyman attended the full-day seminar. Topics fell into three categories: *Phytopthera* Dieback updates, Current *Phytopthera* Dieback Initiatives and Research Update.
 3. Bridle trail sign at park boundary – Mr Hutchinson reported the sign has been relocated to the correct point on the park boundary with Lot 24 [2/242].
 4. Flora of Bungendore Park report – all copies of the report have now been sold (print run 100). Committee agreed to a reprint/revision of the report. Mr Sarti to arrange prices & quotes for a future grant.
 5. Supervision items – Mr Lanternier has been asked to attend to overflowing rubbish bin at Admiral Road entrance (completed) and to Olive tree prunings at Albany Highway entrance.
 6. WA Naturalists’ Club excursion – 13th August, meeting 9:00am at Admiral Road entrance. Bring morning tea and lunch.
 7. Urban Bushland Council special council meeting – to amend its constitution. The council has since withdrawn the special resolution so the constitution can be re-drafted. The proposed changes did not meet the new requirements of the Register of Environmental Organisations in order to get Deductible Gift Recipient status from the Tax Office.
 8. Weedbuster Week – in October. Discussion held over to next meeting as to any planned activity.
 9. Bungendore Bush Breakfast – agreed date for 6th November for advance advertising. Time: 7:30 am to 8:30 am with a guided walk at 8:45 am. Cost set at \$5.00. Mr Hutchinson and Mrs Morcombe agreed to organise this year’s event, phone reservations by: 2-11-2005
Cr Best to book Bedforddale Hall for tables & chairs in case of inclement weather. Mr Sarti will prepare an advertising flyer. Mr Withnell to arrange toilet access at Armadale Christian College. Mr Thompson to be asked to arrange for a Bedforddale VFB vehicle to be present.
 10. Regional Parks 2006 Community grants – applications close 19th August for next year’s funding round. Suggested ideas for grant application – Weed spraying past Pit #10 & reprint of ‘Flora of Bungendore Park’ report.
 11. Tree across fire access track W3 – awaiting return of Mr Thompson from holiday.
 12. Culvert at Coolibberra Spring – due to erosion on former fire access track on western boundary. This track was regraded without committee’s knowledge. Suggestion of 2 x 9” pipes ≈20 metres apart. Agreed this be undertaken in summer; *Phytopthera* Dieback to be checked against map.
 13. Bereavement card – Mrs Morcombe thanked Committee for its card on the recent passing of Mr Morcombe’s mother.
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DIARY OF EVENTS

2005	Date	Events
JULY	16 th 29 th	Community Planting Day at Pit#10 School Planting Day
AUGUST	13 th	WA Naturalists' Club Walk
SEPTEMBER	11 th	Djilba Spring Walk
OCTOBER		Kelmscott Show – 3 days Weedbuster Week (2 nd week in October)
NOVEMBER	6 th	Bungendore Bush Breakfast
DECEMBER		BEAC end-of-year function

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING AND NEW ACTION POINTS

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

Feb 03	1/234	Mr Lanternier to provide a flow chart for the payments process and to supply Committee with copies of the Friends Group Manual
Mar 05	6/256	Mr Thompson to investigate fallen tree on track W3
Apr 05	2/257	Mr Sarti to follow up new fire access track proposal with Mr Thompson
May 05	5/258	Mr Sarti to finalise copies of maps from City of Armadale
June 05	1/259	Mr Ladyman to follow up the omission of Mr Thompson from the renomination list
June 05	7/259	Ms Stanborough to prepare Wildflower spotting sheet for Spring Walk

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (4th Wednesday)
 7:30 p.m. Wednesday 24th August 2005.

Mr Kim Sarti, a/g Secretary

Meeting declared closed at 9:45 pm

Signed:

Date:

Chairman/Acting Chairman – Bungendore Park Management Committee

ARMADALE SETTLERS COMMON

MINUTES

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, 25th AUGUST 2005 AT THE FIELD CENTRE AT 8.30 PM**

PRESENT:	Cr. Geunter Best	Chairman
	Michael Moltoni	Deputy Chairman
	Leo den Hollander	Community Rep
Secretary	Toni Liebeck	Community Rep, Minutes
	Peter Greenway	Community Rep
	Samantha McCormick	Community Rep, FESA
	Peter Blaxell	Community Rep

APOLOGIES:

Cr Bob Tizard

1. OPEN, WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The meeting started at 8.30pm due to problems entering the building, and many thanks to Diane Tizard for assisting with this. Cr Best welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave apologies as above

2. DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

5. MINUTES

Confirmation of minutes of 28th July were moved by Leo den Hollander and seconded by Peter Greenway.

6. MATTERS ARISING

Toni asked about the date of the October walk and Michael confirmed that this was unable to be changed from the 9th October. The Bedforddale Bush Fire Brigade/BRAG will be providing a guide for the walk.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Out - Adrian Harrod, Bunbury Meats requesting donation of sausages,
Smorgasbord Products requesting donation of onions,
SEMRC re display on waste management systems,
Moon Shadow Raptor Rehabilitation re raptor display,
Joe Tonga re bird nesting display
Cohuna Koala Park, re display,
Ian Thompson, re Bedforddale Bushfire Brigade and BRAG
display,
Armadale Reptile and Wildlife Centre re display,
Email to Melanie Green re supplies and items required,
Email to Greg Elsegood re upgrade of car park and surrounds
(of Common buildings),
Email to John Glassford re cleaning

In - Email from John Glassford re cleaning

8. REPORTS

8.1 Treasurer – Nil.

8.2 Bush Fire Prevention – Samantha reported that burning off has commenced on the Bedforddale boundary. BVBB to doand CALM to do.....

8.3 Weed Control – Leo reported that weeds in the quarry area were starting to sprout. Bob to check when the next spraying could be done. Leo said he would be doing more mapping of weed affected areas in the Northern part of the Common (excluding old farm). There are some areas of Lavender in the common. Leo expressed concern about how to control some non-native trees (E. S. Eucalypts, Wattles, Olive trees) and said he would speak to the Agriculture Dept re ringbarking some of them. It was noted that there were still other areas of the common that needed to be checked. Cr Best asked about the dieback situation and it was confirmed that the current report

was 10-12 years old hence probably out of date. Cr Best thought that the Council were considering assessing the current status. It was felt that there was a lack of skills within the ASCMC to fully address this issue. It was thought that Bob Tizard has contact with the Roleystone group and that a re-survey needed to be coupled with an action plan, possibly within the context of the Regional Strategic Plan ? Cr Best said he would discuss this with Cr Tizard and raise at the next council meeting.

8.4 Grants/Funding – i. SALP application has gotten through the 1st stage (for rehabilitation of Gravel Pit near cnr of Churchmans' Brook Rd). Information regarding this to be reported on at the next meeting.

8.5 BEAC - One of the things being discussed at present is the CALM situation (briefly mentioned at the last meeting). The suggestion was made that ASCMC talk to Churchman's Brook M.C. to see how they have managed this situation. The transition won't be happening quickly and the Bungendore Park MC will also need to consider this carefully. Leo den Hollander to speak to Adrian Choules ?.

9. Walk the Common – 9th October. Michael explained the planned route which is different and easier than last year. The walk will be starting at the Carradine Rd Car Park, up to Settlers Road Grvel Pit then around the edge of the 40 acre block, through the middle and down past Lock View (Long Walk is 6 kms). The Short Walk will be returning from across the Ridge to the Carradine Rd Car Park. It was felt that people needed to be arranged to staff tea and coffee, registration, BBQ etc. There were some concerns about the possibility of low numbers due to the Kelmscott 175th celebrations being on at the same time. It was confirmed that the Water Corporation were supplying the water, but that supply of cakes etc still needed to be coordinated. Some discussion about gazebos and that the school car park could be used for public parking. All members were asked to recruit helpers. Samantha reported that FESA were able to get extra people from the Fire Crew. Michael said that an extra meeting needed to be arranged to discuss burns in the Common and this was arranged for 15th September to discuss this and finalise walk details. It was thought that this meeting could be held in the fire shed and that a notice would need to be sent out beforehand.
 10. Recruitment of New Committee Members – Samantha was welcomed as a new committee member in replacement of Ian Thompson. Samantha said she was studying environmental management and that she was a contact person for a number of community groups. Peter Greenway mentioned that he knew someone in Streich Ave who was interested in joining but had no transport. Samantha mentioned that she may be able to pick her up. Peter said he would invite her to the next meeting. Cr Best mentioned the problem that had occurred in the previous ASCMC (too much work to do and not enough people) needed to be avoided. Toni raised the possibility (again) that a letter drop might help and it was mentioned that an advertisement had been in the last 2 copies of the Blurb. It was also suggested that the Friends of the Common might be able to do a Board at the Walk and this could also be used to advertise for committee members.
 11. Rehabilitation Plan – Gravel Pits – Michael said he would be completing the rehabilitation plan for the SRGP and CBRGP by early November. Peter
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Blaxell said he had 8 jarrahs and about 30 marries, and Leo said he had about 12 jarrahs. Michael said the committee needed to plan for further seed collection in late October. Michael asked that anyone wanting to be involved in the rehab plan should notify him. It was agreed that direct seeding of pot stocks and direct seeding of understory should be in April/May next year. It was thought that Bob might be able to follow up secondary spraying. It was also suggested that Friends needed to get more involved in providing some manpower and the suggestion was made that the meeting in November could look at this issue. Peter Greenway suggested that the car bodies could be referenced by GPS to facilitate removal.

12. Ongoing Issues –

- 12.1 Motor Bikes – Leo reported that he saw 2 people on 4 wheel bikes cutting wood about 2 weeks ago.
- 12.2 Fire Gates – These have all gone in now.
- 12.3 Rubbish Removal – rubbish accumulated under car bodies needs to be removed and it was thought that this was best carried out after the rain to decrease the spread of dieback. The suggestion was made that FESA could notify the council of rubbish found during mop up operations.
- 12.4 Wire Fence signage – ongoing
- 12.5 Park signage – Ongoing (waiting for mapping to finish). Peter mentioned that he needed information about international trail marking guidelines and will be contacting Corinne Gaskin re this. It was mentioned that Ian Thompson needed to see about fire signage.
- 12.6 2005 Tree planting - As discussed previously
- 12.7 Dieback – As discussed previously
- 12.8 Local School Representatives - It was thought that Bob was in the process of clarifying this. Samantha said that FESA were going to be doing something at APSchool jointly with a committee member of the SCMC.
- 12.9 Seed Collecting – as mentioned previously
- 12.10 Seedling Propagation – as mentioned previously
- 12.11 Rehabilitation of SRGP – as mentioned previously
- 12.12 Michael said that this still needed to be completed. Peter Greenway said he does have a preliminary map and it was agreed that Michael would contact Corinne Gaskin re getting this progressed.
- 12.13 Setting of 2005 program – completed.

General Business – Rocks – There was some discussion about this and Cr Best confirmed that there were some big rocks from the CBRGP which could be moved to block entrances. Cr Best also suggested that the ASCMC could also write to the ASC to point out that there was a problem and suggest that the Churchmans Brook Estate developers could provide some rocks (which they are apparently wanting to get rid of).

Firebreaks – Leo mentioned that there had been problems with diversion of water flow into his property after the last firebreaks had been done and he said he would be writing to the ASC re concerns about this in respect of the spread of dieback into private property. New firebreaks are due to be done mid September.

Meeting closed 9.05 pm

NOTICE

The special meeting planned for the 15th September at the Bedfordale Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Station is now cancelled.

It has not been possible to arrange the venue and guest speaker at this time to discuss preventative, fuel reduction burns.

Please be at the normal monthly meeting on 22nd September to discuss the “Walk in the Common” event on 9th October 2005

We need volunteers for the 9th October between 7.30 am and noon – just an hour or two would be helpful.

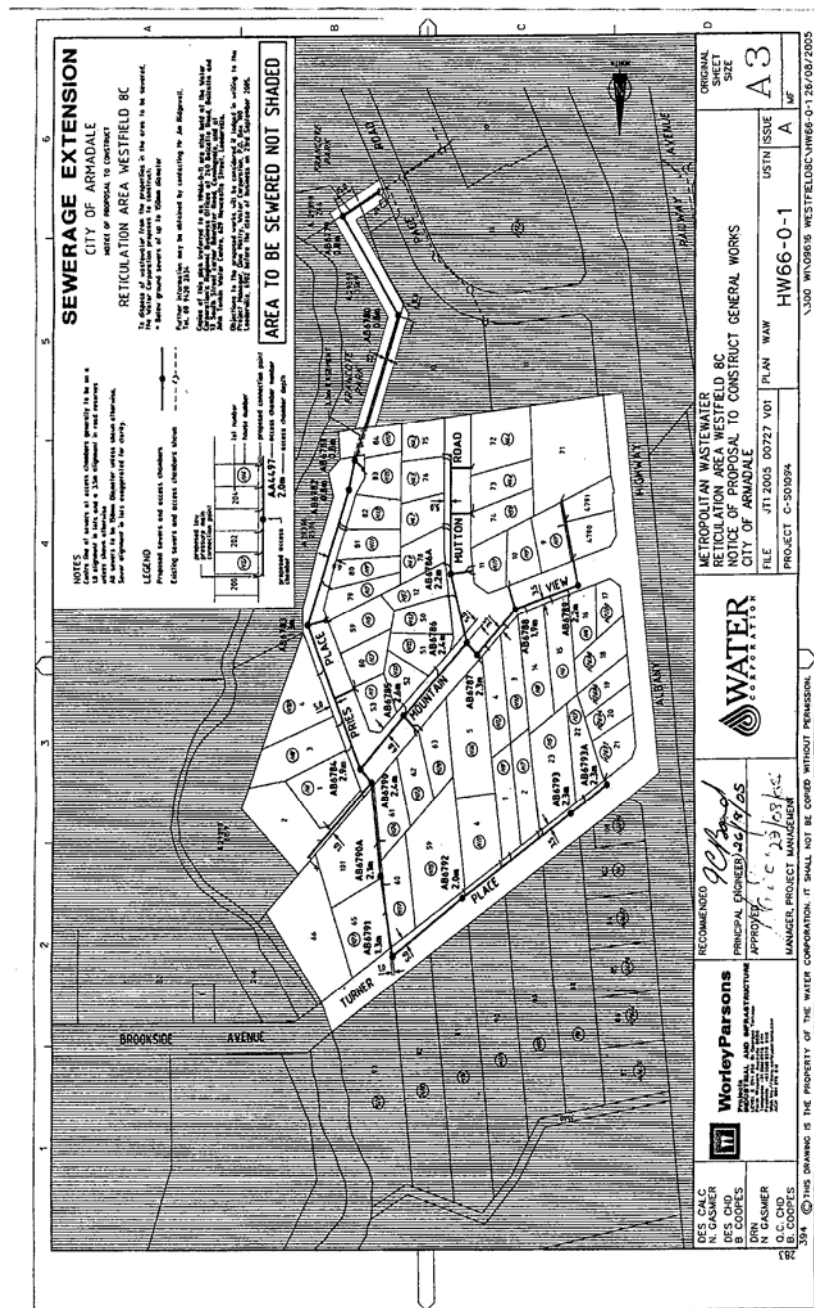
If you can't make it on the 9th October then a donation of homemade biscuits or cake for the morning teas would be appreciated.

Please contact Bob Tizard on 9497 3469 if you can help in any way.

INFILL SEWERAGE PROGRAMME

Council may recall this programme implemented by the Water Corporation in 1994 and will run until 2019. The programme will cost the WA Government approximately \$800 Million and will connect more than 100,000 house holders in Perth and Country Centres to deep sewerage.

The following diagram shows the sewerage reticulation area "Westfield 8C" which is planned for implementation by the Water Corporation in the 2005/06 Budget. The City as well as residents will be informed by the Water Corporation prior to the construction. Council's Civil Works Department will work closely with the Water Corporation to monitor the reinstatement of Crossovers, Verges, Roads and Pathways.



KARRAGULLEN & ROLEYSTONE SENIORS CLUB (INC) - LETTER OF APPRECIATION

New members welcome



Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Club (Inc)

46 Jarrah Rd, Roleystone WA 6111
9496 3166

Email: rksc@amitar.com.au

Website: rksc.amitar.com.au

Monday, 20 June 2005

To: The Mayor,
City of Armadale
Orchard Ave,
Armadale
WA 6112

Dear Linton Reynolds,

At June's committee meeting it was resolved that we would write and thank Armadale Council for work carried out at our Club over the past few months.

• Driveway:

We would like to commend the Council workers who went out of their way to preserve as many native trees as possible and who listened to our concerns before and during the driveway works. In fact, we are pleased to report that the blackboys which were in the way of the planned drive and which were carefully removed and transplanted by the bobcat/digger driver, are growing strongly in their new position.

• Car park lighting:

The large light installed at the end of the building shines into the car park, up the path and illuminates the front and side of our Clubrooms. Our members are now more willing to attending evening activities because they feel secure and safe in the car park after dark.

• Handrail:

As the path from the car park to end of the building has a steep incline, the handrail is of huge benefit to some of our older members and those who use walking sticks, and we have heard favourable comments on its usefulness. Thank you also for the installation of the 'arch' which was recommended by Council as the best method of stopping vehicle traffic from using the footpath.

• Cooker installation:

When the Club purchased a new 'dual fuel' cooker to replace the original kitchen stove which was becoming unreliable and unsafe, Property Services Dept. officers were able to install and alter wiring etc. with minimum disruption to our kitchen volunteers and Club Lunch days.

• Grant funding:

With support from the Seniors *Interest Advisory Committee*, we were successful in obtaining funding through an *Equipment for Living* grant and were able to purchase some much needed disability aids for our members - 2 high backed chairs and a toilet seat raiser. We would like to thank Justin Ifould, Seniors Project Officer, for facilitating this application.

On behalf of our Club, which has over 90 members, we would like to thank you and your officers for these past efforts and we look forward to continuing this co-operative approach of support for Roleystone & Karragullen Seniors.

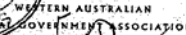
Yours truly,

Maureen McKay

Maureen McKay, President
on behalf of Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Club (Inc)

If you're 50+ Call in for a cuppa and a look around

MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL



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INFORMATION BULLETIN

Issue 80

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WASTE & RECYCLE 2005 REGISTER NOW!

The Waste & Recycle Conference 2005 is fast approaching and registrations are still open. The Conference will be held from the 23rd to the 26th of August. To register visit the Waste & Recycle website www.wasteandrecycle.com.au



NEW AND BLUE WASTENET

The WasteNet website has been given a facelift and its new incarnation is ready for business. The new website has been made more versatile and user-friendly. The structure of the website was reviewed and a range of new features added. These features include a special section for Municipal Waste Advisory Council members and an Information Bulletin Archive. The new Wastenet website is available at the same URL - www.wastenet.net.au

To keep-up-to date on waste issues subscribe to The WasteNet Update by sending an email to enquiries@wastenet.net.au with "Subscribe: WasteNet Update" in the subject line.

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Welcome To The New WasteNet

Wastenet has been rebuilt and freshened up. It's still a great source of information and current affairs, but now it has some new features that will make it easier to get what you want. Aside from the standard things like events and contacts, you'll find most of what you need in one of the following categories:

- Information** - If you're a student or want to learn more about waste types and waste processing - pop into our info section here.
- Policy** - If you want to hear what Local Government is saying on important waste topics - shuffle our pile of policy papers here.
- Members** - If you're a member of Wastenet and need to find minutes, agendas, contact info, etc - sign in and get the VIP treatment here.

Events Calendar

July 2005

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Latest News

- Training Opportunities at Waste and Recycle 2005
- Local Government Officers and Elected Members can attend professional development workshops at the Waste and Recycle Conference 2005 - 23-Jun-2005

www.wastenet.net.au—About Waste in Western Australia



PERFORMANCE BASED RRRS

On the 29th of July, the Waste Management Board hosted a workshop to provide information and receive comments on the proposed replacement to the Resource Recovery Rebate Scheme (RRRS).

The Chair of the Board discussed his expectations for

the replacement scheme, currently named the Resource Recovery Incentive Scheme (RRIS). Some of his comments about the Scheme included:

- basing it on a rebate model (similar to that of the RRRS);
- accessed by industry; and
- criteria including some measure of how well the recipient recycles/recovers

value from the waste stream - hence 'performance based'.

No commitments were made regarding how the development process would proceed.

In Germany, a company is offering to fit silencers to existing bottle banks to ensure they comply with noise emission requirements.



(Source: International Waste News, May 2005)

PRICE REDUCTION FOR OLD BAGS

The City of Wanneroo intend to lobby the State Government for a pensioner discount on the rate charged for rubbish collection.

Currently, under the Rates and Charges Act, eligible pensioners and seniors receive a rebate on their general rates and Emergency Services Levy of up to 50%.

However, this rebate does not apply to domestic refuse charges. Lobbying State Government is one of three possible strategies being developed by the City of Wanneroo.

The other two options are the provision of smaller bins for pensioners or incorporating the collection costs into the general rates.

A report from the Council indicated that of the 29 Perth metropolitan Councils, 10 include the collection costs in the general rates, not as a separate charge.

For more information, please contact the City of Wanneroo on 9405 5000.

(Source: North Coast Times Community, 26 July 2005)

KALBOULD IS CRATE

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has announced that in the 2005-6 financial year they will introduce a new recycling initiative.

The City intends to make available to residents 3,000 sixty litre yellow recycling crates. These crates will be given to residents free of charge.

Residents will be encouraged to place their recyclables into the crates and take them to the recycling depots which are located throughout the City.

The City sees this process as one of education for residents in the management of recyclable household material.

For more information visit www.kalbould.wa.gov.au



STIRLING GOES A LONG WAY



The City of Stirling estimates that to date, over 200,000 reusable greenwaste bags have been distributed. However, there never seemed to be enough bags to meet demand.

The picture shows one of these bags hard at work on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

These very popular bags are used to store greenwaste before

vergeside collection, with the aim of reducing the number of plastic bags used for greenwaste storage as they often contaminate the mulch.

For more information visit the City of Stirling website www.stirling.wa.gov.au or contact Viet Nysen on 9345 8555 or email nysen.viet@stirling.wa.gov.au



NO TIP TO THE COUNTRY

The City of Fremantle has rejected a proposal from Pindan Pty Ltd to purchase, remediate and develop the South Fremantle landfill site, following a Council decision on the 27th of July 2005.

remediation by completely removing contaminated material by rail to a private landfill site in the Shire of Dardanup, and replacing it with clean fill.

received, it was felt that the Pindan proposal would not be supported by the community, so Councillors, thought it was best not to continue down this path."

The commercial proposal aimed to achieve

Mayor Peter Tagliaferri said, "Given the community feedback the City has already

For more information visit www.freofocus.com.au

PLASTIC SURGERY REMOVES BAGS

The Shire of Esperance is aiming to become plastic bag free by December 2005. Figures gathered by the Bag Smart Committee show that, of the 70,000 plastic bags used weekly in Esperance, 90% come from the four major retailers. In light of this, the Council recently

voted to encourage major retailers to meet the deadline. Another initiative to reduce bag use are plastic 'bag free weeks' held every month.

The hard work of the Shire has paid off, with anecdotal evidence suggesting a reduction in the number of

plastic bags in waterways and airborne bags at the Wylie Bay rubbish tip.

For more information contact Carmel Breman on 9071 0666 or email carmel.breman@esperance.wa.gov.au

In Imari City, Southern Japan, the world's first house with walls made from eggshells has been built. The walls are hazard free and fireproof. The company also produces wallpaper made from eggshells.

NOT TOTALLY CONTROLLED

A recent investigation of compliance with the Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations, found 6% of businesses were noncompliant.

The Department of Environment investigated 482 business premises, 43 waste carriers and 16 disposal sites.

The controlled waste category includes all liquid waste and some solid waste, such as

tyres and contaminated soil.

For more information visit www.environment.wa.gov.au

GOT THE GIS?

The Core Consultative Committee (3C) has launched a web based mapping system to show the locations of the 936 sites nominated as



potential hazardous/industrial waste treatment precincts.

The map also shows the essential site

selection criteria using a geographic information system (GIS).

To view the map visit the 3C Website www.3c.org.au



(Source: Japan for Sustainability, 5 July 2005)

BEAUTY AND THE BIN

Adopt a Bin

The Metropolitan Illegal Dumping Taskforce (MIDT) is working with Keep Australia Beautiful Council (KABC) in WA has started an 'adopt a bin site' programme.

The Programme aims to stop illegal dumping at Charity bins. In this case, any material deposited outside

the bin is considered illegal dumping. In order to address the issue, the KABC is suggesting people 'adopt a bin site' and report any illegal dumping.

For more information please contact Amy Warner on 9278 0641 or email amy.warner@environment.wa.gov.au

Do it five ways

Keep Australia Beautiful Week will be held from the 30th of August to the 3rd of September 2005. Each of the five days has a different theme: work; school; home; recreation and travel.

For more information visit www.KeepAustraliaBeautiful.org.au



E EXPORT TRADE

Senator Ian Campbell, Federal Minister for the Environment and Heritage, has announced that dealers and exporters of used electronic equipment will have to comply with more stringent criteria to prevent the unauthorised export of electronic waste.

Australia has been exporting about \$20 million a year worth of used electronic equipment to China, India and other Asian countries.

However, there has been increasing concern that these exports may breach legal

obligations under the Basel Convention.

To view the new criteria visit www.deh.gov.au



A first for Latin America occurred with the opening of a PET recycling plant in Mexico. Mexico is the worlds' largest per capita consumer of Coca-Cola.



(Source: WME Weekly, 21 July 2005)

The CSIRO recently conducted a review of recycling in Australia. One area highlighted was the high level of support that recycling receives in Australia, with 96% of Australians saying that

recycling services are important to them.

Three key issues identified to increase recycling rates are:

- Design for recycling;
- Better recycling policies and regulations; and

- Extended product responsibility (EPR) or stewardship.

The review titled *Closing the loop?* is available from www.publish.csiro.au/ecos

LETS GET LOOPY

A FAIR SWAP

A school in Wallangarra, Queensland, is having a scrap drive to raise funds.

The *Scrap for Schools Program* is only in its second

year of operation, but could potentially raise thousands of dollars for the school.

The school has gone into partnership with Smorgon Steel,

who will pay the school for any scrap steel donated.

For more information visit www.cansmart.org.au

MODELLING CONTRACT

The New South Wales Department of Environment and Conservation has released a model Waste and Recycling Collection Contract.

The package comprises a series of documents and instructions designed to assist Councils to produce sound tenders, advertisements and contracts for

their waste collection services. Copies can be obtained from Danyelle Carter on (02) 8837 6064 or email danyelle.carter@environment.nsw.gov.au



YOU'LL NEVER NEVER GLOW

The Federal Government has finalised a list of possible locations for a future Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility,

for low to intermediate level radioactive waste. These locations include Department of Defence properties in the Northern Territory.

For more information on these locations visit www.radioactivewaste.gov.au

VIAGRA FOR TYRES

Annoyed by tyre punctures on vehicles used at your landfill?

One possible solution is Arnco's flatproofing polymer.

The patented liquid is pumped into the tyre through its valve

system, the liquid 'sets' within 24 hours. Tyres filled with this polymer have a life of two to five times longer than air filled tyres, according to Mr Richard Blacker of Arnco. One limitation of the polymer is a speed limit of 80 km/hour.

For more information, please contact Richard Blacker on (02) 9688 8888 or email richard@bearcat.com.au

(Source: Roads, June/July, 2006)



BIODEGRADABLE BY ASSOCIATION

The soon to be launched Australasian Bioplastics Association will represent industry in Australia and New Zealand in the promotion of plastic that is biodegradable, compostable and based on renewable resources.

The Association will seek to establish labelling and standards for bioplastics consistent with international practice.

Another aim of the Association is to work with government and other relevant stakeholders to assess the requirements of compost processing and to market bioplastics as a compostable product.

For more information visit www.bioplastics.org.au

(Source: Ferret.com.au)

MUSIC = ZERO WASTE

The WOMAdeelaide 2005 music festival was declared a Zero Waste event. Only biodegradable crockery and cutlery was permitted. A survey of the disposed material found 37% paper and card from catering and 22% paper and card from other sources.

(Resource Recovery Forum, 9 July 2005)

The offshore Semakau landfill in Singapore has recently been launched for recreational activities.

BAGS TO BE BANNISHED

The State Government of South Australia has introduced a three-year deadline, after which single use plastic shopping bags will be banned. Zero Waste South Australia reported that the State Government will encourage reusable bags as a replacement. To replace plastic bin bags, the State Government is promoting biodegradable cornstarch bags. For more information visit www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au

(Source: Resource Recovery Forum, 9 July 2005)



(Source: Resource Recovery Forum, 23 July 2005)

NIMBY DOES ITALY

A study from Italy titled *NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard)* was published recently. The two-year study tracked 190 plants which had encountered public opposition. Of these, 65% were related to the disposal of waste. The main reasons for opposition were health fears (18%), environmental impacts (17%) and negative quality of life (6%).

The Report is available (in Italian only) from www.nimbyforum.net

(Source: Resource Recovery Forum, 17 July 2005)

PREVENTION IS ALWAYS BETTER

A new report from the European Union regarding what local and regional authorities can do to reduce waste, suggests that waste prevention receive priority over recycling. The Report suggested that since waste results from consumption, waste prevention should also address lifestyle and patterns of consumption. The Report, *Voluntary actions supported by local authorities to encourage waste prevention in Europe*, is available from www.acrr.org

(Source: Resource Recovery Forum, 20 June 2005)

ECYCLING IN US

A recent trial conducted by the US EPA, the Product Stewardship Institute and an electronics retailer, Staples, has shown that junk consumer electronics can be collected at a low cost. The recycling service was provided via a 'reverse logistics' system using Staples existing product distribution network.

(Source: WME Weekly 21 July 2005)

MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Next Meeting (Ordinary)
Date: 23 September, 2005
Time: 3.30 pm
Venue: Council Chambers, City of Albany

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- 23–26 August 2005 **Waste & Recycle 2005**
The Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle
For more information visit www.wasteandrecycle.com.au
- 30 August–3 September 2005 **Work Aware, Sustainable School, Environmental Care at Home, Green Play and Travel Clean Days**
For more information visit www.keepaustraliabeautiful.com.au
- 1–3 September 2005 **9th Conference on Environmental Science and Technology**
Rhodes Island, Greece
For more information visit www.gnest.org/cest/
- 7–9 September 2005 **Waste Q 2005: Creating Our Future and Landfill 2005**
Rydges Southbank, Brisbane
For more information visit www.wmaa.asn.au
- 3–7 October 2005 **Sardinia 2005: 10th International Waste Management & Landfill Symposium**
Cagliari, Italy
For more information visit www.sardiniasymposium.it
- 10–12 October 2005 **Asia Pacific Roundtable for Sustainable Consumption and Production**
Melbourne, Australia
For more information visit www.06prscp.com
- 11–14 October 2005 **AUSPACK 2005**
Sydney, Australia
For more information visit www.auspack.com.au
- 17–21 October 2005 **14th European Biomass Conference and Exhibition**
Paris, France
For more information visit www.conference-biomass.com
- 1–3 November 2005 **WasteMinz Conference 2005**
Rotorua, New Zealand
For more information visit www.wasteminz.org.nz
- 6–8 November 2005 **ISWA 2005: Towards Integrated Urban Solid Waste Management System**
Buenos Aires, Argentina
For more information visit www.iswa2005.ars.org.ar

**2005
CALENDAR OF
SUBMISSIONS**

- 26 August 2005 **WA Environment Awards**
For more information visit <http://awards.environment.wa.gov.au>
- 31 August 2005 **'The Challenge' Steel Can Recycling Council**
For more information visit www.cansmart.org



**WHAT IS THE MUNICIPAL
WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL?**



MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL
"Setting the Environment Right"

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) is a standing committee of the Western Australian Local Government Association with delegated authority on municipal waste issues.

MWAC's membership includes the major Regional Councils (waste management). This makes MWAC a unique forum through which all the major Local Government waste management organisations cooperate.

MWAC focuses its work in three main areas:

- The proactive development of policy on priority issues;
- Comprehensive representation of Local Government views on legislation, regulations, administrative policy and related matters; and
- The delivery of grant funded programs consistent with Local Government priorities.



www.wastenet.net.au—About Waste in Western Australia

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL – WASTE LESS WORDS

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Waste-less Words



Sustainable September

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- Students living with less waste
- SEMRC Resource Recovery Feasibility Study

Welcome to issue two of Waste-less Words.

Sustainable September provides us with the opportunity to reflect on how we live today and envisage the way we want to live. You can join in celebrating the wide range of activities helping to create a more sustainable Western Australia.

The SEMRC is looking to use this month to increase awareness of household chemical waste disposal and increasing recycling of packaging and organics at home.

Recipients of this newsletter will be updated with what's happening in the SEMRC, so get your friends and colleagues to subscribe today.

Log onto www.sustainableseptember.net.au for more information.

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Waste Not, Want Not

Have you ever wondered how much waste costs us each year. Well a report on waste in Australia from the Australia Institute outlines just how wasteful we are.

The discussion paper, titled *Wasteful Consumption in Australia* shows the cost of wasteful consumption at more than \$10.5 billion each year. This is the amount spent on goods and services that are not used to their full potential.

Despite evidence of consumer items going to waste, many Australians believe they do

not have enough money to buy all the things they need or want, including those on a high income.

On average, each Australian household wastes \$1,226 on items that go unused. This total includes foods that does not get eaten, accounting for the greatest amount of wasteful consumption.

Wasteful consumption is strongly related to age and income, with younger people wasting more and those on a higher income also wasting more money on unused

products and services, such as gym memberships.

For full details on the Australia Institute report visit www.tai.org.au/Publications_Files/DP_Files/DP77SUM.pdf

In Florida, a fuel cell using waste food from theme parks and orange peel from citrus processing is being developed.

Source: Environmental Management Newsletter, 23 March 2005

RETHINK - Reduce, Reuse & Recycle

REDUCE—Harmful chemical cleaners

This month's tip for reducing waste may have possible benefits to your health as well as the environment.

While we all want to live in a clean home, some chemical cleaners may be doing us more harm than good. Modern cleaning products increase indoor air pollution to often unacceptable levels. Increased exposure to chemicals can cause health issues such as asthma, eye infections, headaches and dizziness. Increased usage of chemical cleaners are also having a negative impact on the environment, passing through treatment works and polluting waterways.

Microfibre Technology in the form of cloths and mitts are a good alternative. Requiring only water and very little effort they remove dirt, mold spores, dust and harmful bacteria. Little water is needed for an effective result, so they also conserve another precious resource—water, while cutting down on packaging requirements.

You could also choose to stock up on a few key ingredients and make a toxic-free cleaning cupboard. Using these key ingredients you have nearly every cleaning need covered. The author recommends that top on the list should be bicarbonate of soda, vinegar/lemon juice and tea tree oil.

Happy cleaning for a healthier environment and healthier people!

"Microfibre cloths make an excellent alternative to chemical cleaners and only require water and a drying cloth"

REUSE—Film Canisters

Have you ever wondered what you can do with film canisters after you have had your film developed.

There are several ways you can reuse these.

1. Turn them into craft storage containers for small beads and other craft items;
2. You can purchase salt and pepper shaker lids for them to use while camping;
3. Turn them into a butt bin. Half fill them with sand and label them with a catchy saying like: "Butt out and save wildlife". Give them to smokers to carry with them.
4. Create an on-the-go chewing gum disposal unit. Cut a long strip of paper and roll this up and put into the canister, keeping footpaths chewing gum free.

If you have any interesting ideas on reusing things, please email them to: education@semrc.wa.gov.au



Idea from Adrian Prior—*Wonderful Ways with Waste.*

Green Cleaning Cupboard

The following is a list of ingredients that provide a safer alternative for you and the environment. These can be used on their own or stay tuned for green cleaning recipes in future editions of Waste-less words.

Baking soda/Bicarbonate of soda (Sodium bicarbonate)	All purpose - cleans, deodorises, scours, polishes & removes stains
Borax (Sodium borate)	Deodorises, removes stains, prevents moulds and odours, pest repellent & boosts the cleaning power of soap
Cornstarch	Cleans & deodorises carpets & rugs, absorbs grease
Lemon juice	Cuts through grease & stains on aluminium & porcelain
Pure soap	Cleans everything
Table salt (Sodium chloride)	Mild disinfectant, abrasive but gentle scouring powder
Tea tree oil (Melaleuca alternifolia)	Natural antiseptic, antibacterial & fungicide
White Vinegar (Dilute acetic acid)	Removes mildew, stains, grease & wax build-up. Great glass cleaner
Washing soda (Sodium carbonate)	Cuts grease & disinfects. Also increases the cleaning power of soap

Source: <http://www.city.toronto.on.ca/hbw/zhhome.htm>

RECYCLE—*Plastic bottles*

You may be interested to know that the recycling contractor for the all members of the South East Metropolitan Regional Council is now collecting all soft drink, milk and detergent bottles and containers with the recycling symbol on them. Plastic bags should not be put in your recycling bin and all recyclables should be put in the yellow-top bin loose. Remember to remove the lids from bottles as well.

The bottle from the soft drink you consume may be recycled into a jumper you wear—PET can be recycled into polar fleece. PET is also recycled into the recycled layer in new PET plastic bottles, 100% recycled plastic detergent & disinfectant bottles, carpet, sleeping bags and pillow stuffing, and roadside guideposts.

HDPE plastic bottles get recycled into wheelie bins, irrigation piping, eskies, water meter boxes or air conditioning hose.

Recycling plastics helps save on landfill space. Plastic products can take over 600 years to decompose, and then they may not break down completely in that timeframe. Plastic litter can cause major problems for wildlife. Marine animals mistake plastic bags for jellyfish and all animals might get trapped or tangled in plastic products such as bags, bottles and containers.



Recycle plastic bottles and containers with the recycling symbol on them.

Students living with less waste

Students at Campbell Primary School will now be able to divert even more waste from landfill. Recently the school received \$500 from the Mitre 10 Junior Landcare grants to install a shelter for large scale worm farms.

In 2004 the school constructed a vegetable garden and started two small

can-o-worms worm farms. The worms helped recycle scraps from the pre-primary fruit time. This was turned into valuable fertilizer which in turn was used on the vegetable garden.

Teacher Lisa Antic, aims to involve even more students in recycling food scraps when the larger worm farms are

introduced into the school.

If you know of a school that requires assistance for a grant application, get them to email education@semrc.wa.gov.au with their contact details.



Joining the battle against waste

A number of residents from the City of Armadale and Gosnells have united to join the fight against waste. This followed the successful trial of Waste Wise Workshops held at the City of Armadale.

The group had their first meeting on the 13th of July 2005.

The group has named themselves South East Waste Warriors. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 5.00pm.

There are a number of projects that the Waste Warriors would like to pursue. These projects will focus on encouraging recycling both at

home and when out shopping. The first major project is to assist setting up recycling stations at a local shopping centre.

If you would like to join the Waste Warriors, please email education@semrc.wa.gov.au

"Waste Warriors aim to encourage recycling both at home and when out shopping"



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The South East Metropolitan Regional Council was established in 2001 by the Cities of Armadale, Gosnells and South Perth to develop strategic regional approaches to waste management in the region.

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Finding sustainable waste management solutions!



SEMRC Resource Recovery Feasibility Study

The South East Metropolitan Regional Council entered into a new phase towards better waste management. The Council has appointed a consultancy to look into the feasibility of establishing a resource recovery centre in the region. This will include looking at possible sites and technology options for future resource recovery.

The Community Reference Group will provide important information from the community perspective. The next meeting of the group will lead to the guiding principles for site and technology options.

As the study progresses, all information will be made available to residents through libraries, on the SEMRC website and in displays at shopping centres and public events.

The SEMRC is looking to expand the membership of the Community Reference Group to include members from the business community.

If you are interested, the Terms of Reference and application form can be downloaded from www.semrc.wa.gov.au

While the country is aiming

for Zero Waste to be the ultimate goal of the future, it is important to remember that until there is overall cooperation between industry, government and consumers for production of goods and disposal (recovery) of waste, landfill will be necessary for disposing of residual waste.



Trying to find more sustainable solutions for waste management

***ENHELATH COUNCIL POSITION ON COPPER CHROME ARSENATE
(CCA) TREATED TIMBER PRODUCTS JULY 2005***



**ENHEALTH COUNCIL POSITION ON COPPER CHROME
ARSENATE (CCA) TREATED TIMBER PRODUCTS
JULY 2005**

Introduction:

enHealth Council has considered the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicine Authority's (APVMA) report on the Review of Arsenic Timber Treatment Products, released in March 2005. The report recommends cancelling the use of Copper Chrome Arsenate (CCA) treatment of timber intended for structures such as garden furniture, picnic tables, exterior seating, children's play equipment, patio and domestic decking and handrails from March 2006. CCA is used to treat timber for the prevention of insect (termite) and fungal damage.

enHealth Council notes that:

Whilst the intentions of APVMA in eliminating a source of environmental contamination are acknowledged, there is no evidence that existing CCA treated timber structures in parks and throughout the community pose a risk to public health, or that replacement or removal of these existing structures is warranted.

The following basic hygiene practices, which should be applied during all outdoor activities, are adequate to deal with typical contact with CCA treated timber products:

- Do not place food directly on any outdoor surface that you are using as a table.
- Always place food on a plate or napkin.
- Always wash your hands after engaging in outdoor activities.

CCA treated timber should never be burnt or used as a fuel because of the toxic fumes which arise.

Background information:

The Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing's Office of Chemical Safety (OCS) conducted a health risk assessment in 2003 and concluded that:
'based on a consideration of the exposure to CCA treated timber products, in particular children's play equipment, there was no compelling evidence from the available data to conclude that there was likely to be an unacceptable risk to public health from exposure to arsenic from CCA treated timber. Based on this finding, there would not seem to be a good justification for taking immediate action to remove existing CCA treated playground structures.'

Studies published in scientific literature support the OCS health risk assessment. The studies included measurements of the amount of arsenic on children's hands after playing on CCA treated timber playground equipment and a detailed risk assessment. Both types of studies found that the ingestion of arsenic by children in these situations is very low and not of a health concern.

The New Zealand Environmental Risk Management Authority also reviewed CCA in 2003 and concluded that:
'the weight of current evidence does not support measures such as banning all future use of CCA treated timber or replacing structures in current use.'

The United States Environmental Protection Agency and the European Union are not recommending the removal of existing CCA treated timber structures.

enHealth Council will work with the APVMA to further manage this issue and provide advice to local councils and other authorities who may have concerns about existing CCA treated timber structures.

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Subject: THIRD HEAVY VEHICLE ROAD PRICING DETERMINATION

In mid July 2005, the National Transport Commission (NTC) released the *Third Heavy Vehicle Road Pricing Determination Discussion Paper*. The purpose of the Discussion Paper is to obtain comments on the estimated share of road construction and maintenance costs that is the responsibility of heavy vehicles and the implications of these costs estimates for heavy vehicle road use charges. The Discussion Paper was only open for comment for a short period of time with submissions being required by 8 August 2005. A copy of the Discussion Paper is available on the NTC's website www.ntc.gov.au.

Heavy vehicle charges are set to ensure that the heavy vehicle "pay their way" for the costs they cause by "wear and tear" of roads and bridges. This is done by recovering the share of road spending that can reasonably be allocated to heavy vehicles. These figures are based on:

- Road expenditure over a rolling 3 year period.
- Estimating the distance travelled and average mass of different types of vehicles.
- Estimating the road wear caused by different types of vehicles.

The First and Second Determinations on Heavy Vehicle Road Pricing resulted in a two part charge being implemented, with 2/3 of costs recovered through a fuel-based charge and the remaining 1/3 through annual vehicle registration charges. These charges are collected through the Commonwealth and State Government systems. It is anticipated that the Third Determination will result in a similar charging regime.

The calculations in the Discussion Paper, if adopted, may result in increases in registrations for B-Doubles from \$7,565 to a possible \$20,250 and for Road Trains from \$8,233 to a possible \$18,500 pa, together with increases in fuel charges. The impact of this magnitude of pricing has been raised with the Association by a number of Councils and has prompted in a submission being made.

The key elements of the Association's submission focus on:

- The anomalies with heavy vehicle road pricing in that while Local Government in Western Australia manages 72% of the State's road network with nearly half of all vehicle kilometres travelling on local roads including significant access by heavy vehicles, there is no direct share of the cost recovery for road use being returned to Local Government. The Association is seeking consideration of this issue in the Third Determination and future Determinations, particularly as intelligent transport systems become more sophisticated in their ability to identify actual road networks that are used by heavy vehicles (ie national highways, state managed roads and locally managed roads). The Association considers that the costs of maintaining the road network, which are consistently increasing, should be offset by revenue returns from road user charges and that the revenue generated from heavy vehicle road pricing should be returned to the relevant infrastructure manager, including Local Government.

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- While it is recognised that the allocation of heavy vehicle road charges is not a specific issue for consideration in the Discussion Paper, the Association has taken the opportunity to advocate for a share of revenue from these charges, which have been in place for a number of years, for the local road network. The position forms a key component of the Association's advocacy on increasing local road funding.
- In relation to the potential increases in heavy vehicle road pricing in the Third Determination, the Association maintains that sustainable road transport is a key element that should be considered in the Determination and this sustainability includes the components of affordability and equity.
- The Association has raised concerns in relation to the potential for significantly higher transport costs as result of increased road pricing and has articulated the potential impacts, particularly on rural and remote communities. Western Australia is a vast State that has strong reliance on road transport for the movement of freight, goods and services. Any increase in heavy vehicle road pricing, particularly to the magnitude articulated in the Discussion Paper, will have a flow on effect to the public in terms of increased costs of goods and services, and in rural and remote communities may have a direct adverse impact on economic development and the viability of road transport operators.
- In terms of equity there are concerns that while it is recognise that heavy vehicles cause greater wear and tear on road infrastructure, lower charges for smaller heavy vehicles (as proposed in the Discussion Paper) may result in transport operators changing from B-Doubles and Road Trains to a larger fleet of smaller vehicles. This has the potential to increase congestion in metropolitan and regional centres, adverse environmental impacts and raises issues of safety to all road users.
- While the Association supports the principle of heavy vehicle road pricing, the magnitude of-increases proposed in the Discussion Paper on the Third Heavy Vehicle Road Pricing Determination for B-Doubles and Road Trains is of significant concern in terms of adverse community impacts.

The process from here is that the submissions received on the Discussion Paper will now be considered by the National Transport Commission and draft recommendations for the Third Determination developed for public comment in September 2005. The recommendations will be then considered at the December 2005 meeting of the Australian Transport Council.

Depending on the draft recommendations, the Association intends making comment when the recommendations are publicly available along the lines articulated above. Given the short time frame for development of comments on the Discussion Paper, it would be appreciated if Councils could consider the Association's key positions on this issue and advise if there are further or alternative positions that should be advocated.

It would be appreciated if Councils could provide to the Association comments on the positions put forward to the NTC on the initial Discussion Paper by 1 September 2005 to enable a further submission to be developed on the draft recommendations if required.

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ITEM	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
<p><i>Lease – Armadale Golf Course</i></p> <p>That Council refer the matter of tenure and implementation of appropriate management controls for the Armadale Golf Club Clubhouse to the Community Services Directorate for consideration and report back to the Community Services Committee.</p>	Recreation Services	Golf Course Lease has been finalised. Negotiations underway with Armadale Golf Club re: Management Agreement for the clubhouse facility. Matter to be finalised by October 2005.
<p><i>Kelmscott Soccer Club – Proposal to Use Pries Park (February 2004) (August 2004)</i></p> <p>That a report to the October 2004 Community Services Committee meeting be prepared that identifies the issues associated with the Kelmscott Soccer Club's future, canvassing possible options for Council's consideration and recommending a strategy for the future use and development of both Frye Park, Pries Park and other relevant alternatives. (C120/8/04)</p>	Recreation Services	Matter reported to the November Community Services Committee Meeting. Council resolved not to approve the Kelmscott Soccer Club's request to relocate to Pries Park at this time. Further consultation to occur with the Club and an additional report to be presented to a future Community Services Committee Meeting.
<p><i>Dog Free Reserves (April 2005)</i></p> <p>That Recommendation C38/4/05 be not adopted and be recommitted to the Community Services Committee for further investigation on some of the implications of the amendment to this local law. (C38/4/05)</p>	Ranger & Emergency Services	<p>In further researching this matter it became apparent that there is a requirement for a complete review of the current application of Dog Free and Dog Exercise areas throughout the area.</p> <p>Progress on this issue is under way and following its completion will be included as part of the overall report to the October Community Services Committee Meeting.</p>
<p><i>Armadale Soccer Club Debt (April 2005)</i></p> <p>Request the Armadale Soccer Club submit a repayment plan to clear the balance of its debt to Council as a matter of priority and this be submitted for Council's consideration to the May Community Services Committee Meeting. (C42/4/05)</p>	Recreation Services	Subject to workload and available resources, matter to be reported to the October 2005 Community Services Committee Meeting.
<p><i>Indoor Aquatic Centre Feasibility Study (June 2005)</i></p> <p>That a further report be presented to the September Community Services Committee Meeting on the outcome of the community response to Council's preferred option for provision of an indoor aquatic facility in the City. (C68/6/05)</p>	Recreation Services	Subject to workload and available resources, matter to be reported to the October 2005 Community Services Committee Meeting.

OUTSTANDING REPORT

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – AUGUST 2005		
ITEM	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
<i>Armadale Arena – Draft 2005/06 Business Plan (June 2005)</i> The final draft of the Armadale Arena's 2005/06 Business Plan be presented to the August Community Services Committee Meeting. (C69/6/05)	Recreation Services	Subject to workload and available resources, matter to be reported to the September 2005 Community Services Committee Meeting.
<i>Pioneers' Reunion Venue and Criteria (August 2005)</i> That Council recommit the matter of the criterion of becoming a pioneer to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee pending broader discussion between Elected Members and officers in relation to the purpose of the function and qualification. (C79/8/05)	Community Development	Subject to workload and available resources, matter to be reported to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee.

***LIBRARY & HERITAGE SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT –
AUGUST 2005***

1. LIBRARY SERVICES

1.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

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

1.2 Library Extension Activities

1.2.1 Community Information Talk

Topic	Tai Chi
Presenter	John and Monica Wong, Australian Academy of Tai Chi Assoc
Date	3 rd August, 2005
Time	1pm-2pm
Venue	Kelmscott Library

No. Attending 11

(Report prepared by Sheena Bell, Librarian Kelmscott Library)

John and Monica Wong returned to Kelmscott Library on the 3rd of August to demonstrate Tai Chi. All participants were presented with a handout and given an introduction on Tai Chi. Monica explained that Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese Martial art that the Shoalin monks slowed down to become a gentle form of exercise and meditation. The benefits of Tai Chi were listed and these included being able to recognise the signs of stress and offering releases to alleviate the stress, perform exercises that assist meditation and develop good deep breathing techniques.

After the introduction John invited the participants to move their chairs to one side and perform some simple stretching exercises. They were taught techniques to relax the knee and hip, the correct way to walk and they were reminded to breathe out as well as in and to keep their bodies straight whilst exercising.

John and Monica then gave a demonstration of a sequence of Tai Chi movements accompanied by relaxing music giving an indication of what can be achieved by practice. Eleven very satisfied patrons left the library after the hour demonstration having enjoyed a hands-on

presentation together with much smiling and laughter. Comments from those attending included high ratings for the presentation, very informative, pleased that “this session had been put on” and “very enjoyable”. The session was publicised in the local papers as well as through a distribution of flyers throughout the three libraries, and enhanced by a display of library items on Tai Chi.

1.2.2 Children’s Book Week

(Report prepared by Rita Lennon, Librarian Armadale Library)

Activity: Author visits

Presenters: Jon Doust & Ken Spillman, Jane McKay (author/illustrator), Liliana Stafford, Jo Coghlan, and visiting author, James Roy

Date: 22-26 August 2005

Venues: Armadale, Kelmscott and Westfield Libraries, Kingsley Primary, Roleystone Primary

Children’s Book Week was celebrated during August at the three City of Armadale Libraries, beginning with a launch by the Mayor at the Armadale Library. Twelve sessions presented by Australian authors were held at Armadale, Kelmscott and Westfield Libraries and at two local schools. Children were from year one to year seven. Librarians from each of the three libraries also conducted several storytelling sessions at playgroups, pre primary schools and child care centres, promoting books shortlisted for the Children’s Book Week Awards.

The authors presenting the sessions included: James Roy from New South Wales, Jon Doust & Ken Spillman, Jane McKay - author and illustrator, Liliana Stafford, and Jo Coghlan.

The sessions were greatly enjoyed by students and teachers and many commented on how much fun they had.

Displays were set up at all of the libraries, promoting the winning and shortlisted books for the Children’s Book of the Year Awards and the Healthways Smarter than Smoking message. A display relating to the theme of “Reading Rocks” was also set up at Armadale City Shopping Centre, and included artwork from local primary schools and the Kelmscott Bookworms Club.

The activities held during Children's Book Week were partly funded by a grant from the Children's Book Council and Healthways Smarter than Smoking.

1.2.3 Shopping on the Internet Workshop

(Report prepared by Stephanie Harris, Library Clerk, Kelmscott Library)

The Shopping on the Internet workshop was held at Kelmscott Public Library on the 18th August 2005. Virginia Thomas-Wurth (Consultant) and Stephanie Harris (Kelmscott Library Staff member) jointly prepared the manual and presented the workshop.

The presenters covered such areas as Ebay, Amazon, ABC shop, EzyDvd and a few more. The main interest was in Ebay, both as a buyer and seller. The workshop consisted of a 1 hour information talk where general information on the subject was discussed and questions answered. This was followed by a 1 hour "hands on" session, so that the participants could use and see Ebay, Amazon and EzyDvd web sites, again the most interest being Ebay.

The workshop was attended by 5 patrons and the feedback was very positive e.g.; requests for longer sessions, more "in depth" workshops and repeat workshops. One of the participants signed up on Ebay during the course of the workshop and has since independently purchased items on Ebay and has listed to sell and item. She was very excited about this when she came into the library to tell us.

There was a small display of relevant material i.e. books on Ebay buying and selling and other internet books set up, and of the ten that we had on display nine were borrowed at the end of the workshop. The manual prepared specifically for the workshop is now the property of library service and is available for use by patrons and staff.

1.2.4 Mary Durack Award for Young Writers

(Report prepared by Helen McKissock Librarian, Westfield Library)

This year the City of Armadale hosted the twenty seventh presentation of the Mary Durack Young Writers Award.

There were a total of 556 entries with 169 coming from the City of Armadale.

Some changes were made to the Award this year - we set a word limit to the entries and we introduced a new category, Upper Secondary which meant for the first time students from Years 11-12 could enter.

The libraries tried something different by sending letters direct to eligible members and as a result over 100 entries were sent in or delivered by children themselves. The rest of the entries were from schools.

The Presentation was held in the Function Room of the Council building on 18 August and was very well attended with over 100 guests. Mary Durack's daughter was able to attend and she brought a picture of her mother as a young girl to show to the students. The evening started with an excellent speech from the Mayor followed by an entertaining address by WA children's author Dave Caddy. This was followed by the presentations to the winning students and afternoon tea.

There were many positive comments from the people who attended. Guests made comments about how good the Mayor's speech was and that it was great to see him so involved in events like this. People commented on how well the author had interacted with the children. Several parents commented on how well the presentation went and that they were really happy their children were acknowledged in this way. Several parents commented on the venue and the suitability of the food.

The following day a thank you lunch was held at a local restaurant to thank all the judges for their efforts in making the event work and continue to be relevant to the students within the City of Armadale.

2. HERITAGE SERVICES

2.1 Heritage Statistical Performance Indicators

The Heritage Department's statistical performance indicator report for the month of August 2005 is attached. **(Refer to Attachment "CA-2".)**

2.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library Promotion.

On Thursday 8th August, Acting Historian/Local Studies Librarian Lorraine Pearce was invited to speak at the first meeting of the Kelmscott Historians.

The invitation offered an opportunity for the promotion of the Birtwistle Local Studies Library to a group of people who are interested in researching the history of Kelmscott. As part of the presentation the relationship between the Birtwistle Local Studies Library and local historians was emphasised, in particular with the importance of research being deposited in Birtwistle Local Studies Library enabling the material to be available for present and future access by all.

2.3 Oral History Conference

Four oral history volunteers and the Acting Historian/Local Studies Librarian attended the annual conference of the Oral History Association of Australia (WA Branch). The conference reinforced the importance of oral history as a medium for recording history. All who attended were encouraged by the value of oral history and inspired to continue their involvement in the City of Armadale's Oral History Programme.

2.4 Mosaic Plus Database

Mosaic is a museum specific software package, designed to record details of objects held in museum collections. The City had an old version of Mosaic that has now been upgraded.

The database has been installed and is now ready for data entry. Four volunteers along with the Curator of History House Museum attended a two day training course on how to use the upgraded system. Work will now begin on entering data related to the collections in the History House Museum and the Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum. This will ensure that the details of all items, including their source, is recorded accurately.

**MANAGER RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR
AUGUST 2005**

1. Animal Control

1.1 Dogs

Ranger Services received two hundred and thirty eight (238) requests for assistance during the August report period, with complaints about dogs wandering again being a key focus.

1.2 Livestock

During this report period Ranger Services attended to nine (9) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on the road.

1.3 Court Action

The following information relates to legal action taken by Ranger Services pursuant to the provisions of the Dog Act 1976. These matters were heard and determined in the Armadale Magistrates Court during August 2005.

NAME	OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Robert Buckland	Dog Attack on another dog X 2 charges	Guilty	1,500	1,000	2,500
Trudi Lague	Dog Attack on Person	Guilty	1,500	100.70	1,600.70
Kristian Campbell	Dog Attack on Person	Guilty	1,200	132.90	1,332.90
Kathleen Gliddon	Keeping more than the prescribed number of dogs	Guilty	1,000	190.70	1,190.70
Lisa Roberts	Dog Attack on Person	Guilty	500	100.70	600.70
Esme Hansen	Dog Attack on Person	Guilty	1,200	100.70	1,100.70

2. Vehicles

2.1 Parking

Ranger Services attended to sixty three (63) general enquires relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

2.2 Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Services attended to nineteen (19) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in areas that are prohibited, during the report period.

3. Fire Services

The innovative and very colourful Budget Rates & Bush Fires Information pamphlet, 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.

There are several changes to the information contained therein mainly relating to restrictions on the Burning of Garden Refuse and Rubbish and the lighting of fires on Sundays and Public Holidays.

4. State Emergency Service

The activities report for August 2004 has identified that the Armadale Unit spent forty four (44) hours of training time during the period from August 1st 2005 to August 25th 2005. A further seventy four (74) operational hours was in dealing with callouts which related mainly to storm damage.

5. General

AUSTRALIAN SAFER COMMUNITIES AWARDS 2005

On Tuesday September 6th 2005 representatives from the Bedfordale Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade (BVFB) received a “**Special Commendation**” award in the Australian Safer Communities Awards presentations held at FESA House. The award recognised the work carried out by the brigade in the area of community safety through its’ Bush Fire Ready Action Group (BRAG)

The Australian Safer Communities Awards 2005 are organised by Emergency Management Australia. They recognise best practice and innovation by organisations and individuals that help to build safer communities across Australia.

The Awards cover all aspects of emergency management – risk assessment, research, education and training, information and knowledge management, prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

There are two categories at both the State/Territory and national level:

- **Pre-Disaster** covers projects aimed at preventing or mitigating disasters and emergencies or their effects, including preparedness activities.
- **Post-Disaster** covers response and recovery and related activities.

6. August 2005 Statistics

<i>DOGS</i>	August 2005	August 2004	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Wandering	59	62	100	95
Dogs for Pick Up	35	37	56	47
Barking	23	30	46	56
Attacks	19	20	40	36
Lost & Found	90	1	153	50
General Information	12	6	16	20
Total	238	156	401	304
Office Phone Enquiries	114	95	210	171

<i>PARKING / VEHICLES</i>	August 2005	August 2004	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
General Parking	15	16	21	26
Trucks	4	7	6	20
School Parking	5	6	5	8
Taxi Parking	0	N/A	0	N/A
Abandoned Vehicles	17	8	31	15
Off Road Vehicles	19	9	32	18
Shopping Trolleys	3	N/A	4	N/A
Total	63	46	95	87
Office Phone Enquiries	10	14	20	26

LIVESTOCK	August 2005	August 2004	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Lost & Found	1	2	1	5
General	8	15	21	25
Total	9	17	22	30
Office Phone Enquiries	10	7	13	12

LITTER	August 2005	August 2004	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
General Information	0	0	0	0
Private Property	2	1	3	3
Roadside / Reserve	6	6	9	7
Verge	4	4	4	6
Total	12	11	16	16
Office Phone Enquiries	3	2	3	5

FIRE	August 2005	August 2004	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Burning Off / General Information	1	1	1	1
Firebreak / Hazard	0	1	1	1
Total	1	2	2	2
Office Phone Enquiries	5	20	6	38

GENERAL	August 2005	August 2004	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
General Information	3	2	9	8
Total	3	2	12	8
Office Phone Enquiries - Cats	22	N/A	41	N/A
Office Phone Enquiries - General	13	40	30	66

TOTAL	August 2005	August 2004	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Total Reports / Complaints	326	234	558	447
Total Office Phone Enquiries	177	178	323	318

WARNINGS	August 2005	August 2004	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Dogs	13	34	27	48
Parking	28	19	46	24
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Litter	2	0	3	0
Fire & Fire Orders	1	0	2	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	44	53	58	72

INFRINGEMENTS	August 2005	August 2004	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Dogs	26	31	49	59
Parking	11	26	60	44
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	1
Litter	0	8	0	9
Fire	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	37	65	109	113
NUMBER WITHDRAWN	8	N/A	16	N/A
Number Paid	41	N/A	109	N/A

IMPOUNDED DOGS	August 2005	August 2004	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Claimed	52	42	65	72
Sold	2	2	6	6
Destroyed	17	10	35	20
Vet / Rescue	6	15	10	27
Stolen	0	0	0	0
Total	77	69	116	125

IMPOUNDED VEHICLES	August 2005	August 2004	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Vehicles	8	2	13	5
Motor Cycles	0	1	0	4
Total	8	3	13	9

IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK	August 2005	August 2004	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Sheep	2	0	2	3
Horses	0	0	0	0
Cows	0	0	0	0
Goats	0	0	2	0
Pigs	0	0	0	0
Deer	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	2	0	4	3

COURT PROSECUTIONS	August 2005	August 2004	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Dog	7	5	8	6
Fire	0	0	0	0
Parking	0	0	0	0
Litter	0	0	0	0
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Total	7	5	8	6
No. of Guilty Verdicts	7	5	8	6

FINES ENFORCEMENT	August 2005	August 2004	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Infringements sent to FER	0	37	28	37

DOG REGISTRATIONS	August 2005	August 2004	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
New Dog Registrations	68	N/A	74	N/A
Renewed Dog Registrations	10	N/A	11	N/A
Total	78	0	85	0

<i>PHONES CALLS</i>	August 2005	August 2006	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2006/2005 Progressive Total
Office – Rangers calling Office	21	38	56	64
Office – Messages for Staff	57	52	95	99
Office – Referred to Other	19	19	42	38
Calls to Rangers' Private Residences via Diverter	18	38	43	92
TOTAL	115	147	236	293

MINUTES FROM OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee Meeting of 2 August 2005. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-3”.)**

Armadale Highland Gathering Committee Meeting of 14 June 2005. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-4”.)**

Armadale Police & Citizens’ Youth Club Management Committee Meeting of 27 July 2005. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-5”.)**

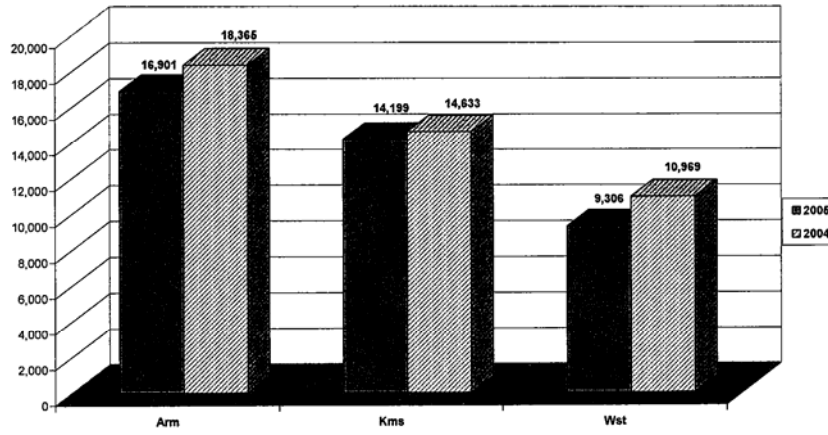
Armadale Police & Citizens’ Youth Club Management Committee Meeting of 24 August 2005. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-6”.)**

Armadale Youth Advisory Committee Meeting of 25 July 2005. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-7”.)**

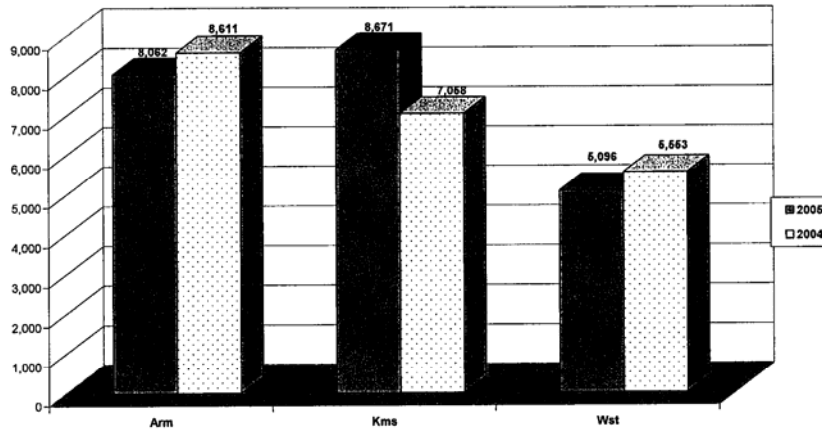
Armadale Youth Advisory Committee Meeting of 29 August 2005. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-8”.)**

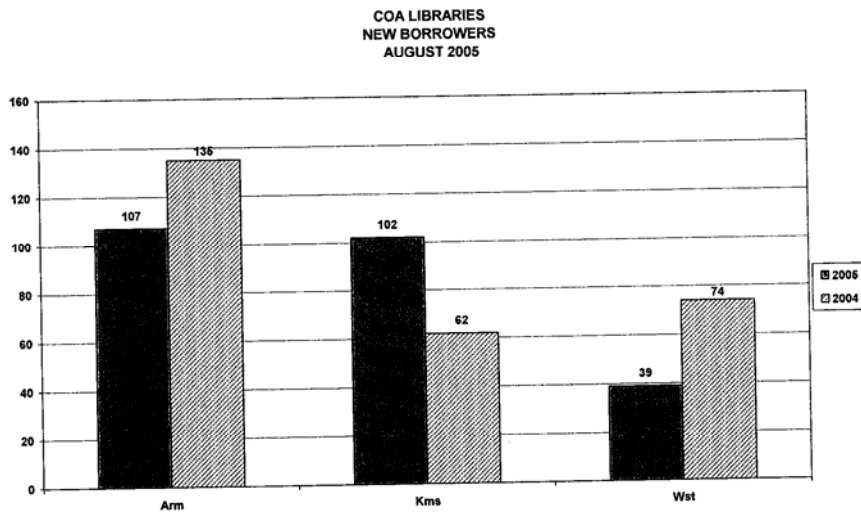
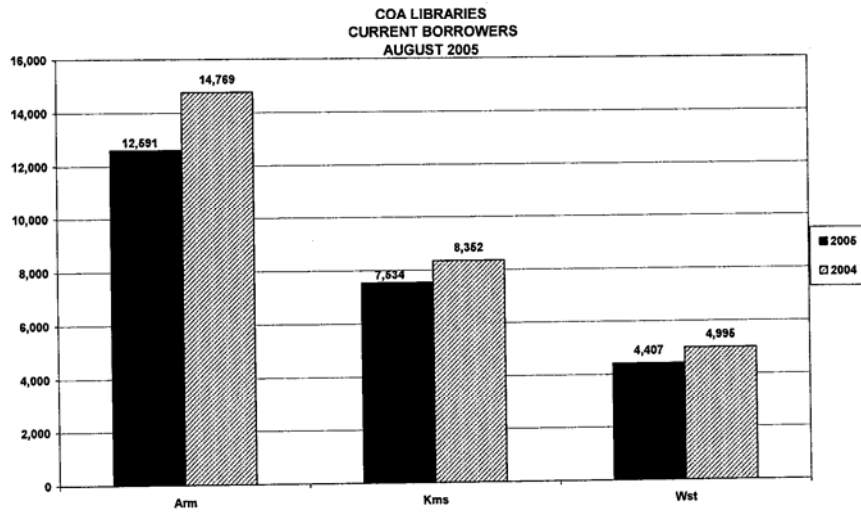
South East Regional Recreation Advisory Group Meeting of 19 May 2005. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-9”.)**

COA LIBRARIES
ISSUES/RENEWALS
AUGUST 2005

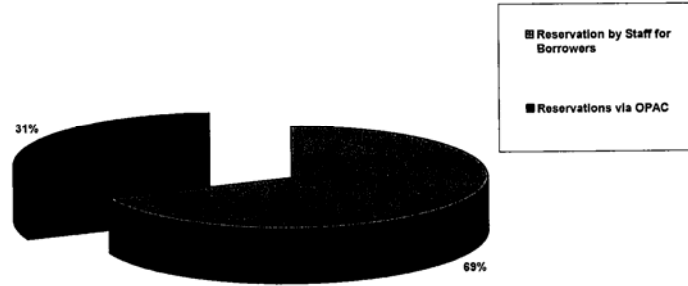


COA LIBRARIES
NUMBER OF VISITS
AUGUST 2005





COA LIBRARIES
RESERVATIONS
AUGUST 2005



City of Armadale
 Heritage Department
 Monthly Statistics

Month: August 2005 2004

History House Museum

Visitor for month	89	259
Visitors this year	1218	2494
Volunteer Hours for month	161	-
Volunteer Hours this year	960	-

Birtwistle Local Studies Library

Reference Enquiries	8	-
Research Enquiries	6	-
Photograph Requests	2	-
Visitor Attendance	50	-
Volunteer Hours	42	-

Oral History Programme

Letters Sent	2	-
Interviews Completed	4	-
Transcripts Completed	1	-
Interviews in Progress	1	-
Transcriptions in Progress	4	-
Volunteer Hours Transcribing	20	-
Volunteer Hours Interviewing	21	-

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE **ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
HELD IN THE **COMMITTEE ROOM**, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD
AVENUE, ARMADALE ON **TUESDAY, 2 AUGUST 2005 AT 1.00 PM**

PRESENT:	Ms V Hansen	(Chairman)
	Mr A McNamara	(Deputy Chairperson)
	Cr L Reynolds	City of Armadale Councillor (Mayor)
	Mr A Garlett	Community Representative
	Ms L Murray	Community Representative (Arrived 1.13pm)
	Ms C Pickett	Community Representative (Arrived 1.15pm)
	Mr B Loo	Department for Community Development Representative
	Ms M Sheppard	(Arrived 1.13pm)
	Mr G Hansen	Community Rep
APOLOGIES:	Ms M Hill	Community Representative
	Mr C Askew	Executive Director Community Services City of Armadale
	Mr R Barlow	Dept of Housing and Works
	Cr J Knezevich	City of Armadale Councillor
	Mr P Johnson	Manager Department for Community Development
OBSERVERS:		
IN ATTENDANCE:	Ms K South	Dept of Housing and Works (Arrived 1.10pm)
	Ms T McCourt	Community Development Co-ordinator City of Armadale
	Mr M Wood	Community Development Officer City of Armadale
	Mr J Ifould	Community Development Officer (Seniors & Disabilities) City of Armadale
	Mr R Thorne	Coordinator Aboriginal Family Support Service
	Mr J Wally	Armadale Health Service Representative

DISCLAIMER

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

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

QUESTION TIME

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 14 June 2005

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2005, are confirmed.

**Moved: Mr A Garlett
Seconded: Mr A McNamara**

I N D E X

**ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

2 August 2005

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2. REPORTS

2.1 AFSS Report – Robin Thorne

No report was tabled at the meeting. Robin Thorne advised that this was due to sick leave and study leave but will present a report at the next meeting.

Leslie Murray congratulated the AFSS staff for their contribution to the service.

Viv Hansen asked for nominations for the AFSS Sub-Committee.

DECISION

Bruce Loo, Allen Garlett, Jack Wally, Albert McNamara, Leslie Murray, Viv Hansen & Yvonne Coyne, a representative from Dept of Housing and Works & Dept for Community Development will make-up the AFSS sub-committee membership. Members to liaise with Robin Thorne in regards to meetings.

The next Sub - Committee meeting is Friday 2nd September at 10am at Orchard House.

3. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

3.1 Safety Plan

Mike Wood presented the draft Safety Plan to the committee. He advised that the plan addressed 10 priority areas i.e.

- Domestic Violence
- Alcohol and other drug use
- Road Safety, Maintenance of local infrastructure
- Railway System
- Safe Parks
- Suicide
- Lighting and
- Media perceptions.

The plan is a whole of City plan reflected by members of the Community Safety Advisory Committee. Any concerns or issues can be addressed in the future as the plan is flexible. Feedback from the committee was called for.

Margaret Sheppard commented on security when implementing events in parks relating this concern to the Westfield Park event. Mike acknowledged her concern and advised that future events will see an increase in notifying households in the area about the impending event so that residents can be more prepared.

Bruce Loo commented on the large billboard advertising along the Armadale train route and suggested that positive images of Aboriginal people should be displayed. Linton Reynolds advised that this is not a City of Armadale

responsibility but a private advertising company’s project. Funding could be sought to hire a billboard and commission an artist to address the request, but the venture would not be a cheap exercise.

Linton Reynolds suggested that any positive stories can be referred to the City’s Public Relations Officer for publication.

Viv Hansen suggested that an ATSIAC member should nominate to be a member of the Community Safety Advisory Committee. Allen Garlett was nominated.

There being no further comments the committee made the following decision.

DECISION

That Allen Garlett will be a Community Representative on the Community Safety Advisory Committee and that the ATSIAC support the Draft Safety Plan.

3.2 Seniors Plan

Justin Ifould presented the draft plan to the committee. The plan addresses the 9 Social Policy areas:

- Family and Community
- Housing and Support
- Transport
- Safety and Security
- Health
- Education and Information
- Employment and Volunteering
- Recreation and Leisure and
- Seniors Centres

City of Armadale staff, elected members, community group and individuals had been consulted during the development stage of the plan. A workshop was conducted where researched demographics were presented together with a literature review. Issues were identified that addressed the social policy areas. The plan is an across City of Armadale Departmental approach catering mainly for people over the age of 55. It is an all encompassing but flexible document.

Feedback from the committee was called for.

Linton Reynolds suggested that more seniors’ leadership training could take place where seniors can learn about leadership resulting in the implementation of their own community projects. Linton also commented that there may be an opportunity within the next few years for the relocation to the area of high dependency beds. These will be targeting older Italian and indigenous people.

Leslie Murray commented that the plan should be more specific with identifying the needs of aboriginal seniors.

Viv Hansen suggested that the Seniors Interest Advisory Committee should have an aboriginal representative and as there are no vacancies on the committee at the present time, that perhaps a change to the Terms of Reference could take place.

There being no further comments, the committee made the following decision.

DECISION

That the ATSIAC support the Draft Seniors Plan.

4. FURTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Agendas and Further Business:

Trish McCourt asserted that the Local Government Act recommends that ‘further business’ should not be part of a normal advisory committee meeting and that items to be presented should be already noted on the agenda as ‘Business of the Meeting’. This practice gives members the opportunity to think about their approach to any issues before the meeting commences. It was suggested that receiving minutes could be used as a prompt to contact Ms McCourt for items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

4.2 Correspondence

Trish McCourt tabled the following correspondence:

‘Future Footprints’ indigenous careers expo to be held on 16 August 2005.

UWA Crime Research Centre are seeking Aboriginal people to interview offenders.

4.3 Employment and Calendar of Events

Bruce Loo informed the committee that Gosnells Senior High School and Dept for Community Development are seeking Aboriginal workers.

Mr Loo also commented on capturing on a calendar, all community events that relate to Aboriginal people.

4.4 NAIDOC

Viv Hansen thanked Council for their support with organizing the NAIDOC event. Margaret Sheppard suggested that certificates of thanks be awarded to helpers on the day.

Bruce Loo volunteered to seek names of Aboriginal students attending private schools for next year’s student awards.

DECISION

The committee decided that the following helpers should be rewarded with a certificate for the efforts towards the NAIDOC event. Action by City of Armadale Officer.

Irene McNamara, Wayne Ninnette, Michelle Ninnette, Leslie Murray and Best Start, Allen Garlett, Albert McNamara, Bruce Loo and World vision.

4.5 Guest Speakers

Margaret Sheppard reported that Armadale High School are seeking Aboriginal guest speakers and that the Guest Speaker programme which used to pay for this service has ceased. Doris Pilkington was a suggestion.

4.6 Gywnne Park

Carleen Pickett requested support from the City for support in securing a ‘Place of Healing’ in bush land that has running water and toilet facilities. Linton Reynolds advised that the City does not have any land that would be suitable. Bruce Loo mentioned a location in the Avon Valley but Ms Pickett suggested that somewhere closer to Armadale would be more appropriate.

DECISION

That the City of Armadale Officer contact Serpentine/Jarrahdale Shire for assistance.

4.7 Blokes Brekky

Bruce Loo advised that there is a ‘Blokes Brekky’ on 18th and 19th August and is seeking expressions of interest.

4.8 Patrol

Viv Hansen reported that in view of new developments in the area, community safety should be ensured and in this regard, Allen Garlett would like to set-up a user friendly Aboriginal Patrol which will involve respected community leaders.

Carleen Pickett suggested that there is already too much security in the area and that energy should be diverted into youth programmes.

Gerald Hansen supported the patrol and suggested that more youth programmes and activities should be implemented as well, especially during

school holidays. It was further suggested that the ‘Youth’ issue should be addressed at the next ATSIAC.

5. *NEXT MEETING*

To be held on 6 September at 1.00 pm.

MEETING CLOSED AT 2.40 PM



ARMADALE HIGHLAND GATHERING

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 14 JUNE 2005 AT THE CITY OF ARMADALE
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, COMMENCING AT 6.06 PM

The Events Coordinator opened the meeting at 6.06 pm.

1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Council at its meeting held on 7 June 2005 (C49/5/05) resolved to amend the Terms of Reference, appoint the following persons to the Armadale Highland Gathering Committee, and readvertise for a community representative as follows:

1. *Amend the Armadale Highland Gathering Committee Terms of Reference to reduce the number of Community Representative positions from 5 to 2.*
2. *Appoint the following persons to the Armadale Highland Gathering Committee:*
 - *Mr Ken Manolas (Pipe Band Association – WA Branch);*
 - *Ms Barbara Ewing (Australian Pipe Band Association);*
 - *Ms Madeline Granville (Armadale Lions Club);*
 - *Mr Henk Vogels (Southern Districts Cycling Club);*
 - *Mr Tony Harman (Southern Districts Cycling Club);*
 - *Mr Peter Andrews (WA Metropolitan Regional Committee of Highland Dancing Representatives);*
 - *Ms Tonia Joyce (WA Metropolitan Regional Committee of Highland Dancing Representatives);*
 - *Ms Judith Tweedie (Royal Scottish Country Dance Society);*
 - *Mrs Barbara Ross (Caledonian Society of WA);*
 - *Mr Alister Wilson (Community Representative).*
3. *Re-advertise for the following Community Representative ... on the:*
 - a. *Armadale Highland Gathering Committee – 1 position.”*

Council is appreciative of the time donated by the nominated members for the two year period 2005 – 2007.

RESOLVED:

That the information be received.

Moved: Mr Ken Manolas
Seconded: Mr Henk Vogels
CARRIED

2. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The Events Coordinator called for nominations for the positions of Presiding Member and Deputy Presiding Member for the next two-year period.

2.1 Presiding Member

Mr Ken Manolas nominated Cr J A Stewart for the position of Presiding Member, there being no further nominations, Cr J A Stewart was duly elected.

RESOLVED:

That Cr J A Stewart be elected to the position of Presiding Member for the period up until the next Local Government Elections in May 2007.

2.2 Deputy Presiding Member

Cr J A Stewart nominated Mr Ken Manolas for the position of Deputy Presiding Member, there being no further nominations, Mr Manolas was duly elected.

RESOLVED:

That Mr Ken Manolas be elected to the position of Deputy Presiding Member for the period up until the next Local Government Elections in May 2007.

Moved: Mr Ken Manolas
Seconded: Ms Barbara Ross

CARRIED

Cr Stewart assumed the chair and conveyed his thanks to the Committee for their support and to Mr Ken Manolas for taking on the position of Deputy Presiding Member.

3. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Name	Organisation
Cr J A Stewart	Chairman – City of Armadale
Mr Henk Vogels	Southern Districts Cycling Club
Mr Tony Harman	Southern Districts Cycling Club
Mr Ken Manolas	Australian Pipe Band Association WA
Ms Barbara Ewing	Australian Pipe Band Association WA
Ms Madge McCallum	Armadale/Kelmscott Lions Club
Mrs Madeline Granville	Armadale/Kelmscott Lions Club
Ms Barbara Ross	Caledonian Society of WA
Mrs Judith Tweedie	Royal Scottish Country Dance Association
Mrs Melanie Green	Events Coordinator – City of Armadale
Mrs Yvonne Ward	Minute Secretary – City of Armadale
Apologies	
Mr Peter Andrews	WA Metropolitan Regional Committee of Highland Dancing
Mr Alister Wilson	Community Representative

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED:

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2004 be confirmed.
2. The Notes of the meeting held on 30 November 2004 be confirmed.

Moved: Mr Ken Manolas
CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING

Cr Stewart welcomed new and re-elected members to the meeting and thanked the outgoing members for their contribution to the Committee over the past four years.

6. PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Cr Stewart advised that although the portfolios had been allocated they could be changed as people thought appropriate. Members are encouraged to be involved with any of the portfolios and if they have either an interest or an expertise in a particular area, they are welcome to participate. Cr Stewart suggested that in the entertainment area, for which he and the Events Coordinator were responsible, there was a great opportunity for individuals to become involved by providing the names of performers who might be available for the AHG.

Mrs Judith Tweedie arrived at 6.10 pm.

Cr Stewart requested that his name be added to 6.6 – Site Layout.

RESOLVED:

That portfolios be allocated as follows:

- 6.1 Entertainment – Cr Stewart/Events Coordinator**
- 6.2 Heavy Events - Jay Waller**
- 6.3 Ceilidh – Alister Wilson, Events Coordinator**
- 6.4 Highland Dancing Competition – Peter Andrews**
- 6.5 Royal Scottish Country Dancing Displays – Judith Tweedie**
- 6.6 Site Layout & Vending Management – Events Coordinator/Cr Stewart**
- 6.7 Pipe Band Competition – Ken Manolas**
- 6.8 Marketing & Sponsorship – Events Coordinator**
- 6.9 Cycling Event – Henk Vogels**
- 6.10 Food and Craft Vending – Events Coordinator**
- 6.11 Finance – Events Coordinator**

Moved: Ms Barbara Ewing
Seconded: Mr Tony Harman

CARRIED

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PORTFOLIO REPORTS

7.1 Entertainment – Cr Stewart/Events Coordinator

Cr Stewart advised that as the event draws closer there will be an opportunity for the Committee to work out a timetable that both supports the previous activities that have worked very well and an opportunity for the Committee to think about new additions and a different timetable. Any views that members have in regard to performers or the timetable are welcome.

The Events Coordinator asked members to advise her if the times allocated were sufficient and sought confirmation from members in this respect. This would allow her to start putting together the current program. The following was suggested:

- *Toast to the Haggis – The Burns Club.*
- *Face Painting for the Children – the Events Coordinator advised that she had approached the Gymnastics Group at Armadale PCYC who will provide the face painting.*

7.1.1 *Licensed Bar*

Cr Stewart advised that the last AHG was well served by the Freemasons from their bar tent. It was suggested that the Freemasons, Rotary and other interested groups be contacted and encouraged to make a submission to operate the licensed bar at the 2005 AHG in the near future.

Experience gained from last year’s AHG, indicated that there needed to be a bigger area for the licensed bar and adequate stocks of Scottish and other beers.

RESOLVED:

The Events Coordinator to ascertain which organisations are interested in putting in a submission to run the licensed bar at the 2005 Armadale Highland Gathering and those organisations be invited to put in a submission as soon as practicable.

**Moved: Mr Henk Vogels
Seconded: Ms Barbara Ross**

CARRIED

7.1.2 *Parking – Frog Hollow*

Mr Ken Manolas advised that last year it had been decided to seek parking at Frog Hollow. The Events Coordinator advised that the area at Frog Hollow could be used for parking but with the proviso that the parking be supervised (a service group), with payment being made by gold coin donation and that the septic tank area be roped off. Committee requested that investigations be carried out to ascertain whether parking at Frog Hollow could be arranged for the 2005 AHG

RESOLVED:

The Events Coordinator to investigate the opportunities for parking at Frog Hollow for the 2005 Armadale Highland Gathering event.

**Moved: Mr Ken Manolas
Seconded: Ms Barbara Ewing**

CARRIED

7.1.3 *Photographs*

The Events Coordinator advised that a photographer had been engaged to take photographs of people participating at last year’s event. These were then made available on the website where arrangements for orders and payment could be made for the photos. The Events Coordinator reported that the photographer would probably not be used again as the arrangement had not worked well.

7.2 Heavy Events – J Waller

The Events Coordinator advised that Jay Waller is away for two months but he had advised that everything was in hand.

7.3 Ceilidh – Alister Wilson/Events Coordinator

The Events Coordinator advised that Alister Wilson was not able to attend today's meeting but will attend the meeting on 2 August 2005. He did advise that he has put a few feelers out and will put together a draft program.

Cr Stewart was of the view that local children's choirs had proved a draw card at previous events and undertook to make contact with local schools to gauge their response in participating at this year's AHG.

Last year the Linties Choir proved to be a success but there had been a problem in that they would only participate if a piano was made available to them. Cr Stewart advised that Council did have an acoustic piano and would this suffice. Barbara Ross to ring the Linties Choir and ascertain if the acoustic piano would be suitable.

7.4 Highland Dancing Competition – Peter Andrews

Nil

7.5 Royal Scottish Country Dancing Displays – Judith Tweedie

Judith Tweedie advised that the AGM will be held this coming Friday so she will be able to provide more information after that meeting. Three teams have expressed an interest in participating but it is very difficult to find someone to take on the workshop.

7.6 Site Layout & Vending Management – Events Coordinator

The Events Coordinator requested Committee to consider a change to the layout for the 2005 AHG. This year's Minnowarra Festival was held with a new layout and it was considered that this had given a fresh breath of life to the event.

7.7 Pipe Band Competition – Ken Manolas

Ken Manolas advised that he could not provide any information until after the next meeting of the Committee. He tabled two flags, recently purchased from Red Dot for \$10.00 each, which he considered suitable for use at the 2005 AHG.

The Events Coordinator suggested that a Scottish flag be flown from Council's flag pole a week before the next AHG event. Also suggested that the flags could be used to decorate the stage.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council consider flying a Scottish Flag in front of the Council building during the week leading up to the Armadale Highland Gathering in November 2005.

Moved: Mr Ken Manolas

Seconded: Mr Tony Harman

CARRIED

7.8 Marketing & Sponsorship – Events Coordinator

The Events Coordinator advised that planning was underway to produce the 2005 AHG poster. The poster, with a slight variation, to be in the same format as in previous years.

The Events Coordinator would start approaching the Railways once again to seek permission for posting the posters on trains. She advised that on the Thursday and Friday previous to this year’s Minnowarra Festival, during peak hour, some volunteers with sandwich boards, were engaged in handing out flyers at the Perth Railway Station. This strategy worked well and it was suggested that it be repeated for the 2005 AHG.

Again this year, it is proposed to engage a contract journalist who will write stories to be placed in all the community newspapers. The 2005 AHG also be promoted in the RAC magazine and on various websites.

Barbara Ross advised that she would display posters at the Inglewood Centre.

7.9 Cycling Events – Henk Vogels/Tony Harman

It was advised that the Cycling Event will be run along the same lines as last year.

The Events Coordinator advised that last year the “Finishing Sign” was blown down and asked if there was anything that could be done to avoid this happening this year. The Events Coordinator would endeavour to have more air holes put in the sign to stop it blowing down this year.

7.10 Food & Craft Vending – Events Coordinator

The Events Coordinator advised that she would like Scottish food to be made available at this year’s event. Enquired if anyone knew of any community group who wanted to fund raise by supplying Scottish food at the event. If so, could they please make contact with her.

7.11 Finance – Events Coordinator

The Events Coordinator advised that the budget had not yet been approved for this financial year.

RESOLVED:

That the Portfolio Reports be received.

Moved: Ms Madeline Granville

Seconded: Mr Tony Harman

CARRIED

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Date for 2005 Armadale Highland Gathering

For the purposes of continuity, it is suggested that the 2005 Armadale Highland Gathering be held on Saturday, 19 November 2005.

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2005 Armadale Highland Gathering be held on Saturday, 19 November 2005.

Moved: Mrs Judith Tweedie

Seconded: Ms Madeline Granville

CARRIED

9. NEXT MEETING

Proposed Meeting dates for 2005 are as follows:

- **9 August 2005**
- **13 September 2005**
- **11 October 2005**
- **8 November 2005**
- **29 November 2005 (debrief)**

10. CLOSURE

MEETING CLOSED AT 6.56 PM.

**ARMADALE POLICE & CITIZENS YOUTH CLUB
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

DATE: Wednesday 27th July 2005

VENUE: Armadale PCYC

MEETING OPENED: 7:10 pm

CHAIR PERSON: Ivan Bulich

MINUTE TAKER: Ian Lannary

PRESENT:

S/C Geoff Sims	Wayne Mauger
Paul McMinn	Pat Quinlivan
Colin Parker	Carl Askew
Allison Cominelli	Pam Walker
Ivan Bulich	Ian Lannary

GUESTS: Toni Thomson

APOLIGIES:

S/Sgt Russell Gardiner	Alexander Lewis
Lisa Pope	Kerri-Anne Davey

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved Colin Parker / Wayne Mauger that the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 22/ 06/ 05 were a true and correct record of that meeting and should be signed as such.

CARRIED

AMENDMENTS

Moved Colin Parker that there was no mention of the PROTOCOL that was discussed at the last meeting. Geoff explained that although the Protocol was not included in the minutes it had in fact been introduced and he was liaising with Pat Quinlivan from council on a regular basis.

The other item was the continuing question of which Business Plan was being pursued. Discussion ensued, the Committee then decided after that the plan in question was the DRAFT plan prepared by the previous manager and that the current business plan was more than adequate, and would be accepted by the committee.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Geoff Sims requested an update from Pat Quinlivan on the security keying system. Pat Quinlivan responded by saying he was surprised that the keying system appeared to be in the reverse order of the normal system and most systems worked with only managements keys having access to all areas. Carl Askew suggested we replace the keys to the manager’s office and secure storerooms therefore only allowing management access to those areas, thus solving the current problem. Carl Askew said John Glassford would be approached to rectify the current situation.
- Maintenance issues were on the agenda to discuss the protocols that have been put in place, but that item has been discussed earlier.
- Pat Quinlivan informed the committee that the Badminton lease is due for renewal and council expects them to renew their five-year option. Pat has had some discussion with the Badminton people and although they have some reservations about PCYC activities running in their hall, they are willing to have a meeting regarding what PCYC activities could be run in the hall without causing any disruption to them. Carl Askew also suggested that council is moving away from sole user activities.
- Carl Askew raised the question of a club vehicle. Geoff informed the committee that the current situation had been resolved because we now can garage the vehicle in the new shed

CORRESPONDENCE INWARD AND OUTWARD:

Moved Carl Askew / Wayne Mauger that the Inward and Outward Correspondence be accepted and tabled.

- Invitation to Federation’s AGM to be held at the Police Academy.
- Proposed amendments to Federations Constitution.
- Certificates of appreciation from Work Placement / Red Cross.
- Council appointment of Cr Allison Cominelli to PCYC committee.

CARRIED

TREASURERS’ REPORT:

The financial report for the month of June2005 was tabled.

After some discussion Katrina Maeder was requested to check figures on the budget and represent the financial report.

Moved Wayne Mauger / Pat Quinlivan that the Financial Report be received and accounts tabled be passed for payment and that accounts paid be ratified.

CARRIED

MANAGER’S REPORT
S/Const Geoff Sims

Geoff distributed a written report to all members of the Committee.

- Darren Monument** – Since providing Darren with all requested information we have had no contact from him in regard to the review. Pat Quinlivan responded by saying that the City has received a DRAFT copy of his recommendations and that he would see that Geoff had a copy ASAP. They would then like to meet with Geoff to discuss fully.
- Club Finances** – The club has once again had a good month whilst still showing a loss the club finances are definitely showing improvement and we are slowly reining in costs.
- Bike Workshop**- The club has been successful in gaining a Federal grant of over \$44,000.00 to build a Bike workshop that will enhance our Crime Prevention programs. Awaiting funds from Canberra to initiate program. Site of new shed will be beside the current pigeon shed at rear of building near the Creche area. The funding is for a year including staff costs, after the initial twelve months the club will have the infrastructure in place to use as conduct.
- School Holiday Program** – The school holiday program was very successful, lot of placements, very positive comments on how it was run and also helped the club financially.
- Quiz Night** – The quiz night is on track with the planning, ordering, liquor license, tickets, flyers and letters to companies for donations all in place.
- Monthly Disco** – This Friday is our fundraising Disco and all Committee members are reminded that HELP on the night would be appreciated.

The chair asked the question if fundraising money from disco’s and such was used to buy equipment or if it just went into general revenue. Geoff answered by explaining that any monies raised by the club were used to cover any operational needs of the club that is buying equipment or paying bills. Question was asked if the holiday program usually runs at a profit. Answer yes but this program was very successful because of the use of volunteers from the parents group that APLO Heidi Mippy is involved with through her work in the local schools. Gosnells PCYC helped, both with staff (APLO’s) and the use of their bus. The chair then asked if the club was going to financially or in kind make some gesture to Gosnells in way of thanks for their help. Geoff just wanted to make sure their contribution was acknowledged. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of a donation or use of our Rock Climbing Wall. The Committee decided that that Geoff would approach the manager of Gosnells PCYC and determine if he would be happy to use the ROCK or if he would prefer a cash donation.

CARRIED

HEALTH CLUB / GYM AND SPORTS

Written reports distributed and tabled in accordance with Committee decision not requiring the Gym Manager and Sports co-ordinator to attend meeting.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Gymnastics

Geoff Sims – At the meeting last month the issue of Gym /Trampoline was discussed at length and no decision was reached, the plan at the end of last month’s meeting was for everyone to go away and have a think about the current situation regarding the issue and come back and make a decision at this month’s meeting. Geoff is of the opinion that Gymnastics can come back under the PCYC banner if they so choose. The underlying problem for all concerned is risk management. Our advice is that other non-member groups should not be allowed to use our equipment as the question of liability in the case of an accident could be potentially damaging to PCYC. Last year the club had an insurance premium of approximately \$11,000.00. That figure is likely to be very much higher this year, possibly in excess of the \$20,000 mark. The cost of insurance dictates that we must reduce our risk to maintain a realistic premium. We need to limit any high-risk activity and Trampoline is regarded as high risk. This view is supported by Federation. Discussion ensued regarding PCYC gymnastics and Arena Gym Sports. After much debate it was decided to put a motion.

Motion: Moved Wayne Mauger / Carl Askew **that this Committee would welcome Gymnastics back as a PCYC activity if they so choose.** Arena Gym Sports will have to make a decision after discussion with their own committee. Under Federation’s insurance policy this invitation will not be extended to Trampoline. **CARRIED**

The Committee debated the viability of hosting Trampoline at the old club. Other option would be to sell Arena Gym Sports the equipment. The bottom line is the insurance issue with non members using our equipment.

Council / Federation Management Agreement

Geoff Sims- Geoff handed out copies of the management agreement to all the Committee members for their perusal. Geoff then expressed his concern that after going through the agreement several times, he was not confident that we can viably continue to operate under the current Management Agreement. his assessment is shared by more than a few other Committee members. Geoff feel’s that it is a fairly unrealistic document and that it should be revisited. Geoff has shared his views with Mr Tan at Federation. They both hope to have a meeting with the City of Armadale regarding this issue in the near future. The conclusion is that unless we can get changes to the agreement we will be left with no other option but to return to the old club. Carl Askew asked if we had any clues to what changes would be required. Geoff suggested that the current agreement dictated all the requirements of what PCYC was responsible for and how we had to perform, but nothing regarding the council’s performance. And as far as the council’s performance goes, it has been very poor, particularly in regard to maintenance issues. On the other hand council has been good in underwriting our deficit but the issue is more than money. The Management Agreement specifically says that over a period of time the amount underwritten will decrease until it reaches zero. Therefore the current Management Agreement needs to be renegotiated as it is felt that the club could never be self sustaining. There seems to have been lots of verbal commitments for things to be done, but the true story varies depending on who one speaks to. Any commitments need to be in writing and reflected in the management Agreement.

Discussion ensued about time frames and the Management Agreement. Geoff brought up the fact that we effectively have to budget to a zero balance every year which means we never have a chance to build up capital. The move from the old club where we had funding to revamp the old premises, a healthy bank account and an investment account has seen it all gone with little prospect of us regaining it here. Geoff said he could see the potential to cut down on staff wages but it would require some capital investment in redesigning both the front reception area and the kiosk. It has been suggested to Geoff by Colin Parker that an extension to the Management Agreement be sought to allow these issues to be finalised: But Geoff feels that we are in a situation where we need to make a decision on the current facts. That decision needs to be made soon, before our options are gone. That decision should be that, under the current circumstances, we would be better off to return to the old club at Champion Drive. However, in saying that, he still believes that there is enormous potential at this centre for PCYC. He may sound negative but that negativity is only as things stand at the moment under the current Management Agreement. The positive side is that he can see potential opportunities for growth. The bottom line is that we have to revisit the Management Agreement and instead of a lot of verbal commitments have everything spelt out in the new agreement, management, finance and performance as well as the maintenance issues.

Discussion ensued re the merits of the Management Agreement ie. the decreasing finance component which is clearly not a viable arrangement for the PCYC, as the council acknowledges. Carl Askew said that The Management Agreement was put together in good faith by both parties. Cr Allison Cominelli JP said Council understood that the budget going to zero dollars was over the top and she didn't think council would be adverse to addressing the finance problem. The consensus of the Committee was that we want to go forward and that if we do go back to the old club we will do so with nothing, and it would be a huge backward step for PCYC. After further discussion it was decided that a renegotiation of the Management Agreement would have to be addressed through Federation and the City of Armadale, and this had to be a priority as a decision about the lease needed to be finalised before December 2005 so we could give the required six months notice of our intentions. The Committee decided that a copy of the Management Agreement would be sent to all members for comment, also it was suggested that a representative from Federation be invited to our next Committee meeting on the 24 August 2005. Geoff said that he would contact Freddie Tan with the intention of him contacting Carl Askew to formalise a meeting date.

Federation AGM - Discussion ensued regarding the proposed attendance to the Federation's AGM at Joondalup Police Academy. Two delegates from each club are invited. Both nominated at last meeting.

Proposed Amendments to PCYC Constitution - Discussion ensued regarding the proposed amendment about Patrons of PCYC clubs. The Committee decided that they would vote YES for the amendment. **CARRIED**

Recoup of PCYC set up costs - Discussion ensued regarding \$20,000.00 set up money put in by PCYC. The Committee decided that this item should be looked at by Freddie Tan at Federation as part of the original Management Agreement.

Maintenance Issues –As discussed earlier council is in the process of installing fittings to the roof to comply with health and safety regulations before any work can be started on fixing roof leaks. The council has also contacted the contractor to repair and replace sections of the courts one, two and three floors that require work due to both white ants and water damage from renovations in 2002/2003. The electricity problem was raised again. The PCYC are not confident in the fact that we are only paying for our own usage. Further, whilst the shed was being built the contractor burst a water pipe and once our water was turned off it also appeared that the water for the badminton hall and the girl guides was off as well, leading us to surmise that we are also paying for all the water usage. Discussion ensued about the electricity and water issues and council will look at putting a separate meter in to check our readings for this building only. The flooring damage by both the white ants and water damage was discussed as to whether the floor as a whole would be repaired or if it was going to be patched up as has happened previously with little success. The council representative suggested that it would be left to the experts repairing the floor as to what the extent of repairs would be.

Coaches / Instructors Fees – Under an arrangement by the previous manager, one coach is being paid \$40, 00 per hour and Geoff put it to the Committee that he felt no coach should be paid this amount. He asked the Committee what it felt was a reasonable amount. After discussing the issue the Committee suggested we look at the award or wage line for guidance but as a guide most thought \$25.00 would be what we might expect to pay a top of the range accredited coach. Discussion ensued regarding the difference between hall hire fees as against charges for an activity. The discussion then turned to the viability of the high running cost of the crèche, and the necessity for the club to look at the feasibility of all activities in terms of income vs cost. Geoff will negotiate with the coach over a reduction in his fees.

Membership / Activity Fees – We discussed fees at the last meeting at which time the Committee asked Geoff to check on other PCYC fees. The Committee is still not happy with the proposed new fee structure. The other issue is the cost of hall hire fees. Membership fees were discussed as to what an appropriate fee would be and also the benefits of a rate rise on activities. The issue of non members using the club on a casual basis is also a risk management concern. The Committee decided that a Sub Committee should be formed to look at the fees. The Sub Committee will consist of the following members; Wayne Mager, Pat Quinlivan and Paul McMinn.

Club Disco – A reminder that we have a club Disco this Friday 29.07.2005 and any help from Committee members on the night would be appreciated.

Other Issues – The small bus requires work on the injector pump and it could cost up to \$1500.00. The Committee needs to decide whether the cost is justified, bearing in mind the bus's age and low market value. It was decided that some other quotes should be obtained but the Committee agreed the bus must be repaired.

New Activities - Colin Parker requested information on how we were going to fund new activities. Geoff explained that currently the only way new activities could be funded is through grants such as those through Lotterywest, the Dept of Sport and Recreation, Crime Prevention or other such bodies. There are no club funds available for the purpose.

CLOSURE There being no more General Business, the meeting is declared closed at 9.55 PM.

NEXT MEETING 7.00pm Wednesday 24 August 2005.

**ARMADALE POLICE & CITIZENS YOUTH CLUB
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

DATE: Wednesday 24th August 2005

VENUE: Armadale PCYC

MEETING OPENED: 7:10 pm

CHAIR PERSON: Ivan Bulich

MINUTE TAKER: Ian Lannary

PRESENT:

Pat Quinlivan	Wayne Mauger
Colin Parker	Carl Askew
Allison Cominelli	Pam Walker
Ivan Bulich	Ian Lannary
John Landwher	Geoff Sims

GUESTS: Freddie Tan

APOLOGIES:

Russell Gardiner	Paul McMinn
Lisa Pope	Kerri-Anne Davey

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved Wayne Mauger / Carl Askew that the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 27/07/05 were a true and correct record of that meeting and should be signed as such.

CARRIED

AMENDMENTS

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- ☆ Discussion ensued regarding the comprehensive nature of the last Minutes.
- ☆ The Committee decided that as long as the minutes accurately recorded what was decided on each issue then it was not a requirement to record each discussion.
- ☆ A query regarding the Treasurers Report wording was addressed by changing the wording to show what the Committee is actually passing.
- ☆ A query regarding Gymnastics, as yet no outcome, still waiting response from Arena Gym Sports meeting. Manager to follow up.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARD AND OUTWARD:

Moved Carl Askew / Pat Quinlivan that the Inward and Outward Correspondence be accepted.

CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

S/Const Geoff Sims

Geoff distributed a written report to all members of the Committee. (Attached)

- ☆ Lengthy discussion's at Committee Meetings with no results.
- ☆ What are the Managers, responsibilities? In the view of Management Committee.
- ☆ Fees - Sub Committee Formed.
- ☆ Federations AGM / Launch of PCYC promotional DVD.
- ☆ Maintenance being done around club.
- ☆ Financial deficit.
- ☆ School Holiday program very successful / program and financially.
- ☆ Next month insurance will cost the club \$28,000.00
- ☆ Quiz Night cancelled due to lack of sponsorship / ticket sales.
- ☆ Dept of Sport and Recreation funding will now be used to set up Archery as the installation of the Indoor Cricket net would have proved a major problem.
- ☆ A query regarding the jump in the cost of insurance was explained by the Federation representative.

CARRIED

TREASURERS' REPORT:

The financial report for the month of July2005 was tabled.

Discussion ensued regarding what arrangements are in place to pay our insurance bill and if it can be paid by instalments. Under the Management Agreement any funds in excess would be used to pay insurance and other large bills. Unfortunately the club has never had an excess so we have no funding to cover these costs. The funds will have to be covered by the operating

deficit / council. The subject of ongoing staff cost was also raised and discussed. The Business Plan was discussed and how it will help our financial future.

Moved Carl Askew / John Landwher that the Financial Report be received and that accounts be ratified.

CARRIED

HEALTH CLUB / GYM AND SPORTS

Written reports distributed and tabled in accordance with Committee decision not requiring the Gym Manager and Sports co-ordinator to attend meeting.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Maintenance Issues

- ☆ Maintenance is moving along.
- ☆ Bus shed / storage almost complete.
- ☆ Flooring /scheduled for repair during next school holiday's .Discussion ensued regarding to what extent the repairs would require. This has been an ongoing issue for the last two years. Assistant Manager to meet with Graham Bryers and Granwood flooring to discuss what is required to repair floor properly, costing as well.
- ☆ Representative from Federation suggested that under Risk Management he would arrange for a representative from the Police Departments OHSO to visit and give us his assessment on flooring and other issues.

Council / Federation Management Agreement

Discussion ensued regarding the ongoing viability of the present Management Arrangement. The Manager's view, having looked at the Management Agreement, is that it adds no value to PCYC at all. He has reached the conclusion that being at the Armadale Arena is a burden on the PCYC and that we are spending all of our time and energy propping up this place as a Recreation Centre and neglecting our prime responsibilities as a PCYC, ie, a youth club. Under the current Management Agreement there is not a lot we can do about it, so unless that can be changed significantly, to the extent that PCYC can continue to operate here as a PCYC, and not a Recreation Centre, then he does not know where our future lies. At the last Committee Meeting a copy of the current Management Agreement was given to all committee members to study and comment on, and feedback is now being asked for. It was again reiterated that this agreement was made in good faith by both sides and now was the time to revisit the agreement.

The Manager stated that PCYC needs to focus on young people and direct its energies towards diversion from crime and anti social behaviour, not for him to be sitting behind a desk spending all his time managing a Recreation Centre, for the benefit mainly of adults.

The question was raised if we went back to the old club could we run more programs for the kids. The response was yes, as the huge burden of the management and administrative requirements of the Armadale Arena along with its huge fortnightly wages bill and costs would be removed, leaving the Manager and Assistant Manager time to meet the expectations of their primary roles (Police Crime Prevention Officers), that is, running programs for young people.

Further discussion ensued regarding the concern of some Committee Members about the separation of the Recreation Centre and PCYC which was clearly regarded as one of the plus factors in the initial agreement. Everyone entered the agreement in good faith and the philosophy in the Management Agreement clearly reflects that. It was expressed that the City of Armadale is committed to making the partnership work and council has not withdrawn from that commitment in any way shape or form. Clearly some negotiations have to happen but the views of all the other Committee Members need to be expressed and taken into account before those negotiations start. Therefore a decision about whether we are talking about tinkering with the current agreement or the other possibility of moving back to the old building, must be made by this Committee ASAP.

The question of the management report which was prepared by the Council’s consultant was raised on how far we could go in reviewing the original Management Agreement. This report was compiled to help minimise costs and operate the Centre more profitably.

Discussion continued about the merits of both streams of activities and the resources required to manage the centre. There was disagreement that the issue was only resources as there also seems to be a philosophical change in PCYC attitude to the agreement.

The issue of staff numbers and wages bill was raised and discussed and it was pointed out that we have reduced our staff numbers. The lack of volunteers at the centre was also discussed.

The subject of extending the lease for the old club was again raised and after discussion was rejected by the Committee.

It was suggested that the immediate concern was to sort out the current Management Agreement.

Under the Management Agreement the PCYC Manager has not got the right to set fees without the consent of the City of Armadale. The council requires that PCYC submits a Business Plan and any fee increases should be in that plan that is presented to council for its approval.

After further discussion it was decided by the Committee that Geoff Sims would prepare a report regarding the shortcomings of the Management Agreement.

The Committee Members should also be asked to submit their views to Geoff about whether or not the club should remain at the Armadale Arena or return to the old club as any review of the Management Agreement hinges on that decision. Geoff to collate and summarise the responses in a report for the committee. It is expected that this report should be completed by

2nd September 2005. The Committee will then hold a special Management Committee meeting on the 14th September 2005 to make a decision taking into account the responses.

MOTION

Committee Members submit ideas to Geoff to collate and summarise by September the 2nd 2005 then onto council for further discussion.

CARRIED

Crèche

- ☆ Discussion ensued regarding the Crèche. The issues involved in continuing this service, ie, cost against service provided, lost memberships against cost savings. The consultant that the council hired suggested that our main concern should be wages. Therefore two areas of major concern involve the Gym instructor wages of \$30,000.00 / Creche wages of \$20,000.00. This is a financial burden on PCYC that really has little to do with young people who should be our main focus.
- ☆ After further discussion a motion was put by John Landwher /Colin Parker **that we cease Creche operations immediately**. The motion had speakers for and against. The motion was **DEFEATED 6-2**.
- ☆ The Manager to supply figures to council along with the recommendation from this Committee due to the high cost involved that the Creche be closed.

Boxing Coach

- ☆ The Manager has obtained the services of a new Boxing Coach. Stan Connor who will be running the boxing on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 5-7 pm.
- ☆ Boxersise will not continue at this time. No coach.

New Activities

- ☆ Club received funds from Lotterywest to purchase FLOORBALL equipment. Also in progress is funding from Sport and Recreation to start another new activity ARCHERY.

Subcommittee Report-Membership/Activity Fees

- ☆ Committee asked for report on Fees / The Sub Committee still investigating by contacting other PCYC clubs.

Subcommittee Report-Hall Hire Fees

- ☆ This report should be part of Membership/Activity Report. (Above)

Club Disco

- ☆ Just a reminder that we are looking for any help from the Committee for the Disco this Friday night 26th August 2005. Suggested that the club look at spending some money and buy our own music and build up a library of our own CD's.

Other Issues

- ☆ The Committee discussed Trampoline. Federation's insurance representative have already determined that Trampoline is a high risk activity and that only PCYC

members are covered by Federation’s insurance whilst using PCYC equipment. The question of Arena Gym Sports using our equipment was debated at length. Federation’s representative said that this practise should cease immediately. No non members were allowed to use PCYC equipment.

- ☆ The possibility of PCYC selling the Trampolines to Arena Gym Sports and them continuing as a hall hire was discussed at length.
- ☆ Under Federation’s guidelines the Trampolines would be sold on the open market to the highest bidder.

CARRIED

ITEMS TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING

Council / Federation Management Agreement
Maintenance
Creche
Sub-Committee Fees / Membership / Hall Hire

CLOSURE There being no more General Business, the meeting is declared closed at 9.45 PM.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday 28 September 2005.

ARMADALE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE CITY OF ARMADALE FUNCTION ROOM ON
MONDAY 25TH JULY 2005, COMMENCING AT 5:00PM**

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present:

Ms Katie Hully	Community Member
Ms Melissa Northcott	Cecil Andrews Senior High School
Mr Matthew Baskerville	John Wollaston Anglican Community School
Mr Ben Shaw	Community Member
Mr David Thoomes	Community Member
Mr Leighton Cotter	Roleystone District High School
Mr Borun Murray	Armadale Senior High School
Mr David Pickett	Community Member
Ms Naomi Hughes	Community Member
Cr Ruth Butterfield	Councillor
Ms Megan Farr	Community Development Officer – Youth

Apologies:

Ms Carol Surgeon	Community Member
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2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on the 27th of June 2005 confirmed as a true and accurate recording of events.

3. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

**3.1 Presentation – Justin Ifould, Community Development Officer Seniors and Disabilities, City of Armadale
“Senior’s Plan – 2006 to 2011”**

Mr Ifould provided the YAC with an overview of the plan and requested feedback from the committee.

Melissa Northcott brought up the issue of access for Senior Citizens in the new cinema complex. The building has many stairs and limited ramps and lifts. In her experience, many elderly people have trouble with the many stairs and are therefore reluctant to visit the cinemas. Mr Ifould acknowledged Melissa’s concern and explained that access for Seniors is addressed in the Plan through numerous strategies.

However, the issue will be discussed with the Seniors Interest Advisory Committee (SIAC).

Ben Shaw commented on transport as he feels that it is an issue relevant to both young people and Senior citizens. Both groups can be restricted by transport for various reasons. Ben feels that public transport in the City of Armadale could be improved (For example, a bus service is not available from Armadale to Success). This notion was supported by all YAC members. Ben suggested looking into a range of public transport promotion/improvement strategies such as the City of Gosnells' ‘TravelSmart’ initiative. Mr Ifould advised that the Seniors Plan does cover transport and that the City of Armadale is looking at ways to promote and improve public transport.

The YAC expressed an interest in ‘intergenerational’ projects between young people and Seniors. The committee all agreed that Senior members of the community possess valuable skills and knowledge which could be imparted onto the younger generation. Ben Shaw commented on his positive experiences with Senior citizens during visits to his school and commented on the value of intergenerational collaboration. Mr Ifould agreed and confirmed that the Senior’s Plan does contain a number of strategies which promote intergenerational collaboration, such as the Bike Workshop Program.

Following this discussion, Mr Ifould requested that the YAC support either of the following recommendations;

- YAC support the Armadale Seniors Plan 2006 – 2011 as provided

OR

- YAC support the Armadale Seniors Plan 2006 – 2011 with the following additions/amendments

The YAC resolved to support the first option as no additions/amendments were put forth.

Moved: Katie Hully

Seconded: Ben Shaw

3.2 Presentation – Mike Wood, Community Development Officer, City of Armadale “Community Safety Plan – 2005 to 2010”

Mike Wood was unable to attend the meeting and therefore suggested that the YAC review the safety plan and move to support the plan in his absence.

The YAC have many questions regarding the Safety Plan and would like Mr Wood to address their concerns prior to offering the committee’s support. Megan Farr will report back to Mr Wood to arrange another meeting.

3.3 Committee Nominations

Megan Farr presented a list of YAC members as appointed by Council. Three new members have joined the committee as a result of YAC recruitment at the Careers Expo. New members include: Ms Sam Marlowe, Ms Emma Powell and Ms Becky Murray.

Election for Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

Megan Farr called for nominations for Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

Katie Hully, Melissa Northcott and Matthew Baskerville nominated themselves for the role of Chairperson. A confidential vote was conducted which saw Matthew Baskerville awarded the role of Chairperson.

Katie Hully and Melissa Northcott nominated Ben Shaw for the role of Deputy Chairperson. There being no further nominees, Ben Shaw was awarded the role of Deputy Chairperson.

3.4 Induction and Planning

Megan Farr discussed the up-coming YAC induction/planning day and called for feedback from the committee on the format, location and duration of the event. Megan suggested employing a facilitator such as Alicia Curtis to be involved in the process.

Ben Shaw suggested that the senior members of YAC (Ben Shaw, Katie Hully and Melissa Northcott) team up to conduct the induction and facilitate planning. Megan to discuss the idea with colleagues and report back to the YAC at the next meeting.

The YAC agreed that the day should be held on either a Saturday or Sunday as everyone is busy during the week, and suggested Pioneer Village as a possible location. Megan to investigate and report back to the YAC at the next meeting.

3.5 Cinema Promotion

Megan Farr reported to the YAC on a request received by the City of Armadale from Grand Cinemas to assist with their promotion to young people. Grand Cinemas are interested in facilitating a youth concert in Memorial Park to attract young people to the precinct and promote the cinemas. YAC have been asked to comment.

YAC do not feel that a concert in Memorial Park will serve the purpose of attracting young people to the cinemas. YAC agreed that a youth specific event/promotion is a good idea, yet it would need to be more directly linked to the cinemas. Megan suggested a ‘Movie Marathon’ as a possibility. The YAC felt that this would be an effective strategy to promote the cinemas to young people and suggested discount ticket/food prices, competitions, prizes and giveaways. Megan will suggest the idea to Grand Cinemas and report back to the YAC at the next meeting.

3.6 Up-coming Community Conference

Megan Farr reported to the committee on the possibility of involving the YAC in the up-coming Armadale Community Conference.

The City of Armadale’s Community Development Department is organizing a Community Development Conference for community groups, services and individuals in the region. The conference will be held in March 2006 over two days.

An idea for one of the sessions revolves around a consultative process known as a ‘Citizens Jury’. A Citizens Jury involves selecting people from the community to learn about a particular topic/issue from a range of ‘experts’, discuss it, and then deliver a proposal based on what they’ve decided as a group. The idea behind a Citizens Jury is to inform people of the process involved in decision-making.

With the impending Youth Centre/Skate Park, the Citizen’s Jury could potentially be used as a consultation process. Members of the YAC, local young people, Councillors, Youth Workers and other individuals would comprise the jury. To tie in with the conference, the process could be filmed at various stages and one of the members of the jury could present the findings (accompanied by video footage) at the conference.

YAC members agreed that they would like to participate in the Citizens Jury and also the Community Conference. Melissa Northcott volunteered to present at the conference on behalf of the YAC. Megan Farr will investigate further and report back to the YAC at the next meeting with a more detailed plan of the Citizen’s Jury.

3. FURTHER BUSINESS

No further business

5. NEXT MEETING

29 August 2005, 5pm

7. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 6.48pm

ARMADALE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE CITY OF ARMADALE FUNCTION ROOM ON
MONDAY 29th AUGUST 2005, COMMENCING AT 5:00PM**

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present:

Ms Katie Hully	Community Member
Ms Melissa Northcott	Cecil Andrews Senior High School
Mr Matthew Baskerville	John Wollaston Anglican Community School
Mr Ben Shaw	Community Member
Mr David Thoomes	Community Member
Mr Leighton Cotter	Roleystone District High School
Mr Borun Murray	Armadale Senior High School
Ms Carol Surgeon	Community Member
Cr Ruth Butterfield	Councillor
Ms Megan Farr	Community Development Officer – Youth

Apologies:

Ms Sam Marlowe	Community Member
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2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on the 25th of July 2005 confirmed as a true and accurate recording of events.

3. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

3.1 Congratulations to Katie Hully

YAC congratulated Katie on becoming a finalist for the 2006 Young Member for Western Australia.

3.2 Induction and Planning

Megan advised the YAC of plans to hold an induction/planning day on Saturday the 10th of September at the Community Services Building from 9am to 12noon. The purpose of the day is to allow the committee to get to know each other better, and to plan YAC activities and projects for the coming year. All members present at the meeting indicated that they would be available to attend.

Melissa Northcott, Ben Shaw and Katie Hully will be facilitating the event. Ben suggested that the three of them get together beforehand to create an agenda for the day. Megan advised that she will be available to assist with the development of the agenda, and to oversee the format of the day.
Ben Shaw, Katie Hully and Melissa Northcott to action.

3.3 Armadale Youth Resources Management Committee

Megan informed the committee that Chris Barrett (Manager Armadale Youth Resources (AYR)) has invited a YAC member to join the AYR Management Committee. Chris is seeking input from young people in relation to the operation and management of the service. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month from 9am to 11am at Lotteries House, Forrest Road, Armadale.

Carol Surgeon expressed interest in joining the AYR committee as a YAC representative, provided that meetings do not clash with work. Megan to advise Chris Barrett and contact Carol Surgeon with further information.

3.4 Armadale Youth Needs Analysis

Megan informed the committee of a new project – the Armadale Youth Needs Analysis. Armadale Community Health Service (ACHS) in conjunction with the City of Armadale is looking at completing a comprehensive Youth Needs Analysis within the Armadale region. The idea has long been on the agenda for the YAC and the City of Armadale’s Community Development Department.

ACHS in partnership with the City of Armadale will develop a comprehensive Youth Needs Analysis for the Armadale region. The purpose of the Youth Needs Analysis is to obtain qualitative and quantitative data on the views and aspirations of youth regarding the community in which they live and their perceptions on issues surrounding the physical, social and emotional wellbeing of youth residing in the region. The analysis will target at least 10% of the youth population via surveys, interviews, focus groups and community engagement during events such as Minnowarra Festival.

The findings from the Youth Needs Analysis will be compiled into a comprehensive report. The report will assist organisations to determine priorities and models of service delivery as well as guide the development of programs and projects for youth in Armadale.

YAC expressed support for the Armadale Youth Needs Analysis. Megan suggested that the YAC participate in data collection through involvement with focus groups, interviews and questionnaires. Training will be provided. All members present at the meeting indicated that they would like to be involved in this.

Cr Ruth Butterfield commented on the value of a Youth Needs Analysis for Armadale. Such a document would help to put youth issues on the agenda by

providing a rationale for future projects and initiatives based on identified priorities within the community.

Megan to provide the YAC with further details regarding training and the progression of the Youth Needs Analysis.

3.5 Artery Publications (Kelmscott)

Megan received an email from Artery Publications in regards to a new Youth Magazine – reAKT. ReAKT is a magazine by the youth, for the youth and will play an important role as an outlet for creative work to be published. ReAKT is a full colour, gloss magazine with 15,000 copies published monthly and distributed throughout the Perth suburbs to be available free at around 150 outlets.

Artery Publications is calling for submissions from young people to feature in reAKT. The magazine covers topics including education, employment, health, careers, finance and DVD/video/movie/book/computer games reviews etc. Submissions from young people can include stories, art work, cartoons, poetry etc.

Megan suggested that the YAC may want to take advantage of a locally based youth magazine to promote the committee and recruit for new members. Ben Shaw suggested a photo and article on the YAC to advertise the committee throughout the community.

Megan to contact Artery Publications in regards to a YAC photo and article.

3.6 Skate Park/Youth Centre

Megan provided an update on the Skate Park/Youth Centre project and requested recommendations for further action from the YAC.

To coincide with the future Armadale Shopping Centre and Train Station re-development, a proposal has been put forth to re-locate the existing Youth Centre (managed by Armadale Youth Resources, located behind the Shopping Centre near Homeart) to the Train Station. The proposal also includes the construction of a skate park alongside the youth centre. An existing building at the Train Station has been identified (Alannah MacTiernan and Armadale Redevelopment Authority) as a potential location for the youth centre. Megan explained that the up-grade of the building to transform it into a youth centre would cost approximately \$250K - \$400K.

The Skate Park component is also extremely costly (approximately \$300K). Convic Skate Design has been approached to assist with the design of the park following recommendations from other Councils. Convic is the leading company in skate park design, management and construction. Following the review of Convic’s quote and proposal, the YAC unanimously support the decision to employ Convic for the project. The YAC also supports allocating a portion of the youth budget to the project.

The youth centre/skate park would not be managed by the City of Armadale. It has been proposed that Armadale Youth Resources take on the management of the centre (perhaps in collaboration with other youth services based in the building). However, Armadale Youth Resources is not interested in the skate park component due to staffing issues (inadequate AYR staff to conduct programs and monitor skate park) and conflicts of interest with AYR’s core business.

Advice from the YAC is requested to determine the direction of the project and recommendations for action. Feedback from the committee is summarised below;

- All members present at the meeting believe that Armadale should have a comprehensive ‘Youth Space’. This should entail a skate park, youth centre, performing space.
- All members present at the meeting feel that Armadale needs a ‘decent’ skate park in a central location. Many members report that they are regularly approached by friends and community members in regards to skate parks in Armadale. There appears to be extensive support for such a facility in the Armadale CBD.
- YAC expressed support for a fully managed and supervised skate facility at the Armadale Train Station. Alternative locations (behind McDonalds, public park land etc) were not supported. In order for the facility to remain safe and secure, the YAC believes that it is imperative for the park to be managed with restricted access and monitored use.
- YAC acknowledges Armadale Youth Resources’ concerns about an ‘all in one’ facility and suggest seeking alternative organisations to perhaps become involved with the management of the centre.
- YAC strongly supports the development of a ‘youth precinct’ at the train station and will commit themselves to researching and furthering the concept. YAC will discuss further during the induction/planning day.

RECOMMEND

- **Further investigation by the City of Armadale into the feasibility of an ‘all in one’ youth precinct at the train station. This precinct should include a skate park, youth centre and performing space. It is imperative that the skate park be managed through the youth centre and have restricted access and monitored use. Alternative locations suggested at the meeting were not supported by the YAC.**
- **Convic Design to be employed to plan, design and construct the skate park.**
- **Approximately \$6000 - \$7000 of the Youth Projects budget be allocated to the Skate Park/Youth Precinct initiative.**

Moved: Mr Ben Shaw
Seconded: Mr Matthew Baskerville

CARRIED

4. FURTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Mountain Bike Facility

Following the Community Services Committee Meeting on the 10th of August, Council has requested consideration and comment from the YAC in regards to a Mountain Bike Facility in Armadale.

The City of Canning, the City of Cockburn and the City of Rockingham provide mountain bike jumps constructed out of crushed limestone. These facilities are popular with young people who enjoy BMX riding. The jumps cost approximately \$5000 to construct with additional on-going maintenance costs.

The YAC is familiar with the Mountain Bike facilities and agree that they would be popular with some young people in the region. However, the YAC is not keen on supporting the project financially through the Youth Budget as they believe that the facility would not cater to a large enough population to justify the cost. The YAC suggested that perhaps a community organisation (such as Armadale Youth Resources) may be more equipped to pursue the project.

Carol Surgeon will raise the subject when she attends an Armadale Youth Resources Management Committee Meeting.

DECISION

Mountain Bike Facilities are popular with some young people. However, the YAC does not believe that they cater to a large enough population to justify financial support from the Youth Budget.

Armadale Youth Resources will be approached in regards to Mountain Bike Facilities in Armadale.

4.2 Armadale Aquatic Centre

Cr. Ruth Butterfield requested feedback from the YAC in regards to the proposal to upgrade the Armadale Aquatic Centre.

A proposal has been put forth to upgrade the Armadale Aquatic Centre to transform it into an indoor facility with heated pools and spas etc. The upgrade could cost between \$5 and \$15 million. Cr Butterfield requested feedback regarding the popularity and appeal of such facilities with young people.

The YAC were divided in their responses. Several members felt that an Indoor Aquatic Centre would be very popular with young people, whilst others felt that it wouldn't be used due to its current location and lack of appeal. However, the committee all agreed that they would use an indoor heated pool and attend related youth events if available in Armadale.

5. NEXT MEETING

26 September 2005, 5pm

7. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 6.55pm



South East Regional Recreation Advisory Group

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE CITY OF ARMADALE
ON THURSDAY, 19 MAY 2005, COMMENCING AT 4-05 PM

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.1 Attendance and Apologies

Present

Cr Ron Mitchell (Chair)	City of Gosnells
Mr Brett Horner	City of South Perth
Mr Paul Howrie	Town of Victoria Park
Mr Steve Humfrey	Department of Sport and Recreation
Mr Andre Lee (Secretary)	Curtin University of Technology
Mr Geoff Moor	City of Canning
Ms Shelagh Pascoe	Curtin University of Technology
Mr Patrick Quinlivan	City of Armadale
Mr Bob Walsh	WA Sports Federation
Mrs Robbie Watkins	City of Gosnells
Cr Henry Zelones	City of Armadale

Apologies

Andrew Ward	City of Belmont
Nigel McCombe (Guest)	Department of Sport and Recreation

1.2 Chair and Secretarial Role for SERRAG

Members groups were asked to nominate for the positions of Chair and Secretary for SERRAG. Curtin University of Technology will take on the secretarial role as from this meeting. As there were no nominations for the role of Chair, Cr. Ron Mitchell volunteered to remain as Chair for this meeting. The request for a Chair will be raised at the next meeting in August 2005.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 February 2005 be confirmed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Update on State Netball Training Centre and involvement of SERRAG

Apologies were received from Mr Nigel McCombe, Director, Facilities and Camps, DSR, who was to address the meeting on this issue. Steve Humphrey then provided an update in relation to the State Netball Training Centre and SERRAG consultation. Correspondence from Nigel McCombe was circulated, which was in response to the SERRAG request for feedback on the process involved in site selection for the proposed centre. Site analysis had ended in 2004 with Curtin University of Technology and Challenge Stadium as preferred locations. The brief was to include consultation with the City of Canning. An oversight in the level of consultation with SERRAG on the part of DSR was acknowledged.

3.2 SERRAG Regional Recreation Plan

3.2.1 Discussion on draft brochure

Member groups provided input on the draft SERRAG promotional brochure with regards to corrections on details. It was agreed that Member LGA's would provide Pat Quinlivan with updated demographic projections in order to update the graph.

3.2.2 Update on report progress and actions

A Strategic Implementation working table was circulated with the agenda with the status of actions within the Regional Plan. An additional recommendation (No. 20) was noted and reported under General Business (refer Item 6.1).

3.3 Update on the State Sporting Facilities Plan

Steve Humphrey reported that stage one of the Baseball project was complete and up and running. The Cocker Park Athletic facility refurbishment was complete with a state of the art track. The water had been turned on to fill Champion Lakes on Monday 16th May 2005.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED

That the correspondence be acknowledged

5. REPORTS

5.1 Reports

Member groups presented local reports.

RESOLVED

That member reports be received.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Update on Tennis West Project (Shelagh Pascoe)

- Consultants George Vassilliou and Associates had been engaged.
- Timeframe of project completion December 2005.
- Workshops had been scheduled for LGA’s to provide feedback on current facilities, clubs and concerns
- Request member group to encourage representation at the workshops.

6.2 Update on the WAFL Facilities Strategic Plan (Robbie Watkins/Steve Humfrey)

- To date one meeting has been held to brief the working party on the project and review the framework for the project.

7. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held at City of South Perth on Thursday 18th August 2005, starting at 4pm.

8. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 5:45 pm.

