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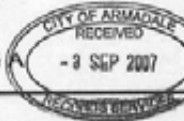
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BRIEFING – AMENDMENTS TO THE MAIN ROADS ACT

Main Roads WA has prepared drafting instructions to guide amendments to the Main Roads Act. Proposed amendments take a futuristic look at what functions and powers may be required of MRWA in the coming decades and propose a wide range of changes, many of which will impact on Local Government. The Association has arranged a briefing for Local Government on proposed amendments as follows:

Date: Thursday, 6 September,

Time: 10.00 – 12.00

Venue: Local Government House

19 Altons Street, West Perth

To attend contact Cheryl Bulford on 9213 2059 or cbulford@walga.asn.au

Further information contact Michelle Mackenzie, Executive Manager Infrastructure, on 9213 2031 or mmackenzie@walga.asn.au

LOCAL ACTIVITY GRANTS

WALGA and the Premier's Physical Activity Taskforce in conjunction with Lotterywest, is again offering Local Activity Grants for Local Governments and community groups to encourage new and innovative approaches to increasing physical activity.

Matched grants are available between \$5000 and \$50,000 but must be made by Local Governments. Community organisations can liaise with their relevant Local Government for the purpose of applying. In-kind contributions can be made by non-metropolitan Councils.

The key objectives of this grant program are to:

- Promote and increase sustainable opportunities for physical activity at the community level;

- Incorporate physical activity objectives and strategies into Local Government strategic planning and budgetary processes;
- Identify opportunities to encourage collaboration between State, Local Government, private enterprise and community organisations.

Applications close on Monday 19 October.

Application forms are available from www.besactive.wa.gov.au or www.walga.asn.au

Further information contact Michelle O'Brien, Physical Activity Taskforce Coordinator on 9492 9631 or michelle.obrien@dsr.wa.gov.au

VMware VIRTUALISATION SOFTWARE

WALGA has received a proposal for an Enterprise License Agreement to aggregate the licensing cost for VMware, subject to a minimum of 13 participating Local Governments.

The benefits are significant, with delivering a collective saving to the sector worth a minimum of \$370,000. VMware is virtualisation software that allows an organisation to consolidate its storage. Product benefits include a reduction in the number of servers operated within a network, and improved disaster recovery management.

A number of WALGA members are currently operating evaluation versions, and the opportunity to contract under an Enterprise License will only remain open until the end of September 2007.

IT Managers and network administrators are encouraged to review this opportunity by considering the product information package which is included in this week's WALGA mailbag.

Further information email Total Purchasing Solutions on purchasing@walga.asn.au

VISTOR GUIDE WORKSHOPS

The Tourism WA workshops for the Visitor Servicing Guide for Local Government are filling up quickly. The workshops assist to optimise and develop quality visitor servicing solutions relevant to local needs and situation.

Registrations are still open for the following workshops:
Narrogin on Friday 7 September
Kununurra on Thursday 13 September
Carnarvon on Tuesday 18

Further information or to register contact Caroline Vincin at Tourism WA on 9262 1922 or caroline.vincin@westernaustralia.com

TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS STRATEGY WORKSHOP

The Australian Logistics Council (ALC) has recently been commissioned by the Federal Minister for Transport and Regional Services, the Hon Mark Vaile to develop a new National Transport and Logistics Strategy over the next five years.

The T & L Strategy Consultation Workshop for WA is scheduled for **Wednesday 26 September** at the Fremantle Sailing Club, from 8.30am to 12.30pm.

For further information contact ALC on 1300 785 236 or Abigail@rooke@australlogistics.com.au and at www.austlogistics.com.au/index.php or WALGA Support Officer, Transport and Roads Cheryl Bullford, on 9213 2059 or cbullford@walgas.asn.au

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO FUEL PRICES AND CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOP

With sustained higher petrol prices and the challenge of reducing climate change emissions, this seminar will explore the fuel reduction strategies already being initiated by Local Governments in WA and to workshop further strategies for consideration. The seminar will present projects undertaken at Fremantle, Victoria Park and the Department for Planning and Infrastructure.

Date: Thursday 27 September
Time: 8.30am – 12.30pm
Venue: Town of Vincent (cnr Loftus and Vincent Streets) Leederville
Cost: \$40 STC/WALGA members
\$70 non members

Registration forms will be sent to Councils next week.
Further information contact: Cheryl Bullford, Support Officer, Transport and Roads on 9213 2059 or by email at cbullford@walgas.asn.au

LITTER PREVENTION GRANTS

Litter prevention grants from Keep Australia Beautiful are now open for 2007. Grants up to \$5,000 are available for local projects and up to \$10,000 for regional projects or major initiatives.

Grants are available for education, infrastructure or enforcement projects along road reserves and in the community. Applications close **Friday 28 September**.

Further information contact the Keep Australia Beautiful Council on 8467 5143 or email kabc@dep.wa.gov.au

OVERSEAS STAFF RECRUITMENT OPTION

With the skill shortage in Local Government anticipated to continue, an option to consider is the recruitment of staff from overseas using the 457 Employer Sponsored Visa. Already a number of WA Councils have filled key positions by working with WALGA's Workplace Solutions to secure staff from overseas using the 457 Visa process.

Over the past year Workplace Solutions has engaged with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) to build an effective relationship and administration process to assist Councils.

This month Workplace Solutions has participated in key stakeholder meetings with DIAC to consult on aspects of the visa process.

On behalf of Local Governments Workplace Solutions has also been granted a priority processing status which ensures applications are of high integrity with fast approval times.

Further information please visit www.workplacesolutions.asn.au or contact Recruitment Consultants Richard Struik on 9213 2091 or rstruik@walgas.asn.au or John DeLaney on 9213 2092 or jdelaney@walgas.asn.au

TRAINING UPDATE

Training modules currently offered for Officer Professional Development are:

Managing Employee Performance

Date: Monday 10 September
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

Introduction to the Local Government Act

Date: Friday 21 September
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

Venue: Local Government House,
15 Allona Street, West Perth

Cost: \$297.00 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
\$324.50 (inc GST) for non members

Further information or to register, please contact Training Coordinator, Heather Bewsher on 9213 2098 or email hbewsher@walgas.asn.au

COMMUNITY SERVICES INDUSTRY AWARDS

The Community Services Industry Awards recognise and celebrate the community services industry of Western Australia, and its valuable role and contribution in making a positive difference to individuals, families and communities.

All not for profit, community service organisations are encouraged to enter. Local Governments in partnership with a community organisation can enter a program or service. Calls for nominations and entries close on **Friday 14 September** at 4pm.

Further information contact the Department for Child Protection on 9222 2567 or childprotection.wa.gov.au/csla



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT STANDARDS PANEL SELECTION PROCESS

The Minister for Local Government is in the process of establishing a Standards Panel to deal with complaints regarded as minor breaches made against individual Councillors. The Standards Panel will be a three member disciplinary panel with representation from the Department of Local Government and Regional Development, a person with relevant legal knowledge and a WALGA nominee with experience as an Elected Member selected by the Minister.

WALGA invited Elected Members to nominate to be included on the list to be submitted to the Minister in accordance with the Association's selection process as part of Round 4.07. Unfortunately, WALGA's request for an extension to allow the selection process to take place was rejected by the Minister, due to the need to have the Standards Panel operational immediately following the October Local Government elections.

To allow WALGA to have input into the formation of the Standards Panel, a list of nine names was submitted to the Minister on **Wednesday 5 September** with the endorsement of the Association President.

For further information, please contact Governance Policy Officer, Tim Lane on 9213 2029 or email tlane@walga.asn.au

SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO HIGHER FUEL PRICES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

With sustained higher petrol prices and the challenge of reducing climate change emissions, this Sustainable Transport Coalition and WALGA seminar will explore the fuel reduction strategies

already being initiated by Local Governments in WA and to workshop further strategies for consideration. The seminar will present projects undertaken at Fremantle, Victoria Park and the Department for Planning and Infrastructure on:

Date: Thursday 27 September
Time: 8:30am to 12:30pm
Venue: Town of Vincent
cnr Loftus & Vincent Streets, Leederville
Cost: \$40.00 STC/WALGA Members
\$70.00 nonmembers

Registration forms are included in this week's mailbag.

For further information, please contact RoadWise Support Officer, Trish Strickland on 9213 2066 or email tstrickland@walga.asn.au

VMWARE EXTENSION

Last week an information package was circulated for an Enterprise License Agreement for VMware virtualisation software. A sector level license will generate very significant savings and provide additional support benefits for users. Feedback relating to the tight timeframes for acceptance has allowed the deadline for responses to be extended to close of business on **Friday 19 October**.

For further information or a copy of the information package, please email purchasing@walga.asn.au

ROAD SAFETY CONFERENCE PERTH - REGISTRATIONS OPEN

WALGA's RoadWise Program continues to work with the organisers of the 3rd International Road Safety Conference, "People Our Future" which will be held on:

Date: Thursday 29 and Friday 30 November

Venue: Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Delegates are able to register online at <http://www.roadssafetyperth2007.com/Speakers.html>

The RoadWise Program will also have a presence at the conference trade exhibition and will use this opportunity to showcase community road safety projects to an international audience.

For further information, please contact Road Safety Project Officer, Kylie Bartlett on 9213 2084 or email kbartlett@wspa.asn.au

A GUIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLEARING NATIVE VEGETATION

The Department of Environment has released A Guide for Local Government Clearing Native Vegetation under the Environmental Protection Act 1986.

The Guide can be downloaded from the Department of Environment website under publications/guidelines at http://portal.environment.wa.gov.au/portal/page?_pageid=53_3217882&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

For further information, please contact Executive Manager Infrastructure, Michelle Mackenzie on 9213 2031 or email mmackenzie@wspa.asn.au

VISITOR SERVICING GUIDE WORKSHOPS

The Tourism WA workshops for the Visitor Servicing Guide for Local Government assists to optimise and develop quality visitor servicing solutions relevant to local needs and situations. Register now for workshops in:

Kununurra	Thursday 13 September
Carmanron	Tuesday 18 September
Kalgoorlie	Tuesday 18 October
Esperance	Thursday 18 October
Bunbury	Thursday 1 November
Northam	Tuesday 13 November
Manjimup	Wednesday 21 November

For further information or to register, please contact Tourism WA's Caroline Vincini on 9262 1922 or email caroline.vincini@westernaustralia.com

WALKING AND CYCLING WORKSHOP

The AARB Group will conduct an interactive two-day intensive Walking and Cycling Workshop on:

Date: Thursday 13 and Friday 14 September
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm
Venue: Chifley on the Terrace Hotel, Perth
Cost: \$1,210.00pp (inc GST) or \$1,155.00pp (inc GST) for three or more participants from the same organisation.

The Workshop will concentrate on planning and developing walking and cycling strategies and participants are invited to share their own experiences, case studies and ideas.

The purpose of the Workshop is to familiarise practitioners with current best practice in sustainable transport management, present recent research on walking and cycling, provide experience to apply the principles and best practices for land use and transport integration within a local community, understand travel

behaviour change principles and prepare strategies to successfully develop walking and cycling projects.

Participants will need to bring comfortable walking shoes and outdoor weather gear for both days of the workshop.

For further information, please contact AARB Consulting's Publicity and Promotions Officer, Briarlea Green on (03) 9881 1676 or email briarlea.green@aarb.com.au

THE PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS FORUM

The Parks and Protected Areas Forum aims to answer the challenge of how community, government and industry can best protect the precious biodiversity found in the State's national parks. The Forum will be held from:

Date: Sunday 23 to Tuesday 25 September
Venue: Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle

The Forum will address a wide range of themes from the issues facing national parks and protected areas to the physical, mental and economic benefits these areas bring to visitors and the wider community.

Of interest to Local Government representatives and employees will be sessions that highlight the importance of working with communities and the presentation by WALGA President, Cr Bill Mitchell titled, *Better Inter-relationships between the Conservation Commission, Local Government and the Department of Conservation and Land Management.*

For further information or to register, please visit <http://www.promaco.com/2007/parks/> or phone 9332 2900.

NRM SUCCESS STORIES FORUM

The Swan Catchment Council invites CEOs and Environment Officers to the inaugural NRM Success Stories Forum, a two-day event showcasing achievements in Natural Resource management, as well as the annual presentation to stakeholders. The Forum will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 September
Time: 8:30am to 5:00pm
Venue: Underground Cellar, Sandalford Wines
3210 West Swan Road, Caversham
Cost: Free with morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided.

The Annual Stakeholder Presentation will be held on:

Date: Thursday 27 September
Time: 5:30pm to 7:00pm

The NRM Success Stories Forum will provide an opportunity for project deliverers to share their progress and achievements with NRM Stakeholders, whether it's promoting sustainability in industry and agriculture, maintaining the health of our groundwater or reviving Indigenous cultural connections with the region.

For further information or to register, please contact Elite Lewis on 9374 3315 or email elite.lewis@water.wa.gov.au by Wednesday 12 September.

ALGA NEWSLETTER - 31 August 2007

Labor confirms timeframe for constitutional recognition



The President of the Australian Local Government Association, Cr Paul Bell, said that he was pleased that Federal Labor had outlined a timeframe on constitutional recognition for local government.

Speaking at the Queensland Local Government Association's annual conference today, the Shadow Minister for Local Government, Senator Kate Lundy, said Labor would in its first term consult with ALGA and state and territory governments on the

process for achieving constitutional recognition, including holding a constitutional convention and determining the timeframe for a referendum.

"Constitutional recognition is a long-cherished goal for local government and what we have learned from recent events in Queensland is that local government will never be treated fairly until it is written into the Constitution," Cr Bell said.

Cr Bell said that unless local government was able to sit at the table as a fully equal partner with the states, the wishes of local communities would continue to be overridden.

Cr Bell said that local government delegates would be discussing how to progress the issue of constitutional recognition at the forthcoming National General Assembly in Darwin in November.

"We are very excited that this debate is in the public arena," Cr Bell said. "But we also recognize we have a lot of work to do. After two unsuccessful referendums on this issue [1975 and 1988], we have to get it right. We must get bipartisan support from both major parties and convince the Australian people to tick 'yes' at the ballot box."

Cr Bell also welcomed Federal Labor's recognition of the need to strengthen the focus on local government issues at COAG and stated that he looked forward to working further with the Labor Party on its proposal for a Council of Australian Local Governments (CALG). Cr Bell noted that the proposed Council could provide a greater opportunity for local government to put its views forward in intergovernmental forums.

The CALG will also be asked to provide advice on local government funding issues and to work with state and territory governments to examine the roles and responsibilities of local government.

Minister willing to talk about constitutional recognition



The Minister for Local Government, Jim Lloyd, has flagged his willingness to look seriously at constitutional recognition for local government. Speaking at the LGAQ's Annual Conference on the Gold Coast on Tuesday, Mr Lloyd said that in light of recent events in Queensland he was willing to enter into a serious dialogue with local government to address the issues surrounding the purpose, form and timing of constitutional recognition.

National General Assembly - Darwin 26-29 November 2007



Join us in Darwin and help us shape the future for local government.

This year's theme is A Climate for Change. It builds on ALGA's 3F campaign - Fair Funding; Fair Treatment and Formal Recognition. Under the banner A Climate for Change we will explore a range of issues impacting on local government under three major headings:

- **Political climate** - Constitutional recognition of local government. ALGA has called on all political parties to commit to the formal recognition of local government's role in the Australian Federation. Constitutional recognition is a long-cherished goal for local government and what we have learned from recent events in Queensland is that local government will never be treated fairly until it is written into the Constitution.
- **Financial climate** - infrastructure affordability and financial sustainability for local government.
- **Natural climate** - climate change and its implications for local government. Local government activities that are likely to be directly impacted by climate change include planning future developments and road infrastructure, which would be affected by sea level and water table rises and storm surges. There will also be impacts on natural resources, health and building regulations and community infrastructure and services. Councils have been leading the way in climate change mitigation projects and we need to ensure that we keep our eye on the ball nationally and internationally.

We look forward to seeing you there! Register on www.nga.alga.asn.au



From the President

An exciting development to emerge from the election battleground is that new ideas about how local government, the states and the federal government can work together are now on the national agenda.

Local government has a long-cherished aspiration. An aspiration which has been tested and rejected twice through national referendums in 1975 and 1988. All we ask is that we have the opportunity to sit at the table as an equal partner with the states and have greater control over our own destiny.

It is anachronistic that in this day and age, we have a significant sphere of government without formal recognition in the Constitution. A sphere of government which for over 150 years has been delivering an increasingly broad range of infrastructure, including roads, and economic and community services, employs more than 165,000 Australians and spends around \$18 billion each year (around 2% of the GDP).

It seems that now, constitutional recognition is in the public arena and this is the best opportunity we have had for some time to seize the initiative and chart the way forward.

The Labor Party has now come out with a timetable. If it wins government, Federal Labor will consult with local, state and territory governments on the process for achieving constitutional recognition. These discussions will include holding a constitutional convention and the timing of a referendum.

The Minister for Local Government, Jim Lloyd, has flagged his willingness to look seriously at constitutional recognition for local government. Speaking at the LGAQ's Annual Conference on the Gold Coast on Tuesday, Mr Lloyd indicated that he was prepared to enter into serious dialogue with local government on the issue.

However, we have a lot of work to do. We must convince the Australian people that this is the best course of action for local government and the best direction for local communities. We must also have bipartisan political support. The recent events in Queensland with forced amalgamations show what happens when local governments are at the whim of state governments and there is no clear-cut appeal process or form of redress. This has helped to elevate this issue onto the national stage.

We cannot afford to have another failed referendum. I believe we will get it right this time. We must all work together. I encourage all of you to take part in the National General Assembly in Darwin to ensure you are part of the debate. We are also planning to hold a Constitutional Summit next year for local government to map out its desired path towards self-determination and to ensure we have strong, consistent and clearly articulated arguments to underpin our case.

Some councils are passing motions supporting constitutional recognition which they are drawing to the attention of their local MPs and Senators. This will assist us to keep the momentum going and to show the extent of grass-roots support for reform. There has never been a better time to be heard and I thank you for all the

encouragement and support I have received on this issue. My media release is on the ALGA website and the link to the National General Assembly is on www.nga.alga.asn.au

Cr Paul Bell AM
ALGA President

Consultations open for disability supported accommodation

The Howard Government is opening consultations to establish the best options for providing 1750 new supported accommodation places for people with disabilities.

The Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Mal Brough, said these consultations are part of the Prime Minister's announcement of an extra \$962 million to help older carers and their families as part of the Government's \$1.8 billion disability package announced in late June.

Commencing on 10 September, public meetings will be held in metropolitan and regional centres across Australia through to mid October 2007. Written submissions will also be accepted up to Friday 26 October. A discussion paper on this initiative will be available from 28 August at www.facsia.gov.au and by calling 1800 045 394.

To get details of the public meetings and register your interest, call 1800 045 394 or email disabilityaccommodation@nationalmailing.com.au.

ALP plan for "regional GP clinics"

Labor Leader Kevin Rudd announced this week that the ALP will spend \$220 million to provide "General Practice Super Clinics" if elected.

The clinics would be located in regional Australia and will be aimed at providing local communities with accessible health practitioners and services such as; doctors, nurses, specialists and allied health professionals, such as physiotherapists, podiatrists, dieticians and psychologists, all in one centre.

The proposal is meant to address the needs identified by the ALP to provide infrastructure funding to meet needs for local services to establish a range of essential services and make best use of shortages of skilled workforce in some regional areas.

The fund will also be able to be accessed for payment of incentives to attract administrative and nursing support, and to provide facilities for teaching rooms and facilities to attract trainees and graduates.

Further details of the proposal can be viewed at:
www.alp.org.au/download/new_directions_for_australias_health_gp_super_clinics_final.pdf

ALP proposal for "Ambassador for Ageing"

The ALP has emphasised that if elected to government federally, it will be looking to further promote the positive aspects of our ageing communities through the appointment of an "Ambassador for Ageing" who would be responsible for promoting active and healthy ageing to both older people and to the community at large.

The ALP proposal is based on its desire to promote positive ageing and to give older Australians a more prominent voice in policy and program development.

The initiative also proposes that a Ministerial Council on Ageing will be created and report to the Council of Australian Governments to provide an improved focus for the needs and issues facing older Australians, through coordination of positive ageing programs.

Bureau of Transport and Regional Economics - Working Paper 71 Estimating Urban Traffic and Congestion Cost Trends for Australian Cities

This Bureau of Transport and Regional Economics (BTRE) paper shows that travel in Australian urban areas has grown ten fold over the last 60 years. Private road vehicles now account for about 90 per cent of the total urban passenger task (up from around 40 per cent in the late 1940's).

The BTRE estimates that total kilometers traveled in urban areas will increase by 37 per cent between 2005 and 2020. Commercial vehicle traffic is forecast to grow substantially more strongly (approximately 3.5 per cent per annum) than private traffic which is forecast to grow at about 1.7 per cent per annum.

The paper also estimates the cost of congestion for the Australia capital cities to be about \$9.4 billion in 2005 and is projected to increase to \$20.4 billion by 2020. The estimates for individually cities are:

City	Social cost of congestion in 2005	Social cost of congestion in 2020
Sydney	\$3.5 billion	\$7.8 billion
Melbourne	\$3.0 billion	\$6.1 billion
Brisbane	\$1.2 billion	\$3.0 billion
Perth	\$0.9 billion	\$2.1 billion
Adelaide	\$0.6 billion	\$1.1 billion
Canberra	\$0.11 billion	\$0.2 billion
Hobart	\$50 million	\$70 million
Darwin	\$18 million	\$ 35 million

The full report can be found on BTRE website www.btre.gov.au/index.aspx.

National greenhouse reporting scheme

The federal government has been accused of infringing on state powers again through its proposed national greenhouse reporting scheme.

The Victorian and South Australian governments have complained about the scheme seeking to exclude state and territory laws which provide for reporting of greenhouse gas and energy information.

The draft federal laws are designed to establish a uniform reporting system from next year ahead of the operation of a national emissions trading scheme by 2012.

The trading scheme is the main plank of Prime Minister John Howard's climate change policy.

A Victorian government submission to a Senate inquiry into the legislation says it puts at risk state initiatives on climate change and energy.

The SA submission said under the proposed laws, many state greenhouse programs could cease in 2008 until the trading scheme began up to four years later.

The Australian Greens said the legislation would undermine cooperation between governments to develop a uniform approach to greenhouse reporting.

Qld councils fight on: battered and bruised but still defiant

Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) president Paul Bell has announced the likely date for a plebiscite as October 20 and vowed to continue his fight against the government's decision to slash council numbers.

Cr Bell told the LGAQ annual conference on the Gold Coast he expected many councils would decide this week whether they would participate, with an initial list of participating councils to be drawn up as early as next week.

Councils would need to formally register for the polls, but could change their minds before the cut-off date, which was yet to be decided, he said.

Cr Bell said at least 60 councils would participate after a flood of interest was triggered by the federal government offering to fund the plebiscites through the Australian Electoral Commission.

"We are battered and bruised but our heads will never be lowered ... we will run the race to the finish post true to our creed," Mr Bell told the conference in his opening address.

"We will see polls ... in your communities where you want them when councils request them, because democracy can and will prevail in Queensland."

Federal Local Government Minister Jim Lloyd told the conference old-fashioned "people power" could still force the Queensland government to scrap its controversial plans to slash the number of councils from 156 to 72.

"The message to Andrew Fraser [Qld Local Government Minister] is - do not underestimate the will of the people because politics is about people who are entitled to have a say," he said.

Mystery of disappearing backyards

The Urban Research Program at Griffith University is pleased to announce the release of our latest research paper. Research Paper 13 is authored by Prof. Tony Hall and is titled 'Where Have All the Gardens Gone? An Investigation into the Disappearance of Backyards in the Newer Australian Suburb'. The paper examines the changing form of new suburban development focusing on layout and yard space. The paper considers these trends in relation to the historical form of suburban development and recent practice overseas. The paper may be downloaded [here](#) free of charge.

Election date: PM hasn't decided

The Prime Minister John Howard said this week he still had not decided when to hold the federal election. Mr Howard is tipped to call the election for some time between late October and mid-November. But Mr Howard told the media: "I still haven't decided. "We've still got a period to go and I'm not getting into speculation. I haven't made up my mind about that."

Pandemic influenza guidelines

Updated version of the Local Government Association of South Australia Human Pandemic Influenza BCP Guidelines for Local Government is now online. The LGASA Pandemic Awareness Project Officer Tony McLoughlin advises that the new guidelines have taken a more holistic approach and include some of the valuable and worthwhile WA resource templates in a modified form.

To access the guidelines see:
www.lga.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=191&print=1&C=13441

Victorian councils planning for regional development

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) has welcomed the Victorian Government's announcement of \$1.65 million to assist rural and regional local councils to work together to find new ways of planning for regional development.

Cr Dick Gross, MAV President said the investment was particularly welcomed by the 130 delegates at the Summit as 30 municipalities would directly benefit from the projects announced under the Government's Provincial Planning initiative.

Cr Gross said that with many strategic planning issues facing councils, it was important for collaborative approaches and strong alliances to be formed to share knowledge, workloads and benefits across a region.

"We're all part of the one state and we need to help each other create a vision that leads to coordinated provision of infrastructure and services for communities, business and industry across municipal boundaries.

"Drought, bushfire, flood and changing community demographics are just some of the issues that must be tackled to ensure population retention and expansion, new job opportunities, investment and business development are realised in rural and regional areas," he said.

Understanding Residential Densities

Understanding Residential Densities: A Pictorial Handbook of Adelaide Examples has been developed by Planning SA to assist in understanding, through visual examples, the residential densities defined in the [Planning Strategy for Metropolitan Adelaide](#) (August 2006).

The Handbook is intended to demonstrate the variety of designs, styles and ages of dwellings that appear already in the four different categories of residential density described in the Planning Strategy (very low, low, medium and high density). The Handbook is in no way intended as a guide to best practice in design and planning of residential development; nor does it endorse any particular form of development or example contained within it.

The 60 examples contained in the handbook have been selected from various sites found throughout metropolitan Adelaide, with the aim of representing a typical cross-section of dwellings and forms of development found within the city. Although they are all from metropolitan Adelaide, the densities and forms of development represented are equally applicable to the outer metropolitan Adelaide region and regional South Australia.

The examples are divided into four sections, in line with the four categories of residential density defined in the Planning Strategy. At the start of each section, the relevant category of density is defined with a direct excerpt from the Planning Strategy. Each section also has general observations regarding typical allotment sizes and characteristics of the various examples included.

- [Understanding Residential Densities Handbook \(web version\) \[PDF 4.3 MB\]](#)

Note: Print quality copies of the Handbook are available on CD-ROM. Please phone Michael Davis at Planning SA on (08) 8303 0845

Living Heritage - newsletter

Department of the Environment and Water Resources has just released its new Living Heritage newsletter. The newsletter has several interesting articles and a very information inventory of the National Heritage List and plain english summary and jurisdictional overview of the range of heritage lists, both from a legislative and non-statutory formats.

To view the newsletter see:

- [Living Heritage - Vol. 1 No. 1 Winter 2007 \(PDF - 1,532 KB\)](#)

Regional development council

Australian and State and Territory Government Ministers responsible for regional development and the Australian Local Government Association met on Tuesday in Cairns for the fourth meeting of the Regional Development Council (RDC).

Attendance and participation at this meeting in a key regional centre demonstrated the high priority all jurisdictions place on regional development and their willingness to share ideas and progress issues collaboratively. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport and Regional Services, Mark Vaile.

The meeting's key themes included: regional investment promotion; regional economic benefits of biofuels; drought recovery and structural adjustment; and broadband access in regional Australia. This communiqué sets out the agreed outcomes of the discussion.

Ministers considered a study that will assist governments communicate the benefits of investment in its regional centres. The study emphasises that all Australian cities (both capital cities and regional centres) are cost competitive and the variation in business costs for all Australian cities is quite low when compared to the United States and other countries.

Ministers considered the developments occurring in the biofuels industry. Ministers agreed that further consideration should be given to future excise rebates, support for smooth conversion processes, ongoing industry development, and research and development for second generation biofuels.

Ministers discussed the difficulties faced by farmers and rural communities as a result of the current prolonged drought, and the varied impacts the drought is having on different regions and industries. Ministers agreed to continue to encourage a stronger focus on improving community capacity to underpin the long-term resilience and sustainability of rural communities.

Ministers agreed that the rollout of fast reliable broadband technology is one of the most critical infrastructure issues facing regional Australia.

The Regional Development Council noted that the Council of Australian Governments Online and Communication Council at its recent meeting agreed the establishment of a Joint Implementation Group in relation to the OPEL Network for consultation as Australia Connected is implemented. The consultation will aim to ensure that the roll out of Commonwealth and State and Territory initiatives are carried out in a complementary manner. Ministers requested that the Online and Communications Council consult with the Regional Development Council on implementation issues.

Ministers agreed that the Australian Government would work with State and Territory Governments in a collaborative approach to future roll outs of broadband.

The Council agreed to next meet in Western Australia in July 2008.

New Warmun art centre opens

The new Warmun Art Centre at Turkey Creek in the Kimberley region has officially this week with a ceremony hosted by the artists to mark the occasion.

Further information about the Indigenous Regional Development Program is available from the Department of Local Government and Regional Development on 9217 1500, Freecall 1800 620 511 (country only) or www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au.

Changing cities are driving our world

More than 2000 participants will attend the 2nd UCLG World Congress, which will take place in Jeju, Korea, from 28-31 October 2007. The title of the 2nd UCLG World Congress will be "Changing cities are driving our world." The UCLG World Congress is held every three years, offering an exceptional opportunity for local government representatives to meet colleagues from around the world and representatives from both the private sector and international institutions. Moreover, it provides a forum in which mayors and councillors examine key local government issues and set the local government agenda for the next three years and beyond. For more information contact the secretariat of the 2nd UCLG World Congress on www.uclg2007jeju.org

Quote of the week

"Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds and six, result misery."

Charles Dickens, *David Copperfield*

International news

A museum charting the history of the trans-Atlantic slave trade has opened in Liverpool, focusing on the way the city enriched itself on human trafficking, but also on the resistance of enslaved Africans. In some ways it will be the latest chapter in Liverpool's efforts to come to terms with its past.

In 1999, its city council formally apologised, expressing "shame and remorse for the city's role in this trade in human misery." It also has commissioned statues entitled "Reconciliation" - two abstract bronze figures embracing. They are being dedicated this year in Richmond, Virginia, and Benin, a West African port of call for Liverpool's slave ships.

Such ships carried millions of human beings from West Africa to the plantations of the Americas in a triangular trade that also brought profitable cargoes of sugar, tobacco and rum to England.

Beatles fans who visit Penny Lane in Liverpool often are surprised to learn that it is named after James Penny, a slave trader and investor in 11 voyages that took 500 to 600 captives at a time to the New World.

Now showing in Australia is "Amazing Grace" - a film about William Wilberforce's inspirational political campaign to end the slave trade. Highly recommended.

The Local Government Sustainable Development Conference 2007

The 2007 Local Government Sustainable Development Conference in Melbourne on September 11-12 will focus on reducing the carbon footprint, water sustainability, waste minimisation and developments in the built environment within the local government field.

The 2007 conference is being organised by Hallmark Editions and **Environs Australia**, the local government environment network, and follows the successful inaugural sustainable development conference held in Sydney last year.

The 2007 conference will incorporate the **Sustainability Awards** organised by Environs Australia. The 2007 Awards will recognise the contributions made by environment professionals as well as councillors in progressing sustainability at the local level. There will be three Gold Awards and six Silver Awards announced. For more details of how to enter the Awards, please visit www.environs.org.au

The conference has been designed to assist local government practitioners to identify, plan and implement best practice sustainable development solutions, particularly related to reducing the carbon footprint. It will showcase leading edge examples of outstanding environmental initiatives by Australian local governments.

Local Government professionals, at the forefront of developing sustainability strategies, will present their experiences and lessons learnt in implementing sustainable development programs.

Best practice case studies on water minimisation, greenhouse emissions control, and minimising environment impacts of the built environment will be revealed. The conference has been structured as an intensive learning experience to enable attendees to immediately use the information.

At a Gala Dinner on the evening of Day 1, **Environs Australia**, the local government environment network, will announce the winners of the **Sustainability 2007 Awards** for Local Government.

The detailed Agenda for the 2007 Conference can be found at

<http://www.halledit.com.au/conferences/sustainability/2007>

For registration inquiries, please contact Denise McQueen on (03) 8534 5000

Forthcoming events

For a full listing of forthcoming events, see ALGA's Events calendar.

- 31 August - 03 September 2007 Asia Pacific Cities Summit
- 05 - 07 September 2007 NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference
- 05 September 2007 Annual Public Sector Update
- 06 - 08 September 2007 Infrastructure Australia 2007
- 06 September 2007 Procurement and Contract Management for Local Government
- 06 September 2007 National Simultaneous Story Time
- 11 - 12 September 2007 Local Government Sustainable Development 2007 Conference
- 11 - 12 September 2007 Integrating Budgeting, Planning and Forecasting in the Public Sector Seminar 2007
- 11 - 12 September 2007 Australian Human Resources Summit 2007
- 11 September 2007 2nd Annual Contract Management Masterclass

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ALGA launches federal election document

The President of the Australian Local Government Association, Cr Paul Bell, has launched 'A 10-Point Plan to Reinvigorate Local Communities' and called on both major parties to commit to a \$1 billion renewals fund.

"Councils around Australia face an infrastructure backlog of \$14.5 billion and the establishment of a Local Community Infrastructure Renewals Fund would allow councils to meet local priorities and would allow other upgrading work to be brought forward," Cr Bell said.

"We are encouraged by statements made by the Federal Government and the Opposition but now is the time for a clear commitment by the major parties to establish a Roads to Recovery-style fund for community infrastructure. We call on both parties to commit to a 4-year \$250 million per annum fund to support key facilities in our community."

Cr Bell said that local government had registered on-line over 1,000 examples of community infrastructure requiring urgent attention such as swimming pools, playground equipment, ovals, council-run meals on wheels kitchens, libraries without air-conditioning, senior citizen centres. Many of these facilities were built in the 1950s and 1960s and have reached their use-by date and require upgrading.

The 10-Point Plan fits into ALGA's key priorities of Fair Funding, Fair Treatment, Formal Recognition and Meeting Future Challenges, such as climate change and protecting our water resources.

Copies are available on the ALGA website: www.alga.asn.au and will be mailed to all councils and key stakeholders.

ALGA supports local government democracy



ALGA supported local residents having a say through plebiscites on councils amalgamations before a Senate Committee Hearing in Cairns on Monday. Appearing on behalf of ALGA, Board Member Cr John Rich firmly stated ALGA's support for Federal legislation to allow the Australian Electoral Commission to run plebiscites about local government amalgamations. Cr Rich affirmed ALGA's strong opposition to compulsory amalgamations while noting that ALGA supported local government reform in general. Cr Rich also outlined ALGA's support for constitutional recognition of local government, noting that events in Queensland had highlighted the importance of pushing for such recognition.

The Senate Committee held three separate hearings in Queensland (Noosa, Emerald and Cairns) and heard from more than 60 witnesses, including 17 councils, ALGA and the Local Government Association of Queensland. In addition, the Committee received more than 90 submissions. The Hansard is available on www.aph.gov.au

Peter Garrett addresses National Press Club



Labor's spokesman for Climate Change, Environment, Heritage and the Arts, Peter Garrett, outlined Labor's environmental agenda at the National Press Club on Wednesday.

He said a Labor Government would ratify Kyoto, set a target to reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions by 60% from 2000 levels by 2050; and increase the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target.

He announced a clean energy export strategy to facilitate export opportunities. This includes a \$20m clean energy enterprise connect centre.

Mr Garrett said that Labor would not set short-term emission reduction targets until it had received the Garnaut Report recommendations in June next year. However, he said the long-term target provided 'clarity and certainty'.

From the President



It came as no surprise to hear that the Prime Minister John Howard used YouTube to push the benefits of this week's APEC meeting. With Opposition Leader Kevin Rudd collecting friends on MySpace and policies being launched on YouTube, both sides of Australian politics are staking their claim on cyberspace and trying to woo Generation Y voters.

And we are not just talking about city-folk. Increasingly the younger generation in rural and regional areas are demanding fast high-speed broadband services and this is putting pressure on governments to deliver. What is of concern to social planners is that unless the technology reaches these areas, local economies will suffer and our young people will vote with their feet, and move to technology clusters in Australia's cities.

The figures show that 21.5% of teenagers keep a personal blog, display photos or maintain a website, and this means the importance of on-line communities can no longer be ignored.

The Director of the Centre for the Digital Future at the USC Annenberg School for Communication, Jeffrey Cole, who was in Australia recently, said that the internet is changing democracy by shifting power from governments and corporations into the hands of individuals.

US politics was also reflecting this trend with Presidential candidates Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton using the internet to maximise support and profile. "I think it's changed all the rules in politics," he said, predicting the rise of a third party on the internet and increasing citizen participation.

Cole predicted that in the next few years those aged 12-24 won't own a landline phone, will never read an on-line newspaper, will trust unknown peers more than

experts, will show little interest in the source of information, will not watch TV on someone else's schedule, will be part of the community at the centre of the internet experience, will consider themselves immune to advertising or brand but will be wrong; and everything will move to mobile. He said teenagers will want to be heard and will use instant messaging more and more. Email was already considered 'old hat.'

ALGA is working on a collaborative policy document with the Rural Doctors Association of Australia. A major focus of our discussions are that high quality broadband services are needed in rural communities to enhance social and economic activity generally and to give doctors and their patients the advantages of higher technology, information sharing, electronic patient records and on-line education. Regional centres and towns require significant bandwidth if they are to provide new patient centric health services of the future.

The State of the Regions report has presented a strong case for fast, cost-effective broadband services throughout Australia and our policy-makers are listening. We have the Broadband Blueprint from the Federal Government and Labor's broadband proposal. However, we will keep pressing the importance and urgency of connecting all of Australia to the information superhighway. Our election policy document which will be sent to all councils in the next week or so - 'A 10-Point Plan to Reinvigorate Local Communities' - is another way to keep the dream alive. I encourage you all to read it. A copy is available on the ALGA website: www.alga.asn.au

Cr Paul Bell AM
ALGA President

Sydney best city to visit in world

Sydney has just been voted the best city to visit in the world.

A survey of 30 thousand readers of luxury travel bible Conde Nast Traveller as put Sydney in first spot for favourite overseas city ahead of tourist hotspots Paris, New York and Rome.

Australia ranked fourth in the countries category behind India, Italy and Thailand while the Great Barrier Reef was named the 10th best island destination in the world.

Sydney impressed travellers for being a clean and user-friendly city as well as having the best restaurants.

National report card/PIA Congress

The Planning Institute of Australia is once again conducting a national Planning Report Card asking Planners to tell it how it is in their state/territory. The Planning Report Card survey will be available on line from until 9 September. The link to the survey can be found by visiting the PIA home page (www.planning.org.au) . You will also find a link on the home page to the responses that have been received from the state/territory planning departments in regard to the planning initiatives that they are currently undertaking. The PIA are encouraging you to take 10 - 15 minutes out

of your day to read the responses from the planning department in your state/territory and then to complete the survey. There are two additional questions this year and the ranking has also been changed from A - D to A - E. The results of the survey will be announced in Adelaide on World Town Planning Day, 8 November 2007.

The 2008 PIA National Congress is being held in Sydney at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre from 13 - 16 April 2008. The Planning Institute of Australia are now calling for abstract submissions which will unlock our thinking, increase our knowledge, entertain and inspire us as well as offer solutions to the problems associated with Climate Change, Water, Coastal, Industry, Energy, Technology, Bio Diversity / Natural Resources, Social Change, Health, Urban Design, Housing, Transport & Infrastructure, Governance, Disaster Management and Diversity.

Information regarding the Call for Abstracts process can be found on the homepage of the PIA website - www.planning.org.au. The closing date for the Call for Abstracts is 28 September 2007. If you require any additional information regarding the Call for Abstracts process please do not hesitate to contact Nicole Campbell on 02 6262 5933 or via email - marketing@planning.org.au.

Labor proposal for health advisory group

Labor has announced that it will formulate a new health advisory group that will be responsible for providing recommendations for expenditure of a promised \$2 billion under Labor's National Health Reform Plan, should Labor win the federal election.

The Advisory Group will be tasked with investigating options and needs within hospitals and health services in an effort to improve the health system and promote preventative health care options.

The group will draw on advice from hospital administrators, industry bodies and other healthcare professionals.

The Shadow Health Minister, Nicola Roxon, will chair the group, and has already begun to meet with stakeholders and community bodies, and she will be joined by shadow ministers Simon Crean (Regional Services) and Senators Kate Lundy (Health Promotion, Local Government) and Jan McLucas (Ageing).

It will be essential that this consultation also expands into rural, regional and remote areas of Australia to ensure that the needs of these communities are balanced with those in metropolitan and coastal areas.

Any interested parties are invited to submit brief written suggestions to members of HHAG for Labor's consideration, either to their state contact or to Nicola Roxon's office on 03 9687 7355 or by email at nicola@nicolaroxonmp.com

ALP Infrastructure Minister

The Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Water, Anthony Albanese, has announced that Labor would create the position of Federal Infrastructure Minister if it wins government. The central plank of Labor's infrastructure policy is the creation of an

independent Commonwealth Statutory Authority, Infrastructure Australia, which would be comprised of representatives from all levels of government and key stakeholders. Mr Albanese said that based on an audit of the state of the nation's infrastructure and future needs, Infrastructure Australia would have a deadline of 12 months from the election to produce its first National Infrastructure Priority List. That would include existing infrastructure assets that needed improvement and new assets that needed to be built.

Local government and federalism

I'm pleased to announce that *Federalism and Regionalism in Australia: New Approaches, New Institutions?* (Australia and New Zealand School of Government / ANU E-Press, 2007) is now available for download in part or whole from the ANU E-Press website: go to: http://epress.anu.edu.au/fra_citation.html Hard copies can also be ordered from ANU E-Press at the grand RRP of \$19.95. The book includes a chapter on local government and federalism written by ALGA President Cr Paul Bell.

ATUG's communications roadshow continues - Lismore, Cooma and Moree

The Australian Telecommunications Users Group (ATUG) is offering three free seminars. The first is on Tuesday 11 September at Lismore from 5.39pm for a 6pm start - 8.30pm at Invercauld House, 161 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah. The second is on Wednesday 12 September in Moree from 5.30 for at the Max Function and Conference Centre. The other seminar is at Cooma on Thursday 13 September from 5.30pm at the Cooma Ex-Services Club. RSVP to Patrick.sinclair@atug.org.au or 02 9495 8905. For more information go to www.atug.com.au/RegionalRoadshow07.cfm

\$1.7 million for crime prevention

The Australian Government has given 417 grants totaling \$1.7million to organizations around Australia under the Small Grants initiative of the National Community Crime Prevention Program (NCCPP). The Small Grants Program enables community organisations to purchase small items of equipment or undertake small scale projects that directly assist crime prevention in local communities by applying for grants of up to \$5,000. Successful recipients of the NCCPP Small Grants funding can be found at www.crimeprevention.gov.au.

Wind farm working group appointed

The federal government has appointed a working group to create a national code for wind farms. The group will be chaired by senior environment department officer Denis Smedley and includes representatives from local government (Liz Johnstone, senior planning adviser at the Municipal Association of Victoria), the Australian Wind Energy Association and the National Trust, as well as a farmer.

Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull said the national code would provide a consistent and transparent framework for community consultation about the siting and development of wind farms in Australia. "While primary responsibility in these matters rests with state and territory governments, there should be a more consistent approach than currently exists across Australia," Mr Turnbull said.

The NT Local Government Amendment Bill was passed in Parliament this week

A draft of the new Local Government Act will be available in October, with time for comment prior to deliberation in the Legislative Assembly.

For the latest information and updates on local government reform in the Northern Territory, visit www.nt.gov.au/localgovernment/new or call 1300 654 368.

Constitutional recognition - Great Lakes passes motion of support

Great Lakes Council has passed a motion of support for constitutional recognition which they have forwarded on to their local MP Bob Baldwin, who is also the Parliamentary Secretary for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

The motion was passed unanimously. It reads: "That Council unanimously agree to request the Federal Government to conduct a constitutional referendum recognising local government, in conjunction with the next Federal Election, and that council's representative bodies support this motion."

Bethlehem and Marrickville sisterhood

Marrickville, in Sydney's inner-west, is now officially the sister city of Bethlehem. The mayor of Marrickville, Morris Hanna, and his Bethlehem counterpart Dr Victor Batarseh signed a sister city agreement this week at a civic reception at the Petersham council chambers.

"Our sister cities program is aimed at increasing international understanding and fostering world peace by furthering international communication and exchange at the person-to-person level through city-to-city affiliations," Mr Hanna said.

Mr Hanna said the relationship with Bethlehem was an appropriate one because both cities were multicultural. The cities also had language in common, he said, as Arabic has been identified as one of the top five non-English languages spoken in the Marrickville area.

Marrickville joins Milan and Assisi in Italy, Cologne in Germany, Athens in Greece, Glasgow in Scotland and many others as sister cities of Bethlehem.

Councils fight climate change

The Climate Change Action Pack is a continually updated website that includes case studies of successful council projects, as well as information on risk assessment and insurance, funding opportunities and upcoming events.

Developed by the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW, and funded by State Government, the site also boasts background information on climate change, a newsroom, and a description of current projects and programs, including the NSW Mayor's Agreement on Climate Change.

The Climate Change Action Pack is available at www.lgsa-plus.net.au/ClimateChangeActionPack

PM hopeful on progress on climate change

Prime Minister John Howard believes there could be real hopes for progress on climate change if he can get the United States, Russia and China to come to some agreement on addressing the global warming problem. The three biggest polluters in the world will be in town for the APEC leaders' summit on the weekend.

Mr Howard has high hopes of getting the 21 nations which make up the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum to agree on a framework to work towards dealing with climate change.

But he admits there is no hope of getting the countries to agree to binding targets to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

On the eve of Sydney's APEC meeting, Mr Howard announced three initiatives, totaling \$70.7 million in funding, to strengthen the global research effort into new energy technologies, further support the development and regional deployment of such technologies, and help build the skills needed to underpin regional action on sustainable forest management. The funding includes \$5 million to establish an Asia-Pacific Network for Energy Technology (APNet), \$50 million to further support practical climate change action through the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate (APP), and \$15.7 million to help countries in our region increase their forest management expertise.

Broadband funding for NT

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Helen Coonan, denied suggestions by the NT Government that broadband funding allocations for remote communities are based on whether or not there has been any local government reform.

"The decision to provide Clever Networks funding to the 'ShiresNet' project has absolutely nothing to do with the structure of the Northern Territory's local government system," Senator Coonan said.

"The decision to award \$6.4 million to the ShiresNet project was based solely on the substantial benefits that the project itself will deliver to rural and remote communities in the Northern Territory using enhanced broadband technologies and infrastructure."

The \$113 million Clever Networks program invests in innovative broadband infrastructure and services to enable improved delivery of health, education, government and emergency services in regional, rural and remote communities. ShiresNet will service 57 such communities in the Northern Territory.

"The \$6.4 million ShiresNet project will deliver better services for residents across the Territory and will provide improved ICT services infrastructure for shire councils," Senator Coonan said. "This will enable a secure and reliable platform for the deployment of business systems, intranet, IP telephony, videoconferencing and mobile computing services. The ShiresNet project will also help develop new ICT training programs, allow access to broadband facilities available in community

service delivery centres and offer off peak internet access facilities in council offices to community residents."

More information about Clever Networks is available at www.dclta.gov.au/clevernetworks

Call for NSW horse owners in restricted areas to register now

Horse owners in Restricted Areas (RAs) have boosted efforts to stop the spread of equine influenza (EI) by registering and monitoring their horses, and those who have not yet registered are requested to do so immediately.

NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) deputy chief veterinary officer, Ian Roth, said time is of the essence and the sooner all horses, ponies and donkeys in RAs are registered and the spread of the virus is mapped, the sooner effective control of EI will occur. Registrations can be made online with RA maps and location information also available on the EI website: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/equine-influenza.

Horse owners in RAs who find any signs of EI must contact their own veterinarians or the Local Disease Control Centre veterinarians on (02) 4640 6561.

In other parts of NSW, any flu-like symptoms in horses should be reported to the EI HOTLINE 1800 675 888.

More information: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/equine-influenza

Engineers forefront of climate change

Local government is the level of government that is best able to provide leadership and engage with people on actions they can take to reduce climate change. Speaking at the Cairns 14th International Public Works Conference of the Institute of Public Works Engineering, Professor Martin, from La Trobe University's Centre for Sustainable Regional Communities, addressed the topic, 'Local Government and Climate Change: Risk Management, Adaptation and Mitigation'.

"We know the science and the predictions concerning climate change," Professor Martin said. "But it is the responses by the community that will really count and it is the message you send as leaders that will determine if others will follow. "You need to inspire your residents to make things happen. Engage with people to develop local solutions and create learning communities about climate change. "There is a huge amount of local knowledge out there that can be used for both mitigation and adaptation strategies."

For further information contact Ross Moody, Executive Officer, IPWEA on 0417 955 394.

National Food Safety Week 2007

Local Government is encouraged to be part of National Food Safety Week 2007 being held 12-19 November 2007 - the week after Melbourne Cup.

As this year is the 10th anniversary of the Food Safety Information Council, the theme will be Back to Basics focusing on the main food safety messages - Clean, Cook, Chill and Separate.

A scorecard of Australian's uptake of these basic food safety messages will be launched during Food Safety Week. The scorecard is based on annual tracking research the Council has undertaken to assess its Food Safety Campaign.

The Council provides FREE food safety brochures and posters to Local Government to distribute during Food Safety Week, or any other time of the year. Just email your requirements and contact details.

Also, if you are organising an event or activity to promote food safety let us know so we can add the details to our website to let others know.

Local Government can gain special benefits by joining the Food Safety Information Council at the reduced rate of \$250.00.

National Food Safety Week is the major activity of the Food Safety Information Council, Australia's leading disseminator of consumer targeted food safety information.

More information: www.foodsafety.asn.au Email: foodsafety@ozemail.com.au.

ACS reveals carbon footprint

The Australian Computer Society (ACS), the nation's peak professional body for the ICT sector, has delivered Australia's first ICT carbon emissions audit, revealing that ICT use by Australian businesses generated 7.94 million tonnes (Mt) of carbon dioxide in 2005, which is the close equivalent to the civil aviation and the metal production Industries.

In response to the audit's findings, the ACS today launches a Policy Statement for Green ICT, which includes suggestions on initiatives ICT professionals, government, consumers and ICT manufacturers can take to help reduce carbon dioxide emissions attributable to the use of ICT equipment.

The ACS Policy Statement for Green ICT can be found at:
www.acs.org.au/acs_policies/docs/2007/greenictpolicy.pdf

The Audit of Carbon Emissions resulting from ICT usage by Australian Business Report is made available to ACS members at www.acs.org.au/index.cfm?action=show&conID=greenictaudit

Over \$5 billion spent on cultural activities

More than \$5.4 billion was spent by the public sector in Australia on cultural activities in 2005-06, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Governments in Australia gave the largest proportion of their total cultural funding to broadcasting and film (\$1.2 billion) in 2005-06, followed by nature parks and reserves (\$1.1 billion), libraries and archives (\$576 million) and other museums (\$506 million).

Federal spending was up by 7% (to \$1.9 billion) on cultural activities. Three-quarters (\$1.4 billion) was spent on arts related activity (including broadcasting and film), with the remainder (\$472 million) spent on heritage activities.

State and territory governments spent \$2.6 billion, a rise of 11% from the previous year. Nature parks and reserves were the largest single recipient of funding, receiving \$1.0 billion, as well as receiving the largest dollar increase in funding (up 10% or \$95 million) from the previous year.

The local government sector put in \$973 million towards cultural activities in 2005-06, up 8% on last year. Local government accounted for 18% of the total cultural spending.

More details can be found in Cultural Funding by Government, 2004-05 (cat. no. 4183.0). More information on: www.abs.gov.au

Volunteering Australia

<http://url.edna.edu.au/6rE9> Volunteering Australia has released a practical guide for involving volunteers from diverse cultural and language (CALD) backgrounds. Contents include understanding diversity; planning for recruitment; recruiting young women, and Muslims from diverse cultural backgrounds; and best practice strategies.

ABS community profiles

New community profiles compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from the 2006 Census are now available on the Australian Bureau of Statistics website at www.abs.gov.au. The first three community profiles in the series being uploaded today are:

- A primary profile consisting of 35 tables of key Census characteristics of persons, families and homes based on place of usual residence;
- A community profile of Indigenous Australians; and,
- A time series profile comparing data from the 1996, 2001 and 2006 censuses.

Further community profiles will go on the ABS website in September.

Irrigation peak body forms

A new peak body for the irrigation industry in Australia has been formed called Irrigation Australia Limited (IAL).


The new organisation has resulted from the merger of the two major irrigation bodies - the Australia National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (ANCID), representing irrigation water authorities and delivery companies, and the Irrigation

Association of Australia, representing both rural and urban irrigation sectors from manufacturers and distributors to end users.

Quote of the week

"I'm up against a guy ... who is industrially stapled to the prime ministership and it's going to take a lot to remove him."

Labor leader Kevin Rudd, on his election chances

International news 

Under pressure to cut reliance on fossil fuels for energy production, Greece is stepping up plans to build wind farms on some of its picture-perfect islands. But some locals fear they will scare off tourists.

"We are not against green energy, but we must also protect the unique landscape of our islands ... and that means no turbines over 70 metres in height," said Dimitris Bailas, regional governor of the Cyclades island complex.

Two of the islands considered for the initiative - Yaros and Andros - belong to the Cyclades, the central Aegean archipelago that includes Mykonos and Santorini and are among Greece's most popular destinations.

Other projected sites include the islands of Lemnos and Lesbos in the northern Aegean.

In line with European Union guidelines and the terms of the Kyoto Protocol, Greece must find alternatives to its dependence on heavy-polluting lignite, or brown coal.

The wind farms are also expected to reduce a national energy deficit that currently forces Greece to import electricity from neighbouring countries, mainly Bulgaria and Macedonia, according to a recent report by the state Regulatory Authority for Energy (RAE).

At present, only six per cent of Greece's electricity comes from renewable resources - a figure the EU wants boosted to 20 per cent by 2010, according to the RAE. The bulk of its energy is produced by burning brown coal, which emits copious amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, and a smaller share comes from hydroelectric power.

National Economic Development Conference 2007

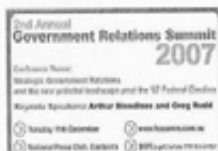
Economic development managers, councillors and senior managers from local government and regional economic development bodies, including Area Consultative Committees, will meet in Sydney on 31 October- 1 November for the 2007 National Economic Development Conference.

The two-day conference, which will also host the 2007 Economic Development (ED) Awards, will take place at the Dockside Conference Centre overlooking Sydney's Darling Harbour precinct. More than 250 delegates are expected to attend the conference and the Awards Dinner, which follows on from the outstanding success of the inaugural Economic Development Conference in Melbourne last November.

International and local keynote speakers will include: Ronnie Bryant, Vice Chairman of the International Economic Development Council (US); Ann Verboeket, Director, Economic Development Association of New Zealand; David Keenan, Chair of Economic Development Australia, and Colin Dunn, Vice President, International Council of Small Business.

The two-day event will be hosted by Economic Development Australia, the professional body for economic development practitioners and managers in local, regional, state and federal governments. Successful case studies in attracting investment, rebuilding local economies, developing more entrepreneurial approaches within local businesses, and identifying the key drivers within regional and local economies will be outlined, allowing delegates to immediately use that information.

It will provide a unique opportunity to network with economic development managers in local government and regional economic organisations from all parts of the country. The agenda of the 2007 conference can be viewed at www.halledit.com.au/conferences For more information, please telephone the conference organisers, Hallmark Conferences on 03 8534 5000 or email denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au



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- 11 - 12 September 2007 Local Government Sustainable Development 2007 Conference
- 11 - 12 September 2007 Integrating Budgeting, Planning and Forecasting in the Public Sector Seminar 2007
- 11 - 12 September 2007 Australian Human Resources Summit 2007
- 11 September 2007 2nd Annual Contract Management Masterclass
- 12 - 13 September 2007 Effective Policy Analysis & Development Seminar 2007
- 16 - 19 September 2007 PLA 2007 National Conference
- 16 - 18 September 2007 Renewable Energy and Regional Australia Conference
- 17 - 19 September 2007 Inagural QLD Coastal Conference 2007
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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- Local Nature Spot Officer commenced 3 September 2007.

Staff Leaving:

- Resignation of Trainee Indigenous Community Development Officer, effective 7 September 2007.
- Resignation of Asset Management Coordinator, effective 21 September 2007.
- Resignation of Records Officer, effective 21 September 2007.

Other Staff Movements:

- Nil

Current Recruitment Activity:

- Branch Librarian – Position on hold.
- Aquatic Centre Staff – recruitment progressing.
- Community Development Coordinator – preferred candidate withdrew. Position on hold.
- Media and Communications Officer – interviews complete, recruitment progressing.
- Community Development Officer – Seniors & Disability – interviews complete, recruitment progressing.
- Parks Services Officer – interviews complete, recruitment progressing.
- Network Administrator – applications closed 7 September, shortlisting to be completed.
- Events Coordinator – applications closed 7 September 2007, shortlisting to be completed.
- Senior Building Surveyor – applications close 14 September 2007.
- Services Information Officer – applications close 21 September 2007.
- Tourism Officer – applications close 21 September 2007.

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<u>Armitage Road – Temporary Road Closure/Parking arrangements</u> <i>Refer T23/04/04 27 April 04</i> <i>Refer T3/1/07 22 January 07</i>	Technical Services	Report to Technical Services Committee following MRWA advice and community consultation
<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
<u>Redevelopment of Frve Park</u> <i>Refer C37/5/07</i>	Technical Services & Community Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee following development of Project Plan – expected Q1 FY 07/08
<u>Traffic lights modification cnr Armadale/Nicholson Roads</u> <i>Refer CS47/5/07</i>	Technical Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee following investigation with MRWA
<u>Champion Lakes Development & Parking on Lake View Terrace</u> <i>Refer CS47/5/07</i>	Technical Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee following investigation including Rangers – expected approx Sept 07
<u>Champion Lakes Development – Issues with Lake Road</u> <i>Refer CS47/5/07</i>	Technical Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee following work with ARA to determine Lake Rd role in ARA projects – expected Q2 FY 07/08
<u>Bus Embayments – Commerce Avenue</u> <i>Refer T70/8/07</i>	Technical Services	Further report to Technical Services Committee following presentation by PTA

TECHNICAL SERVICES WORKS PROGRAMME

	August	September	October
Civil Works	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road • Canning Dam Road • Ramford Road Stage 1 <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor footpath repairs • Pothole repairs • Street furniture repairs • Contract road sweeping 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Place • Ramford Road Stage 1 • Footpath Construction programme <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath, kerb and drainage repairs • Pothole and road failure repairs • Street furniture repairs • Contract road sweeping • Road Resurfacing programme 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramford Road Stage 1 • Footpath Construction programme <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath, kerb and drainage repairs • Pothole and road failure repairs • Street furniture repairs • Contract road sweeping • Road Resurfacing programme
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct 2 & 3 • Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) • Armadale Plaza Development (Westzone) • Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd Sig 3 • Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park) Sig 1&2 • Lot 604 Waterwheel Road Sig 3 & POS • Chiltern Estate Sig 6 • Champion Drive Subdivision • Lot 19 Westfield Road. • Champion Lakes Development • Forrestdale Business Park • Lot 14 & 29 Westfield Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct 2 & 3 • Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) • Armadale Plaza Development (Westzone) • Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd Sig 3 • Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park) Sig 3 • Lot 604 Waterwheel Road Sig 3 & POS • Lot 19 Westfield Road. • Champion Lakes Development • Forrestdale Business Park • Lot 14 & 29 Westfield Road • Burtonia Gardens Nth Forrestdale Sig1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct 2 & 3 • Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) • Armadale Plaza Development (Westzone) • Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd Sig 3 • Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park) Sig 4 • Lot 604 Waterwheel Road Sig 3 & POS • Lot 19 Westfield Road. • Champion Lakes Development • Forrestdale Business Park • Lot 14 & 29 Westfield Road • Burtonia Gardens Nth Forrestdale Sig1 • Mason Road Construction

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Design & Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burtonia Gardens Nth Forrestdale Stg I Design & Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ranford Road Stage II Abbey/Armadale/Railway Intersection Wungong Rd Stage II Warton Road Stage I & II Green Avenue Roundabout Wungong/Seventh Rd Harrison Road Drainage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slab Gully Creek Stage III 	Design & Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ranford Road Stage I & II Merrifield Rd/ Railway Avenue Jull Street Green Avenue Gilliam Drive Elizabeth Place Hicks Road Drainage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katrina Terrace – Subsoil Drainage 	Design & Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orchard Ave Morgan/Seville Intersection Green Avenue/ Wungong roundabout Lucich/Clifton Intersection Treatment John Street Cul de sac Drainage
Parks and Reserves	Capital Works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground Strategy Armadale Road Verge Improvements Park Improvements – Rushton Park Community Tree Planting Armadale Aquatic Centre Landscaping Corfield Streetscape Asset Works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play Equipment– General Works Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule Mowing Streetscape Maintenance Kelmscott & South Armadale Industrial Areas 	Capital Works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground Strategy Armadale Road Verge Improvements Park Improvements – Rushton Park Armadale Aquatic Centre Landscaping Corfield Streetscape Asset Works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play Equipment – General Works Active Sporting Reserves Turf Renovations Programme Changeover Goal posts – Winter/Summer Sports Cricket Nett Wickets Improvements Maintenance	Capital Works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground Strategy Armadale Road Verge Improvements Park Improvements – Rushton Park Armadale Aquatic Centre Landscaping Tree Preservation – Ficus Tree Removals Nature Reserves Improvements Memorial Plaque Installations Asset Works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play Equipment – General Works Active Sporting Reserves Turf Renovations Programme Cricket Net / Wicket Improvements State Water Strategy – Meter installations

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Property Management	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools • CCTV Administration and Central Business District Federal Grant application for Phase 1 CCTV • New Toilet block Cross Park <p>Asset Preservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre - Re-tiling of 50 metre pool and building maintenance for season 07/08 • Administration Internal Refurbishment • Administration Air Conditioning replacement project installation • Armadale Arena alterations completion to entry, front counter, kiosk, foyer and crèche fencing. <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled Cleaning Council Buildings 	<p>Schedule Mowing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streetscape Maintenance • Street Tree Pruning – Armadale /Kelmscott <p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools • CCTV Administration and Central Business District Federal Grant application for Phase 1 CCTV • New Toilet block Cross Park <p>Asset Preservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre - Re-tiling of 50 metre pool and building maintenance for season 07/08 • Administration Internal Refurbishment • Administration Air Conditioning replacement project installation • Armadale Arena alterations completion to entry, front counter, kiosk, foyer and crèche fencing. • Cross Park – North Toilet Block roof and wall repairs <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled Cleaning Council Buildings 	<p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule Mowing • Streetscape Maintenance • Street Tree Pruning - Kelmscott <p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools • CCTV Administration and Central Business District Federal Grant application for Phase 1 CCTV • New Toilet block Cross Park <p>Asset Preservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre - Re-tiling of 50 metre pool and building maintenance for season 07/08 • Administration Internal Refurbishment • Admin Kitchen Upgrade • Administration Air Conditioning replacement project installation • Armadale Arena alterations completion to entry, front counter, kiosk, foyer and crèche fencing. • Cross Park – North Toilet Block roof and wall repairs • Arena PCYC – Roof and Gutter repairs <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled Cleaning Council Buildings • Scheduled Cleaning Council Buildings.

***LOCAL NATURE SPOT PROJECT UPDATE – COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS FOR
BUSHLAND IN HERON, PALOMINO & RIVER WARDS***

WARD : Heron; Palomino and River
FILE No. : NRM/Biodiversity/Strategies REF : CO

In 2006, the City of Armadale along with the Town of Cambridge and Cities of Canning, Swan and Wanneroo expressed an interest in participating in a Pilot Project being coordinated by the West Australian Local Government Association (WALGA), known as the *Local Nature Spot* project.

The *Local Nature Spot* project aims to increase community involvement and support for the management of local natural areas and to change behaviours that threaten urban bushland.

The City of Armadale already boasts high levels of volunteering in bushland management and is recognised as a leader in its efforts to engage and retain community volunteers.

However, three bushland areas across the City do not boast this high level of community interest in their management and often suffer from human impacts such as arson, littering and off road vehicle use. These reserves, **Kendal Ct Reserve** in Westfield, **Bob Blackburn Reserve** in Seville Grove and **Lloyd Hughes Reserve** in Kelmscott are important conservation areas

The City of Armadale has received a grant through the *Local Nature Spot* project to employ a Local Nature Spot Officer, with the City contributing to the management of this staff member and funding of on-ground works as part of the project from the existing environmental budget.

As a first step in this project, WALGA undertook a survey to ascertain how the community feel about these reserves. Some of the results are summarised below. As an outcome of the survey, methods to engage the local community and encourage them to value and protect these bushland areas are being investigated. Following the employment of the Local Nature Spot Officer some of these methods will be trialled.

More information on the *Local Nature Spot* including a detailed report on the survey findings is available from Environmental Officer Corinne Omacini on 9399 0194 or email comacini@armadale.wa.gov.au. A further briefing on the project can be arranged if requested.

Summary of outcomes of the Local Nature Spot Community Survey

4,248 household within 500 meters of the three reserves were randomly selected and invited to participate in the survey.

Results summary Lloyd Hughes Reserve (River Ward)

- 132 people responded to the survey, almost half of those the survey was sent to.
- 66 people indicated they use the reserve daily or weekly.

- 91% of park users use it for bushwalking, 49% of park users use it for exercising pets, and 49% of park users use it for nature watching.
- 95% of the Park users indicated that they felt the reserve was 'a good place for wildlife to live' and a further 80% felt that the reserve increased their property values and was attractive.
- When asked to rank how important the bushland in the reserve is to them, 97% of respondents indicated that the bushland was of high importance.
- 69% of respondents indicated that they were happy with the reserve, but drivers of dissatisfaction included motorbikes, rubbish dumping, vandalism and inappropriate management of threats to conservation such as weeds and dieback. 50 people identified motorbikes as driver of dissatisfaction (36% of respondents).
- When asked if they think more or less rate payers funds should be spent on the management of the reserve, 85% residents indicated that more should be spent. When asked how much extra they would be willing to pay each year to see improved management of the reserve, 61% indicated that they would be willing to pay an extra \$6 to \$50+ per annum. Only 20% of people indicated that they would not be willing to pay any extra for better management of the reserve.

Kendal Ct Reserve (Heron Reserve)

- 60 people responded to the survey.
- 31 people indicated they use the reserve daily or weekly.
- 95% of park users use it for walking, 55% use it for exercising pets and 85% of people identified that it is important to retain the bushland in Kendal Ct Reserve.
- Only 45% of residents described the reserve as 'relaxing' and only 33% felt that the reserve increased their property value. This was the lowest percentage across all the local government surveys.
- Less than 40% of people indicated they felt the reserve was relaxing or inviting and 64% of people described it as 'untidy'.
- Only 11% of people felt the reserve was a good place for children to play.
- 51% of people were satisfied with the reserve and one of the main drivers of satisfaction was the wildflowers.
- The biggest driver of dissatisfaction was the untidy look of the reserve, rubbish and vandalism, and antisocial behaviour.
- 88% of respondents indicated that they would like the City to spend more money on the reserve, and when asked how much extra they would be willing to pay each year to see improved management of the reserve, 50% indicated that they would be willing to pay an extra \$6 to \$50+ per annum.

Bob Blackburn Reserve (Palomino Ward)

- 69 people responded to the survey.
- 36 people indicated they use the reserve daily or weekly.
- 81% of park users use it for walking and 42% of park users use it for exercising pets.
- 86% of respondents believe that the reserve is important for wildlife and 67% find the reserve attractive and 59% find the reserve inviting.
- 79% of respondents were overall satisfied with the reserve and drivers of this satisfaction were closely related to the bushland and it's close to residential areas.
- Drivers of dissatisfaction include antisocial behaviour and vandalism and rubbish.

- 69% of respondents indicated that they would like the City to spend more money on the reserve, and when asked how much extra they would be willing to pay each year to see improved management of the reserve, 44% indicated that they would be willing to pay an extra \$6 to \$50+ per annum. Only 31% indicated they would be willing to spend no extra on better management of the reserve.

IPWEA CONFERENCE AUGUST 27TH – 30TH 2007 – CR LINTON REYNOLDS

As the conference went on it became more and more evident that the City of Armadale's combination of asset management and 15 year financial planning was not only at the leading edge of Western Australian best practice, but also Australian best local government practice.

Most Councils presenting papers at the conference were as much as 5 years behind in the journey that we have undertaken, and even a Council as large as the Gold Coast (500,000 population) had yet to discover "whole of life costing" for infrastructure being built in new suburbs by developers and due to be handed over to the local authority.

Our team of Managers and specialist officers who are responsible for Council's growing awareness and understanding of the quantum of the issues that we face are to be commended on their work. It was fitting therefore that Ben Symmons was acknowledged by the conference as an outstanding young Engineer.

There were 582 registrations for the conference, 368 from local governments around Australia, the rest from companies or government departments. Of those from local government, 59 or 16% were from WA. 13 elected members attended from WA, or 38% of the 34 from around Australia. On the surface, it would appear that IPWEA has a problem engaging elected members, and lacks "product champions" amongst those who have greatest opportunity to set agendas for our industry. In my view they need to do much more to engage the elected representatives in local government.

Monday 27th

Keynote Speaker Don Henry (Exec Dir Australian Conservation Council)
Solutions to Climate Change – Challenges and Opportunities for Public Works

An incredibly disappointing paper presented by someone who in my view spoke with great theatre, setting out the challenge that we face, but then did little to meet the session expectation of providing some answers. He restated highlights from some existing papers such as: that water security problems would intensify by 2020, and that the increasing frequency of extreme rainfall events means that infrastructure built to earlier standards will fail occasionally.

Henry maintains that tackling climate change can be done successfully, and that it is affordable! By 2050 there needs to be a 60% cut in emissions, despite the expected 300% increase in our economy. This, he says means that the GDP expected for 2050 (treble our current GDP, would not be achieved until 2052.

He did ask us to consider what impacts that climate change would have on our district – e.g. flood plain protection; likely wildfire impacts; etc. He suggested that we start measuring and trying to adjust our infrastructure with the 2050 targets in mind.

Why Asset Management Should be a Corporate Function Ralph Godau of Brimbak City Council

At Brimbak, asset management is a Corporate Function overseen by a steering group that involves the entire Executive. Asset management must be a corporate function because asset management should not be confined to the domain of 'engineers'. The focus needs to be on providing improved services to the community, which encompasses the organisation as a whole, requiring a 'holistic' approach to implementation and application of asset management. Applying a corporate ('holistic') approach involves working with representatives from across the whole organisation, while undertaking a multitude of interrelated projects, learning from the outcomes and continually evolving the asset management program to improve the evidence based planning that's needed to improve service delivery.

Brimbak is a council of 170,000 in north west Melbourne that has 250 buildings; 177 playgrounds; 64 sports grounds; 69,000 street trees; and 12,400 footpath segments.

They have implemented a more complex data base than we do, but we appear to be well in front in terms of allocating funds according to priority as opposed to politics. Despite their database, funding allocations are still not based on priority interventions.

In the 10 months since they have implemented their new data base, they have received 37,000 customer enquiries, have logged 35,000 defects, and have processed 38,500 jobs to date.

There was a need to include good quality demographics in any system used for asset management as accurate forecasting would be paramount for success. Their current service planning across all areas highlighted the inconsistencies in forecasts and the inactivity in this area over the past few years. With the formation of Asset Services, the forecast data was updated (out to 2030) and key planners within Brimbak were engaged to assist in the formulation of assumptions that underpin the forecasts. Armadale has this well in hand using id consultancy based in Melbourne, working with staff across the organisation.

Brimbak have yet to achieve accurate cost estimates of their infrastructure backlog, but it falls within the range of \$180M to \$450M over 15 years. As he said, they are beginning to know what they don't know.

Interestingly as an aside, for footpath maintenance inspections, they allocated three levels of priority :

- Near commercial centers or hospitals;
- Near schools or on high volume roads; and
- On other minor roads.

The role of Sustainable Asset Management and Related Asset Data Trevor Forge of City of Melbourne

The City of Melbourne is undergoing yet another restructure and this was evident in the speaker's pedestrian effort to enthuse us about their asset management work. In terms of non

road/building infrastructure, they focused on Trees, Furniture, Bridges, and Signs, each broken down into sub sets of being either in the Road environment, or Open Space.

His paper shows a decline in works funding allocation between 1997 and 2001 which can be attributed to 3 factors – (1) the introduction of improved software that enabled better control of project funding and scheduling, (2) the adoption of budget controls that established clear guidelines for funding new works and renewal works and (3) a strong desire to minimise “carry forward” (unexpended) funding.

They had experienced a gradual increase in capital works budget allocations since 2001 as a direct result of Council better understanding its asset renewal requirements and setting targets accordingly.

Another key shift in programming capital works projects has been the introduction of a risk management approach to rank projects and allocate funds for new works and renewal works.

Overcoming Hurdles on the Road to Sustainable Street lighting Jane Waldock of City of Manningham

“Street lighting has been the runt of the infrastructure litter for many years. Compared to the well fed and nurtured siblings of roads and drains, street lighting has been paid little attention due to its considered minor status in the pack. But if street lighting is seen as a simple administrative matter, involving the rubber stamping of invoices, we are missing an important opportunity to improve our management due to street lighting’s significant contribution to Councils’ budgets and its impacts on the environment.”

A large number of Victorian councils have adopted policies of lowering their green house emissions. A major greenhouse source in municipalities is public street lighting. There have been a number of technical hurdles on the path to allow sustainable lighting to be a feasible choice in Victoria, and suppliers have steadily moved from test samples to pilot studies, and are now at the stage where full scale installations are achievable in new estates, and soon will be in scenarios where old style lights are replaced by sustainable lights.

However, this is only part of the story, and has been the relatively easy part of the process. In Victoria, a further set of hurdles exist, due to the many stakeholders in the process, and the picture has become more confused in WA with old sections of Western Power now trading at a loss and looking to increase cost recovery. To enable Victorian Councils to be in a position to bulk replace existing higher energy consuming lights with the new technologies, negotiations involving all parties have been required. Interested parties included energy distributors (five separate companies who operate, replace and maintain the physical assets), energy retailers (who will have reduced sales), the Essential Services Commission (who regulate the Victorian energy sector), VicRoads (who are responsible for the largest number of streetlights), 78 councils, and Sustainability Victoria. This process is still underway. With this many stakeholders, the path to a win-win outcome is long and tortuous and is likely to be replicated in WA.

The author did not provide a paper, suggesting that much of her commentary would be "political". If it was, it escaped me as she explained the problems that she experienced in negotiating for street lighting in a privatized environment.

She had found that dealing with retailers (those who put the electricity into the network and therefore who you paid on a consumption basis) was relatively easy with them having a customer focus. However, the distributors (or carriers) were a different matter, being largely monopolistic in their behaviour, and as they knew that there was a very significant profit to be made from providing the infrastructure for street lighting, they were very reluctant to give that up. Therefore she argued that being able to shift to lower operating costs by using new technology, could only be achieved if we share some of the savings with the distribution agent, allowing them to increase or at least maintain their profits.

An interesting thought that occurred to me was that as local governments and Main Roads (or the developer of a new suburb) actually pay for the street lighting infrastructure, why don't we own it? This would allow us to ensure that lights are replaced with more efficient technology and are replaced in a timely fashion when they fail. It may never happen, but it was fun thinking about it!

Meeting Community Outcomes through Strategic Asset Management Planning Amar Singh of North Shore Council New Zealand

Amar spoke of what they in NZ call the quadruple bottom line, or "Four Way Well Being". The extra line is cultural, a reflection that Maori culture needs to be considered in all that they do.

They have developed Network Plans, which need to be able to respond to the changing needs of the community as a result of:

- Population growth
- Changing population
- Changing city
- Changing recreational trends
- Changing expectations
- Meeting Statutory compliance

Their plans are published in a format that allows Year 1 to become their budget (as for Armadale); Years 1-3 are shown in Project detail (our 5 year plan); and Years 4 – 10 at a more rubbery project category level of detail (our Years 6 – 15). Together with the id predictive demographic tool that we are developing, I felt that we are well placed in comparison, and up their with the NZ Councils which are much larger than us as they have State and local responsibilities (and budgets).

Managing the future of Built Assets – Life Cycle Planning for Built Assets Larry Woodland of GHD

The technology discussed in this paper was asset Life Cost Planning (LCP) which applies the detailed knowledge of built asset performance, asset degradation and asset maintenance / renewal solutions to model the future costs and work programs for built assets.

LCP is a process that has been successfully applied to many building assets through out Australia. The users have been local councils through to major Federal Government portfolio owners and State Governments.

The first step in applying the LCP process is to understand what you want to achieve for the effort and cost. For example the LCP process can be applied either at a higher 'building' level or in far greater detail at the 'building component' level. In either case the required LCP output determines the level of input and therefore the level of information that is required, and naturally the cost of gathering it.

Step two is to identify the assets that are going to be life modeled and those factors that will influence the life cost planning of the facilities by impacting on the rate of degradation and the renewal schedules of the building sub-elements. Some of the following influencing factors must be considered:

- The actual physical environment (in the case of exterior elements)
- Location (reactive soils – v – sand plain)
- Utilization patterns (regular heavy wear - v - occasional hiring)
- Determine appropriate intervention points
- The relative importance of the building compared to others
- Service importance – can you close it or do you need to redevelop it?
- Age / heritage issues / compliance requirements / etc.

The higher or strategic level of detail is quicker and cheaper and it allows you to compare one building with another. The detailed level will require a full asset register, a maintenance plan, and be updated regularly on the basis of condition reports. This more detailed level will allow the generation of reports by building, or across the network by trades needed.

If the higher level is used, some assumptions are based on average costs – e.g. office maintenance at \$10m² per annum and car park at \$1m² pre annum. Others are based on age of the building compared with the life cycle of materials used, and the replacement cost of plant and equipment together with its annual service costs.

They Paved Paradise and Put Up a Parking Lot – Making Sure That It's Worthwhile Greg Briscoe – Hough of ARRB

A paper that I found boring (perhaps it was the time of day), but fundamentally he was encouraging us to take a very measured approach to the provision of parking. Fortunately his paper is more interesting.

He reminded us that there needs to be a regular audit of parking signs to ensure that they are current – e.g. The No Standing area in Jull Street between the Commonwealth Bank and the travel agency, is now regularly used for parking, with the previous access to ING being fenced off, but the regulatory sign prohibiting that parking remains. This undermines regulation of other parking in the street.

He made the point that public parking must be well lit, clearly marked and in good condition as it set the scene for the rest of the experience. Parking charges / time limits should reflect the nature of the particular space, ensuring that prime spots are available on a regular turn over for customers of adjacent businesses rather than staff, or long term parkers – some of our problem in Armadale at present is the overflow of public transport users and building workers into spaces provided for shoppers.

Tuesday 28th

Keynote Speaker (Paul Baker Director of Hudson)
Addressing the Skills Shortage – What Are Your Pieces Of Silver?

A highlight of the conference. He began by explaining from a recruitment specialists perspective, the differences between the generations.

Generation X'ers aged 29 – 40 ask us to "Value" them, while Generation Y's, those aged 18-28 demand that we "Inspire" them. They are driven by the need to acquire competency and skills.

Generally both groups seek that we acknowledge them as individuals, giving them recognition, and then ask that we encourage and inspire them. In other words we should listen to what they have to say, and embrace their ideas. There is a desperate need in finding staff for the future that we better sell our industry to them.

He noted that if the recruitment process took more than 2-3 weeks, then they will have moved on. We need to speed up the decision making process, shorter periods between application and interview and much quicker communication of success at the interview.

He spoke of our need to have "Situational Awareness", saying that there was 3 possible solutions to our current shortages:

- We could increase the supply of people;
- We could change the workforce balance; or
- We could improve the matching process.

The problem is more than a demographic issue. It is also a 'language' and 'appeal' issue, and he encouraged us to accept that our role (baby boomers) was now to act as the 'baton changer'

Outsourcing will continue to grow, driven by the X and Y's wanting to gain competencies faster than they could as long term employees. He encouraged far greater flexibility in employment hours, etc to ensure that the maximum number of females could participate in the industry.

Supply Measures:

- Value your existing employees
 - Provide a support system
 - Put in place recognition systems
- Innovative sourcing – keep contact with ex employees via a quarterly e-newsletter
- Put in place Graduate recruitment processes at TAFE and schools in addition to University
- Culture and Attitude are more important than skill. “Give me the right person and I will train them”. Someone with all the skills but the r/wrong attitude will not only fail but could destroy the existing work culture.

Demand Measures

- Recruitment should be ‘in-house’ as a first option.
- “Outsource in-house”
- Facilitate people moving as the majority will come back at a higher level given the chance and if you have established the right culture
- *“If you take 4 weeks to get someone into a job, you are inefficient, beaurocratic, and wasting public money”*

So what sort of leadership should we provide?

- Innovative – most highly desired and sought after characteristic;
- Reward people who transfer skills;
- Success depends on the entire team – the baby boomer concept of an heroic leader is old hat;
- We have to be able to not only command, but to inspire;
- Have a shared understanding of values and goals;
- Avoid insularity;
- Provide coaching and encourage critical thoughts;
- Encourage critical thought internally, but teamwork externally; and
- Keep things simple as much as you can.

He concluded by imploring us to spend a lot more effort on improving the skills of our current population as we can't solve the problems by importing from overseas.

Asset Management – Along the Pathway to Financial Security John Howard NAMS.AU Project Manager

Another speaker who although he has huge knowledge in the area of asset management, he has very limited presentation skills. Howard reflected on the studies undertaken now in five states that show an average local government infrastructure renewal backlog of around \$20.5 million (ours is currently \$17million).

He observed that major reforms are needed to the way that local governments are funded, especially as the 1950s and 60's infrastructure boom that followed the war and catered for the immigration waves was all now nearing exhaustion.

Councils are caught in the classic cost squeeze, where demand is rising faster than the capacity to pay. The backlogs are growing, and the gap must be closed shortly unless it all gets out of control.

Community Planning and Asset Management Mike Bruty of Shire of Campaspe

Bruty spoke about the need to involve the community in discussions about asset management as opposed to consulting them on Council plans. Why should we do it this way?

- To achieve acceptance of the outcomes
- All community involved means that it transcends pressure groups
- You gain a wealth of data from the public on needs
- They then own the plans
- The discussions help to redefine some of the problems
- Helps build relationships with Council
- There is a need to broaden community involvement beyond pressure groups/people

When they tried this approach in Campaspe, they allocated \$150,000 for facilitation and \$200,000 seed funding for projects out of their \$50 million total budget.

To date the community exercise has generated the need for new or upgraded infrastructure, therefore their funding gap is increasing. No hard decisions had yet been taken, but governments and funding agencies like Community Planning in terms of grant allocations.

There is a need to focus more clearly on sustainability as opposed to the provision of new infrastructure.

Linking Assets to Community Values and Outcomes Sandra Burke

Essentially Sandra set out to discuss how we might integrate community expectations and values with our assets and services.

The Activity Plan approach that she reviewed in New Zealand combines the normal Business Plan with the Asset Management Plan, and it was used to lift awareness of the non asset management staff in the rest of the organisation.

They were developed using Focus Groups, Community Newsletters, and Online Voting. They had found that public meetings had only very limited benefit as only the converted or single issue people attended. They used a staged approach and built momentum over time.

She pointed out that we spoke of and measured road roughness, when the community was actually interested and worried about noise. We spent too much time measuring the length of grass as an indicator of service when the community expresses their wants in terms of clean, green, and safe open space.

This confusion of terms needs to be resolved – for instance when we speak to the public about Playground Availability, it is the Customer Outcome or Customer Level of Service language that is required – that is “the nearest playground is within a 10 minute walk”. They do not relate to

our more Technical measures of "75% of the community will have access to a playground within 40 meters of their residence

Core Value	Customer (Strategic) Outcome	Customer Levels of Service	Technical Levels of Service
Quality (Continuity) /Reliability	Water supply is appropriate for its intended use	Time to fill a 10 litre bucket of water is less than (x) minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flowrate (l/s) at boundary • Pressure (kPA) at boundary
Accessibility	A wide of range of services (parks) is conveniently available	Nearest playground is within (x) minutes walk	(x)% of community have access to playground within (y) km of residence
Safety	Facilities (swimming pools) are safe to use	No reports of sickness or infection from pool use	(x) % water quality compliance with standards

Another example might be:

- Core Value – safety
- Customer Outcome –a safe road network
- Customer Level of Service – expressed as crash severity over time
- Technical level of service – x% of network meets road width standards

The Return of the Concrete Craftsman Geoff Ayton of Roads and Traffic Authority

If you had sat through the session you would never go into a concrete building again, never stand on a high level balcony, and never use a concrete bridge.

Ayton is a specialist concrete structural engineer who is concerned that concrete workers are poorly, if at all trained, and is advocating a minimum of two days training so that they understand the level of premix required before pouring, the amount of compression that should be applied to reinforced concrete and the need for lengthy curing periods.

Do Your Parks and Swimming Pools Measure Up to Industry Benchmarks Chris Champion of IPWEA

This was essentially a sell session for the IPWEA sponsored "Yardstick" products, which allow Councils to benchmark their efforts against a range of other councils varying in size from very large to smaller than Armadale. Currently there are 35 Australian members and 70% of all council sin NZ.

The prices are quite reasonable (Parks at \$3,500 p.a. for a 50-100,000 population council, and Pools at \$2,500 for the first year). The IPWEA support allows them to audit our returns to a detailed questionnaire to provide some rigor to the assessment / comparisons

Wednesday 29th

Kiss and Go – Mornington Peninsula Road Safety around Schools Program Robin Tiffany

Robin has worked in road safety for around 10 years in the NT and Victoria having been a School Teacher prior to that.

He has developed a very innovative solution to the problems, which is not offered to a school until the school genuinely comes to Council seeking an answer to their problem. Of the 38 primary schools in his council area, only one can accommodate pick up and drop off on the school premises. The traditional approach of acres of regulatory signs and hundreds of tickets hasn't worked, as people "don't read signs".

His solution is to match sign's to pavement markings, and to maximise the school's 'sense of community'.

They begin by removing all of the old signs, and then split the parking into three clearly separate functions. The Kiss & Go; the Wait a While, and the Stop & Chat zones are each clearly marked and set aside for different length stays.

The Kiss & Go section is marked with Red signs with white lettering, and is backed up by regulatory signs that indicate No Parking. As the driver doesn't leave the car, there is no breach. Usually they provide 8 parallel bays close to the school gate for this function, so that children exit the car on the footpath side.

The Wait a While section is provided for those parent s that are required to walk their 4 year old into and collect them from the class room. This signage is Amber with white lettering and orange marking on the pavement. The regulatory sign used is P10 for 10 minute parking, the bays are angle parking within eyesight of the gate.

The Stop & Chat section uses green signs with white lettering and green marking of the pavement. The perimeter of this zone is marked in yellow to denote No Parking beyond that point, and again the bays are angle parking. The regulatory signage used is P Angle

The road markings and bays are provided only with comprehensive support via an education package, local law support, and as I said earlier a request from the school.

Preparation needed involved:

- o quality on site observation - a snapshot of the problem
- o survey of traffic – the facts
- o consultation with users and neighbours as well as the school

It was then implemented via;

- o newsletters
- o installed during holidays
- o parent forums were addressed
- o the school council was involved – informal parking notes
- o every person visiting the school for the first 3 days was given a map showing the parking and traffic circulation pattern

Improper use of the Kiss & Go bays resulted in a member of the school council giving offenders a polite reminder note.

Contact: tiffo@mornpen.vic.gov.au

Asset Management – What Are We Leaving the Children Peter Drummy of CT Management Group

Drummy in his amusing style noted that local government was slowly moving from reactive (silos) management to proactive (Whole of Organisation) management.

His message was no different than that espoused by many before him and offered nothing new for Armadale, with the possible exception of the distinction between Maintenance and Operational Expenditure.

Operational Expenditure is discretionary – you can choose to use the facility or otherwise, and you can adjust how often you clean, etc. However, maintenance is not discretionary, it is the expenditure required to keep the facility in the same condition. Upgrades are new expenditure as it implies an enhancement or increase in the level of service.

A Performance Assessment of Environmentally Friendly Fuels in Council's Vehicle Fleet
Anthony Reed of Waverley Council

Tony presented an interesting paper that he has as yet not been game to present to his own Council. Why? Well it turns out that after three years of monitoring different vehicle types in the fleet that there is nothing gained by switching from 6 cylinder ULP vehicles to LPG, or to the Toyota Prius.

The fleet measured included 24 dedicated LPG vehicles; 18 dual fuel LPG / ULP vehicles; 4 Toyota Prius; and 46 ULP vehicles. Each type of vehicle was selected and tested extensively at a high level NSW testing facility for emissions, etc.

In the first two years there was no improvement shown by simply changing a vehicle from ULP to LPG. The most significant improvement is by changing 6 cylinder ULP vehicles for 4 cylinder ULP ones.

He had calculated carbon trading costs for 2010 and showed that the carbon penalty would be at least \$40 - \$63 per ton on current projections, despite the current Federal Government using the very conservative \$20 per ton.


In terms of annualized costs, the best result remained the 4 Cylinder ULP vehicle with the hybrid failing because of its higher purchase cost and the very high cost of battery disposal not currently taken into account by most studies.

Given that the new European Standard Diesel is said to be cleaner than ULP, then the future might lie for a few years at least with European Diesel powered vehicles.

Keynote Speaker (Dr Ronnie McKenzie)
Water Demand Management

A funny series of photos that showed the enormity of water supply problems in South Africa to round off the conference.

FUTURENOW – LEARNING FOR LIFE - E-LETTER



eNewsletter

28/08/2007

Dear Paul Lantermier

Welcome to the latest edition of the FutureNow eNewsletter. FutureNow is the industry training council for the creative, cultural, recreation and racing industries and is their peak vocational education and training advisory body.

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Beyond the Resources Boom

'Beyond the Resources Boom', a report by the State Training Board has outlined the challenges WA faces from skills shortages as a result of the ageing workforce and continued strength of the economy. With an expected 180,000 additional skilled workers needed in WA by 2016, Education and Training Minister Mark McGowan announced that an action plan would be developed for the Western Australian training sector to respond to the demand for skills in the state's economy now and in the future. More

Significantly, the report recognises the importance of the service and community occupations into the future and that these areas should not be neglected. The State Training Board has proposed that a white paper be developed that incorporates the issues raised in the report.

FutureNow welcomes this development and will advocate strongly for the need to provide future

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generations with the skills, knowledge and attributes to be innovative, creative, questioning, imaginative, and problem solvers. We will also be advocating for enhanced training for the creative, cultural and recreation industries which are central to the cultural and social wellbeing of our society as well as significant and growing contributors to the economy.

2007 WA Training Awards Winners

FutureNow would like to congratulate all 2007 WA Training Awards winners with special mention to Zoe Howarth, Lisa Horn and Charlie Colbung. The WA Training Awards recognise and reward outstanding achievements of apprentices, trainees and vocational students, and the contribution to training by trainers, training organisations and employers. After being short-listed from submitted applications which were judged by FutureNow and industry representatives, Zoe and Lisa were both mentioned by FutureNow in preparation for a panel interview which decided the winners of the awards. As finalists, they were up against other successful applicants from a range of industry sectors. The winners were announced and presented with their awards at a dinner held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Friday 17 August. Each of the award winners will be eligible to represent Western Australia at the Australian Training Awards to be held in Hobart on the 8th of November.



Zoe was awarded the 2007 WA Training Award for Trainee of the Year. As the winner, Zoe received a \$7000 study grant from McDonalds. Zoe received the award in recognition of her achievements not only through her study in events and production management and traineeship with Grand Cinemas Currumbine, but also through her many volunteer and community activities.



Lisa was awarded the 2007 WA Training Award for Vocational Student of the Year. Lisa received the award as recognition of her achievements and success through her studies in Jewellery design. The skills and experience gained through her studies has enabled Lisa to start up her own Jewellery design label and business - Lisa Cooper Designs. As the winner, Lisa received a \$7000 study grant from the Federal Department of Education, Science and Training.



Charlie was awarded the 2007 WA Training Award for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year. He is currently working towards his Certificate IV in Visual Arts and Contemporary Crafts as well as being an established visual artist. Charlie is also an active member and leader in his Mount Barker community. Charlie received a \$7000 study grant from Newmont Australia as the winner of

this award.

Competency Navigator Update

New enhancements to the Competency Navigator were on show to select audiences in Perth last week. The software tool is being used to great success in the Eastern States, most notably by networks of Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) operating 'Skill Stores'. Click to read case studies from this initiative.

The Competency Navigator is underpinned with the full set of qualifications, competencies, and elements from the national training data set. In-built functions enable RTOs to use the tool to drive enrolment, recognition, internal workforce development and enterprise engagement. New enhancements include the ability to capture and measure skill sets as well as qualifications and also to filter responses according to individual RTO scope of delivery.

FutureNow - Learning for Life is an approved distributor of the tool in WA. To find out more about this exciting product, contact Mal Gammon on (08) 9285 8555.

Fitness Industry Community of Practice Project

The Fitness Industry Community of Practice got off to a great start when key stakeholders from all University providers, TAFE Colleges, private training organisations, the Peak Industry body and representatives from the Department of Sport and Recreation came together for the first time in WA to address common education and training issues impacting on the future direction of the industry. FutureNow, the leaders of the project were delighted with the enthusiastic response the project is receiving and is confident that the commitment of participants will bring about change and new alliances in the delivery, articulation and industry recognition of education and training for the sector.

For more information on the project, follow this link to the *Current Projects* section of the FutureNow website.

Outdoors Industry Training Network

FutureNow is facilitating an Outdoors Industry Training Network in Western Australia through a Reframing the Future project. The aim of this project is to look at a range of issues across the outdoor recreation sector in regards to education and training including:

- Education and training and the national outdoor leaders registration scheme (NOLRS)
- Current Vocational Education and Training (VET) arrangements and issues
- Articulation and credit transfer between vocational education and training and universities
- Delivery of Outdoors qualifications in schools

The first meeting date for the Outdoors Industry Training Network is on Wednesday the 29th of August at 12.00noon. If you would like to participate in this project or would like more information, please contact FutureNow at info@futurenow.org.au or phone (08) 9285 8555

IBSA Leadership and Innovation Search Conference

The IBSA National Search Conference 2007 held on Thursday 2nd August, brought together approximately 100 leaders in their field for a participatory, invitation-only forum that explored notions of creativity, innovation and talent development.

Speakers passionate about workforce development and business capability stimulated discussion and information exchange between IBSA's sector advisory committees and invited business and industry leaders. Australia's pre-eminent corporate philosopher Dr. Richard Hames inspired the forum to challenge conventional thinking. More

Courtesy of the ABC, a blog has been created to enable wider discussion, input and debate.

Sport and Recreation Training Package Update

Service Skills Australia has completed its round of meetings with Industry Technical Working Groups for each of the sport, fitness, outdoor and community recreation industry areas as part of the training package review. Workshops will now be held around Australia throughout October and November to discuss Training Package drafts. For up to date information on the progress of the review, visit the Service Skills website.

Cultural Industries Training Package Update

The Cultural Industries Projects are nearing completion. The Projects have involved the development, validation and endorsement of units of competency and qualifications within the following sectors:

- Interactive Digital Media (redeveloping and improving existing units/qualifications) - Complete
- Film TV Radio (redeveloping and improving existing units/qualifications) - Complete
- Music (redeveloping and improving existing units/qualifications) - Still under development
- Photomaging (developing new units/qualifications at Diploma level) - Complete

View [here](#) to see the latest project flyer or go to the IBSA website.

Racing Industry Training Package Review

The phase two redevelopment of the RGR02 Racing Industry Training Package is now available for viewing and open for feedback on the Agri-food Industry Skills Council website. Information on the Harness and Thoroughbred, and the Greyhound validation files are available by clicking on the relevant zip files on the website. Included in these files are a full draft of the validation process, a form to register comments and all units in the form of PDFs.

Vital Statistics - WA State ABS Report

Latest research from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) outlined in the 'Vital Statistics' report indicates that 88% of West Australians or almost 1.4 million people attend cultural events and venues each year - higher than the national average of 83%. Employment within the arts industry has also increased, with almost 34,000 people working in cultural industries and another 40,000

volunteering within arts organisations. The ABS report 'Vital Statistics' is available from the Department of Culture and the Arts website. [More](#)

Intellectual Property Survey

Innovation and Business Skills Australia (IBSA) is undertaking a research and analysis project in conjunction with New Focus Pty Ltd as part of a wider brief with the Australian Government agency Intellectual Property Australia (IP Australia). The research is to be conducted within the VET sector, other training organisations and the broader business community. The main focus of the research will be to identify the extent and configuration of existing Intellectual Property (IP) training in the VET sector and to identify if a need for formal IP training exists in this market.

Information gathered from the survey will feed into a potential long-term training and development program in the IP area. The on-line survey should take approximately 7 minutes to complete and access to it is attained by clicking [here](#).

AQTF 2007 - Higher Standards, Better Skills

The Minister for Vocational and Further Education Andrew Robb AO MP has announced the new changes to the quality standards in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector which will result in higher standards and better skills. AQTF 2007 has been designed to focus on increasing the skills that students develop in the VET sector as well as give training organisations greater scope to develop the innovation and flexibility required by industry and employers. [More](#)

Upcoming Events

- **2007 Parks and Leisure Australia (PLA) National Conference.** 16-19 September, Southbank Convention Centre, Townsville. [Details](#)
- **Parks and Leisure Australia (PLA) Gala Dinner and Awards Presentation.** 19 September. [Details](#)
- **Agri-Food National Conference 2007.** 27-28 September, Crown Plaza Hotel, Sydney Harbour, Sydney. [Details](#)
- **The Department of Sport and Recreation Active 07 On Common Ground,** the annual sport and recreation industry conference. 18-19 October 2007, Burswood Entertainment Complex. [Details](#)
- **The Sport and Recreation Industry Awards.** October 19, Burswood Entertainment Complex. [Details](#)
- **National Training Conference for the Racing Industry.** 21-22 October 2007, Assured Ascot Quays, Perth. [Click here for the Registration Form Details](#)
- **Pulse - Vital Signs of Creative Life, the 2007 State Regional Arts Conference.** 26-28 October, Denmark Agricultural College, Denmark. [Details](#)
- **Creative Clusters 2007.** 9-14 November 2007, Various Locations, London, England. [Details](#)

If you have an upcoming event that you would like promoted through the FutureNow eNewsletter, please forward us the details by email to info@futurenow.org.au


FutureNow Membership

Financial membership renewals for FutureNow have been sent out for the 2007-2008 financial year. If you would like to join our growing membership, have a say on future policy and Board selection, access reduced rates for consultancy services, increase networking opportunities, and show your commitment to our work, download our membership form [here](#) and send your completed form with payment to PO Box 57, Claremont 6910. Full memberships are open to industry organisations and provide an important, affordable investment in the future growth of our industries.


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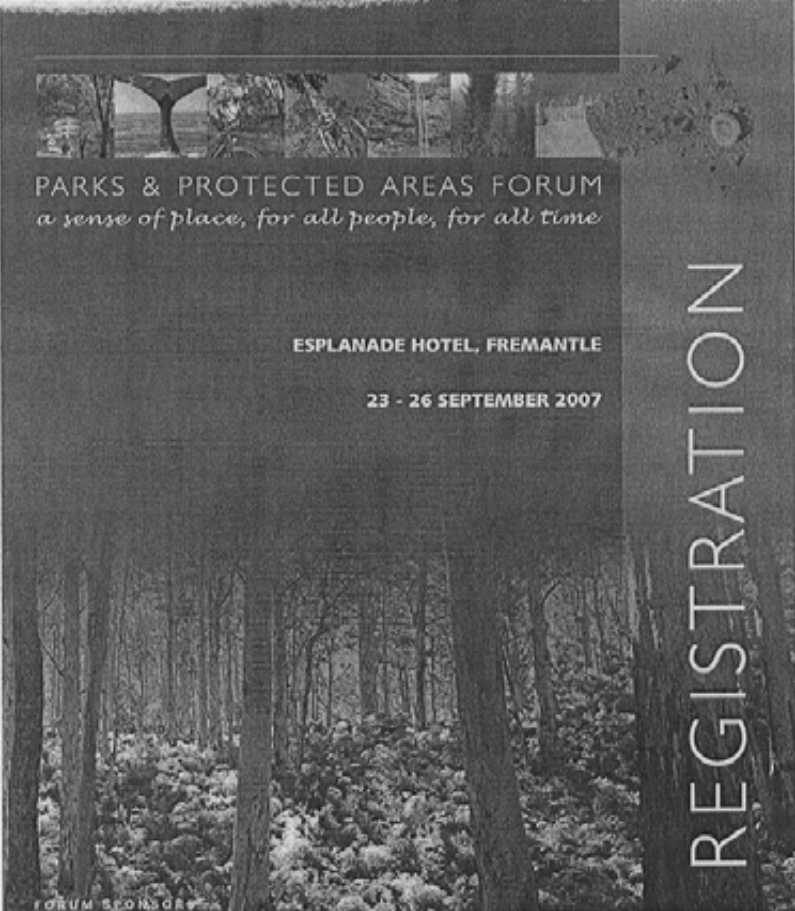
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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR



National parks and other recreational and marine protected areas are our shared

contribution to living with, caring for and taking our natural and cultural diversity. The natural and cultural values found within our parks and protected areas are of global significance and merit conservation and interpretation for this reason alone. Equally, these areas provide a sense of place, locations where people from varied backgrounds, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, can meet, spend some time, and work together with a common purpose. In this way parks and protected areas provide social values that reach beyond their immediate boundaries and provide bridges and overcome barriers. This is our hope and vision.

Parks and Protected Areas promote a sense of wellbeing, for all people, not only for those who visit our parks but even for those who may only drive through them or gain comfort by knowing that they are there. In our busy and often stressful lives, natural areas provide a space in which we can stop, rest and recover, and from which inspiration can arise.

To realise our hope and deliver on our vision requires that we re-value our parks and protected areas and define an Agenda for Action that has meaning for all those who care for these areas and to guide them in their own programs and actions in protecting these areas for all time.

The Parks and Protected Areas Forum, a sense of place, for all people, for all time, will take public awareness and support for a secure, publicly owned and publicly managed network of protected areas, of which national parks and marine parks are the cornerstone. This forum will emphasize the value of the protected area network while recognising the importance of private and other government initiatives.

On behalf of the participating organisations, I have great pleasure in inviting you to register for this forum and help contribute to developing the Agenda and celebrating and re-valuing our parks and protected areas. A range of outstanding speakers will give key presentations and others will share their stories and champion the importance of parks and protected areas in providing a sense of place, for all people, for all time. I look forward to seeing you in September.

John Riley
Forum Chair

FORUM OVERVIEW

The Parks and Protected Areas Forum is divided into three related and equally important parts. While there is some overlap between the days, day one key will provide an opportunity for our keynote speakers to present key challenges for protected areas, day two will focus on the experiences of a wide variety of park users and day three will establish an agenda for action, with a choice of six optional field trips offered to delegates.

PART 1: KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

The organising committee has invited a selection of keynote speakers to set the scene for the Forum. The Hon Bob Carr will talk about his legacy in NSW where his Government was able to create 350 new national parks. Perspectives from the international scene, through the national to the local will be provided by speakers including Paul Eagles, Peter Cochrane, Chris Haynes, Keiran McNamara and Chris Talbot. More focused talks will be given by Imogen Zetserov, Pierre Horowitz, and Graeme Worboys.

We have also sought speakers who can offer some different insights into our parks and protected areas. These insights are more concerned with the values of our conservation areas than with their science and management. Thus, Sally Morgan will speak on Country and Prissy Piggis on values. Other speakers will talk about parks and their contributions to both physical and mental health. The economic value of these areas will also be included.

As you can see, we have brought together people from government and community backgrounds and with many different interests reflecting the themes of the Forum: a sense of place, for all people, for all time.

PART 2: STORIES FROM OUR PARKS

The Tuesday will be mostly devoted to hearing about individual stories from our parks. Some of these stories will be scientific, but most will range widely and encompass people who have worked for the creation of new parks and protected areas, those who speak for people who visit our parks, and also for the interests of Aboriginal owners and joint managers.

Once again we have tried to be different and have included in the program less well represented aspects: fungi and islands, geoheritage and the importance of local communities. We also will examine the important and complementary values of private conservation initiatives and other partnerships.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Any person who has a passion for parks and protected areas and wishes to seek partnerships to enable these precious areas to continue to provide a sense of place, for all people, for all time.

PART 3: AN AGENDA FOR ACTION

At the beginning of the Forum you will be provided with a draft Agenda for Action prepared by the organising committee on behalf of the host organisations. You are encouraged to read our proposal and discuss it over coffee and lunch. During the Wednesday field trips you will have more time to talk about our ideas and develop your own.

Our hope is that you will be able to find the time to comment and respond to the draft and let us know what you think. The host organisations will then develop a final Agenda for Action to guide their future programs and actions.

OTHER THINGS

Aboriginal peoples connection to the land is celebrated throughout the Forum. This has been done through the Welcome to Country and Derraming of Protected Places, as well as through the Aboriginal speakers themselves.

The Welcome to Country will be a little different and involve active participation from delegates. Likewise the closing ceremony will feature a performance around the theme of "our dreaming places".

Message sticks will also have a role over the days of the Forum.

As this registration package goes to print the organising committee is looking at ensuring that the Forum is carbon neutral.



PARKS & PROTECTED AREAS FORUM
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INVITED SPEAKERS INCLUDE

The Honourable Bob Carr worked as a journalist for ABC Radio and The Bulletin before entering politics. He served as Minister for Planning and Environment 1984 - 1988 and Minister for Heritage 1995 to 1988 and was Leader of the Opposition from 1988 until his election as Premier of New South Wales in 1995. He retired from politics in 2005 after 10 years as Premier - the longest continuous term served by any Premier in NSW history. Amongst his achievements was the creation of more than 350 new national parks in NSW. Bob has received wide international recognition including the Felbridge Distinguished Fellow Award Scholarship and World Conservation Union International Parks Merit Award. He has served on the International Climate Change Taskforce and as Honorary Scholar of the Australian American Leadership Dialogue. He is also Chair of the Climate Institute Advisory Council, Chair of the Board of the Asbestos Diseases Research Foundation; and a member of the India Council for Sustainable Development.



Malcolm Douglas is an outback adventurer, filmmaker, crocodile farmer and conservationist. For more than 40 years, Malcolm has delivered a message of survival, conservation and understanding of the natural world. Often referred to as the original crocodile hunter, Malcolm now uses his efforts to save the saltwater crocodile from extinction, with more crocodiles at his commercial crocodile farm in Broome than the whole of the Kimberley. Malcolm's crocodile farm is in the grounds of one of his other dreams that has come to fruition through typical hard work - the Wildlife Wilderness Park that gives visitors the chance to appreciate many Australian animals, some with an uncertain future. He is also a patron of the Dingo Conservation Society.



Dr Paul F J Eagles is a Professor at the University of Waterloo in Canada. He is a biologist and planner, specialising in environmental planning and with a strong emphasis on the planning and management of parks and protected areas. Over the last 20 years, he has undertaken international work in nature-based tourism and park tourism, with experience in more than 25 countries. Since 1990, he has been the Chair of the Task Force on Tourism and Protected Areas for the World Commission on Protected Areas of the World Conservation Union based in Switzerland. Professor Eagles co-authored the book, *Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas: Guidelines for Planning and Management* (2000), with Stephen McCool of the USA and Chet Haynes of Australia. This was co-published by the World Conservation Union, the World Tourism Organisation and the United Nations Environment Program as a contribution to the UN Year of Ecotourism. Also in 2002, Paul (with Stephen McCool), published *Tourism in National Parks and Protected Areas: Planning and Management*. In April 2007, *Tourism and Protected Areas: Benefits beyond Boundaries* was released. This was co-edited with Robyn Barbel of Australia.



Penelope Figgis AO is Vice Chair for Australia and New Zealand of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas. She is also Chair of the Parklands Advisory Committee, board member of the Parklands Foundation and the People and Parks Foundation, member of the Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council and a Visiting Fellow at the Graduate School of the Environment, Macquarie University. Penelope has been a senior member of the Australian environment movement for nearly 30 years. A political scientist by training, she was national lobbyist with the Australian Conservation Foundation in the early eighties and later Council member and Vice President for seventeen years. Her key expertise is in biodiversity conservation, protected area policy and sustainable tourism. In 1994 she was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for her services to conservation and the environment, in 2003 was awarded the Centenary Medal for outstanding contribution to the environment and on Australia Day 2006 was awarded an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) for service to the environment, nature conservation and sustainable tourism.



Peter Cochrane was appointed Director of National Parks in October 1999 and reappointed in October 2002 and again in November 2005. Two of his priorities have been building relationships with traditional owners of jointly managed parks, and improving agency corporate governance, accountability and transparency. Peter has worked for the oil and gas industry on national environment and competition policy issues and as an adviser to two Federal Ministers on environment and natural resources issues. He has a background in field ecology and eco-physiology of native plants. Peter has a Masters degree in Public Policy and a Bachelor of Science.



Dr Tom Hatton is Director, Water for a Healthy Country Flagship and is responsible for the management and delivery of science to address one of Australia's biggest challenges - the sustainable management of our water resources. Prior to this appointment, Tom was Deputy Chief of CSIRO's Land and Water Division. He has 25 years research experience, nationally and internationally, in a broad range of land and water related disciplines including forest productivity, ecology, bushfire science, ecophysiology, water allocation, salinity and catchment hydrology. Tom has made significant advances in the understanding of ecosystem dependence on groundwater, and the management and future of our salinising landscapes. He has wide-ranging expertise in building and managing multi disciplinary research teams to solve scientific and water resource management issues.



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Chris Haynes became involved with protected areas in 1978 when he joined the then, Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service as a project officer with responsibility for the development of the (not yet declared) Kakadu National Park. He was selected on the strength of his experience in working with Aboriginal people, having previously worked as a forester in South Australia and the Northern Territory, especially with traditionally oriented Aboriginal people in Arnhemland. He was the first Kakadu park manager in 1979 with responsibility for the development of Kakadu, Uluru and other protected areas, before becoming the first Director of National Parks in the new Department of Conservation and Land Management in WA in 1985. Director there until 1994, he then assumed responsibility for the department's regional services. Chris retired in 1997 but continued to work as a consultant on land management and protected area issues. He returned to work as park manager of a now very much expanded Kakadu in 2002. After retiring (yet again) he returned to academic study and is currently completing a doctorate on joint management of Kakadu.



Keiran McNamara is the Director General of the WA Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) which was established in July 2006. He was previously the CEO of the WA Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM), since July 2001. The Department is responsible for environmental protection, the management of terrestrial and marine conservation reserves and for the conservation of biodiversity in Western Australia. Keiran was employed in the Commonwealth Government's nature-conservation agency from 1978 to mid 1985, and has since been with CALM and DEC. He has served on a wide range of State, national and international committees and boards concerned with conservation, including the national Biological Diversity Advisory Committee and membership of the World Conservation Union's Commission on Protected Areas and Species Survival Commission, and standing committees of CEOs serving national Ministerial Councils.



Richard Muirhead is the Chief Executive Officer of Tourism Western Australia. Richard joined the WA Public Sector in 1987, bringing with him some 14 years of private sector experience in market research and marketing, including in his own company. He originally joined the (then) WA Technology & Industry Development Authority (TIDA) as the Director of the Marketing Division. Apart from two years in London (1990-1991) as Director of Trade and Investment of the Western Australian European Office, he remained with the Department in its various guises as Executive Director of Trade and Industry Development until 1997. In mid-1997 he was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the WA Department of Commerce & Trade, the State's premier industry and trade development agency - a post he held until May 2001, when he left to head up Tourism Western Australia.



Associate Professor Pierre Horwitz currently works at Edith Cowan University. Pierre's research experience covers the ecology of wetlands and rivers, environmental policy (in the areas of forests and wetlands), matters of science and trust in government processes, with a particular interest in history of land and water use in Australia and the relationships between human health and the health of their surrounding ecosystems. The author of numerous books, papers and reports for government and industry, he is currently a co-editor of the international journal *Ecol Health*. In 1994, Dr Horwitz discovered a new genus of frog (the sunset frog) in the peatlands of southwestern Australia. He also successfully nominated the Tasmanian giant freshwater crayfish for formal recognition as threatened under the Commonwealth's *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, this species being the first invertebrate in Australia to receive that dubious honour.



Sally Morgan is a Palyku woman from the Pilbara in Western Australia. She is well known to Australians as both a writer and visual artist. *My Place*, Sally Morgan's first book, was chosen to be part of the 2003 Books Alive campaign, the biggest promotion of books and reading ever undertaken in Australia. *My Place* achieved immediate best-seller status when it was first published and has since sold over half a million copies in Australia. Now published worldwide, it tells the story of extended family, the treatment of Australia's Aboriginal people, and history lost and found. Currently Sally works at the School of Indigenous Studies, University of Western Australia.



Jenny Pickworth is a commercial lawyer with broad experience in the health industry. She has worked in the private legal sector and as a consultant to the Minister for Health and the Department of Health. Currently Jenny is working as a consultant to the State's Health Reform Implementation Taskforce and to the Department of Health and the Metropolitan Health Service on a range of diverse projects, including implementation of the State's Mental Health Strategy 2004-2007. She is a member of the board of Beyond Blue Ltd, the National Depression Initiative and was Deputy Chair to the Hon Jeff Kennett for Beyond Blue's initial five year funded term from 2000 to 2006. Jenny was recently appointed chair of a joint Ministerial Taskforce looking at appropriate education and training for the WA Health workforce for the future.





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Chris Tallentire was appointed Director of the Conservation Council of WA in March 2004 and has been with the Council since 2001. He was formerly a senior environmental officer with the Water and Rivers Commission and Department of Environmental Protection. After working in Europe for 10 years, Chris returned to work as WA's Cool Communities facilitator using innovative community projects and policy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Chris believes the unique natural heritage of Australia is our greatest treasure, and that a full understanding of our natural environment is critical to the development of a well founded national identity. Chris has been committed to the Stop The Tread campaign since March 2005, when he presented at the Kununurra cane road forum. Here he learnt of the scale of the ecological threat posed by loads, and of the potential for WA to take action and keep the state load free. In response to the Kununurra forum the Conservation Council of WA held a forum in Perth, which was attended by over 300 people.



Graeme Worboys has over 34 years' protected area management experience and is Vice Chair (Mountains Biome) for the IUCN (The World Conservation Union) World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA). He has worked as a ranger, park superintendent, regional manager and executive director with the New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service and as a protected area management consultant. Graeme is working for WCPA on connectivity conservation internationally in Australia and in 2007 he was appointed by the NSW Government as a member of its Environmental Trust subcommittee for the Alps to Albatross connectivity conservation initiative.



Dr David Wood is Acting Executive Dean, Division of Humanities, Curtin University of Technology. His ongoing research involves tourism and its environmental, cultural and economic impacts in sensitive environments and involving Aboriginal communities. Other research interests are in heritage and the use of morphology in urban design and the effect of insurgency and dissent on planning decision making. David is currently preparing papers describing the impact of tourism in a remote, environmentally sensitive area with a focus on the impact of tourism on transitional economies and fragile natural environments.



Imogen Zethoven AO, coordinates The Wilderness Society's national campaign to prevent the expansion of a nuclear industry in Australia and to promote safe solutions to climate change. She previously worked for WWF the global conservation organisation. Based in Berlin, Imogen led WWF's global climate change campaign, PowerSwitch, and in Brisbane she ran WWF's Great Barrier Reef campaign which resulted in the world's largest network of highly protected areas in the marine environment. Imogen has worked for a number of environmental non government organisations, including as Coordinator of the Queensland Conservation Council for five years and as a policy analyst with the ACE. She also worked as a political advisor at the Federal level. In 2006, Imogen was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for service to conservation and the environment. In 2004, she was a co-recipient of the Fred M Packard International Parks Merit Award at the World Conservation Congress, with the Hon Virginia Chadwick, Chair of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.



PHOTO COMPETITION: Parks and Protected Areas Photography Competition

Sponsored by Portside Duty Free and Retail, High Street, Fremantle and LANDSCAPE Expedition

To promote the value of WA's national parks and other terrestrial and marine protected areas the forum organisers invite amateur photographers to enter a nature photography competition with the theme *Parks and Protected Areas*. Entrants are asked to capture the value and meaning of these precious areas and share their own unique experience of a park or protected area through their photographs.

The competition has two junior categories and three open categories: primary school, secondary school, seascape, landscape and wildlife. Photographs must be in colour and taken within a protected area of WA. Entries must be submitted as prints by 1 August 2007, together with your full contact details and the category you're entering, to Parks and Protected

Areas Photographic Competition, Locked Bag 29, Bentley Delivery Centre, WA, 6983. Entries must clearly indicate where the photo was taken and should include 50 words or less, an explanation about what you believe the value of our parks and protected areas is and what they mean to you.

The winner of each category will receive photography equipment valued at \$500 generously donated by Portside Duty Free and Retail of High Street in Fremantle. An overall winner from the 5 categories will receive a place on a LANDSCAPE Expedition, giving them a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take part in a study and research project on an expedition in 2008.

Finalists will be on display at the Forum in September with key attendees judging the final winners.

FULL ENTRY DETAILS ARE ON THE WEBSITE: www.promaco.com.au/2007/parks



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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

REGISTRATION DAY: SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2007		VENUE: Fremantle Esplanade
11.30am	Registration desk opens	
	WELCOME AND OFFICIAL OPENING CHAIR: Ross Dowling (Chair, FACET)	
1.00pm	OPENING PERFORMANCE	Walk it, feel it, connect in this space. Led by local dancers, you will be invited to feel the land on which we will meet.
	Welcome to Country	Richard Wilkes, Noongar Elder
1.30pm	Opening Address	The Hon David Templeman MLC, Minister for the Environment, Climate Change, Peel
	SETTING THE SCENE	
1.45pm	A Sense of Place, for All People, for all Time	John Bailey, Forum Chair and Conservation Commission, WA
2.00pm	A Conversation With the Future	The Hon Gus Carr, Chair of the Climate Institute Advisory Council
2.30pm	Afternoon tea break	
3.00pm	Western Australia's Protected Areas - Key Issues and Challenges	Kieran McNamara, Director General, Department of Environment and Conservation, WA
3.30pm	The Kimberley - The Last Wilderness	Malcolm Douglas, Crocodile Farmer and Conservationist
4.00pm	Parks and Protected Areas - a WA perspective	Chris Tallentire, Conservation Council, WA
4.30pm	Q & A's	
5.00pm	Session Close	
5.00pm	FIELD TRIPS	
	FIELD TRIP 1 (optional) departs 5.00pm MOONLIGHT MEANDERING	FIELD TRIP 2 (optional) departs 5.00pm PERTH OBSERVATORY
5.15pm	WELCOME RECEPTION	

SOCIAL PROGRAM

SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2007

WELCOME RECEPTION

Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle - 5.15pm

The welcome function is a perfect time to renew acquaintances or make some new friends.

Included for full, student and Sunday registrations
Extra Tickets: \$44.00 per person.



MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2007

HAPPY HOUR

Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle - 5.15pm

Included for full, student and Monday registrations.

MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2007

CONFERENCE DINNER (optional)

Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle - 7.00pm

After the intensity of the program, time to kick back and have some fun. The dinner is a highlight of every conference and this one will be no exception. Includes announcement of winners of the Parks and Protected Areas Photography Competition.

Cost: \$99.00 per person.



PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

DAY TWO: MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2007		VENUE: Fremantle Esplanade
8.00am	Registration	
8.30am	WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING	CHAIR: Ross Dowling (Chair, FACET)
SESSION ONE - PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS		
8.45am	International Perspectives of Park Tourism	Paul Eagles Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, University of Waterloo, Canada
9.15am	Protected Areas in Australia - Some Challenges	Chris Haynes Consultant on Land Management and Protected Area Issues
9.45am	That Profound Personal Connection with Nature: The Evolving Values of Protected Areas	Penny Eggs AO Vice-Chair, Australia and New Zealand, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas
10.15am	Morning tea break	
10.45am	Tourism Futures	Richard Muirhead CEO, Tourism Western Australia
11.15am	The Economic Values of Protected Areas	David Wood Curtin University of Technology, WA
11.45am	Q & A	
12.15pm	Lunch break	
SESSION TWO - A SENSE OF PLACE, FOR ALL PEOPLE, FOR ALL TIME		
1.15pm	Aboriginal Perspective on Country	Sally Morgan School of Indigenous Studies, UWA
1.45pm	The Positives of Parks and Green Spaces on Good Mental Health	Jenny Pickworth Beyond Blue: the national depression initiative
2.15pm	The Great Barrier Reef Representative Areas Program: Big Bold Biodiversity Conservation	Imogen Zethoven The Wilderness Society
2.45pm	Q & A	
3.15pm	Afternoon tea break	
SESSION THREE - PARK SYSTEMS		
3.45pm	Requirements for the Reservation of Biodiversity in Space and Time	Pierre Horvitz Edith Cowan University, WA
4.15pm	Australia's Protected Areas: A National Perspective	Peter Cochrane Parks Australia
4.45pm	Q & A	
5.00pm	Wrap up Day Two	CHAIR: Ross Dowling (Chair, FACET)
5.15pm	HAPPY HOUR	
7.00pm	CONFERENCE DINNER (optional)	Includes optional announcement of winners of photography competition



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DAY THREE: TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2007		VENUE: Fremantle Esplanade	
8.00am	Registration		
8.45am	WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING	CHAIR: Ross Dowling (Chair, FACET)	
	KEYNOTE ADDRESS		
9.00am	Issues in Protected Area Management	Graeme Worboys Vice Chair (Mountains Biome) IUCN World Commission of Protected Areas	
	CONCURRENT SESSION ONE		
Theme	LIVING NATURE	ROCKS MATTER TOO	BEYOND THE COASTLINE
9.30am	Business Success Utilising Conservation Areas Helen Lee Bushrucker River and Winery Tours, WA	Burrup Rock Art Robin Chapple Friends of Australian Rock Art, WA	Turtle and Dugong Project (Bardi Jawi Rangers) Dinah Oates Kimberley Land Council, WA
9.45am	Cyperinia's and the Reeds Swamps Kurt Williams Department of Environment and Conservation, WA	The Importance of Natural Landscapes David Newsome Murdoch University, WA	Shifting Baselines: The Role of Marine Reserves in a Rapidly Changing World Ross Babcock CSIRO Marine & Atmospheric Research, WA
10.00am	Fungi and Natural History Pat Negus Artist, Swallow's Welcome, WA	Coastal Dendroica in Western Australia Margaret Brack Murdoch University, WA	Whalesharks off Ningaloo Brad Norman Ecocean, WA
10.15am	Splendid Isolation – Western Australian Islands as Protected Areas Nic Danks Conservation Council, WA	Living Landscapes Richard Wolpertorp Photographer	Who, What, Where and When? Collecting Human Usage Information for Better Marine Protected Area Planning Lynnah Beckey, Murdoch University, WA
10.30am	Pilbara Biological Survey and the Importance of Keeping the Aboriginal Community Informed Stephen van Leeuwen Department of Environment and Conservation, WA	Country and the Sacredness of the Geology David Milroy Musician, Director and Writer	Marine Conservation: A Forgotten Community Ewina Daint-Ward Marine Conservationist, WA
10.45am	Q & A's	Q & A's	Q & A's
11.00am	Morning tea break		
	CONCURRENT SESSION TWO		
Theme	WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES	VALUABLE VISITORS	PARTNERSHIPS FOR PARS
11.30am	Saving the Shannon Basin: The Campaign for the Shannon National Park Beth Schultz AO Conservation Council of WA	Parks, People and Partnerships Jim Sharp, Department of Environment and Conservation, WA Evan Hill, Tourism and Transport Forum Olivé Magyn, Australian Pacific Touring	Partnerships & Protected Areas: Promises, Pitfalls and the Future Sue Moore Murdoch University, WA
11.45am	Kennedy Range National Park Tom Day Former Shire President and Chair, WA National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority	Healthy Parks, Healthy People Cathy Gately Department of Environment and Conservation, WA	Gondwana Link: A 'Mega-Preserve' Approach to Conservation in the Face of Climate Change and Other Threats Robert Lambek Grossing Australia, WA
12.00pm	Forest Are Our Future Jenny Dewing Conservation Volunteer and Farmer, Bridgetown	Safari Camps on the Edge of the Reef Paul Wittwer Ningaloo Reef Retreat, WA	Private Conservation Reserves: A Piece of the Jigsaw Allison Fleming Australian Wildlife Conservancy
12.15pm	Aboriginal Land Management in the South West Glen Kelly, CEO, South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council	Balancing Conservation, Recreation and Adventure Tourism Mike Wood Mountain Design	The Western Australian Resources Sector – process and practice Allison Murrell Chamber of Minerals and Energy, WA
12.30pm	Q & A's	Q & A's	Q & A's

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

DAY THREE continued **VENUE: Fremantle Esplanade**

CONCURRENT SESSION THREE			
Time	WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES	PEOPLE IN THEIR PARKS	JOINT MANAGEMENT
12.45pm	Lunch break		
1.45pm	Better Inter-relationships Between the Conservation Commission, Local Government & Department of Environment and Conservation Siti Mitchell WA Local Government Association	Respecting the Values of Parks, People and Protected Areas - The Kangaroo Island Tourism Optimisation Management Model Uli Beck Centre of Sustainable Tourism, WA	Building Bridges - The Walk Way Ken Sandy, Ian Walker and Maria Corio Department of Environment and Conservation, WA
2.00pm	Volunteers and Community Involvement in Parks Kajette Lambert Department for Environment and Heritage, SA	Managing Cultural and Environmental Impacts of Expedition Cruising Along Australia's Remote Kimberley Coast Amanda Smith Murdoch University, WA	Innovative Arrangements for Co-management of Parks in South Australia Greg Leaman Department for Environment and Heritage, SA
2.15pm	Regional Partnerships for Conservation: The Example of Regional Parks in Western Australia Phil Jennings Murdoch University, WA	Good Tourism Creates Good Conservation Peter Wooley Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Tourism, Arts and the Environment, TAS	Noongar Perspectives on Country Noel Nannup and Karen Jacobs
2.30pm	Foresters and the WA Forest Estate Roger Underwood Fellow of the Institute of Foresters of Australia and Chairman of the Bushfire Front Inc.	Words from a Bushpoet Syd Hopkinson Bushpoet	Guest Paradigm and Protected Areas Bob Morgan Respecting Ethnic and Cultural Heritage (REACH) Trainer and Facilitator
2.45pm	Issues of Integration: Community Consultation and the Shark Bay World Heritage Area Sue Jones Chair, Shark Bay World Heritage Property Consultative Committee	Value of Parks - Presenting the Benefits of Parks Noel McCarthy Chair, Parks Forum Ltd	Indigenous Landscapes of the Pilbara Barry Taylor
3.00pm	Q & A's	Q & A's	Q & A's
3.15pm	Afternoon tea break		
PLENARY SESSION			
3.45pm	Protected Areas as Flagships for Biodiversity Conservation A Strategic Overview	Tom Hatton Director, Water for a Healthy Country Flagship, CSIRO	
4.15pm	Presentation of work program for field trips by the Organising Committee		
4.45pm	CLOSING PERFORMANCE By Terra Yaku Aboriginal Corporation		
5.15pm	Conference Close		

DAY FOUR: WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2007 - FIELD TRIPS

FIELD TRIP 3 (optional) departs 7.00am LEEUWIN NATURALIST NATIONAL PARK	FIELD TRIP 4 (optional) departs 7.00am BIODIVERSITY HOT SPOT LESEUER NATIONAL PARK	FIELD TRIP 5 (optional) departs 7.00am CANOEING LANE POOLE RESERVE
FIELD TRIP 6 (optional) departs 7.30am PENGUIN SEA CHANGE SHOALWATER ISLANDS MARINE PARK	FIELD TRIP 7 (optional) departs 8.00am ABORIGINAL HERITAGE SITE WALYUNGA NATIONAL PARK	FIELD TRIP 8 (optional) departs 8.00am THE INBULMUN TRACK

NEW FEATURES NAMES – CITY OF ARMADALE LOCALITY OF BEDFORDALE



Geographic Names Committee

Your Ref: Pat Scarfo Park
Our Enq: 754/2005V1P70
Enquiries: Danielle Perkins
Tel: 9273 7049
Email: danielle.perkins@landgate.wa.gov.au



Chief Executive Officer
City of Armadale
Locked Bag 2
ARMADALE WA 6992

Attn: Corinne Omacini

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your email dated 1st of August 2007 proposing Armadale Settlers Common Walk Trails. I am pleased to advise that on the 22nd of August approval was given for the following:

New features names – City of Armadale, locality of Bedfordale

Walks:

BREAKAWAY TRAIL	KOOMAL TRAIL
CHARCOAL TRAIL	LIGHTNING TRAIL
COCKATOO TRAIL	PARADISE TRAIL
COOLBARDIE TRAIL	PARALLEL TRAIL
EXPLORERS TRAIL	REDBEAK TRAIL
GNANGANGARRA TRAIL	RIDGE TRAIL
GRASSTREE TRAIL	SETTLERS TRAIL
GRAVEL TRAIL	SHERIDAN TRAIL
GRANITE PATH	TIMBER CUTTERS TRAIL
KONDIL TRAIL	TRUNDLE TRAIL
	VONGAL PATH

Lookouts:

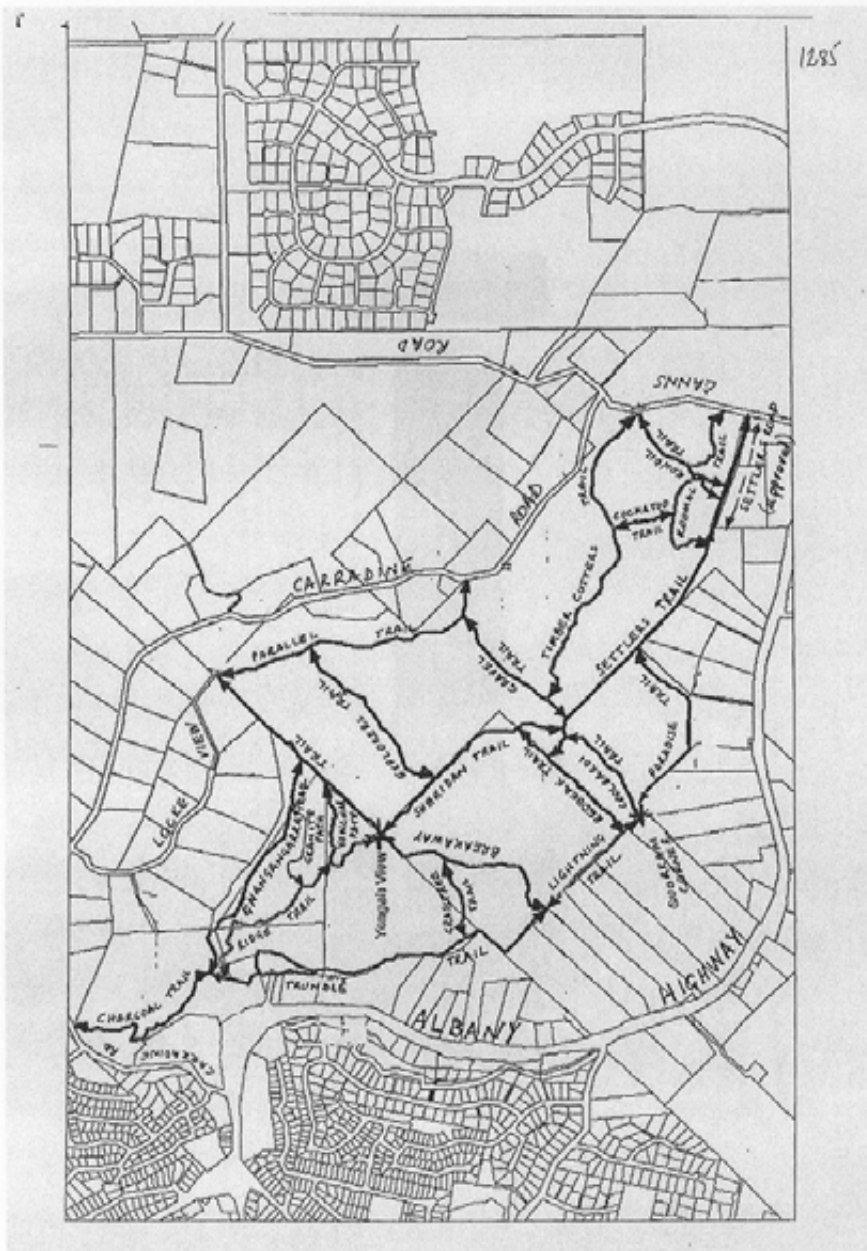
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Yours faithfully

for
Secretary
GEOGRAPHIC NAMES COMMITTEE
30th of August 2007



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OUTSTANDING REPORT

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE		
REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – AUGUST 2007		
ITEM	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
<p><i>Councillors' Items - Cr Zelones – Update on Review of Council's Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for Armadale Cultural Facilities: Final Report (September 2006)</i></p> <p>Cr Zelones requested an update and review of Council's Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for Armadale Cultural Facilities: Final Report. (C58/9/06)</p>	Community Development	An update will be provided to the September meeting of the Community Services Committee subject to workloads and available resources.
<p><i>**John Dunn Oval – Seasonal Use (December 2006)</i></p> <p>That Council convene a Councillor Workshop in January 2007 to consider and discuss future ground use requirements at John Dunn Oval and other City of Armadale facilities (C75/12/06).</p>	Recreation Services	A Councillor Workshop has been held as part of the 2007 Needs & Feasibility Study for the provision of Active Sporting Reserves within the City. A shared used agreement was negotiated with the sporting clubs based at John Dunn Reserve prior to the start of the 2007 winter season and to date, this agreement has been working successfully. A further report will be provided to the October 2007 meeting of the Community Services Committee.
<p><i>Matters for Referral to Standing Committees – Without Discussion – Youth Events at the Armadale Aquatic Centre</i></p> <p>Officers to research and report back to Council on the type and scale of youth event the City could facilitate at the Aquatic Centre. (C23/3/07)</p>	Recreation Services	An update will be provided to the August 2007 meeting of the Community Services Committee.
<p><i>Councillors' Items – Regional Produce Exhibition (June 2007)</i></p> <p>Concept of a Regional Produce Exhibition promoting local produce including wines be investigated (C47/6/07)</p>	Library & Heritage Services	An update will be provided to the October 2007 meeting of the Community Services.
<p><i>Matters for Referral to Standing Committees – Without Discussion – Appointment of Community Members to Advisory Management Committees (July 2007)</i></p> <p>Officers to undertake early advertising of community-based committee positions to enable committee appointments to be approved by Council as soon as possible (C50/7/07).</p>	Community Development	A report will be provided via the City Strategy Committee in November 2007.
<p><i>Armadale Youth Precinct Study (August 2007)</i></p> <p>That Council:</p> <p>(b) Investigate and report to the November Community Services Committee meeting the possible design and cost of building a "street real" skate park with or without bowl at the following sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Land between the public toilets and the current amphitheatre, incorporating the latter in the design; and ▪ A flat unrestricted site. <p>(c) Arrange to visit a range of skate park facilities (C56/8/07).</p>	Community Development	A report will be provided via the City Strategy Committee in November 2007.

MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS

LIBRARY & HERITAGE SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 2007

1. LIBRARY SERVICES

1.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

The Library Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of August 2007 is attached. (Refer to Attachment "CA-1".)

1.2 Library Extension Activities

1.2.1 Author Talk – Julianne Van Loon visit

Prepared by – *Sharon Lapierre, Assistant Librarian, Kelmscott Library.*

Topic: Author talk

Presenter: Julianne Van Loon

Date: 17th August 2007

Time: 10.30am

Venue: Kelmscott Library

No. Attending: 15

Comments: Julianne Van Loon is the author of 'Road Story' and winner of the 2005 Australian /Vogel Prize. She is a senior lecturer in the faculty of Media, Society and Culture at Curtin University and an avid fan of public libraries! The audience was primarily made up of members of the writing group which regularly meets at Kelmscott Library. They were extremely interested in hearing about the technical devices Julianne employed in her novella and enjoyed hearing the author read the opening chapters of the book. The author also spoke about writing courses available at Curtin and was happy to discuss this with privately with people after her main talk was over.

A selection of library materials on creative writing was displayed and borrowed by audience members who were very enthusiastic in requesting more author talks in the future. Afternoon tea and book signing by the author finished the session on a very positive note.

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2. HERITAGE SERVICES

2.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

The Heritage Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of August 2007 is attached. (Refer to Attachment "CA-2".)

2.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

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

Super 8 Films Digitised

A number of Super 8 films shot of the Wungong area and the Australind train at Armadale Station have been digitised. The films show parts of the Wungong area flooded, the old Butcher family property that was located at Upper Wungong, the Richon Vineyards and a view of the Brookdale area before it was developed.

Taken between 1988 and 1992 the changes that have taken place in the area from then until now can be seen. The films are now available on DVD at the Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

2.3 History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

Crimes, Follies, Misfortunes and a Good Laugh: The Political Cartoons of Ben Strange. 8th August-23rd August 2007

The Ben Strange Exhibition was held in the Minnowarra Chapel for two weeks. The exhibition had 166 visitors, the majority being adults. The comments book showed that the exhibit primarily received a local audience though the exhibit did receive several visitors from the United Kingdom and Ireland.

The exhibit received extensive coverage in the local newspapers with a story or advertorial appearing in the week preceding the exhibit and for the two weeks that it was open. Posters promoting the exhibit were put up in the local libraries, visitor centre, Birtwistle Local Studies Library, City of Armadale Administration Building and History House Museum. Unfortunately we were unable to receive any radio coverage of the event.

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The exhibition received only positive feedback through the Visitor Book. A report from the exhibit attendants was that they also received only positive feedback to the exhibition.

The opening of the exhibit had over 40 guests including City of Armadale Councillors, local state Parliamentarians and members of the local community. The night included an address from Cr Linton Reynolds who opened the exhibit and a talk about how the exhibit was put together by the curator. The opening was a very successful evening in launching the exhibit.

The exhibit would not have been possible without the hard work of the volunteers. Volunteers provided over 80 hours of their time to ensure the exhibit was open to the public. Their duties included opening and closing the exhibit and answering and public enquiries.

On 16 August 2007 a public talk was given about Ben Strange and the cartoons. Unfortunately this event was not well attended. Though those who did attend commented that they found the talk informative and provided greater insight into the cartoons. The talk and exhibit was videoed by a member of the public who has kindly donated a copy of the video to the Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

In conclusion the exhibition was well received and had a healthy visitation. The exhibition has been designed so that in the future it can be quickly installed at a similar venue.

Kelmscott Primary School Visit 28th August 2007

A 70 year old and two students from Kelmscott Primary visited both History House Museum and the Armadale Visitor Centre. The reason for their visit was to explore aspects of the COA's early history. The school is also celebrating their 125th Anniversary this year. Students and some teachers came dressed up in period costume.

At HHM students were given a talk about the founding of Kelmscott and what the early settlers would have brought with them to the Swan Colony. Students then engaged in programs that looked at the type of chores their grandparents may have done compared to what they do. They also played old style school games including quoits, marbles and knucklebones. Students at the Visitor Centre looked through the Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum and the replica post office and the Morse code equipment.

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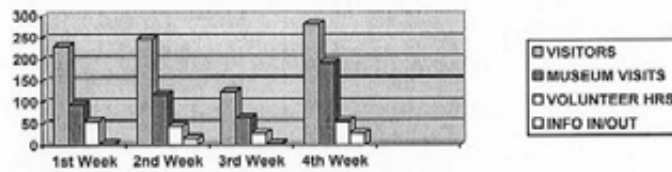
2007 Museums Australia Conference: Museums in a Changing Climate

A detailed report on this conference has been prepared and can be accessed on the City's Intranet under Conference Documents.

3. VISITOR SERVICING

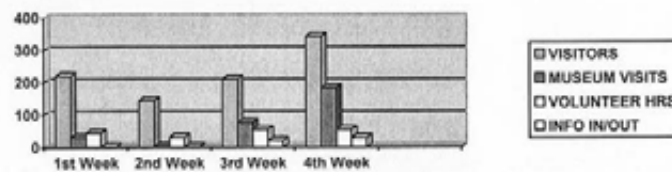
3.1 July/August 2007 Visitor Centre Figures:

JULY 2007:



Phone Enquiry	Info Sent	VISITORS	Metro	Intra State	Inter State	O/seas	Vol Hours	Museum Visits
123	52	883	763	28	41	51	185	467

AUGUST 2007:



Phone Enquiry	Info Sent	VISITORS	Metro	Intra State	Inter State	O/seas	Vol Hours	Museum Visits
163	54	919	810	12	64	32	186	295

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3.2 Armadale Visitor Centre Report

OVERVIEW:

July 2006, 745 people came to the Centre.
July 2007, 883 visitors came to the Centre.

August 2006, 708 people came to the Centre.
August 2007, 919 visitors came to the Centre.

This represents a collective increase of 211 on the previous year.

Each Visitor who stays even half a day within our City delivers a number of valuable benefits to our community – socially and economically. The local Garage, Deli, Chemist, Restaurant, Café, Tavern, Hotel, Accommodation house, may be amongst those directly rewarded as a result of their visit.

Over 185 volunteer hours were contributed to the Centre.

JULY 2007:

Visitor Centre Open:	221 hours
Volunteer Hours per Week:	46 hours
Average Visitors per Week:	220
Average Visitor Spend – Day Visitor:	<u>\$ 44,150</u>

(Based on \$50 per person who came into the Visitor Centre staying one day in our area, this is a conservative figure as current industry guidelines are based on \$30 per person each day)

Average Spend – Including Accommodation: \$641,700

(Based on \$100 per person – there are 343 beds available every night in the City of Armadale Region of which 60% was booked during the past month.)

MARKETING & PARTNERSHIPS:

Once issue per month of the July and August Saturday editions of the West Australia, Armadale featured in the “Winter Escapes” advertising campaign run by the Experience Perth Tourism Marketing Board. This completes our coverage over three months after committing to an advertising campaign with Experience Perth.

The Visitor Centre has taken out advertising space in the ‘West Australian Tours & Accommodation’ Magazine, the “Beautiful South” Booklet and will submit an advertisement in the 2008/09 Experience Perth Planner.

Two new signs have been placed on the outside walls of the Centre. One updated a sign advertising the Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum and the other clearly

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displays the Opening Hours of the Centre in line with requirements of the Level One Accreditation process.

The Coordinator was invited to speak on the progress of the Centre since the City of Armadale's commitment to tourism, at both the Community Consultative Committee of the Armadale Redevelopment Authority and the Kelmscott Progress Association during the month of August.

TICKETMASTER AGENCY:

The Visitor Centre is now officially a Ticketmaster Agency. The sale of the first tickets sold at the Centre featured in an article in one of the local newspapers, and several advertisements have been placed in local papers and magazines. More marketing will need to be carried out over the coming months to facilitate greater Community awareness of this additional service available at the Visitor Centre.

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MANAGER RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2007

1. Animal Control

1.1 Dogs

Ranger Services received four hundred and seventy seven (477) requests for assistance during the August report period, with complaints about barking dogs being a key focus.

Ranger Services respond to excessive barking complaints by taking an approach that not only solves the current problem, but also prevents further problems from developing. To do this the Ranger must evaluate and implement strategies to provide treatment options that prevent barking from occurring, that educate the dog owner about barking, that address complaint management, and that impose legislative sanctions against owners unwilling to cooperate.

1.2 Livestock

During this report period Ranger Services attended to sixteen (16) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on the road.

1.3 Court Action

The following information relates to legal action taken by Ranger Services pursuant to the provisions of the Dog Act 1976. These matters were heard and determined in the Armadale Magistrate's Court during August 2007.

NAME	OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Robert Graham	Dog Attack on Person	Guilty	600	110.20	710.20

2. Vehicles

2.1 Parking

Ranger Services attended to eighty four (84) general enquiries relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

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2.2 Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

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

3. Fire Services

The innovative and very colourful Information pamphlet, "Your Rates at Work", 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. General

4.1 Volunteer Bush Fire Fighter Games

The committee of volunteers has again been working hard to organise the 2007 Bushfire Volunteer Games. The committee, with members from the North & South Perth Regions, has been trying to find good locations in the South & North Regions with a Fair & Community Day to complement the Games.

After holding a successful set of Games at Whiteman Park last year, the committee has decided to conduct this year's Games in conjunction with the Cockburn Rotary Spring Fair. The committee has been working with Cockburn Rotary Club and the day will provide a lot of activities for the families and spectators to enjoy as well as watching the Games.

The Games will be held on the last Sunday in October and the Committee needs nominations of brigade teams that will be available to compete at this year's games.

4.2 SLIP-EM Project

Background

The Shared Land Information Platform (SLIP) is a common set of services allowing users to discover, view and obtain desired spatial data for a particular part of the state, or country, without needing to know the details of how the data is stored and maintained by independent organisations. The Emergency

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Management component of SLIP (SLIP-EM) comprises a range of measures to assist emergency management personnel better manage risks to communities and the environment. One of the components of SLIP-EM is the EmerGeo spatial emergency management application.

SLIP-EM (Bushfire) Exercise 2

A Bushfire Desktop Exercise has again been organised as a secondary test of the pilot tools and data services built by the SLIP-EM team, following the initial exercise on the 27th April 2007, and as before there will need to be involvement by a number of agencies.

The exercise is built on the framework of the initial exercise and will consist of a bushfire incident occurring on land on the Darling escarpment which threatens DEC land. Initial responsibility for the bushfire response will reside with FESA.

The exercise will commence at 3rd Alarm (Level 2) stage and progress to Level 3 by completion. The exercise will commence two hours into the event and be based upon 'real time' event prompts.

Aims & Objectives

Aim – Using the same scenario as SLIP-EM Bushfire Exercise 1, to test the adapted information flows and business processes for cross agency sharing of bushfire mapping information through SLIP services and the EmerGeo application.

Objectives – Similar to SLIP Bushfire Exercise 1, there will be a chronological sequence of events simulating typical problems in a developing emergency scenario to test:

- a) Practicality of EmerGeo to work as a incident management tool for sharing information within the AIIMS structure;
- b) EmerGeo being adequately resourced to allow for timely capture and sharing of incident information; and
- c) Completeness of the data gathered to support the operation.

Duration

The exercise will run from 0800hrs to 1100hrs.
General Format:-

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- Participants to be on-site for the exercise at 0800hrs for orientation and short briefing;
- Exercise Commences at 0830hrs;
- Morning Tea to be available between 0930 and 1000 with participants partaking when they can, between operations;
- Exercise completes at 1030hrs;
- Hot Debrief between 1030 and 1100hrs;
- Departure at 1100hrs.

Dates/Timings/Locations

Exercise

Date:- 7th September, 2007 (Friday)
 Time:- 0800 to 1100 hrs
 Venue:- FESA Belmont Regional Office,
 Lecture Theatre
 91 Leake Street
 Belmont

5. **Statistics – August 2007**

<i>DOGS</i>	August 2007	August 2006	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Wandering	58	53	101	104	Down 2%
Dogs for Pick Up	37	31	86	68	Up 26%
Barking	34	13	66	40	Up 65%
Attacks	28	16	44	33	Up 33%
Lost & Found	83	70	168	139	Up 21%
General Information	9	12	14	18	Down 22%
Sub Total	249	195	479	402	Up 19%
Office Phone Enquiries	228	183	398	292	Up 36%
Total	477	378	877	694	Up 26%

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<i>PARKING / VEHICLES</i>	August 2007	August 2006	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
General Parking	13	8	40	14	Up 185%
Trucks	10	12	13	16	Down 20%
School Parking	0	3	1	3	Down 66%
Abandoned Vehicles	20	11	31	27	Up 15%
Off Road Vehicles	18	10	33	28	Up 18%
Sub Total	61	44	118	88	Up 34%
Office Phone Enquiries	23	26	43	42	Up 2%
Total	84	70	161	130	Up 24%

<i>LIVESTOCK</i>	August 2007	August 2006	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Lost & Found	1	1	17	4	Up 325%
General	11	15	11	31	Down 65%
Sub Total	12	16	28	35	Down 20%
Office Phone Enquiries	4	0	5	7	Down 30%
Total	16	16	33	42	Down 20%

<i>LITTER</i>	August 2007	August 2006	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
General Information	0	0	0	0	Same
Private Property	6	1	9	3	Up 200%
Roadside / Reserve	8	8	11	13	Down 15%
Verge	4	1	5	4	Up 25%
Sub Total	18	10	25	20	Up 25%
Office Phone Enquiries	3	1	7	2	Up 250%
Total	21	11	32	22	Up 45%

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<i>FIRE</i>	August 2007	August 2006	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Burning Off / General Information	0	0	0	2	Down 100%
Firebreak / Hazard	4	0	7	3	Up 133%
Sub Total	4	0	7	5	Up 40%
Office Phone Enquiries	0	6	2	18	Down 88%
Total	4	6	9	23	Down 58%

<i>GENERAL</i>	August 2007	August 2006	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
General Information	2	4	4	5	Down 20%
Sub Total	2	4	4	5	Down 20%
Office Phone Enquiries - Cats	9	21	18	34	Down 45%
Office Phone Enquiries - General	12	18	19	21	Down 10%
Total	21	39	41	55	Down 25%

<i>TOTAL</i>	August 2007	August 2006	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Sub Total Reports / Complaints	346	269	661	555	Up 19%
Total Office Phone Enquiries	279	255	492	416	Up 18%
Total Reports / Complaints	625	524	1153	971	Up 19%

<i>WARNINGS</i>	August 2007	August 2006	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Dogs	16	15	33	42	Down 20%
Parking	16	11	39	28	Up 39%
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0	Same
Litter	1	0	1	0	Up 100%
Fire & Fire Orders	0	0	0	0	Same
Other	0	0	0	0	Same
Total	33	26	73	70	Up 4%

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<i>INFRINGEMENTS</i>	August 2007	August 2006	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Dogs	57	31	92	66	Up 39%
Parking	41	11	89	46	Up 93%
Off Road Vehicles	5	5	5	5	Same
Litter	4	1	17	2	Up 75%
Fire	0	0	0	0	Same
Other	0	0	0	0	Same
Total	107	48	203	119	Up 70%
NUMBER WITHDRAWN	18	20	25	36	Down 38%
Number Paid	81	49	132	108	Up 22%

<i>IMPOUNDED DOGS</i>	August 2007	August 2006	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Claimed	38	40	75	74	Same
Sold	1	3	3	7	Down 55%
Destroyed	18	5	32	13	Up 146%
Vet / Rescue	2	7	12	18	Down 33%
Stolen	0	0	0	0	Same
Total	59	55	122	112	Up 9%

<i>IMPOUNDED VEHICLES</i>	August 2007	August 2006	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Vehicles	4	8	6	18	Down 66%
Motor Cycles	0	0	0	0	Same
Total	4	8	6	18	Down 66%

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IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK	August 2007	August 2006	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Sheep	0	0	1	0	Up 100%
Horses	0	0	1	0	Up 100%
Cows	0	0	0	0	Same
Goats	0	0	0	0	Same
Pigs	0	0	0	0	Same
Deer	0	0	0	0	Same
Other	1	0	1	0	Up 100%
Total	1	0	3	0	Up 100%

COURT PROSECUTIONS	August 2007	August 2006	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Dog	1	15	3	21	Down 85%
Fire	0	0	0	0	Same
Parking	0	0	0	0	Same
Litter	0	0	0	0	Same
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0	Same
Total	1	15	3	21	Down 85%
No. of Guilty Verdicts	1	14	3	20	Down 85%

FINES ENFORCEMENT	August 2007	August 2006	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Infringements sent to FER	59	0	86	63	Up 36%

DOG REGISTRATIONS	August 2007	August 2006	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
New Dog Registrations	100	56	152	132	Up 15%
Renewed Dog Registrations	16	10	24	27	Down 10%
Total	116	56	176	132	Up 33%
Total Animals on System	10706	N/A	10706	N/A	

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<i>PHONES CALLS</i>	August 2007	August 2006	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Office – Rangers calling Office	46	24	81	49	Up 65%
Office – Messages for Staff	37	65	69	109	Down 40%
Office – Referred to Other	31	30	48	62	Down 20%
Calls to Rangers' Private Residences via Diverter	1	9	5	24	Down 80%
TOTAL	115	128	203	244	Down 16%

MINUTES OF OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee Meeting of 5 June 2007.
(Refer to Attachment "CA-3".)

Armadale Highland Gathering Committee Meeting of 18 July 2007. (Refer to
Attachment "CA-4".)

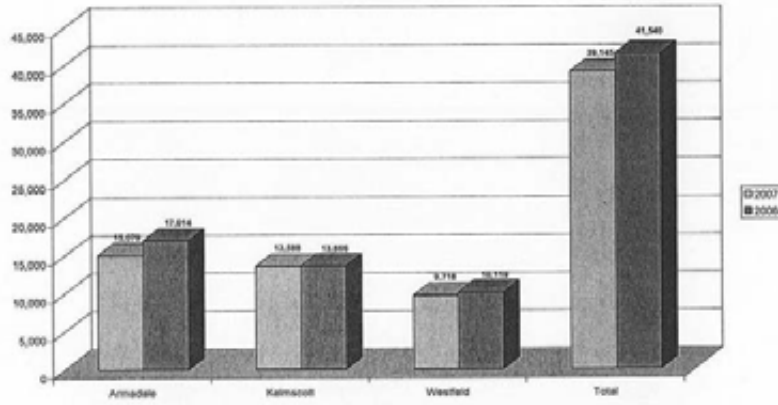
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Outside the Frame

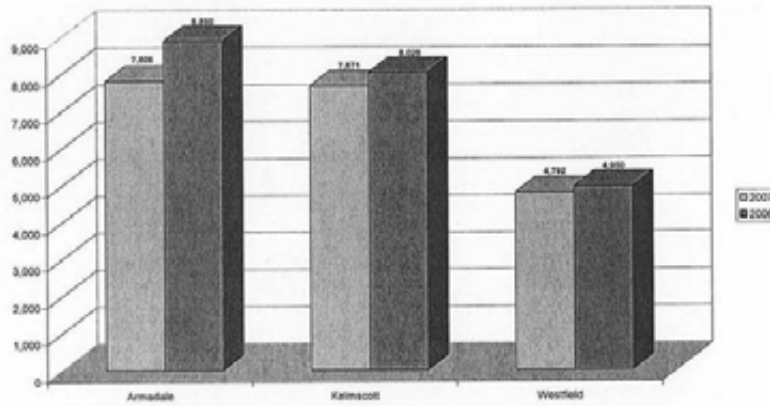
Feedback regarding the Outside the Frame Art Exhibition held between 23 and 25 August 2007 has been received from the Kelmscott Senior High School Music Support Group as follows:

"The art items on display were fabulous, I wouldn't mind some of them adorning my walls. It's great to see young talent given the opportunity to display their art in a venue such as the Council facility."

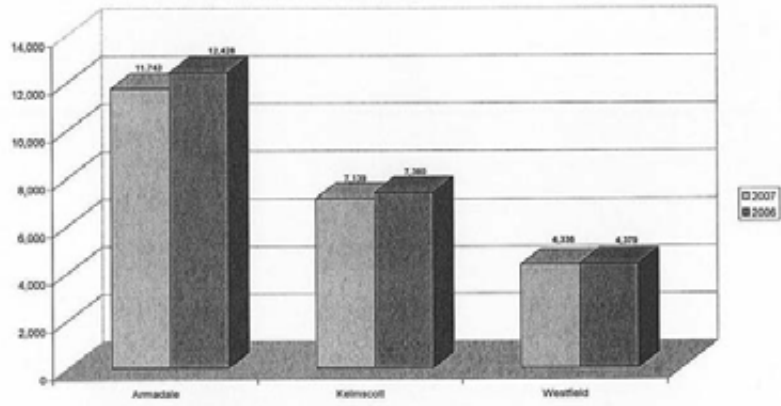
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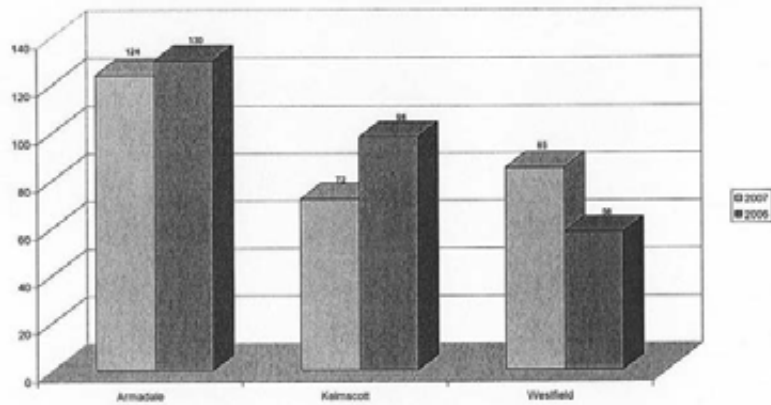
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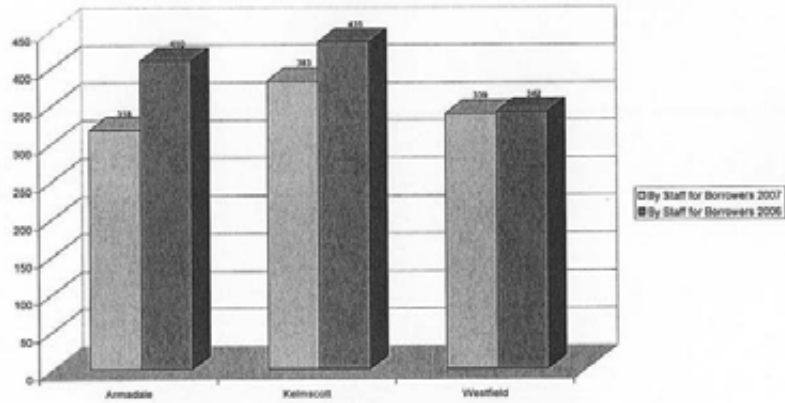
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Borrower's Reservations
August 2007



COA Libraries
Comparison Reservation by Staff & Direct by Borrower
August 2007



Month: August

Year: 2007

Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	Aug 07	Aug 06	Jul 07 – Aug 07	Jul 06 – Aug 06
Reference Enquiries	9	15	21	15
Research Enquiries	6	7	9	10
Visitor Attendance	34	25	96	40
Volunteer Hours	72	65	162	114
Volunteer Hours – Family History	19	NA	19	NA
Oral History Programme				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	Aug 07	Aug 06	Jul 06 – Aug 07	Jul 05 – Jul 06
Letters sent	nil	nil	3	2
Interviews Completed	nil	3	1	6
Transcripts Completed	2	1	3	2
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	32	56	53	79
Volunteer Hours – Interviewing	6	7	13	26
Digitising recordings	10	NA	20	NA

Month: August Year: 2007

History House Museum	Current Month	Year to date		
		August 06	Juy1 07- June 08	Jul 06 – June 07
Visitors	181 +166 (BS)	106	479	187
Volunteer Hours	227	133	296	255
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum	August 07	August 06	July 07 – June 08	Jul 06 – June 07
	295	369	762	623

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, 5TH JUNE 2007 AT 1.30 PM

PRESENT:

Ms V Hansen	Chairperson
Mr A McNamara	Vice Chairperson
Cr J Knezevich	City of Armadale
Mr A Garlett	Community Representative
Ms L Murray	Community Representative
Ms C Pickett	Community Representative
Mr D Harling	Dept. of Housing & Works (Nominee)

APOLOGIES:

Ms M Hill	Community Representative
Mr B Loo	Dept. for Child Protection

OBSERVERS: Nil

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Halse	Indigenous Community Development Coordinator
Ms Y Austin	Indigenous Trainee Community Development
Ms R Aspinall	Community Development (Family and Children)
Ms L Pilkington	Women's Health Planning

Public: Nil

DISCLAIMER

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

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

QUESTION TIME

Nil

DEPUTATION

Nil

I N D E X

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5 JUNE 2007

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1.0 BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

1.1 Committee nomination and Resignations

Nil.

1.2 Introduction of Yvonne Austin

Yvonne is the new Indigenous Trainee Community Development Officer in the City of Armadale. Yvonne comes from a background working in community, and her experiences from her previous jobs, proves to be valuable.

2.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1 Women's Health Planning

Leanne is the Indigenous Program Officer and travels around to different locations in the region. Leanne would like to increase the awareness for Indigenous women to have regular breast screening every two years. Leanne asks for any ideas that would help Indigenous women to participate in having a mammogram. The Indigenous Coordinator suggested making them aware of the process and that it can save lives. At present the clinic is near the town hall opposite McDonalds and Leanne can be contacted on 132050 for any further enquires.

2.2 Indigenous Children's Drama program

Ruth works in Community Development in Family and Children's section in the City of Armadale. Ruth gave an update on the Drama program; it will be running for 20 weeks at the new Champion Centre in Champion Drive. Kelmscott. Derek from Yirra Yaakin will be teaching the students from 6-12 years of age, starting on the 26th July 2007. Funding has been approved. The workshop will be culturally and family orientated where students can learn acting, costumes role and hopefully will perform at the Interpretive Centre in the near future.

2.3 Interpretive Centre Update

An update was provided by the Indigenous Community Development Coordinator

The Indigenous Community Development Coordinator advised that the City of Armadale had sent emails to all AIEO workers in the schools and Aboriginal organizations in both the Gosnells and Armadale area and that a forum will take place in the near future. Armadale Redevelopment Authority sponsored \$1.8 million towards the Interpretive Centre project, which is driven by the Minister. A flyer will be sent out in the near future for everyone to take part in considering the most appropriate design for the Interpretive Centre.

2.4 Indigenous Reference Group Update

Items discussed at the recent meeting:

- Community Day was a great success, networking with different organizations. Feedback from the Survey forms provided

information on the types of programs the community would like to access at the Resource Centre.

- NAIDOC ARA awards will be held at the Xavier church on the South West Hwy on 7th July 2007. Community would also like see separate awards for local artists.
- Auskick approx 35 kids involved, another great success, Jeff Farmer will be present at the sausage sizzle this Friday 8//6/07 at the Bob Blackburn Reserve.
- EEO Racial discrimination Forum to be hosted by the City of Armadale in August. Further information to be provided.
- DCP/Cof/Ab-link Walk in Unity, a good turnout with the local community to the DCP walk in unity event. The City of Armadale and Ab-link partnered with DCP to make this a successful event. Everyone participated in a hand print banner for reconciliation, which will be donated to the Resource Centre. Sausage sizzle was provided.

2.5 NAIDOC

ATSIAC to follow up with NAIDOC planning, the group has agreed to meet next Wednesday 13th June at the Champion Centre in Champion Drive Kelmscott, to further discuss the planning of the events. A program to be provided to the City of Armadale. All activities planned for NAIDOC will require an invoice to be submitted to the City of Armadale Community Development Team for approval. Yvonne. A to send emails to all main SHS in the Armadale area, Clontarf and Yule Brook regarding the meeting and year 11 and 12 students attendance.

3.0 URGENT ITEMS

ATSIAC group requested to meet with Shelley Pike to discuss information regarding updates to the Interpretive Centre at the next meeting.

4.0 ITEMS FOR REFERRAL TO NEXT MEETING

Nil.

5.0 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 3rd July 2007 at 1.30 pm in the Committee Room.

MEETING CLOSED AT 3.30 PM



ARMADALE HIGHLAND GATHERING

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY 2007 IN THE FUNCTION ROOM
AT THE CITY OF ARMADALE, COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Name	Organisation
Cr J A Stewart	Chairman – City of Armadale
Mr Ken Manolas	Australian Pipe Band Association WA
Mrs Barbara Manolas	Australian Pipe Band Association WA
Ms Barbara Ross	Caledonian Society of WA
Mr Alister Wilson	Community Representative
Mr Henk Vogels	Southern Districts Cycling
Mr Peter Andrews	WA Metropolitan Regional Committee of Highland Dancing
Mr Matthew Anthony	Events Coordinator – City of Armadale
Ms Jocelyn McLennan	Recreation Officer
Mrs Yvonne Ward	Minute Secretary – City of Armadale
Apologies	
Nil	

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Matthew Anthony who has recently been appointed to the position of Events Coordinator.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2006 be confirmed.

Moved: Mr Peter Andrews

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Inward:

Nil

Outward:

Expressions of Interest for Craft/Food Vendors

RESOLVED:

That the Correspondence be acknowledged.

Moved: Mrs Barbara Manolas

CARRIED

5. PORTFOLIO REPORTS

5.1 Site Layout – Events Coordinator

The Events Coordinator advised that being new to the role he had not yet become familiar with the layout of the park. His first impression was that the park was not as large as he had expected and that there were access problems at the moment with the construction works being carried out in the vicinity of the park.

The Recreation Officer advised that there had been some major changes to the site especially to the area in front of the Council Offices, which is being developed by Westzone. As a result of this, a few problems are envisaged for the cycle race and the pipe band competition because of the proposed round-a-about. A plan incorporating proposed changes will be circulated to members.

Henk Vogels enquired as to whether there would be room for cycling officials to be located on the side of the path?

The Recreation Officer advised Ken Manolas to contact his group regarding their layout requirements and for him to contact the Events Coordinator with that information.

5.2 Pipe Band Competition – Ken Manolas

Ken Manolas advised that he was hoping to run the mini bands again this year. Organisation is under way to get as many bands to commit as soon as possible.

5.3 Entertainment – Cr Stewart

Planning is at a fairly early stage but Cr Stewart advised that judging from the last event, most people were happy with the Clan and he would continue to negotiate with them to appear at the 2007 AHG as part of the Ceilidh.

The Events Coordinator advised that he had already been in contact with the Clan in regard to their appearance at this year's AHG and he expected them to get back to him in the near future about their availability. Also consideration was being given to other bands that played Scottish music at the present time, one of these being "Miles to Go".

The Recreation Officer advised that an aspect that needs to be given consideration during planning for this year's AHG, is daylight saving, especially since it will start in October this year.

Action:

The effect of daylight saving on the scheduling of the AHG be referred to the next meeting of the AHG.

Alister Wilson advised that he had made a booking with Heel n Toe to appear at this year's AHG. He was also hopeful there would be Scottish Country Dancers taking part.

Cr Stewart advised that he would contact the Pioneer Village School with a view to arranging for the students to sing at the AHG.

5.4 Cycling Event – Southern Districts Cycling Club

Henk Vogels advised that this year's event would include the State Championships Criterion for Seniors, Sport race and Junior race. He enquired as to the availability of crowd control fencing. His organisation had, in recent years, erected the fencing and put in star pickets and webbing and enquired as to what was going to happen this year?

The Recreation Officer advised that this year the City of Armadale would arrange for the erection and removal of the crowd control rather than it being taken down at the end of the cycling event.

Consideration be given to the finishing banner pole being erected at an earlier time, more caps being placed on the star pickets and for quotes to be obtained for orange mesh to be erected along Orchard Avenue. Also for solid yellow modules to be purchased and used as crowd control barriers.

Action:

The matter of Crowd Control fencing be referred to the next meeting of the AHG.

5.5 Highland Dancing Competition – Peter Andrews

Peter Andrews advised that he was unable to say how many competitors would be taking part at this stage. However, there are normally approximately 60 competitors and there is no reason to believe that this year will not be as big as last year.

Peter requested that shade cloth be made available this year as the lack of shade was a problem last year and needed to be remedied.

5.6 Heavy Events – Jay Waller

The Recreation Officer advised that Jay would become involved later in the scheduling of the event. The reputation of the event is becoming known via electronic and marketing means and this has resulted in contacts being made regarding the event.

5.7 Royal Scottish Country Dancing Displays

The Recreation Officer advised that last year Alister Wilson organised this section and that he was willing to be the mediator again this year.

5.8 Food and Craft Vending – Events Coordinator

The Recreation Officer advised that an invitation had been sent out to all people on the database by the Acting Events Coordinator requesting registrations of interest for the crafts and the food. When the budget has been completed a mail out will be done. It is intended that both food and craft be kept to the Scottish theme, however problems have been encountered during the last few years in trying to attract vendors.

The Recreation Officer advised that the bar had been run very well last year by the Masonic Lodge and requested Committee’s endorsement to give them the opportunity to tender to run the bar this year.

Alister Wilson requested that more space and shade in the vicinity of the bar area be made available at this year’s AHG.

RESOLVED:

That the Masonic Lodge be invited to tender to run the bar at the 2007 Armadale Highland Gathering.

5.9 Finance – Events Coordinator

The Events Coordinator advised that a new sponsor had been signed up and avenues were being explored for new sponsors. A copy of the proposed budget was circulated to members and is attached to these Minutes at Attachment “A-1”.)

RESOLVED

That the portfolio reports be received.

Moved: Mr Alister Wilson

CARRIED

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Public Liability Insurance

The Events Coordinator advised that during the past two weeks he had been reviewing the files containing information regarding previous years’ AHG events. One of the issues arising from last year’s AHG was that of public liability insurance applying to the Clans Association.

7.2 Digital Images - Website

Cr Stewart suggested that digital images relating to the AHG be placed on Council's website.

The Recreation Officer advised that a revamp of all the Recreational information on Council's website had been suggested and a new template was currently being put together to reflect those suggestions.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 15 August 2007 at 6.00 pm in the City of Armadale Committee Room.

9. CLOSURE

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.12 PM

**Armadaire Highland Gathering
Statement Income and Expenditure**

	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004	Actual 2005	Budget 2006	Actual 2006
Income							
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sponsorship	\$ 4,264.55	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,300.00	\$ -
Site fees	\$ 1,733.53	\$ 2,444.10	\$ 3,720.01	\$ 1,578.00	\$ 2,117.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,690.00
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 5,998.18	\$ 3,844.10	\$ 3,720.01	\$ 1,578.00	\$ 2,117.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,690.00
Expenditure							
Legislation/Expenditure	\$ 6,868.81	\$ 8,318.90	\$ 9,182.20	\$ 10,124.28	\$ 11,325.48	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 12,441.20
Entertainment	\$ 11,678.77	\$ 13,240.01	\$ 12,823.15	\$ 13,958.00	\$ 14,695.41	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 17,172.37
Marketing	\$ 7,555.25	\$ 8,467.89	\$ 9,814.28	\$ 4,077.45	\$ 5,734.55	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 4,374.55
Other	\$ 892.56	\$ 769.89	\$ 391.35	\$ 1,603.80	\$ 253.28	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,062.56
TOTAL	\$ 25,945.33	\$ 30,227.58	\$ 31,820.98	\$ 30,009.33	\$ 31,968.72	\$ 41,100.00	\$ 35,050.70
Summary							
Income	\$ 5,998.18	\$ 3,844.10	\$ 3,720.01	\$ 1,578.00	\$ 2,117.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,690.00
Less Expenditure	\$ 25,945.33	\$ 30,227.58	\$ 31,820.98	\$ 30,009.33	\$ 31,968.72	\$ 41,100.00	\$ 35,050.70
TOTAL	\$ 25,947.15	\$ 24,883.48	\$ 28,100.97	\$ 28,431.30	\$ 29,851.72	\$ 34,600.00	\$ 32,071.10
						Difference:	\$ 2,528.90
Corina Sponsorship							
Sponsor 1	\$ 2,660.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00				\$ 6,454.30
Sponsor 2	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -				\$ 375.07
Sponsor 3	\$ 1,462.78	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -				\$ 130.00