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ECONOMIC BRIEFING

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STATE BUDGET 2013-14

The 2013-14 State Budget was released on 8 August and is the result of some 'tough but necessary decisions' according to the State Treasurer, Troy Buswell.

Spending cuts and tax increases were deemed necessary to control the State Government's growing debt, which is expected to increase from \$22 billion in 2013-14 to \$28.4 billion in 2016-17.

The Treasurer has also previously stated that there is a 'structural budget deficit' that needed to be addressed. In other words, taxation and expenditure settings had to be adjusted to avoid more frequent deficits in the future. And while the 2013-14 budget is expected to result in a surplus of \$386 million, a deficit of \$147 million is expected in 2014-15.

Country Local Government Fund (CLGF)

The 2013-14 budget only allocates \$34.5 million to the CLGF, which is substantially lower than the expenditure of \$76.4 million in 2012-13:

	2012-13 (estimated actual) \$m	2013-14 (Budget estimate) \$m
Local Infrastructure Asset Renewal and New Assets	28.3	-
Administration of CLGF	3.1	1.0
Regional Centres Development Plan	-	1.0
Regional Groupings of Local Governments	40.0	-
Regional Groupings and Individuals	-	29.0
Support to Regional Groupings of Local Governments	1.9	-
Local Government Facilitation	0.4	0.5
Capacity Building	2.8	3.0
Total CLGF	76.4	34.5

In future years the CLGF, which is paid for by Royalties for Regions (RFR) funding, is to be scaled back to an even greater extent. The cuts are essentially because of a reallocation of RFR revenue – this funding is now being used for spending that was previously paid out of consolidated revenue, e.g., expenditure on Regional Development Commissions and Small Business Development Commissions.

The following table compares the CLGF funding announced in last years budget compared to the current budget:

	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	2014-15 \$m	2015-16 \$m	2016-17 \$m
CLGF 2013-14 budget	76.4	34.5	44.6	9.0	9.0
CLGF 2012-13 budget	90.0	90.0	100.0	95.0	

Despite these substantial cuts, rural and regional Local Governments have some potential alternative sources of project funding. The budget states that funding will be possible

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through initiatives such as the Regional Centres Development Plan, the Regional Development Commissions' Regional Blueprints and through the State Planning and Development framework. The budget also allocated an additional \$40 million from RFR over the next four years to be spent on 'Regional Strategic Projects'.

Local Government Roads

Under the State Road Funds to Local Government agreement, 27% of Vehicle Licence Fees are directed to fund work on local roads. The State Government expects that revenue from vehicle licence fees will grow by 8.0% in 2013-14 and by about 10.0% in subsequent years.

The actual growth in State funding for Local Government roads does not match the increases suggested by the State Road Funds to Local Government agreement. For example, State funding for local roads will increase by 18.4% in 2013-14 but fall by -3.6% in 2014-15. This apparent discrepancy is caused by funding being allocated according to project needs rather than by the year the revenue was accrued.

	2012-13 \$m	2013-14 \$m	2014-15 \$m	2015-16 \$m	2016-17 \$m
State Govt funding for LG roads	163.6	193.7	186.7	196.7	232.6
WANDRRA funding for LG roads	39.4	12.5	12.5	12.6	12.6
Total	203.0	206.2	199.2	209.4	245.3

From the Road Trauma Trust Account, \$12.1 million will be spent in 2013-14 on improving road safety outcomes at priority metropolitan intersections. In the same year, a further \$31.3 million will be spent on improving safety outcomes from regional run-off road crashes.

Electricity and Street Lighting

The following table shows the budget's projected increases in streetlight tariffs:

	2013-14 %	2014-15 %	2015-16 %	2016-17 %
Small business (L1/L2)	4.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Medium business (L3/L4)	-3.4	1.0	3.6	2.6
Medium business (R3 – contestable)	-6.3	0.3	3.9	2.5
Street lighting (Z)	11.8	3.5	3.8	3.7

As with previous years, street lighting tariffs have again increased substantially – by 11.8% in 2013-14. However, the R3 tariff appears to offer good value to those Local



Governments who have been able to switch to this contestable option.

Metropolitan Local Government Reform

The State budget says: 'a total of \$2 million will be spent in 2013-14 as initial support to metropolitan Local Governments in planning for the implementation of reform'. The State budget provides no indication of the reform expenditure that will be required beyond 2013-14.

Increased spending on various programs

There have been a number of programs where the budget indicates spending will be increased. Increased funding for the following programs may be of interest to WA Local Governments:

State Underground Power Program (SUPP)

The SUPP will receive an additional \$20 million per year from 2014-15 to 2016-17. The expenditure will complete Round 5 and begin Round 6 of the SUPP

Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF)

An additional \$20 million has been allocated from 2014-15 to 2015-16 for community groups and Local Government authorities to develop sport and recreation infrastructure

Community Pool Revitalisation

This program begins in 2015-16 and is intended to provide an annual grant of up to \$30,000 to all regional Local Governments that have a public swimming pool. The funds are for maintenance and upgrading and the scheme is expected to cost \$3 million per year.

The increased funding for swimming pools and the CSRFF can be regarded as a very good outcome – WALGA has long advocated for increased funding towards fitness and recreation infrastructure for the State's communities.

Fire Crew Protection

\$3.1 million is allocated from 2013-14 to 2014-15 for installing personal protective fire blankets and radiant heat shield curtains in 981 firefighting appliances that operate in a bushfire environment.

Western Australian Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA)

The budget is providing an additional \$12.0 million from 2013-14 to 2016-17 to meet claims for costs that may be incurred by Local Governments in the event of future natural disasters.

Major Infrastructure Projects

The 2013-14 budget sets out an ambitious program of infrastructure spending in an attempt to support and accommodate future growth in the State's population and economy. Over the next four years, \$26.9 billion is allocated

for infrastructure expenditure, with \$7.5 billion to be spent in 2013-14. The projects include:

- \$432 million over the next four years towards the \$1.9 billion MAX light rail service
- \$174 million over the next four years for the \$2 billion airport rail link
- \$325 million over the next four years for the Perth to Darwin Highway
- \$46.5 million over the next three years to build a multi-storey car park at Edgewater train station
- \$1.1 billion in 2013-14 towards the ongoing hospital building program
- \$582 million towards school infrastructure in 2013-14.

Changes to the first home owners grant

Local Governments with new housing developments in their area may soon notice a boost in home construction activity due to changes in the first home owners grant. Previously the grant was \$7,000 for purchasers of new or existing homes. But with changes announced in the budget, purchasers of new homes will now receive a \$10,000 grant. Purchasers of existing homes will now only be eligible for a \$3,000 grant.

Boost for agriculture

The budget delivered some good news for WA's farmers and rural communities through the 'Seizing the Opportunity Agriculture' program. This program will spend \$273 million from 2013-14 to 2016-17 'to support the transformation of the State's agricultural sector, creating growth and prosperity in regional communities'. Key aspects of the program include funding for research and development, land and water, infrastructure investment, and trade and skills development.

Budget money not flowing for Swan River

Although the State Government made a pre-election commitment for an additional \$16 million to the Swan River Trust, this funding was not in the budget. This is a disappointing outcome for WALGA, which has previously advocated for much-needed initiatives to improve the health and amenity of WA's iconic Swan River.

Local Government Cost Index (LGCI)

A further edition of the Economic Briefing will be produced next week, this will have the LGCI figures for the June quarter 2013.

For further information or to comment please contact Paul Schollum on 9213 2096 or email pschollum@walga.asn.au.

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ECONOMIC BRIEFING

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COST INDEX

The Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) increased by 0.4% in the June quarter 2013.

Table 1 Key LGCI figures for the June quarter 2013

Index	Mar qtr 2013 to Jun qtr 2013 (%)	Jun qtr 2012 to Jun qtr 2013 (%)
Wages	0.6	3.4
Road and Bridge Construction	0.6	1.9
Non-residential Building	0.3	-0.3
Other costs	0.6	2.5
Machinery and Equipment	0.0	1.0
Electricity and street lighting	0.0	4.3
Local Government Cost Index	0.4	1.9

The LGCI annual rate of increase was 1.9%, down from 3.4% in the corresponding quarter last year. This was the fourth quarter in a row where the annual movement has decreased.

As with previous quarters, the continued decline in the LGCI annual movement is largely due to lower increases in wages and road/bridge construction costs:



Figure 1 Local Government Cost Index, Wages, and Road and Bridge Construction comparison

Source: WALGA calculations; ABS Cat No 6345.0 Wage Price Index, Jun 2013; ABS Cat No 6427.0 Producer Price Indexes, Jun 2013.

CH-CH-CH-CH CHANGES (IN THE ECONOMY)

According to the recent State Budget, 2013/14 will be a year of transformation for the WA economy. Business investment is forecast to contract by 9.0% in the current financial year after strong growth throughout 2011/12 (38.6%) and 2012/13 (9.0%).

Despite the decrease in business investment, WA's economic growth is still expected to be relatively strong at 3.75% in 2013/14. One of the key contributors to WA's economy is set to be net exports, which are projected to grow by 12.0% in the current financial year. This is largely due to changes in WA's resources sector which is now moving away from the 'investment phase' of the mining boom and into the 'production phase'.

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The State Treasury is also anticipating that dwelling investment will make a larger contribution to the State economy than in previous years – it is expected to grow by 11.25% in 2013/14 compared to 1.25% in 2012-13. ABS data on building approvals certainly seems to indicate a substantial recovery in housing construction is underway. Lower mortgage interest rates and increasing use of First Home Owner Grants (FHOGs) for new homes are likely to have contributed to this trend:

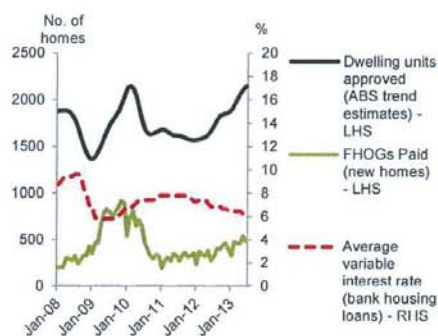


Figure 2 WA Private sector dwelling units approved

Source: WA Treasury; RBA; ABS Cat No 8731.0

WALGA LGCI FORECASTS

Based on forecasts of its component indexes, the LGCI is expected to increase by 3.0% in 2013/14 and 3.0% in 2014/15. The expected increases in the LGCI components are included in the table below:

Table 2 LGCI forecasts for 2013/14 and 2014/15

	2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Forecast	2014/15 Forecast
Wages and Salaries ¹	3.9	3.8	3.8
Road and Bridge Construction ²	3.1	3.0	2.9
Non-residential Building ²	-0.4	2.9	3.0
Consumer Prices ¹	2.2	2.5	2.5
Machinery and Equipment ³	2.8	0.5	1.2
Electricity and Street Lighting ⁴	4.6	7.1	5.6
Local Government Costs	2.6	3.0	3.0

Source: 1. Based on WA State Treasury forecasts
2. Based on Construction Forecasting Council forecasts
3. WALGA estimated forecast
4. Based on the State Government's projected tariff increases from the 2013/14 Budget

Please note: The forecasts listed above should be used with caution as they are speculative and rely on a number of assumptions about future economic events. A change to any of the underlying assumptions could significantly change the forecast estimates.

For further information or to comment please contact Paul Schollum on 9213 2096 or email pschollum@walga.asn.au



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Local Governments in regional WA will be affected by a substantial decrease in the Country Local Government Fund (CLGF) - from \$76.4 million in 2012-13 to \$34.5 million in 2013-14. The decrease is due to a reallocation of Royalties for Regions - the revenue source for the CLGF. Some Royalties for Regions funding is now being used for spending that was previously paid out of consolidated revenue, such as expenditure on Regional Development Commissions and Small Business Development Commissions.

On a more positive note, the budget sets out an ambitious infrastructure program: \$26.9 billion will be spent over the next four years on rail, roads, hospitals, schools and other projects to accommodate the state's anticipated growth. WA communities will also benefit from increased spending on initiatives such as: regional Community Pool Revitalisation, the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund, Fire Crew Protection and the State Underground Power Program.

For further information please contact Policy Manager - Economics, Paul Schollum on 9213 2096 or email pschollum@walga.asn.au

2013 BIODIVERSITY MILESTONE AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The annual Biodiversity Milestone Awards were presented at the 2013 Local Government Convention on Wednesday, 7 August.

Seven Local Governments were recognised for their progress in the local biodiversity

conservation planning process. Cities of Mandurah and Greater Geraldton and Shires of Murray and Chapman Valley received the Award for developing and endorsing for public consultation a Draft Local Biodiversity Strategy.

Two Local Governments, the Shires of Collie and Manjimup were recognised for scoping, training and resource identification to prepare a Local Biodiversity Strategy. The City of Swan was acknowledged for scoping and resource identification to update a Local Biodiversity Strategy.

For more information contact the Local Biodiversity Program Manager, Renata Zelinova on 9213 2047 or email to rzelinova@walga.asn.au

WALGA'S ONLINE CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECTS MAP IS LIVE

WALGA's 'searchable map' is now available on WALGA's Climate Change Management Toolkit at <http://www.walgaclimatechange.com.au/clickable-map.htm>.

The project map aims to detail climate change projects, programs and policies developed by proactive Local Governments across the State. This map provides a complete picture of the depth and breadth of Local Government's vital contribution to the climate change management space, and provides a visual tool for advocacy on future funding and support needs for the sector.

WALGA would like to encourage all Local Governments to upload their climate change projects, programs

policies onto the project map. The map will assist Local Governments to communicate with their neighbours and colleagues across the sector to ensure that successful projects are shared, celebrated and efforts not duplicated.

To upload your Local Government climate change

projects onto the map you will need to apply to join the secure zone from the link above, set up a profile and log in to submit your project details. When users have submitted an item to the database, WALGA will approve the data before the submission will be sent live.

For more information, please contact Climate Change Coordinator, Caroline Perks on (08) 9213 2049 or email cperks@walga.asn.au.

ELEARNING COURSES

Introduction to Local Government- *NEW*

The course provides underpinning knowledge about the way Local Governments are constituted, the separation of roles between the Council and the Administration and the responsibilities of working in a compliance environment. *This eLearning program would be an ideal inclusion to a Local Government's induction program.*

Duration: Self-paced (approx. two hours online)
Cost: \$195 (+ GST)

Date: Enrol anytime (three months to complete upon date of enrolment)

OFFICER TRAINING

Customer Service and Complaint Handling

Customer Service and Complaints Handling outlines the competencies required when providing customer service in a local government environment, including identification of customer needs and the use of effective communication skills. It requires an ability to understand and work with a diverse range of customer groups and is appropriate for all areas of Council.

Date: Monday, 19 August

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$415.00 (+ GST)

Effective Letter and Report Writing

Effective Letter and Reporting Writing in Local Government outlines the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to plan documents, draft tests, prepare final text and produce documents of some complexity. The course applies to individuals who work in a range of business environments and are skilled in the creation of reports, information and general promotion documents that are more complex than basic correspondence, memos or forms and that require review and analysis of a range of information sources.

Date: Tuesday, 20 August

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$415 (+ GST)

Executive Assistants Workshop

The *Executive Assistants Workshop* is designed to assist Executive Assistants in their relationship with their Managers, Elected Members, colleagues and customers with a view to improving organisational skills and management. The workshop will explore the individual's learning capabilities with the aim of enabling participants to actively engage in knowledge

and skill development. Enrol today as places are filling fast.

Date: Wednesday 28, & Thursday, 29 August

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$790.00 (+ GST)

ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

Professionally Speaking

Professionally Speaking is an interactive workshop specifically designed to get participants 'battle-ready' and offers practical techniques for handling unfamiliar public speaking situations with confidence and aplomb. While the focus of the session is on demystifying the media and getting the best result from every media opportunity, these skills can also be effectively used in other business settings. Contact us today to secure your place.

Date: Friday, 13 September

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$450 (+ GST)

For more information, please contact Training Coordinator, Bree Crockett on (08) 9213 2098 or email bcrockett@walga.asn.au

FERTILISE WISE FERTILISER TRAINING

Fertilise Wise Fertiliser Training is again being offered to Local Government Officers and Turf Managers. On completion of the training you will have an understanding of:

- Soils and plant requirements
- Types of fertilisers and how to apply them
- Environmental management – handling and contractor requirements
- Auditing fertiliser applications
- Rates of application – rates of nutrients
- Monitoring fertiliser applications

This highly subsidised training is run over one day by turf expert, John Forrest. The course costs \$100 (normally \$300) and morning tea and lunch provided. Further information and course dates available at www.fertilisewise.com.au/for-turf-managers.html.

For further information or to register, please contact Amy Krupa at amykrupa@sercul.org.au or (08) 9458 5664.

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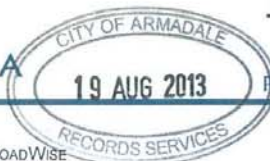
Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi will deliver a lunchtime address entitled "Vision 2029 - Putting the Capital into our City" to the Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce (WA) on Thursday, 12 September.

For further information regarding this event please email Andrew Blitz, Business Development Manager on ablitz@walga.asn.au

DIARY DATES: WALGA ZONE MEETINGS

 Denotes Teleconference

22 August	Great Eastern Country
23 Aug	Avon-Midland Country Zone
23 Aug	South West Country Zone



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ISSUES UPDATE

WALGA FIGHTS FOR THE ROADWISE COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM

For almost 20 years WALGA has worked with Councils across the State to deliver the RoadWise program to promote community road safety. On Monday, at very short notice, we were advised that funding for the community safety program would be slashed by half and that they expected WALGA, a non-government association, would pay for all future administration costs.

After discussion, the Minister accepted the Association's compromise to include administration costs in the scaled down program. The Association is currently working through the impact the funding cuts would have on initiatives supported by the program and it is anticipated a number of staff positions will need to be cut. This is a disappointing outcome but the Association is committed to maintaining the program and trying to keep as many staff within the organisation as is possible.

For further information, please contact CEO Ricky Burges on 9213 2025 or email rburges@walga.asn.au.

WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENTION PHOTOS

Photos of the Banners in the Terrace entrants, award recipients and social pictures from the Convention are available to view at www.mcbphotographics.com.

If this is the first time you are viewing the site you will need to register. A confirmation email will then be sent through to your email and you will be able to access the photographs.

Photos are under the section marked "Photo Galleries" then "2013 Banners in the Terrace," and "WALGA 2013" (access code: future). Photos can be downloaded by clicking on the green arrow icon below each picture.

For further information, please contact Event Manager, Emily Ferguson on 9213 209 or email eferguson@walga.asn.au.

WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENTION PRESENTATIONS

Permission has been sought for a number of presentations from the recent WA Local Government Convention & Trade Exhibition. If provided, these presentations will be made available in the Member Resources section of the WALGA website.

For further information, please contact Event Manager, Emily Ferguson on 9213 209 or email eferguson@walga.asn.au.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT VISION – WASTE MANAGEMENT BREAKFAST

The Local Government sector acknowledges there is a need to change how waste management is currently managed in the metropolitan area to meet the challenges of the future. The structures Local Government currently has in place have delivered a range of waste and recycling services which are consistently well rated by the community. However, changes are needed to reach the Waste Strategy targets for reducing municipal waste to landfill by 50% by 2015 and 65% by 2020 and provide the modern infrastructure needed to deal with expected waste generation.

Part of the solution is an independent statutory body to oversee the management of waste if Perth. This recommendation comprises a key part of the waste management model developed by the WA Local Government Association's Waste Vision Workshop Group as endorsed by the sector. The model focuses on the key aspects required to deal with municipal waste for the future, with an integrated approach required to meet the Perth region's needs.

This breakfast session will provide you with the opportunity to hear the details of the model, engage with some of the key decision makers in this area and provide your views on what the future for waste management should include.

Date: Thursday, 29 August
Time: 7.30am – 9.00am (registration from 7.00am)
Venue: Hyatt Regency Perth, 99 Adelaide Terrace, Perth
Cost: \$77 (inc GST)
RSVP: Friday, 23 August
To register online please visit www.walga.asn.au.

For further information please contact Marketing & Events Officer, Ulla Wolter, on 9213 2043 or email uwolter@walga.asn.au.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT REMINDER FEEDBACK DUE

The provision of public library services in Western Australia is governed through formal agreements between State and Local Government, established in the 1950s and formalised through the *Framework Agreement between State and Local Government for the Provision of Public Library Services in Western Australia 2010-2014*. The *Framework Agreement* is to apply from December 2009 until 30 June 2014.

In accordance with section 7 of the Agreement, a formal review process must commence by Monday, 1 July and take no more than six months. The formal evaluation process is being managed by the Strategic Library Partnership Agreement Steering Committee (SPLASC) who will report with recommendations to the Library Board and WALGA State Council.

WALGA issued an infopage and faxback to the sector on Friday, 28 June to seek feedback on the agreement, real gaps with the current arrangements, future needs and opportunities for innovation and we have received three responses to date.

We need your feedback by Friday, 6 September to inform the review and assist with shaping the future partnership between the State and Local Government for the provision of Library Services to Western Australia.

The InfoPage and Faxback available from <http://www.walga.asn.au/login.aspx?ReturnUri=%2fmemberresources%2fplanningcommunitydevelopment%2fcurrentemergingissues%2fpubliclibraries.aspx>.

For further information please contact Policy Manager Community, Jodie Holbrook on 9213 2044 or email jholbrook@walga.asn.au.

GRANTS AVAILABLE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT INJURY PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT

Public Health Advocacy Institute WA (PHAIWA) is once again offering at least six grants of up \$10,000 to Local Governments.

The grants have been established to provide funding for programs that investigate options to promote and enhance community injury prevention and safety at the community level. The grant application process has been streamlined and is to be less onerous with a

closing date for applications Sunday, 15 September. Projects/programs can start by Tuesday, 1 October.

For more information regarding the project or the grant, email Andrea Boss at a.boss@curtin.edu.au or visit www.phaiwa.org.au/other-projects-mainmenu146/local-government-injury-prevention-project

WA CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED) AWARDS 2013

The aim of CPTED is to change the environment in ways that crime becomes less attractive. Submissions to reduce crimes such as theft, anti-social behaviour, burglary, graffiti, wilful damage, trespass, violence, assault, vandalism and terrorism are now open.

Submissions should: identify a significant crime prevention problem; identify possible CPTED resources and strategies to address this kind of problem; create a CPTED design; explain why you expect your design will reduce crime; and identify likely costs and benefits.

Submissions to the WA CPTED Design Awards Competition are welcomed from Local Government employees. Additionally, schools, universities, security professionals, designers and anyone interested in CPTED are invited to enter. Submissions close on Friday, 1 November.

For more information visit the WA CPTED awards website <http://wa-cpted-awards.org/>.

TRAINING

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Managing Workplace Discrimination, Bullying and Harassment

Date: Monday, 26 August
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: WALGA Boardroom
Cost: \$415 (+ GST)

Presenting with Confidence

Date: Tuesday, 27 August
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: WALGA Boardroom
Cost: \$450 (+ GST)

Executive Assistants Workshop

Date: Wednesday, 28 August, Thursday, 29 August
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: WALGA Boardroom
Cost: \$790 (+GST)

ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

Land Use Planning

Date: Monday, 16 September
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: WALGA Boardroom
Cost: \$395 (GST exempt)

Sustainable Asset Management

Date: Tuesday, 17 September
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: WALGA Boardroom
Cost: \$395 (GST exempt)

For more information please contact Training Coordinator, Bree Crockett on 9213 2098 or email training@walga.asn.au.

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22 August	Great Eastern Country	
23 Aug	Avon-Midland Country Zone	
23 Aug	South West Country Zone	
23 Aug	Central Country Zone	
26 Aug	Northern Country Zone	
26 Aug	Pilbara Country	
26 Aug	South Metropolitan Zone	
28 Aug	South East Metro Zone	
29 Aug'	Gascoyne Country Zone	
29 Aug	East Metro Zone	
29 Aug	Central Metro Zone	
29 Aug	North Metro Zone	
29 Aug	Peel Country Zone	
30 Aug'	Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	
30 Aug	Great Southern Country Zone	
1-2 Oct	Kimberley Country Zone	
14 Oct	Pilbara Country Zone	
22 Nov	Murchison Country Zone	Cue
22 Nov	Avon Midland	Victoria Plains
22 Nov	South West Country Zone	Bunbury
25 Nov	Northern Country Zone	Mingenew 10am
25-26 Nov	Kimberley Country	Halls Creek
25 Nov	South Metropolitan Zone	
27 Nov	South East Metropolitan Zone	
28 Nov	Central Metropolitan Zone	
28 Nov	North Metropolitan Zone	
28 Nov	East Metropolitan Zone	
28 Nov	Great Eastern Country	Mt Marshall
28 Nov	Gascoyne	Gascoyne Junction
28 Nov	Peel Zone	Murrary
29 Nov	Goldfields Esperance	TBA
29 Nov	Great Southern Country	Denmark (AGM)
29 Nov	Central Country Zone	Quairading

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PEFO recognises Government's neutral referendum campaign costs

This week the federal Treasury released the Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook (PEFO), which forecast a deficit of \$30.1 billion for 2013-14 and \$24 billion for 2014-15.

The collective position of the Commonwealth and all state budgets is forecast to be a net surplus of \$6 billion in 2016-17.

Included in PEFO is reference to spending on the Government's neutral information campaign for a referendum to include local government in the Constitution. The referendum was scheduled to be held in conjunction with a 14 September federal election but the referendum was cancelled on 4 August when Prime Minister Kevin Rudd announced his decision to hold the election on 7 September.

The PEFO outlines that of the \$11.6 million allocated to the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, the Arts and Sport to support the referendum on local government and undertake a national civics education campaign to provide information to the general public on the referendum and reform process, the Department has spent \$2.5 million, with \$9.1 million to be returned to the Commonwealth.

Last month, ALGA received \$10 million in Federal Government funding to promote the Yes Case for the referendum. The local government sector spent in the order of \$3 million in developing the national campaign for rollout under the expectation that the referendum would be held on 14 September.

Given that the decision to drop the 2013 referendum was made without consultation with local government and for reasons which were beyond local government's control, ALGA believes it would be inequitable if councils had to bear the costs of the associated campaign. ALGA is therefore finalising details of the costs incurred and will be working with the incoming government to determine whether local government is reimbursed for its expenditure on the campaign.

Second school chaplains challenge significant to local government

ALGA is watching closely as Queensland man Ron Williams launches his second challenge against the federal government in the High Court over a law that allows it to continue funding a national school chaplaincy program to provide spiritual guidance in schools.

The first Williams Case related to Commonwealth powers that allow direct federal funding of programs such as the Roads to Recovery program, which provides \$350 million each year to councils across the country to maintain local roads and community

infrastructure.

In 2012, Toowoomba father of six, Ron Williams won a High Court challenge against the chaplaincy program when the Court ruled that it exceeded the Commonwealth's executive spending powers under the Constitution. The Court found that the Government could not spend money on programs, even if they were permitted under the executive powers, without authority from Parliament.

The Government has since introduced legislation in an attempt to provide legislative backing for hundreds of programs but Mr Williams' lawyers argue that the legislative fix is not valid.

Mr Williams' lawyers have served the Department of the Attorney-General, Mark Dreyfus, QC, a writ of summons and are expected to also serve Education Minister Bill Shorten and the Queensland Scripture Union.

For many years, ALGA has been championing the need to include local government in the Constitution to protect important funds for community projects from legal challenge. If such a challenge was successful, hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding for facilities and services across Australia that are within local communities, like Roads to Recovery projects, childcare centres, aged care centres libraries, community sportsgrounds, swimming pools, community centres and public parks may have to be withdrawn.

The second Williams Case will raise questions of constitutional validity for hundreds of programs and once again put the spotlight on the limits of Commonwealth powers.

Election 2013 - Week two in review

In comparison to the fanfare of the first week of the official election campaign, the second week was much more subdued on the policy announcement front.

The week has been dominated by the announcement of the Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook (PEFO). The release of PEFO is a requirement of the Charter of Budget Honesty, first outlined by former Treasurer Peter Costello. The Treasury and the Department of Finance outlines the state of the Commonwealth Government's books, therefore allowing the Government, the Opposition and the minor parties to cost their policies and determine the impact on the Budget bottom line. As expected, the figures line up with the statement issued by Treasurer Chris Bowen on Friday 2 August 2013.

The most significant announcement by the Opposition during the week relates to the \$100 million to be provided over the forward estimates to improve mobile phone reception for identified "black spots". The Government has been focusing on the issues of skills building and apprenticeships, with a focus on disadvantaged areas, with lower than average high school completion rates. This "Step into Skills" policy will have a cost of \$35 million over the next four years.

An area of focus over the last week has been Indigenous issues. At the Garma Festival in Arnhem Land, Opposition Leader Tony Abbott announced the intention to create an advisory panel on Indigenous issues that would report directly to the Prime Minister, to be

headed by former ALP National President, Warren Mundine. Prime Minister Rudd and Minister Jenny Macklin announced additional "Closing the Gap" funding to build 2500 more houses and aid communities to develop alcohol management plans.

President's Column

This week I wrote to Mayors and Councillors across the country to invite their council to participate in "The Local Government Challenge: A Council's Experience" at the upcoming National Local Roads and Transport Congress to be held from 12-14 November in Alice Springs. The Local Government Challenge provides an opportunity for councils to showcase significant road and transport projects in their local area.

To participate in the challenge, all councils have to do is provide a short submission outlining the steps they took to overcome challenges to achieve local transport infrastructure projects for their community. All submissions will be displayed at the Roads Congress, with about six councils that have made submissions being invited to speak about their projects in one of the two Local Government Challenge plenary sessions.

I have been privileged during my time as ALGA President to hear about the many great road infrastructure projects which councils have been able to deliver for their communities. Most of those have relied on federal funds through programs like Roads to Recovery.

The aim of the Roads Congress is to highlight the importance of federal funding in overcoming road and infrastructure challenges and reinforce the need for increased and permanent funding under the Roads to Recovery program.

This year's Congress will be held following the 2013 federal election. It provides local government with a unique opportunity to unite and shape the proposal for the roads agenda to the new federal government. Themed *Sustaining our Roads: Good Business, Good Governance, Good Bottom-line*, this year's Congress will include the launch of the 2013 State of the Local Roads Assets Report, which will assess current levels of expenditure and the standard of community roads and infrastructure.

For more information about the Congress, visit the ALGA website, or click [here](#).

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis
ALGA President

Western Australian Local Government Association conference outcomes

Mayors, shire presidents, chief executives and staff from councils across Western Australia attended the 2013 WA Local Government Association's (WALGA) general

meeting in Perth last week.

Premier Colin Barnett attended the meeting ahead of the WALGA Convention and Trade Exhibition, where one of the hot topics was the issue of council amalgamations.

Local Government Minister Tony Simpson recently announced that the number of metropolitan councils would be reduced from 30 to 14 within two years through a series of amalgamations and three councils unchanged.

It was also announced that \$200,000 would be provided to prepare each plan with the Minister telling a forum of Mayors, Presidents and CEOs that the State Government would fund transition costs in establishing the new councils.

WA Local Government Association President Mayor Troy Pickard said the plan for 14 metropolitan councils was "close" to the sector-endorsed model of between 15 and 20 metropolitan councils.

"Based on what other amalgamations have cost in WA and interstate we would expect somewhere between \$40 million to \$50 million would be required to create the 11 new entities as proposed," Mayor Pickard said.

He said WALGA would take the role of supporting local governments that wanted to make the transition to enable the proposed new entities.

"The Local Government sector has generally acknowledged there is a need for reform and what the State Government has proposed is very close to the model endorsed by the sector," he said.

"However it is a reality while some councils will embrace the changes there will be others that will have their reasons to resist."

Measures to cut emissions

A series of reports has been released to highlight successful measures in emissions abatement across the power, industry, buildings, land-use and waste sectors.

The reports are part of a major research project by ClimateWorks Australia entitled, *Tracking Progress Towards a Low Carbon Economy*.

The research represents the first detailed stocktake of emissions abatement in Australia and shows that over the past decade there has been no growth in greenhouse gas emissions, despite an increase in gross domestic product of more than 31 per cent between 2002-03 and 2011-12.

"There are a number of factors that contributed to this, including increased use of renewable energy, reduction in electricity demand and increased energy efficiency activity within industry," a report overview says.

"Industry has shown energy efficiency improvements of around 1.3 per cent, which compares with the best rates of improvement internationally (based on International

Energy Agency analysis)."

It says the emissions intensity of industrial energy consumption declined by 3 per cent.

"In particular, the aluminium, cement and chemicals industries showed a 10 per cent reduction in emissions intensity," it says.

"The reports suggest that even greater reductions are possible - up to a 25 per cent reduction on 2000 levels."

To access the report series, click [here](#).

Strategic planning in Australian local government

The Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG) at UTS has published a new paper that compares the various approaches in each Australian jurisdiction toward implementing local government reforms, with a particular look at requirements for strategic and corporate planning and reporting.

This paper demonstrates that more work can be done to understand whether the legislative provisions are indeed leading to better strategic management within the councils and localities.

The paper, *Strategic planning in Australian local government: A comparative analysis of state frameworks*, was written by Su Fei Tan and Sarah Artist of the UTS Centre for Local Government, an ACELG Program Partner.

In practice there are a number of practical, conceptual and resourcing challenges for councils in undertaking an effective strategic planning and reporting process.

Each state requires different things from local governments in terms of strategic and corporate planning. Strategic planning is concerned with influencing trends and issues in the locality, irrespective of a council's corporate responsibilities. This is distinct from corporate planning which addresses the administration of the council's own activities. By comparing the rationale and the realities strategic planning provisions, considerations for future policy reforms can be explored.

The research begins with a brief overview of the history of local government strategic and corporate planning, and then examines the various legislative reforms and provisions mandated by the different Australian jurisdictions which set out requirements for local government strategic planning. A table summarises the features of these provisions in each state.

Some initial observations on the challenges of implementing strategic and corporate planning across the jurisdictions are then made, such as resourcing implementation, roles and responsibilities, community input into resourcing, intergovernmental integration, measuring progress.

Lord Mayors explore financing solutions for capital cities

Australian Governments are facing a growing demand for public infrastructure projects, coupled with a diminishing capacity to pay for this infrastructure through core revenues. Lord Mayors commissioned Ernst and Young to assess innovative financing mechanisms available to help build the infrastructure our nation needs.

In releasing the report, CCCLM Chair Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Graham Quirk commented that "this report provides a concise roundup of infrastructure financing options for local government and highlights the infrastructure task facing our cities and their communities. It investigates capital city revenue sources and their capacity and capability to fund the infrastructure required, as well as the constraints and opportunities influencing alternative use of finance".

Key findings of the research show that:

- Our Cities are in a strong position to move towards a more favourable debt load and make better use of alternative sources of finance for their identified capital investment needs
- Loans supported by State Governments, in those jurisdictions where they are available to councils, are likely to be the cheapest form of borrowing for local governments in the short and medium term
- For larger borrowing requirements, public bond issuance into the Australian market could provide significant savings compared with 'conventional' bank debt
- Collective borrowing arrangements across a number of councils could provide favourable outcomes
- There could be further reduction in costs for borrowing councils should the Commonwealth Government consider tax concessional arrangements for lenders.

Lord Mayor Quirk commented that "there is an opportunity for capital city council to use innovative financing solutions to deliver infrastructure projects".

"Lord Mayors call on the Commonwealth and State and Territory governments to collaborate with capital cities on projects of national significance" Lord Mayor Quirk said.

Inquiry into local economic development initiatives in Victoria

The Victorian Parliamentary Committee for Economic Development and Infrastructure has returned from its study tour of Europe to release the findings from its Inquiry into local economic development initiatives in Victoria. The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) suggests all councils read and review the recommendations of this extraordinary report, which among other things include an overhaul of the Municipal Association of Victoria Act 1907.

In both its written submission and attendance at an inquiry hearing, the MAV emphasised the State and Federal Government roles in driving economic development by delivering major infrastructure investment, and the role of local government to leverage off that

investment with local strategies and a supportive planning environment.

To access the Committee's final report on the Inquiry, click [here](#).

NBN training kits to support small businesses and not for profits

Small to medium businesses and non-profit organisations in the social and community services, arts, recreation and education sectors will soon be able to access tailored advice on how to build their business and improve their services using the National Broadband Network (NBN).

Parliamentary Secretary for Broadband Ed Husic this week announced that the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) and the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN) will each receive a grant of \$500,000 to develop digital business kits to help their sectors get online and use the NBN to drive productivity.

"Organisations need targeted information and an understanding of how successful organisations in their sector are using the internet and online tools to take full advantage of the NBN," Mr Husic said.

"The NBN has the potential to help turbo charge innovation in the social services sector, particularly in the area of communication and fund-raising."

Chief Executive Officer of ACOSS, Dr Cassandra Goldie, said digital technology was vital for the delivery of community and social services, particularly for ensuring the quality and effectiveness of services in regional areas.

"Our sector stands to gain significant benefits from using NBN-enabled platforms," Dr Goldie said.

"This project will deliver much-needed and practical resources for a wide range of not-for-profit organisations."

ACCAN's Chief Executive Officer, Teresa Corbin, said high-speed broadband would bring significant economic, social and environmental benefits for Australia.

"It is essential that small businesses and non-profit organisations get the training they need to be able to use the NBN in their operations effectively," Ms Corbin said.

Lismore celebrates 50 years of sister-city relationship

Lismore is celebrating Australia's longest running sister-city relationship involving Japan.

It was 50 years ago that an agreement was signed with Yamato Takada.

A delegation from the Japanese City was on hand for the official opening of the

refurbished City Hall.

Mayor Jenny Dowell made it clear Lismore was looking forward to a long-term relationship.

"It's a golden day for our golden anniversary," she said.

"Neither Mayor Yoshida nor I think we will be here in 50 years time to celebrate the centenary.

"But many of the young people here will be here, and we hope that you remember this day and celebrate in 2063, 100 years of this special friendship."

Cultural heritage under threat

Australia's recognition, management and protection of its Indigenous cultural heritage sites is "in crisis of neglect", according to a leading Indigenous archaeologist.

Chair of the Australian Indigenous Archaeologists' Association (AIAA), Dave Johnston said a failure to maintain minimum national standards for Indigenous site protection and management policy was resulting in the loss or destruction of unique and ancient Indigenous heritage record.

"The varied State and Territory legislation means that Indigenous communities regularly have had to fight to protect important sites under threat - sites that are important to all Australians," Mr Johnston said.

He made the comments while presenting a vision for the establishment of a National Indigenous Heritage Commission and a national strategy for Indigenous cultural heritage management at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies in Canberra.

He said a National Indigenous Heritage Commission could keep a national register of Indigenous Heritage sites and oversee minimum protection and management requirements were established and maintained by the States and Territories.

"The Commission could ensure that a minimum standard of Indigenous consultation is carried out throughout the country in regards to the identification, management, protection or destruction of Indigenous sites," Mr Johnston said.

"The Commission could also adjudicate over major heritage debates where development threatens heritage values."

He also noted that such a body should also have the Commonwealth powers to intervene to protect significant Indigenous sites when developments threatened their existence.

Australia wins international award for energy efficient house design

A team from the University of Wollongong has won a worldwide competition to design a zero-emissions solar house by refitting a humble Australian fibro cottage.

It is the first time an Australian team has entered the Solar Decathlon, which has been held in Datong, China since 2002.

The 51-strong team built the Flame House - a retrofitted fibro cottage designed to appeal to older clients nearing retirement.

The Australians beat 20 other finalists to place first in the engineering, solar and architecture categories, with a team from China second and Sweden third.

Project Manager Lloyd Niccol says the competition is about producing a home that is comfortable and generates more energy than it consumes.

"We're trying to find some way to make an immediately and positive impact on our environment," he said.

"So it's showing how you can bring the typical home built in the 1950s into the current modern age so its comfortable, its got all the amenities you require, and it produces more energy than it consumes."

Mr Niccol says the team used a range of technologies to modernise the cottage.

"We've replaced the single glazing with double glazed unit. So really, that just drives down the initial use for heating and cooling of the home, and makes it far more efficient.

"We've then retrofitted two types of solar panels to the roof. We've then got a really, really innovative heating and ventilation system."

Mr Niccol says the competition home would cost approximately \$300,000 to build in Australia.

The prize-winning pad is set to be pulled apart before being shipped back to the University of Wollongong to be used for education and research.

Peri-Urban Conference 2013

[Registrations](#) to attend the first Peri-Urban Conference in Australia are now open. The conference runs over two days on 1 & 2 October including a conference dinner on 1 October.

There will be approximately 50 papers presented which come from a wide range of speakers ranging from international to the local government perspectives. Conference attendees have the opportunity to discuss and participate in workshops and roundtable discussions about issues and responses pertaining to rapidly changing peri-urban environments.

Discounted early bird registrations are available until August 30, discounted group

bookings are also available.

The program is now available [online](#)

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Community Service Recognised

Outstanding community service has been recognised with the awarding of two life memberships as part of the annual Local Government Honours.

Shire of Murchison President Simon Broad and City of Bayswater Mayor Terence Kenyon were awarded life memberships in the Honours awards presented at the 2013 Local Government Convention and Exhibition.

Held by the WA Local Government Association, the annual Convention and Exhibition attracts almost 700 representatives from Local Government across the State.

WALGA President Mayor Troy Pickard congratulated the life membership awardees along with the seven Eminent Service Award winners, nine Long and Loyal Service Awardees, 26 winners of Merit Awards and seven Local Government Officers Award winners.

“The life members represent exactly that, a lifetime of commitment to their communities and it is outstanding that 49 other individuals from the sector have achieved recognition,” Mayor Pickard said.

“I congratulate them all and hope that it serves to encourage and inspire others to take up a role in Local Government to serve their communities.”

Murchison President Broad was first elected to Council in 1987 and has been President for the past 15 years, accepting the challenge of attending meetings when living 185km from the settlement.

Meanwhile Bayswater Mayor Kenyon has 19 years in Local Government, elected Mayor in 2009 and helping drive significant infrastructure projects.

All award recipients are as follows:

<p>Life Membership Cr Simon Broad, President Shire of Murchison Mayor Terence Kenyon, City of Bayswater</p> <p>Eminent Service Mayor Russell Aubrey, City of Melville Cr Arnold Carter, Town of Port Hedland Cr John Gardiner, President Shire of Dardanup (Posthumous) Cr Romolo Patroni, President Shire of Yilgarn Cr Doug Thompson, City of Fremantle Cr Rod Willox, City of Stirling Mayor Charlie Zannino, City of Swan</p> <p>Long and Loyal Cr Julie Brown, City of Gosnells Cr Jeff Carter, President Shire of Leonora Cr Frank Cvitan, City of Wanneroo Mayor Dave Griffiths, City of Gosnells</p>	<p>Local Government Merit (cont) Cr Graeme Downing, Deputy President Shire of Corrigin Cr Stuart Fitzgerald, Deputy President Shire of Exmouth Mayor John Gangell, Town of Bassendean Cr Bill Gleeson, City of South Perth Cr Keith Hayes, Town of Victoria Park Cr David Holmes, Shire of Victoria Plains Cr Susan Iwanyk, City of Gosnells Mr Brian Kavanagh, ex Shire of Peppermint Grove Cr Jim Kelly, Shire of Victoria Plains Cr David Michael, Deputy Mayor City of Stirling Cr Roger Newman, Deputy President Shire of Cuballing Cr Dot Newton, City of Wanneroo Cr Graham Pittaway, City of Bayswater Cr Alan Radford, City of Bayswater Cr Murray Scott, President Shire of Capel Cr Alex Syme, Shire of Denmark Cr Gordon Thompson, Shire of Christmas Island</p>
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<p>Cr Louis Geier, President Shire of Westonia Mayor Heather Henderson, City of Subiaco Cr Sue Stock, Shire of West Arthur Cr Barry Webster, President Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup Cr Tom Wittwer, President Shire of Cuballing Local Government Merit Cr Peter Batten, Deputy President Shire of Chapman Valley Cr Colin Cala, City of South Perth Cr Enid Cockin, Shire of Carnamah Cr George Daccache, Deputy Mayor Town of Port Hedland Cr Beverley Davidson, Shire of Chapman Valley Cr Ross Ditchburn, Deputy President Shire of Dumbleyung</p>	<p>Cr Brett Treby, City of Wanneroo Cr Michael Verhoogt, Shire of Bruce Rock Cr Sherilyn Wood, City of Kwinana Local Government Officers Mr Brian Bushby, Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council Mr Graeme Fardon, CEO Shire of Quairading Mr Stephen O'Halloran, ex Shire of Bruce Rock Mr Daniel Simms, CEO City of Wanneroo Mr Dean Unsworth, CEO Shire of Murray Mr James (Neil) Warne, ex Shire of Murchison Ms Jill Zumach, City of Cockburn</p>
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New Staff:

- ❑ Senior Administration Officer (Technical Services) – commenced 19/8/13.
- ❑ Administration Officer (Parks & Environment) – commenced 19/8/13.

Staff Leaving:

- ❑ Senior Records Officer – effective 15/11/13.

Other Staff Movements (Internal):

- ❑ Nil

Current Recruitment Activity:

- ❑ Administration Officer (Parks & Environment) – recruitment complete.
- ❑ Senior Administration Officer (Technical Services) – recruitment complete.
- ❑ Media and Communications Officer (maternity leave contract) – interviews complete, recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Project Coordinator Contribution Schemes – interviews scheduled, recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Senior Building Surveyor – applications closed 8/8/13.
- ❑ Building Surveyor – applications closed 8/8/13.
- ❑ Activities & Promotions Officer (Positive Ageing) – interviews scheduled, recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Administrator Planning Services – interviews scheduled, recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Website Administrator – applications closed 15/8/13.

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Council 25 February 2013 Matter for Referral – Cr Northcott “That Council Request Officers investigate and report back to Committee the matter of provision of a fully accessible playground within the City of Armadale by November 2013.”	Technical Services	Investigation under way with report to be presented to November Technical Services Committee Meeting.
Council 27 May 2013 Matter for Referral - Cr Munn “Success of the Fremantle program in banning plastic bags in retail centres.”	Technical Services	Report to be presented to Committee.
Council 27 May 2013 Matter for Referral – Cr Munn “Laying of artificial playing surfaces.”	Technical Services	Report to be presented to Committee.
Council 24 June 2013 Matter for Referral – Cr J Stewart “That the matter of Cobham Way footpath be referred to the Technical Services Committee.”	Technical Services	Report to be presented to Committee.
Council 24 June 2013 Matter for Referral – Cr Wielinga “That the matter of the possibility of a vehicle access policy for the City’s reserves be referred to the Technical Services Committee.”	Technical Services	Report to be presented to Committee.
Council 12 August 2013 Resolution No 296/8/13: “Recommit the matter of Borrello Park toilets to the September round of meetings of Council.	Technical Services	Report to be presented to Committee.

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE
Works Programme – August 2013 – October 2013



Department	August 2013	September 2013	October 2013
<p>Civil Works</p>	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road – between Harrisdale Drive and Road I. • Nicholson Road – between Road I and Piara Drive. • Ranford Road – Lake Road to Alex Wood Drive. • Commerce Avenue/Third Road – hardstand and footpath fronting RSL. • Reilly Road – extension to Balannup Road. • Gillam Drive / Bruns Roundabout. • Private works for MRWA – corner Warton Road and Armadale Road. • Raeburn Road / Brooks Rd intersection chanelisation. • Forrestdale Business Park – swale. 	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road – between Harrisdale Drive and Road I. • Nicholson Road – between Road I and Piara Drive. • Ranford Road – Lake Road to Alex Wood Drive. • Ranford Road – Alex Wood Drive to Tonkin Highway. • Helenic Road - re-construction. • Hesketh Avenue – part re-construction near Fallon Place. • Balannup Road – interim upgrade. • Coleus Way – cul-de-sac. • Private works for MRWA – corner Warton Road and Armadale Road. • Forrestdale Business Park – swale. • Herbrides Drive – cul-de-sac. • Clover Approach – cul-de-sac. 	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road – between Harrisdale Drive and Road I. • Nicholson Road – between Road I and Piara Drive. • Ranford Road – Lake Road to Alex Wood Drive. • Ranford Road – Alex Wood Drive to Tonkin Highway. • Balannup Road – interim upgrade. • Private works for MRWA – corner Warton Road and Armadale Road. • Forrestdale Business Park – swale. • Herbrides Drive – cul-de-sac. • Clover Approach – cul-de-sac. • Reilly Road extension to Balannup Road. • Armadale Road cycle-path between Gribble Ave and Haynes Shopping Centre.

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	<p><u>MRA - Lake Road - Champion Glades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 water management submission under review. <p><u>MRA - Seville Grove</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 civil works submission under review. 1 water management submission under review. <p><u>MRA – Gillam Drive</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No current movement in area of civil works. 	<p><u>MRA - Lake Road - Champion Glades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 water management submission under review. <p><u>MRA - Seville Grove</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 civil works submission under review. 1 water management submission under review. <p><u>MRA – Gillam Drive</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No current movement in area of civil works. 	<p><u>MRA - Lake Road - Champion Glades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 water management submission under review. <p><u>MRA - Seville Grove</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 civil works submission under review. 1 water management submission under review. <p><u>MRA – Gillam Drive</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No current movement in area of civil works.
Design and Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MRRG Project – Railway Avenue. MRRG Project – Westfield Road. Cul-de-sac – Hebrides Drive. Cul-de-sac – Clover Approach. Intersection Rehabilitation – Seventh and Gribble. Intersection Rehabilitation – Church and Third. Ranford Road – McNeil to Lake Road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reilly Road – Stages 1 and 2. MRRG Project – Seventh Road. Road Resurfacing – Willowmead Way. Road Resurfacing – Salter Road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reilly Road – Stages 1 and 2. MRRG Project – Seventh Road. Road Resurfacing – Willowmead Way. Road Resurfacing – Salter Road.
Parks Works	<p><u>Capital/ Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fletcher Park - Scoping Stage 2 works - meeting with Wallangarra Pony Club to follow. Kelmscott CBD landscaping redevelopment – planting this winter. <p><u>Asset Renewal Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> William Skeet Reserve – replacement skate facilities - Completed. 	<p><u>Capital/ Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fletcher Park - Scoping Stage 2 works - meeting with Wallangarra Pony Club to follow. 	<p><u>Capital/ Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fletcher Park - Scoping Stage 2 works - meeting with Wallangarra Pony Club to follow. <p><u>Asset Renewal Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> William Skeet Reserve – replacement skate facilities.

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Parks Subdivisional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various approvals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various approvals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various approvals.
Parks Design and Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCS Nicholson Road Stage 1 - Tender evaluation and draft report. • City Wide Green Strategy • Kelmscott CBD landscape master plan. • Jull Street landscape detailed design. • Development of Specification for the Supply and Installation of Turf Rootzone Material and Rolled Turf - underway. • GUMS water source and area of use audit and mapping - ongoing. • Preparation of DOW 2012/2013 Groundwater Abstraction Report - underway. • Parks asset database field collection ongoing - data processing and integration into asset database. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Wide Green Strategy • Kelmscott CBD landscape master plan. • Jull Street landscape detailed design. • Parks asset database field collection ongoing - data processing and integration into asset database. • Citywide Sting Nematode Monitoring Program to be formalised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Wide Green Strategy. • Kelmscott CBD Stage 1- Detailed Design. • Jull Street landscape detailed design. • Parks asset database field collection ongoing - data processing and integration into asset database. • Jarrah Road Landscape Concept. • Playground Report - All Access.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citywide Sting Nematode Monitoring Program to be formalised. • Preparation of Citywide and precinct POS plans with GIS - awaiting GIS Resources. • Minnowarra Park Lake Dredging Project Feasibility Study - complete. Preparation of draft cost estimates and tender specification complete. 		
Property Management	<p>Capital Works</p> <p><u>Upgrade:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Administration: Re-design of existing stores area to provide accommodation for Property Services and Waste Services. • Armadale Hall External Toilets – re-design and inclusion of accessible unisex facility. • Seville Grove Library – Airconditioning upgrade. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatic Centre – Shade sails. • Aquatic Centre – Security screens to windows. • Arena – Upgrade airconditioning to aerobics area and gymnasium. • Arena – Upgrade to office airconditioner. • Reg Williams Pavilion (Minnowarra House) – electrical upgrade to Centre. 	<p>Capital Works</p> <p><u>Upgrade:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Administration: Re-design of existing stores area to provide accommodation for Property Services and Waste Services. • Armadale Hall External Toilets – re-design and inclusion of accessible unisex facility. • Seville Grove Library – Airconditioning upgrade. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatic Centre – Shade sails. • Aquatic Centre – Security screens to windows. • Arena – Upgrade airconditioning to aerobics area and gymnasium. • Arena – Upgrade to office airconditioner. • Reg Williams Pavilion (Minnowarra House) – electrical upgrade to Centre. 	<p>Capital Works</p> <p><u>Upgrade:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Administration: Re-design of existing stores area to provide accommodation for Property Services and Waste Services. • Armadale Hall External Toilets – re-design and inclusion of accessible unisex facility. • Seville Grove Library – Airconditioning upgrade. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatic Centre – Shade sails. • Aquatic Centre – Security screens to windows. • Arena – Upgrade airconditioning to aerobics area and gymnasium. • Arena – Upgrade to office airconditioner. • Reg Williams Pavilion (Minnowarra House) – electrical upgrade to Centre.

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City Projects	<u>Capital Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piara Waters Stage 2 – evaluation of tender submissions. • New office complex – contract award, pre-start. 	<u>Capital Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piara Waters Stage 2 – evaluation of tender submissions. • New office complex – contract award, pre-start. 	<u>Capital Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piara Waters Stage 2 – Works commencing. • New office complex – earthworks commence.



JULY/AUGUST EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
4 July	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting	Rivers Regional Council
18 July	Operational Officers Group (OOG) Meeting	Rivers Regional Council
1 August	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting	Rivers Regional Council
7 August	Regional Waste Education Strategy Steering Group	Rivers Regional council
15 August	Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM)	City of Armadale

HAPPENINGS



Reminder of New Time for OCM

A reminder to Elected Members and staff that the meal is now served at 6.00pm, prior to the meeting. The OCM meeting schedule for the remainder of 2013 is as follows:

COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2013	LOCATION (COUNCIL CHAMBERS)	MEAL TIME	MEETING TIME
15 August	Armadale	6.00pm	6.45pm
17 October	Waroon	6.00pm	6.45pm
19 December	Gosnells	6.00pm	6.45pm
19 December	Gosnells	6.00pm	6.45pm

Request for Tender - Procurement of Resource Recovery Services

The Sub-committee of the Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed the Draft Request for Tender – Procurement of Resource Recovery Services document. As previously agreed, all technologies will be included in the invitation to tender. The Draft Tender documents were submitted to the June 2013 OCM where it was resolved "That the CEO be AUTHORISED to finalise and proceed to tender with the Request for Tender – Procurement of Resource Recovery Services based on the Draft Term Sheets." The completed Draft Request for Tender documents will be presented to the TAC group meeting on 1 August 2013. At this time, it is the intention of the CEO to advertise the Tender on 10 August 2013.

Gosnells Cleans Up

A temporary HHW Collection Day was held in May 2013 in the City of Gosnells. The day was a huge success collecting 19,175kg of hazardous material. Water Based paint (7975kg) was the highest quantity collected of all the materials. Thank you to Gosnells for hosting this day.

It's Census Time Again

The Dept of Environment Regulation (formerly DEC) has circulated the request for the 2012-2013 Waste and Recycling Census. The due date for submission of the Census is 30 September 2013.

Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan

The Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan was adopted at the June 2013 OCM. Thank you to all those who were involved in the preparation of these Plans.





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HAPPENINGS (cont'd)

5th Australian Landfill & Transfer Stations Conference & Expo

The Landfill & Transfer Stations Conference will be held from 7 – 9 August 2013 at Jupiters Gold Coast, Queensland. Visit the conference website at <http://www.wmaa.com.au/conf/cdlf2013/home.html>.

WMAA Training Course

A one day training course 'Alternative Waste Treatment Technologies – Fact or Fiction?' will be held in Perth on Friday 30 August 2013 at the Dept of Agriculture and Food in South Perth. To register for this event, Councils should visit register@wmaa.asn.au.

Waste Management Breakfast - Local Government Vision

A breakfast to hear the details of the waste management model developed by WALGA's Waste Vision Workshop Group will be held on Thursday 29 August at the Hyatt Hotel commencing at 7.30am. As identified at the previous breakfast, changes are needed to reach the Waste Strategy targets for reducing municipal waste to landfill by 50% by 2015 and 65% by 2020. Part of the solution may be an independent statutory body. To register for the event Councils should visit www.walga.asn.au.

Waste & Recycle Conference 2013

The annual Waste & Recycle Conference will be held from 11-13 September 2013 at The Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle. An indicative program is available at www.wasteandrecycle.com.au.



ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR



The following are attendances and announcements:

- Thank you to Cr Kevin Trent for deputising whilst I was on Leave of Absence and for chairing the OCM in April.
- Met with the CEO, Mr Alex Sheridan regarding proposed workshop – 22 May 2013.
- Attended the WALGA Waste Visioning Working Group at the Town of Vincent – 27 May 2013.
- Chaired the FORC meeting at EMRC, Belmont – 27 May 2013.
- Met with Mr Peter Schneider and Mr Jason Marocchi regarding FORC position on Metropolitan Local Government reform at West Perth – 29 May 2013.
- Met with the Minister for Local Government regarding Local Government reform at Dumas House – 30 May 2013.
- Chaired the RRC workshop regarding proposed Tender and Community Strategic Plan 2013-2015 at the City of Gosnells – 30 May 2013.
- Attended the WALGA breakfast to meet with the Minister for Local Government at the Hyatt Regency Hotel – 7 June 2013.
- Attended the 30th Anniversary function for the EMRC, Maylands – 7 June 2013.
- On Saturday 31 August 2013 the RRC will be holding the 'Annual Dinner' at the 'Pagoda' (part of the 'Esplanade River Suites') in Como.
- The State Waste and Recycling conference is on again this September, contact the CEO if you are attending, as 'early bird' closes on the 12 July 2013.
- Attended a Strategic Waste Infrastructure Plan Consultation Workshop, noting the presentation by the Waste Authority and the Department of Environment and Conservation was rather heavy handed with guidelines to be developed by consultants – 18 June 2013.
- At the recent meeting, on 30 May 2013, with the Minister for Local Government, he indicated his support for three Metropolitan Regional Councils.

FORC

The 'Vision for MSW Management in the Metropolitan Area' prepared by FORC has been submitted to the State Government for consideration as part of the Local Government review. The paper highlights the critical need for change in the management and governance of MSW processing, and is in addition to the MWAC paper which is supported by FORC.

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WASTE EDUCATION UPDATE

E-waste TV and Computer Recycling Scheme

On behalf of the member Councils, RRC has recommenced discussions with the designated E-waste Arrangements with the view to forming an Agreement to collect and recycling e-waste as outlined in the Scheme. In the interim the City of Gosnells will hold a Temporary E-waste Collection Day in September 2013. Details will be circulated and the RWEC will arrange the marketing. All member Councils have expressed an interest and are keen to form Agreements that will see e-waste diverted from landfill. The target recycling rates are proposed to be 30% in 2012-13, increasing to 80% by 2021-22.



Poster Competition

The Annual Poster Competition is underway and entries have already been received. The themes for 2013 are 'Save our Waterways from Waste' and 'Stop Don't Drop' (reduce littering and illegal dumping). There will be a \$500 first prize and \$300 second prize for each category. The winners will be announced on 18 October 2013 and calendars will be printed and distributed prior to the end of the school year.



Regional Recycling Calendar

The Recycling Calendars for the financial year model have been completed and in some cases have already been distributed with the Rates Notices. The City of South Perth which is done on a calendar year will be completed in December 2013. The calendar will again be reviewed at the next meeting of the RWESSG in August 2013.



Garage Sale Trail

Three member Councils, the Cities of Gosnells, Armadale and Mandurah, will participate in the Garage Sale Trail (GST) project in October 2013. Progress has commenced to prepare the advertising and Dashboards for websites. The campaign launch will be early in August 2013. The RWEC will coordinate the project on behalf of the member Councils in liaison with a nominated contact person from each Council.

Waste Wise Schools Program

The Waste Education Officer (WEO) is receiving a lot of requests to conduct school visits and waste audits in the RRC region. There has been a marked increase in interest in the program. The next teacher training session for the Waste Wise Schools program is scheduled for Term 3. Visits to high schools have also commenced. A quarterly report on activities to 30 June 2013 is as follows:



Website

The RRC website is being updated and the mapping module is nearing completion, visit the RRC website and go to 'Waste Locations' in the menu bar. Information regarding member Council's waste disposal service is now able to be accessed on the RRC website. Some minor amendments are yet to be made.



ACTIVITIES	NUMBER HELD	TOTAL ATTENDEES	TOTAL SCHOOLS	TOTAL STUDENTS
School visits	4	6	5	0
Waste Audits	4	175	3	165
Workshops	5	150	0	0
School assemblies	0	0	0	0
Staff presentations	1	13	1	0

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MWAC

Waste to Energy Discussion Paper

As a result of activities surrounding the development of Waste to Energy in Western Australia, MWAC has developed a Discussion Paper that provides guidance to Local Government on the topic of Waste to Energy technologies. It includes an overview of the available technology options, the policy context and issues involving decisions on Waste to Energy. It is anticipated that the Paper will assist Local Governments in taking a measured and evidenced-based approach to Waste to Energy technologies for the management of municipal solid waste. For more information, visit www.wastenet.net.au/policy/discussionpapers/W2E_Discussion_Paper.



Waste Education

On 14 June 2013 WALGA hosted a workshop on Communication, Education and Marketing with respect to Waste Management for Local Government Officers. The purpose of the workshop was to provide Officers with the opportunity to explore and discuss the findings of a recent survey. Key topics included:

- Areas targeted by waste education programs;
- The types of resources used to communicate messages;
- How the efficiency of communication initiatives are measured; and
- Challenges to overcome and the resources required to communicate effectively.

Feedback from the workshop and survey will be provided to the Waste Authority to assist them in developing a State Waste Communications Strategy.

Garbologie


Recent CEO of the Western Metropolitan Regional Council, Adam Johnson, has now moved onto new projects, setting up his own company Garbologie. Garbologie has an exciting vision - to create a world without waste, which it aims to achieve by developing and spreading knowledge, and by establishing a network of recycling facilities. The first waste processing facility is a mattress recycling plant in O'Connor, which is now open for business. For more information visit www.garbologie.com.

Harvey Norman Chips In

Electronics retailer Harvey Norman is providing free recycling drop off points for televisions at 140 of its stores as part of the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme. Services are provided in partnership with DHL, who has been approved by the Australian Government to provide services under the scheme. Officeworks is collecting unwanted computers and Domayne is collecting unwanted televisions at a number of their outlets. For further information on the scheme, including drop-off points visit www.environment.gov.au/ewaste.




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NATIONAL NEWS

Composting Closes the Loop

Melbourne-based Closed Loop Environmental Services will this month be launching the City Harvest program, installing composting units in restaurants on a lease basis. CLO'ey, the automatic Closed Loop Organics unit can compost waste on-site within 24 hours by decomposing and homogenising food organics in an aerobic environment. CLO'ey comes in a range of sizes to process between 20kg and 1 tonne of food waste a day. Once restaurants have composted their food waste, Closed Loop will use the compost to establish gardens, grow vegetables and sell them back to restaurateurs.

As part of the project, disadvantaged people involved in charities will be trained in commercial and horticultural skills to prepare and maintain the gardens. Closed Loop said the initiative would have true triple bottom line benefits - social inclusion for disadvantaged youths, sustainable agriculture and reduced costs through resource efficiency and waste reduction.

Waste Levies Rise in Other States

From 1 July 2013 the waste levy on municipal waste will rise in NSW, Victoria and South Australia to:

NSW	extended metropolitan Sydney	\$107.80 per tonne
NSW	regional areas	\$53.70 per tonne
Victoria	metropolitan/major regional	\$53.20 per tonne
Victoria	regional/rural industrial	\$46.60 per tonne
Victoria	regional/rural municipal	\$26.60 per tonne
South Australia	metropolitan	\$47.00 per tonne
South Australia	liquid waste	\$17.95 per tonne


For comparison purposes, the levy for Perth metropolitan area is \$28.00 per tonne and there is no proposal to raise this in the immediate future.

C&I Waste Study Released

The Federal government has released its report on commercial and industrial (C&I) waste by industry sector. The conservative estimate of waste services to business is \$2.2b per annum. The majority of waste was found to come from the food sector, a poor reflection on Australia when some 80 million people are undernourished in the world today. To see the report go to: <http://www.environment.gov.au/wastepolicy/publications/pubs/commercial-industrial-waste.pdf>.

Green Star Performance

Australia's most comprehensive rating tool for sustainable building operations: Green Star - Performance, will be launched as a pilot in October 2013. The Green Building Council of Australia is calling for all interested stakeholders to be among the first to certify existing building or portfolio with Green Star - Performance. Workshops will be held in August and September to help the group prepare for Green Star - Performance assessment and certification. Visit <http://www.gbca.org.au/forms.asp?formid=10023> to express your interest by Wednesday 31 July 2013.



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STATE GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Department Splits

The WA Department of Environment and Conservation has been split into a regulatory arm and a parks department. The new Department of Environment Regulation will continue to issue licences and works approvals required under the *Environmental Protection Act* and oversee land clearing regulations.

EMRC WTE Gets EPA Support

The EPA has recommended conditional approval to construct a gasification plant and anaerobic digester at EMRC's Red Hill Waste Facility with a capacity to process up to 215,000 tonnes. It is proposed that the organic fraction would be processed and fed into a fermenter to produce biogas which would produce energy, and compost. Energos technology is proposed for the gasification to process the non-recyclable fraction of the waste. Visit <http://edit.epa.wa.gov.au/EPADocLib/Rep%201487%20Red%20Hill%20RRF%20PER%20220713.pdf> to view the report which is open for public comment until 5 August 2013.

Pilbara-Broome Waste Data Study

The Waste Authority has released the report which analysed the breakdown of waste generated and how it is treated in the Pilbara-Broome region. The report is available at: http://www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/media/files/documents/Pilbara_Broome_Waste_Study_2013.pdf.

Communications on the Waste Hierarchy

The Waste Authority has released its report in to the waste hierarchy http://www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/media/files/documents/Waste_Hierarchy_2013.pdf, which outlines how the Authority applies the waste hierarchy in decision making and provides more detailed interpretations to guide and inform where new technologies such as thermal waste to energy sit in the hierarchy.

Bunbury Rolls Out the Third Bin

In June 2013 the City of Bunbury commenced its 3 Bin system, a recycling bin and a general bin collected on alternate fortnights, and an organics bin collected weekly. To date the system is working well with only around 5% contamination in the organics bin. A comprehensive education campaign is seen as the key to the success of the new system. The organic product will be processed in a windrow composting facility.

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Register now for the Waste & Recycle Conference 2013: *Revolution in Roles and Responsibilities*. Early bird registrations close **Friday 12 July**. Keynote speakers include:

Dr Karl Kruszelnicki – As previously introduced by Andrew Denton: Dr Karl Kruszelnicki has made science fun for a whole generation of Australians. A survey at Sydney University, where he holds the Julius Sumner Miller Fellowship, found that one in seven students had chosen their career specifically because of him.

Bruce Howie – USA – Bruce has over 15 years' experience of experience with the design of mechanical and industrial process systems, he has expertise in procurement, design and management of facilities.

Bea Johnson – USA – Author of *Zero Waste Home*, Bea will share her story of how to live a Zero Waste life.

Dr Stuart Wagland – UK – is a Lecturer in Renewable Energy from Waste in the Department of Environmental Science and Technology at Cranfield University.

Our Keynote Speakers will be joined by a range of local and national speakers.

For more information visit the Waste & Recycle Conference website www.wasteandrecycle.com.au

INCENDIARY MATERIAL

Waste to Energy has been making it into the headlines a fair bit lately. A number of private sector Waste to Energy companies are currently going through the required approval processes to construct and operate Waste to Energy facilities in Western Australia. In conjunction with this, various Local Governments have identified that these technologies could be used to advance the alternative treatment of waste within their boundaries.

In the policy scene, the Review on Waste to Energy Technologies that was commissioned by the Waste Authority and the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), was released in April 2013. The findings of the Review have been used to provide advice to the Environment Minister on the topic of Waste to Energy, under section 16(e) of the Environmental Protection Act 1987. The advice identifies the role of Waste to Energy facilities, as well as a number of recommendations that will be used to guide the uptake of this technology in Western Australia.

The Waste Authority has also published a Waste to Energy Position Statement that outlines additional items that are outside of the scope of the advice to the Environment Minister. This includes Waste to Energy in the context of reducing waste to landfill and increasing resource recovery in WA.

As a result, MWAC has developed a Discussion Paper that provides guidance to Local Government on the topic of Waste to Energy technologies. It includes an overview of the available technology options, the policy context and issues involving decisions on Waste to Energy. It is anticipated that the Paper will assist Local Governments in taking a measured and evidenced-based approach to Waste to Energy technologies for the management of municipal solid waste.

For more information, visit www.wastenet.net.au/policy/discussionpapers/W2E_Discussion_Paper

The Waste Hierarchy

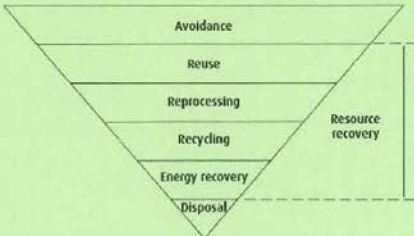



Image taken from EPA and Waste Authority (2013). Environmental and Health Performance of Waste to Energy Technologies



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Following the Finke Desert Race in Alice Springs, volunteers have collected more than 7 tonnes of rubbish left by spectators
(Source: www.abc.net.au)

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NEED A DATE?

Building on the success of the Waste to Energy forum in 2012, the Waste & Recycle Conference are proud to present a live feed Video Conference focusing on non-thermal alternative waste treatment options. This event is supported by the Waste Authority and will be held **Wednesday 31 July**.

The session will provide information on non-thermal alternative waste treatment, including planning, financial viability, drivers, education and challenges – within the framework of an integrated approach to waste management.

We will hear from two highly experienced

international speakers via video Conference and one in-person Keynote Speaker. These speakers will share their expertise in the development, operation and regulation of non-thermal technology.



Following their presentations will be a panel discussion with experts and WA speakers and audience members will have the ability to ask questions.

WE DON'T NEED NO EDUCATION?



On Friday, 14 June, WALGA hosted a workshop on Communication, Education and Marketing with respect to Waste Management for Local Government Officers. The purpose of the workshop was to provide Officers with the opportunity to explore and discuss the findings of a recent survey into this important topic. Key topics included:

- Areas targeted by waste education programs;
- The types of resources used to communicate messages;

- How the efficiency of communication initiatives are measured; and
- Challenges to overcome and the resources required to communicate effectively.

Feedback from the workshop and survey will be provided to the Waste Authority, to assist the Waste Authority in developing a State Waste Communications Strategy.

For more information, contact Manager Waste and Recycling, Rebecca Brown on 9213 2063 or rbrown@walga.asn.au

BEST LAID PLANS

WALGA is seeking feedback from Local Government Planning Officers on the current challenges that arise during the planning approval process, relating to waste management and recycling.

WALGA is also keen to hear of any management strategies currently used by Local Governments to address these challenges.

WALGA has created a survey on this topic, to assist in gathering feedback. To access the survey, please visit: www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y3FCX5G. The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

The data from this survey, will be used to inform the preparation of a variety of resources to support Local Governments in

adopting further improvements for waste management within the planning system.

Please note, the deadline to submit feedback through this survey is **COB Friday 5 July, 2013**.

For further information, please contact Heather Squire Waste Management Policy Coordinator on 9213 2069 or email hsquire@walga.asn.au.



BROOME CLEANS UP

The Temporary Collection Days for the Household Hazardous Waste have been a success over 2012/2013. The most recent days were held in the City of Gosnells and Shire of Broome.

The City of Gosnells was a huge success collecting 19,175kg of Hazardous material. Water Based paints (7975kg) was the highest quantity collected of all the materials.



The Shire of Broome Temporary Collection Day was also a success with a collection of 5,085kg of hazardous material. Surprisingly Broome collected a large amount of Lead Acid batteries (2165kg), as opposed to large amounts

of paint as seen in other Temporary Collection Days. The second largest quantity was Propane Gas Cylinders (660kg).



The Temporary Collection Day Program will continue the 2013/2014 financial year. It will be run at the end of each month excluding Christmas break.

Expressions of Interest were sent out to Local Government Officers and 10 Local Governments have been invited to host a day. Location dates and times will be announced soon.

For more information, please contact Vanessa Fernandez on 9213 2062 or via vfernandez@walga.asn.au.

UNDER 40 OR REALLY IMMATURE?

The Young Waste Professionals are touring Instant Waste's newly completed Material Recovery Facility in Bayswater on **Thursday 18 July**.

The tour will observe the day-to-day operations, extracting sand, metals, plastics, paper, brick and concrete from over 200,000 tonnes of C&D waste annually.

If you'd like to meet other young professionals, drink free coffee and see what \$10million of WA's newest, state-of-the-art recycling technologies looks like, please

reserve your place by **Friday 5 July** with Matt Fulford: matthewfulford@mundaring.wa.gov.au or (08) 9290 6638 or 0407 849 376. Make sure to include name, company/government and job title/role.

Instant Waste, Material Recovery Facility Tour
Date: Thursday, 18 July 2013
Time: 8:00am (tours lasts roughly 45mins)
Where: 50 Clune Street Bayswater WA
Other: Flat, enclosed shoes are essential. No PPE required.

The Story of Stuff Project have kicked off a campaign to ban plastic water bottles in US national Parks. Watch the video at ow.ly/mIDPw

SWIPP UP

On Tuesday 18 June, the Waste Authority hosted a Workshop on the Strategic Waste Infrastructure Planning Project (SWIPP). The aim of the workshop was to

- Develop criteria for preferred infrastructure technology
- Develop criteria for preferred governance and funding models

A range of waste industry members were in attendance and there was rigorous discussion of the project.

For more information about the SWIPP visit the Waste Authority website www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au or email swipwg@dec.wa.gov.au

WASTE VISION - GARBOLOGIE!

Adam Johnson's last day as CEO of the Western Metropolitan Regional Council was 23 May, he's now moved onto new projects, setting up his own company Garbologie.

Garbologie has an exciting vision - to create a world without waste, which it aims to achieve by developing and spreading

knowledge, and by establishing a network of recycling facilities.

The first waste processing facility is a mattress recycling plant in O'Connor, which is now open for business.

For more information visit www.garbologie.com

www.wastenet.net.au

Pucón has become the first Chilean city to ban plastic bans
(Source: www.santiagotimes.cl)

www.wastenet.net.au

SPREAD YOUR WASTE

Waste not is the waste avoidance, recycling and community sustainability Facebook page created by the Conservation Council of Western Australia. With currently over 1000 followers, Waste not informs others of special waste drop offs, locations, changed recycling policy and events happening in Western Australian communities.

The page makes the process of recycling easier, information up to date and easily obtainable and promotes community based events. The Waste not Facebook page is here: <http://www.facebook.com/WasteNotWA>

Waste not manager, Kerry Thiess, is requesting to be included to any relevant media release mails lists or other mail lists that would provide timely and relevant information. Any digital visual material, including educational posters or advertising for special waste pick/drop off events would also be valuable so the Waste not page can promote them.



Kerry can be contacted via kerry.thiess@bigpond.com or 0407 722 629

FEDERAL FARMING

The Carbon Farming Initiative: From Plan to Practice webinars are now available online for you to watch on demand. To access, visit <http://goo.gl/KISbE>

Based on the workshop series, the three 90 minute webinars look at how to implement a Carbon Farming Initiative project using three different methodology determinations:

- Capture and combustion of methane in land-fill gas from legacy waste;

- Permanent environmental plantings of native species using the CFI reforestation modeling tool; and
- Destruction of methane generated from manure in piggeries.

Materials presented at the webinars are also available online and include a guide, example application and project monitoring checklist for each methodology determination. To access, visit: <http://goo.gl/4TSk4>

WASTE TRAINING

The Waste Management Association of Australia (WMAA) is hosting a Strategic Waste Planning Training Course on Thursday 29 August. The full day course addresses the challenges and opportunities available for developing clear waste strategy with consideration given to how vision, strategy and tactics work together to ensure positive outcomes.

The course is aimed towards Local Government waste officers currently involved in setting policy or delivering services, as well as waste management or sustainability focused staff in large organizations.

For more information and to reserve your place, visit the events list on www.wmaa.asn.au

WHEN THE LEVY BREAKS

A number of reforms are planned for the NSW waste levy over the coming months. These reforms are detailed in the *Protection of the Environment Operations Amendment (Illegal Waste Disposal) Bill*, which was recently introduced into the NSW Parliament. A key element of the reforms is to introduce the levy on all licenced waste facilities in the levy area rather than just landfill.

The reason for these reforms, are due to the large number of illegal dumping and stockpiling incidents over the last year. Some of which, has occurred at licenced facilities.

For example, some sites have carried out avoidance tactics such as stockpiling material and misclassifying waste to avoid the levy.

The new levy will only be paid on non-recyclable material that is not processed within a given timeframe. Only stockpiles that exceed the "report and pay" period – which should be enough for a legitimate operator to process the waste and get it offsite – will be leviable. The levy is not anticipated to adversely affect operators that are doing the right thing.

(Source: www.ben-global.com)

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT

The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities has released the *Sustainable Procurement in the Australian Government Report*.

The report describes the Australian Government's overarching procurement framework and the role of sustainability within procurement, including key environmental and social policies. The report collates examples of sustainable procurement sourced from Australian Government entities' annual reports (for 2010-11 and 2011-12) and shows a

diverse range of procurement practices covering all aspects of agency operation from stationery and paper procurement to the choice of vehicles and major refurbishment projects.

Sustainable Procurement in the Australian Government Report can be accessed on the Department's website: www.environment.gov.au/wastepolicy/publications/sustainable-procurement-2013.html

URBAN MINING

Gold, copper, platinum and palladium are all precious metals being thrown away by sending old televisions, telephones and computers overseas. For example, one tonne of old mobile phones can contain well over 100kg of copper, 3kg of silver and 200 grams of gold.

Researchers at the University of South Australia are exploring ways to reclaim these materials using, including a common process in

the mining industry called froth flotation. The e-waste will be ground into a powder then put into a flotation plant, which separates minerals using air bubbles. The precious metals can then be scooped off the top.

UniSA's research could provide a lead to a new niche recycling industry.

(Source: www.abc.net.au)

TOP TIPS

Nominations are now open for the 2013 National Landfill and Transfer Stations Innovation and Excellence Awards. Run by the WMAA National Landfill Division, the awards showcase the best that landfills and transfer stations have to offer, to inform others in the industry and for the general public.

These awards are not solely for the big metropolitan landfills and transfer stations; they are equally open to smaller regional and rural facilities that have a record of innovation and excellence in their own context.

Past winners are eligible to nominate providing standards have been maintained.

The announcement of the 2013 winners and presentation of the Awards will occur at the Conference Dinner of the *5th Australian Landfill & Transfer Stations Conference and Expo* at SeaWorld on 8th August 2013.

Nominations close **Monday 17 June 2013**. For further information about the awards (including guidelines and nomination forms) and the *5th Australian Landfill & Transfer Stations Conference*, visit www.landfill.com.au.

GO HARVEY GO!

Electronics retailer Harvey Norman is providing free recycling drop off points for televisions at 140 of its stores as part of the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme.

The services at the Harvey Norman stores are provided in partnership with DHL, who has been approved by the Australian Government to provide services under the scheme.

Officeworks and Domayne are also already providing free collection points at a number of their outlets. While Officeworks is collecting unwanted computers, Domayne is collecting unwanted televisions. Collection events and ongoing drop-off points will continue to roll out throughout 2013.

For further information on the scheme, including drop-off points, visit: www.environment.gov.au/ewaste

Artist James Dive has recently unveiled a huge sculpture made from an entire real-life demolished amusement park. The sculpture, entitled 'Once', measures 4x4 meters.
(Source: www.gluesociety.com)

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2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

- 9 July** **WOMEN IN WASTE EVENT: SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL**
3.30 – 5pm
Lotteries House, 2 Delhi Street, West Perth
RSVP by Friday 5 July to Rebecca Brown: rbrown@walga.asn.au
- 18 July** **INSTANT WASTE, MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY TOUR**
50 Clune Street BAYSWATER WA 6053
RSVP by Friday 5 July to Matt Fulford: matthewfulford@mundaring.wa.gov.au or
(08) 9290 6638
- 31 July** **WASTE & RECYCLE CONFERENCE: VIDEO CONFERENCE**
For more information, visit www.wasteandrecycle.com.au
- 29 August** **STRATEGIC WASTE PLANNING TRAINING COURSE**
WA Dept. of Agriculture and Food Theatre, 8:30—17:00
For further information and to reserve your place, visit the events list on
www.wmaa.asn.au
- 11-13 September** **WASTE & RECYCLE CONFERENCE 2013**
Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, WA
For more information, visit www.wasteandrecycle.com.au
- 16-18 October** **AUSTRALASIAN INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY CONFERENCE**
Rydges Parramatta, Parramatta NSW
For more information, visit www.wmaa.com.au/conf/cw2ie2013/home.html

2013 SUBMISSIONS CALENDAR

- 17 June** **NATIONAL LANDFILL AND TRANSFER STATION AWARDS**
For more information, visit www.landfill.com.au
- 5 July** **WALGA LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SURVEY**
www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y3FCX5G
For more information, contact Waste Management Policy Coordinator, Heather Squire on hsquire@walga.asn.au or 9213 2069
- 18 July** **MWAC INFORMATION BULLETIN**
Waste-related articles, events or submissions.
150 words maximum
Send to Waste Management Support Officer, Ariane Katscherian:
akatscherian@walga.asn.au

WHAT IS MWAC?


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

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

MWAC focuses its work in three main areas:


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





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REGISTER FOR THE REVOLUTION

Register now for the Waste & Recycle Conference 2013: *Revolution in Roles and Responsibilities*. Half day and full day tours and workshops will showcase innovative waste management technology in action. Tours will include:

- A Waste 101 day for those new to the industry or in need of a refresher. This session is an opportunity to cram a day full of different waste experiences;
- Construction and demolition waste recycling at Instant Waste, WA's first privately-owned, fully integrated C&D waste Material Recovery Facility. This tour includes a field trip to view the facility;
- Showcase of DiCom, a unique WA invented technology and the WMRC Transfer Station;
- Mattress recycling and the SMRC Regional Resource Recovery Centre;

- Tamala Park Landfill, one of the largest waste management authorities in WA;
- Offshore tour of waste management on Rottnest Island, a class 'A' nature reserve; and
- An indulgent networking tour of the Swan Valley, where you'll be treated to a range of wines, cheese, gourmet food and local culture.

For more information, visit www.wasteandrecycle.com.au/2013-conference/tours.html.

Register for the Conference, visit www.wasteandrecycle.com.au/2013-conference/regn-info.html

DON'T MISS OUT

Following on from the very successful waste to energy event last year, the Waste & Recycle Conference is again hosting a lead up event looking at integrated waste management systems.

The technology in focus is non-thermal types of alternative waste treatment (AWT), for example composting.

At this event, to be held **3pm, Wednesday 31 July**, we will hear from 2 international experts on the development, operation and regulation of non-thermal AWT's and how

they integrated with other types of waste treatment system. We'll also hear from a local expert on the contractual arrangements you need to ensure you are not disadvantaged long term.

This is a not to be missed event, whether your Council already has or is looking to get into alternative waste treatment.

To register visit www.wasteandrecycle.com.au/2013-conference/videoconference.html

YES, MINISTER


The Chair of MWAC and WALGA President will be meeting with the Minister for the Environment, Heritage next month to discuss waste management in relation to:

- State Government coordination and role in waste management;
- Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy;
- Diversion rate as the principal benchmark in


the Waste Strategy; and

- Extended Producer Responsibility – Cash for Containers;

For more information, contact Manager Waste and Recycling, Rebecca Brown on 9213 2063 or rbrown@walga.asn.au



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TechCollect have set a World Record for the most consumer electronics collected for recycling in one week.

The week-long campaign in late April this year which saw over 474 tonnes in old TVs, computers and printers collected for recycling by TechCollect across Australia

(Source: techcollect.com.au)

www.wastenet.net.au

VISIONARY BREAKFAST

The Local Government sector acknowledges there is a need to change how waste management is currently managed in the metropolitan area to meet the challenges of the future.

Part of the solution is an independent statutory body to oversee the management of waste in Perth. This recommendation



comprises a key part of the waste management model developed by WALGA's Waste Vision Workshop Group as endorsed by the sector. The model focuses on the key aspects required to deal with municipal

waste for the future, with an integrated approach required to meet the Perth region's needs.

This breakfast session will provide you with the opportunity to hear the details of the model, engage with some of the key decision makers in this area and provide your views on what the future for waste management should include.

Date: **Thursday, 29th August**

Time: 7.30am – 9.00am (registration from 7.00am)

Venue: Hyatt Regency Perth, 99 Adelaide Terrace, Perth

RSVP: Friday, 23rd August

To register online please visit the WALGA website – www.walga.asn.au

For further information please contact Marketing & Events Officer, Ulla Wolter, on 08 9213 2043 or email uwolter@walga.asn.au

SHOW AND TELL

2013 WA Local Government Convention & Trade Exhibition will run **Wednesday 7 – Friday 9 August**.

WALGA's Environment and Waste Team have a booth, visit us to learn more about the services we provide to Local Governments and how these services will help you in your everyday work. We will also be running

competitions so come and meet the team, learn something new about environment and waste, and win some great prizes too.

For more information about the Convention, contact Ulla Wolter, Marketing & Events Officer on 08 9213 2043 or email uwolter@walga.asn.au

PAINTED INTO A CORNER

In the January – March quarter of 2013 over 95,600 kg of household hazardous waste was recycled or disposed of through the HHW Program.

Paint was the greatest tonnage collected, making up 65% of the total material. Water based paint continues to be the single greatest material collected through the Program. This material accounts for 49% of the total volume collected.

In the new financial year the HHW program will continue with the first temporary collection day (TCD) to be held in Shire of Exmouth on **Saturday 27 July**.

The Town of Claremont will hold a TCD on **Saturday 31 August** and City of Vincent will hold a TCD on **Saturday 21 September**.



For more information on the Household Hazardous Waste Program, including upcoming Temporary Collection Days, contact Vanessa Fernandez, MWAC Project Coordinator on 9213 2063 or vfernandez@walga.asn.au or visit the WasteNet website www.wastenet.net.au

EMRC POWERS UP

The Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) initiated a battery recycling program with local primary schools and in public places across Perth's Eastern Region in 2005. Funding to run the program comes from a waste education levy on member council waste disposal. A Waste Authority grant enabled an extension of the program to provide battery recycling bins across Perth. Collected batteries are sent to an MRI in Melbourne for recycling.

A competition is held across 70 local primary schools to assist in the education of children about recycling. The winning schools of the 2012 Battle of the Batteries were:

- Darlington Primary School, 'Super Charger' most improved category 153.7 kilos (2011) 317.1 kilos (2012)
- Chidlow Primary School (small school category) 130.1 kilos
- Noranda Primary School (medium school category) 365.8 kilos
- High Wycombe Primary School (large school category) 440.6 kilos

The rate of battery redirection from landfill in Perth's Eastern Region has increased

dramatically since the program's inception. Since January 2013, 8.99 tonnes have been collected which is up from 8.3 tonnes in the same period last year. Since 2005, a grand total of 61.53 tonnes have been collected and diverted from landfill!



The EMRC has also established a program for collection of Compact Fluorescent lights and set up 21 public collection sites across the region. Since the program's inception, 1870 kg of CFLs have been collected.

To find a local light recycler, businesses are encouraged to visit the Australian Government's scheme FluroCycle at www.fluorocycle.org.au/.

For more information contact Jennifer Bennett, Acting Waste Education Coordinator on 9424 2271 or Jennifer.Bennett@emrc.org.au

BANANA PLASTIC

16 year old Turkish student Elif Bilgin developed a chemical process that turns the starches and cellulose contain in banana peels into a non-decaying bioplastic.

Bilgin's endeavors won her the top prize and \$50,000 at the

Scientific American Science in Action competition, as well as the honor of becoming a finalist in the Google Science Fair

(Source: inhabitat.com/sixteen-year-old-student-from-turkey-turns-banana-peels-into-bioplastic/)

PLASTIC FREE DOESN'T END WITH JULY



This year's Plastic Free July is coming to a close. WALGA staff took part in a soap making workshop as well as enjoying a plastic free lunch and screening of the documentary *Bag It*.

Living plastic free is challenging but there are lots of resources available online to support your

efforts. For plastic free resources, including shops, books and blogs, visit www.plasticfreejuly.org/resourceslinks.html

Environmentalist Gina Prendergast made a pledge to live without plastic in 2011. She liked it so much she extended it for a year, but when children came along it got that bit harder. Gina documents living plastic free on her blog: aplasticfreeyear.blogspot.com.au/

TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities has published the Product Stewardship Product List for 2013-2014. Products classes on this list include:

- Paint;
- Packaging;
- Handheld batteries;
- Refrigerators with small gas charges; and
- Air conditioners with small gas charges.

WALGA has been actively advocating for the inclusion of batteries and paint in any future product stewardship schemes.

For more information visit www.environment.gov.au/settlements/waste/product-stewardship/legislation/product-list.html

www.wastenet.net.au

FREE ENHANCEMENT

The Electrical, Utilities and Public Administration Training Council Inc. (EUPA) is asking for Expressions of Interest to receive assistance and support in the area of Workforce Development. This offer is open to government and the private sector.

EUPA has secured funding through the Waste Authority of WA to provide a coordinated and strategic approach to workforce development that will ensure:

- The waste industry workforce has the capacity and capability to implement the State Waste Strategy; and
- The waste industry is able to provide for a sustainable workforce at a time when the State as a whole is experiencing acute

skills shortages and local industry is facing increasing competition for skilled labour.

Opportunity to receive advice and assistance at no cost in developing contemporary guidelines and strategies in:

- Attraction and recruitment of employees;
- Retaining employees;
- Work/life balance for employees; and
- Explore funding opportunities for onsite and offsite training and development for employees

Expressions of interest close **31 August 2013**. For more information contact Susan Creer on 0499 551 175 or 9240 2688 or susan@eupa.com.au

DATA FROM THE NORTHERN WASTES

The Waste Authority has commissioned a study to analyse the breakdown of waste generated and how it is treated or disposed of in the Pilbara and Broome regions. The report forms part of the Authority's strategic review of waste management infrastructure. Waste types and quantities have also been projected up to the year 2035 to align with the Department of Planning's planning framework.

Some key aspects of the report include:

- highlights that a deficit in waste disposal and treatment capacity is placing real operational demands on the facilities; and
- Shows waste quantities could potentially double by 2035 and the capacity of the existing (and currently planned) infrastructure may not meet such increases.

To access the report, visit www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/media/files/

DUDE, THAT'S DISGUSTING

Keep Australia Beautiful are running an anti-litter competition entitled *Did you just drop one?*. Develop a short video ad (30 seconds max) that uses the proposition 'Did you just drop one?' to deliver the 'Bin It - You know it's the right thing to do' message. The message should help form the opinion that

littering is socially unacceptable, in much the same way that 'dropping one' is!

Entries close **Monday 19 August**. For more information visit <http://www.kabc.wa.gov.au/drop-one.html>



THE HEAT IS ON

The recently established Department of Environment Regulation has released two new guides as part of the Re-Engineering for Industry Regulation and Environment (REFIRE) reform program that provide an overview of DER's licensing process.

The *Guide to Licensing* provides advice for those operating, regulating, or interested in the industrial facilities that are covered by the Prescribed Premises Categories of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (examples

of Local Government operations that are subject to the Act include: crushing building material, sewage facilities, liquid waste facilities, waste depots, landfills etc.).

The *Draft Fees Guide* has been released for consultation purposes only and provides guidance on how to calculate and substantiate fees.

To access the Guides, visit www.der.wa.gov.au/about-us/media/23-new-guides-for-licensing

SORTED?

In this *Portlandia pseudo-commerical*, recycling is very important and very very specific. What bin should you put your toenail clippings in? Watch to find out.

gawker.com/5888204/in-portlandia-recycling-is-very-important-and-very-specific

www.wastenet.net.au

DEC IS DEAD, LONG LIVE THE DER

As part of the Government reform initiatives, on 1 July 2013 the Department of Environment and Conservation was renamed the Department of Parks and Wildlife. Also on 1 July a number of environmental regulation, waste management and controlled waste tracking functions were transferred to a new department call the Department of Environment Regulation.

All current contracts will in the short term be processed and managed as previously. In due course, contracts will be assigned to their respective entities to align with the new organisation structure.

All payments made by customers or invoices received from supplier to the DEC will still be receipted and processed respectively. However suppliers are encouraged to update their records as soon as practical to reflect the new names. The ABN and Bank Details currently used by the DEC are continuing to be used by both new departments on an interim basis.

For any queries, please contact A/Manager Accounting Operations, Sunny Ashar on sunny.ashar@dec.wa.gov.au

A man fell asleep in a bin of discarded cardboard at a depot in Shepparton, northern Victoria. The bin was picked up by the garbage collection truck and the man was only discovered when the driver stopped to investigate his cries for help!

(Source: www.abc.net.au/news)

CDS UP NORTH

The Northern Territory government has moved a step closer in its bid to gain permanent exemption under Commonwealth law for its Cash for Containers deposit scheme.

According to Northern Territory Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment Peter Chandler, all State jurisdictions have published a request for a new regulation to advance the territory's bid for permanent exemption to be made under the Commonwealth *Mutual Recognition Act*.

The Minister expects the new regulation to go to Executive Council to be finalised on August

8. He has reiterated the NT government is unable to continue funding the scheme that is costing up to \$1 million a month.

According to the Quarterly Report from the NT EPA, during the January to March 2013 quarter, over 27 million approved containers were sold in the Northern Territory, with over 18 million being returned. This equates to a return rate of 67.6% across all material types.

For more information, visit www.ntepa.nt.gov.au/container-deposits/quarterly-reports

ANOTHER BRICK IN THE LANDFILL

The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, population and Communities has published the Construction and Demolition Waste Status Report.

A total of 19.0 million tonnes of construction and demolition (C&D) waste was generated in Australia in 2008/09. Of this total waste stream, 8.5 million tonnes was disposed to landfill while 10.5 million tonnes, or 55%, was recovered and recycled.

This C&D Waste Status Report shows performance in terms of resource recovery from the C&D stream is highly variable across the different Australian jurisdictions.

To access the report, visit www.environment.gov.au/wastepolicy/publications/construction-waste.html

TASSIE BANS THE BAG

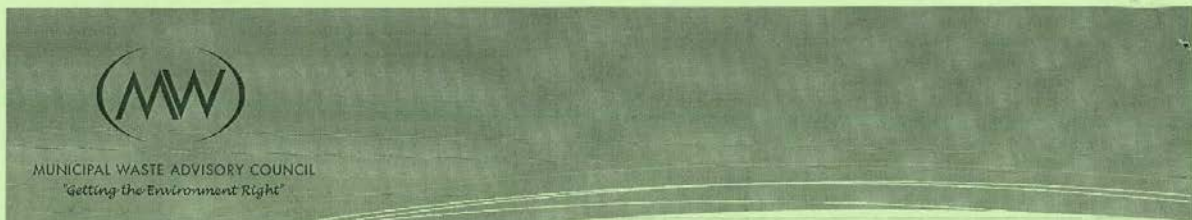
From 1 November 2013 Tasmanian retailers can no longer supply shoppers with non-biodegradable, lightweight plastic shopping bags, to carry or transport goods bought from the retailer. The main aim of the ban is to reduce the number of these bags in Tasmania by encouraging the use of clean reusable bags.



The *Plastic Shopping Bags Ban Act 2013* provides for a ban on the supply of lightweight, polyethylene, non-biodegradable plastic shopping bags. The EPA Division of the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Waster and Environment will be responsible for enforcing the Bill, one enacted.

For more information, visit www.plasticbags.tas.gov.au

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2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

- 31 July** **WASTE & RECYCLE CONFERENCE: VIDEO CONFERENCE**
 For more information, visit www.wasteandrecycle.com.au/2013-conference/videoconference.html
- 7-9 August** **2013 WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENTION**
 For more information, visit www.walga.asn.au
- 19-25 August** **KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL WEEK**
 For more information, visit kab.org.au/events/kab
- 29 August** **LOCAL GOVERNMENT VISION – WASTE MANAGEMENT BREAKFAST**
 Hyatt Regency Perth, 7.30am – 9.00am
 To register online please visit the WALGA website: www.walga.asn.au
 For further information contact Marketing & Events Officer, Ulla Walter, on 08 9213 2043 or email uwolter@walga.asn.au
- 29 August** **STRATEGIC WASTE PLANNING TRAINING COURSE**
 WA Dept. of Agriculture and Food Theatre, 8:30—17:00
 For further information and to reserve your place, visit the events list on www.wmaqa.asn.au
- 11-13 September** **WASTE & RECYCLE CONFERENCE 2013**
 Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, WA
 For more information, visit www.wasteandrecycle.com.au
- 16-18 October** **AUSTRALASIAN INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY CONFERENCE**
 Rydges Parramatta, Parramatta NSW
 For more information, visit www.wmaqa.com.au/conf/cw2ie2013/home.html

2013 SUBMISSIONS CALENDAR

- 22 August** **MWAC INFORMATION BULLETIN**
 Waste-related articles, events or submissions.
 150 words maximum
 Send to Waste Management Support Officer, Ariane Katscherian:
akatscherian@walga.asn.au
- 31 August** **EUPA WASTE INDUSTRY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING**
 For more information contact Susan Creer on 0499 551 175 or 9240 2688 or susan@eupa.com.au

WHAT IS MWAC?

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

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

MWAC focuses its work in three main areas:

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





Issued: June 2013

A reminder for Local Government on Western Power's process for the management of vegetation in high and extreme bushfire areas.

This process complies with local government responsibilities and obligations under Section 54 of the *Energy Operators (Powers) Act 1979*.

In the interest of community safety, Western Power requires timely pruning of trees too close to power lines on local government property in areas of high or extreme fire risk.

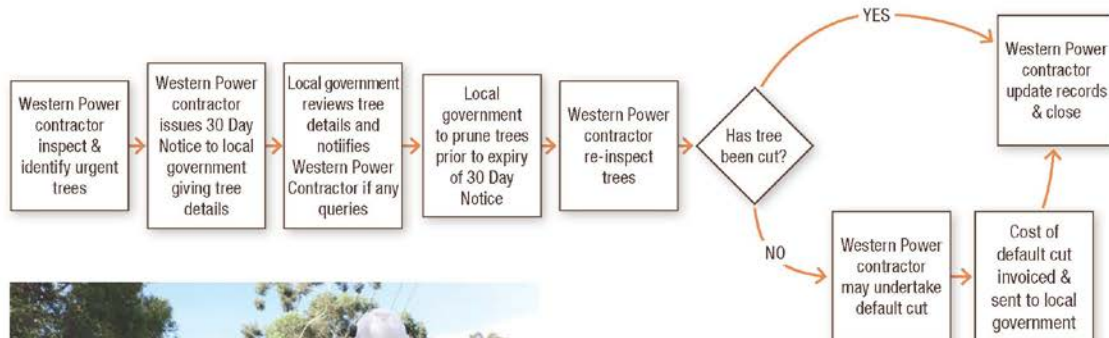
The process

From 1 July 2013 Western Power will issue a 30-day notice to local governments with tree/s situated within a high or

extreme fire risk area that are identified as being either:

- within one metre of bare high voltage powerlines, or
- touching low voltage powerlines

The notice requires local government to prune the identified tree/s within this 30-day time period. If pruning is not arranged within this period, Western Power will undertake the pruning and the local government will be invoiced for the work. The minimum cost to be invoiced to the local government will be \$419.



Queries

Western Power wants to work together with local government to ensure a safer environment for the community.

If you wish to discuss a tree classification, please contact Western Powers contractor immediately.

Contact information

Faults & emergencies, power interruptions, estimated restoration times (open 24 hours) **13 13 51**

General enquiries (7am - 5pm Monday to Friday) **13 10 87**

enquiry@westernpower.com.au
westernpower.com.au

This information is available in alternative formats on request.



Telephone Interpreter Services **13 14 50**

TTY users (speech or hearing impaired only) **1800 13 13 51**

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COMMUNITY PLANNING:

Forrestdale Consultation

The Community Consultation for the Forrestdale Community Hub Master Planning (Alfred and William Skeet Reserves) is progressing with the first community workshop having been held on the 5 June at 6:30pm at the Forrestdale Hall. The data has been collated and analysed in association with the broader strategies for the area. These will feed into draft designs for the next workshop, which will investigate further into the future design of the hub. Letters of thanks have been sent to the residents. Copies of the workshop results, advice on the next steps in the process and what activities are being planned have been posted to Forrestdale residents next week. The second workshop date is 21 August 2013. Invitations have been sent to Councillors, stakeholders and the Forrestdale community.

John Dunn and Rushton Park Master Planning

The extended community submission period ended on 21 June 2013. The submissions have been collated and the Master Plan design options are being refined with cost benefit analysis, prior to a recommendation being presented to Council.

Cross Park Skate Park

Construction is underway with a practical completion set for the end of September. There have been some delays due to the recent wet weather.

Armadale Golf Course Redevelopment

Detailed design for the Armadale Golf Course redevelopment is underway. Handover to Technical Services for implementation has occurred. Community Services will continue to liaise with Technical Services until project completion.

Piara Waters and Harrisdale Shared Community and School Use Concept Plans

Concept plans and cost estimates for the three, Department of Education/City of Armadale shared use sporting and community use sites are complete. Plans and cost estimates are being finalised and will be presented to Council in due course.

Jull Street Activation

The Mall lighting/banner poles detailed design is nearing completion. Detailed design and “palette” of materials and colours is being undertaken by the Landscape Architect in consultation across directorates for further consideration. There is a delay in the delivery for the free Wi-Fi service (previously in August), due to a landowner not allowing access to their building for the server power unit. Other sites are currently being investigated.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

ACCESS AND INCLUSION

DAIP Progress Report

The *Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) Progress Report 2012 -2013* was submitted to the Disabilities Services Commission (DSC) on 31 July 2013. Each year the City submits a report to DSC on the status of their DAIP. The City’s DAIP is a five year plan of action to improve access and inclusion to the City’s services and facilities. A summary of the status of *The City of Armadale Access and Inclusion Plan 2011 – 2016* is provided:

	Number of Strategies Planned	Number of Strategies Completed
Outcome 1	13	12
Outcome 2	12	10
Outcome 3	6	6
Outcome 4	5	4
Outcome 5	3	2
Outcome 6	5	3
Outcome 7	3	3
Outcome 8	5	3

Gym Program

The second pilot Gym Program for people with disabilities at the Armadale Arena commenced on 1 August for five weeks. The aim of the program is to support people with a disability to safely use the gym equipment and to help them feel comfortable participating in the gym environment. The ultimate goal is for a person with a disability to be able to access the gym environment by themselves or with a carer to maintain and improve their health. Nine participants have enrolled into the program.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Stargate Drama Program

A new program is currently underway following an enthusiastic orientation on 13th August, with families keen to hear about the program and Council's role in making it available.

Healthy growth at Evelyn Gribble Community Centre

The tree and vine planting that took place in May at the Evelyn Gribble Community Centre as part of Families Week celebrations has benefited from the substantial winter rain with plants looking healthy and beginning to show new growth.

Plans for Children's Week 2013

The Armadale Early Years Group has formed a sub-committee to work on plans for Children's Week which will be celebrated in Memorial Park on the Tuesday 22 October and in Forrestdale on Thursday 24 October.

Local Leader for Baker's House Playgroup

The playgroup facilitated by the Armadale Community Family Centre at Baker's House on Thursday mornings is attracting new mums and bubs. One of the Mums has expressed an interest in taking on the role of Playgroup Leader and will be provided with information about the requirements of the role to support her involvement.

Contributions to Research Project

Officers are contributing to research being undertaken by the Telethon Institute and the University of WA regarding inter-agency partnerships and referrals within the Families and Children's services sector.

CHAMPION CENTRE & INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT

National Aboriginal & Islander Children's Day

The City's NAICD celebration was held on Thursday 8th August. The efforts of centre staff, service providers and local community representatives ensured that the day was a great success. Twenty students from Polytechnic West in Armadale assisted with literacy and numeracy activities for the children. Ranger Red brought his dingo and other native animals, Dennis Simmons provided cultural dancing and storytelling and Cubbhouse entertained the children with their music. Almost two hundred people attended the event from two local schools.

Driver Training Program

The driver training program continues to operate at full capacity with ongoing support from Champion Centre and other staff.

Indigenous Play Groups

Coolabaroo & Save the Children's playgroups continue to run with numbers increasing each week. Bentley Armadale Medicare Local has been attending the playgroups to provide health checks and information to parents.

Outcare Live Works program

The Live works program continues to run well.

Save the Children

Collocated Family Support Workers have been busy supporting families in and around the Armadale area over recent weeks by providing counselling, support and referrals for material assistance to individuals and families. Referrals are now coming in at a steady pace to this program.

Yorgum

Yorgum Link-Up service is now located at the Champion Centre every Wednesday and Thursday. Link-Up provides a range of services to members of the Stolen Generations, including assistance and support for family reunions.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Eat Act Live

Eat Act Live is back in full motion after the holiday period with seven programs currently in in operation and four more to commence soon. Preparation of the interim report due end of August indicates that Eat Act Live has exceeded program targets to date.

A number of participants are undertaking further study in nutrition and physical activity as a result of their successful experience with the program and are really enjoying their courses. Ongoing negotiations are taking place to produce a nutrition course that can be facilitated beyond the term of the Healthy Communities Initiative funding period (June 2014).

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Community Grants Program

The first round of the City's Community Grants Program 2013/2014 is now open. Community groups can apply for up to \$1000 in funding for initiatives that benefit the local community. Funding can be used for a variety of purposes including costs associated with staging events, training and workshops, equipment and community based activities. The guidelines, application form and grant writing tip sheets can be downloaded from the Community Support page on the City of Armadale's website www.armadale.wa.gov.au. A list of past grant recipients can also be found there to assist new applicants. Applications for round 1 of the City's Community Grant Program 2013/2014 will be received until 4pm Friday 30th August 2013.

IGNITE BASKETBALL

Ignite Basketball wins 2013 Constable Care Child Safety award

Crown Perth's Grand Ballroom lit up with the stars of child safety on Saturday night, 10 August 2013 as The Constable Care Child Safety Awards took place. The awards celebrate the achievements of remarkable Western Australians dedicated to protecting children from harm and creating child-safe environments and communities.

The WA Local Government Child Safety Award recognises Local Government throughout Western Australia and its outstanding contribution to child safe environments and communities. Five finalists were shortlisted in Local Government award category, presented by the Honourable Anthony Simpson MLA, with the City of Armadale taking out the honours for the IGNITE Basketball program.

Constable Care Child Safety Foundation CEO, David Gribble, extended his congratulations to all the child safety award winners and finalists, "Western Australia is very lucky to have all these incredible people out there doing such great work for our children and young people...Constable Care is a name synonymous with keeping children safe here in WA - so the child safety awards really is a natural extension of our work and collaborations in the child safety sector."

Domestic League Entry

Ignite has launched its first competitive team. The newly coined "Ignite Diamonds" are playing in the Domestic League at Victoria Park every Saturday morning, coached by regular session staff member, Michael Byrnes. With support from participant turned Junior coach Josh Nicholls, the team will be put through their paces during the week with an additional training session on Tuesdays from 6.30-8.00pm. After just three games, the squad picked up its first win on the 10th August – defeating Manning Magic 48 – 33 in a fantastic contest. This team will be the first of several that will be launched in the coming months in addition to the regular Saturday session.

Funding update

Officers continue to advocate and prepare grant applications for funding from relevant government and non-government agencies. The City is awaiting advice on the outcome of an application to the National Crime Prevention fund (Federal Attorney Generals Department) and on the results of ongoing advocacy to the state Department of Sport and Recreation and negotiations with Healthway.

POSITIVE AGEING

Greendale Centre Feasibility Study

The City and Dale Cottages share a vision of the Greendale Centre as a thriving community centre that is well patronised by the broader community and sustainably operated by Dale Cottages. To achieve this vision, the City has appointed a consultant to undertake a feasibility study to determine what the main functions of the centre could be in the short and longer terms, and what upgrade works would be required to suit preferred functionalities. The study will progress under the direction of the project management team and will be completed in October.

Technology Buddies

Technology Buddies has recently commenced at the Armadale Library. A partnership between the City and Kelmscott Senior High School, this initiative aims to assist older people with operating their technological devices. Bookings for the program are taken on a weekly basis. The participants can bring their own devices (such as iPads, lap tops, cameras, mobile phones) that they would like operational assistance with. Each participant is partnered with a student from Kelmscott Senior High School and the student helps the participant with their requirements. The technology most participants have been interested in receiving assistance with is the iPad.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

A recent audit to update volunteer agency information has resulted in 67 out of 125 agencies submitting updated documentation. Agencies that have not responded will be contacted in the coming weeks to request that they update their information.

Armadale Volunteer Services hosted a Volunteer Management Network meeting on Tuesday 13 August. Mary Doyle from the State Library presented '*Engaging Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Volunteers*' to the group. Mary will be presenting this presentation at the National Conference in Volunteering in Adelaide in September.

Armadale Volunteer Services is in the process of completing its reporting to the Department for Local Government and Communities. Most notably this reporting period has identified a massive increase in volunteering enquiries. 266 enquiries were received by the Service in the period 01 July 2011 to 31 December 2012 and this has skyrocketed to 448 enquiries in the period 01 January to 30 June 2013.

Armadale Volunteer Services recently reviewed the contribution volunteers to the City of Armadale as an organisation through its various programs. The results are as follows:

City of Armadale Program	Number of Volunteers	Hours
Seville Grove Library/Kelmscott Library	5	208
Civic Pride Action Group	18	2558
Roadwise	5	228
Birtwistle Local Studies Library	26	2059
Armadale Library	3	396
Armadale Visitors Centre	8	1117
History House	7	1858
Roleystone Volunteer Fire Service	50	8920
Bedforddale Bushfire Brigade	80	3500
Armadale State Emergency Service	30	5781
Drop n Shop	5	1662
Disability Advisory Team	12	144
Working Group for Disability Advisory Team	5	20
Positive Ageing Working Group	7	84
	261	28535
Environmental Volunteers **		
Community Environmental Groups	221	6767
Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group	1646	6013
** The reporting period for this group is 1 October 2011 - 1 October 2012	1867	12780
	2128	41315
Hourly Rate	\$29.59	
Grand Total	\$ 1,222,510.85	

A massive \$1.2M contribution has been made by volunteers to City of Armadale programs and this does not include the countless hours contributed by the Mayor and Councillors.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Hip Hop Dance Program

The Hip Hop Program comprises a series of weekly workshops for young people aged 12 – 17 who are interested in dance, catering for beginners to experienced dancers. The workshops will allow participants to work on a range of styles as a group but also includes individual training. The Hip Hop Program will operate for 15 weeks from 19 August 2013 at the Armadale Arena.

KICK IT @ THE YAA

Funded by the Public Health Institute of WA through the Department of Health and based at the Youth Activity Area (YAA), this project will use the popularity of Scooter, BMX and Skateboarding as an engagement tool to promote and educate young people aged 12 – 17 about the impacts of smoking. Through six weekly BMX/Skate and Scooter workshops, the young people are also encouraged to adopt a healthy lifestyle to enable them to perform their chosen riding style to the best of their ability. The workshops will culminate in a final competition event which will take place in the Term 3 school holidays.

Forrestdale Skate Park Opening Event

New equipment for the Forrestdale Skate Park will be installed on 19 August 2013 with a formal launch event to be held on Friday 13 October between 4.00pm – 6.00pm. Young people from Forrestdale participated in consultation sessions to determine what skate park equipment would be most appropriate for their recreational needs. They have also been involved in the development of the launch event which

will feature a DJ, skate, BMX and Scooter demonstrations, mini competitions, a free sausage sizzle and giveaways.

Skate Boarding Australia (SbA) Hub Program

The SbA Hub Program is back for the 2013/2014 year with professional skateboarders providing fortnightly workshops (StreetWise Clinics) and competition events at the YAA. The workshops cater to all skill levels as the facilitators can provide coaching for absolute beginners and advise on tricks for the more experienced riders. The SbA program will commence on Thursday 24 October from 5.00pm – 7.00pm at the Youth Activity Area.

Creative Art Project

In partnership with professional artist Darren Hutchens and local youth agencies, the City of Armadale will facilitate the Creative Art Project to help beautify the Youth Activity Area and provide a long term engagement project for young people whereby they can showcase their creative abilities to the community. The program will engage a diverse group of up to 15 young people who have an interest in creative art but have limited access to community art opportunities. Participants will have to earn their place by showing ongoing commitment through regular attendance and demonstrating they have learnt new skills.

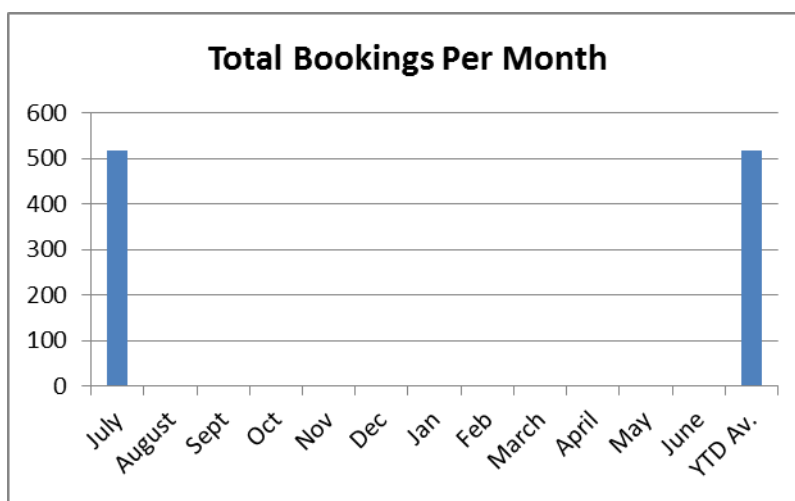
The participants will be nominated by various services who are working with young people in the Armadale community including the high school Chaplains/student services managers, youth workers and carers. Each service will have the opportunity to nominate two participants who they feel would benefit from and contribute positively to the program. The program will operate from October 14 to December 18, 2013.

JULY 2013

LEISURE SERVICES

Bookings

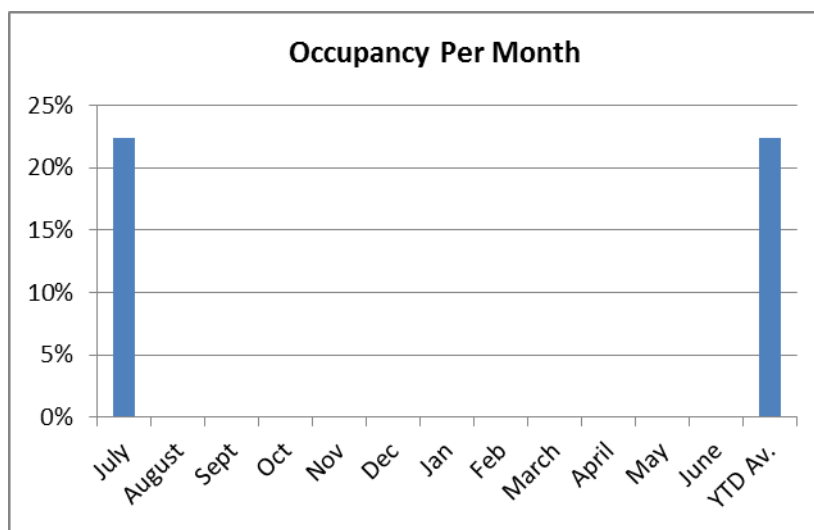
Bookings were steady in July with 516 bookings. Requests for Bakers House casual hire continue to exceed expectations, with 38 bookings in July. Armadale Hall, Kelmscott Hall, Creyk Park Pavilion had over 50 bookings, continuing to be popular facilities. A low point was no bookings for the Minnowarra Chapel, usually the Chapel is booked at least twice each month, with the busy wedding period in spring and summer attracting four or more bookings.



Facility Occupancy

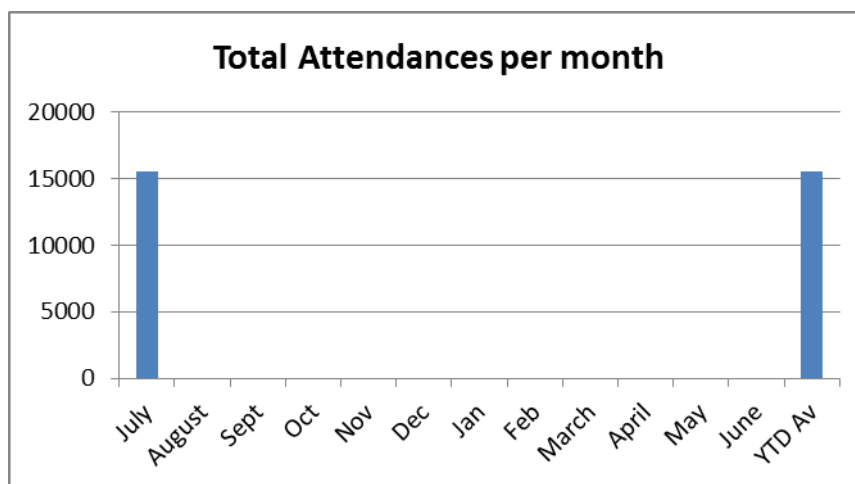
In July our facility occupancy was 22%. This is calculated subject to the number of available hours and actual use. Ideally the occupancy rate will average at around 30% for the financial year, with peaks and lows subject to school term and seasons. With two weeks of school holidays in July the occupancy is good.

This figure provides the community facilities team with a good indication where we can encourage hire of quiet facilities. In July Churchman Brook Community Centre and John Dunn Hall both had occupancy of 3%, in comparison to Armadale Hall, John Dunn Pavilion and Bakers House with 41%.



Facility Attendance

15,569 people attended our facilities in July; these statistics are based on estimates given from hirers when making bookings. Kelmscott Hall attract 4555 people, this figure is high as a result of large attendances for regular hirers.



Club Development

Significant time was spent assisting AK Strikers with the development of a business plan, including attending the business planning day. The Club Development Officer and Community Development Officer have been working closely with Forrestdale Sporting Association, East Fremantle Football District and Western Australia Football Association to implement a \$4,500 grant to run a six week program engaging youth in the Forrestdale Community and generate a positive community perception of the club. This is one of the steps outline in the East Fremantle District Strategic Focus to work with Forrestdale in improving club membership.

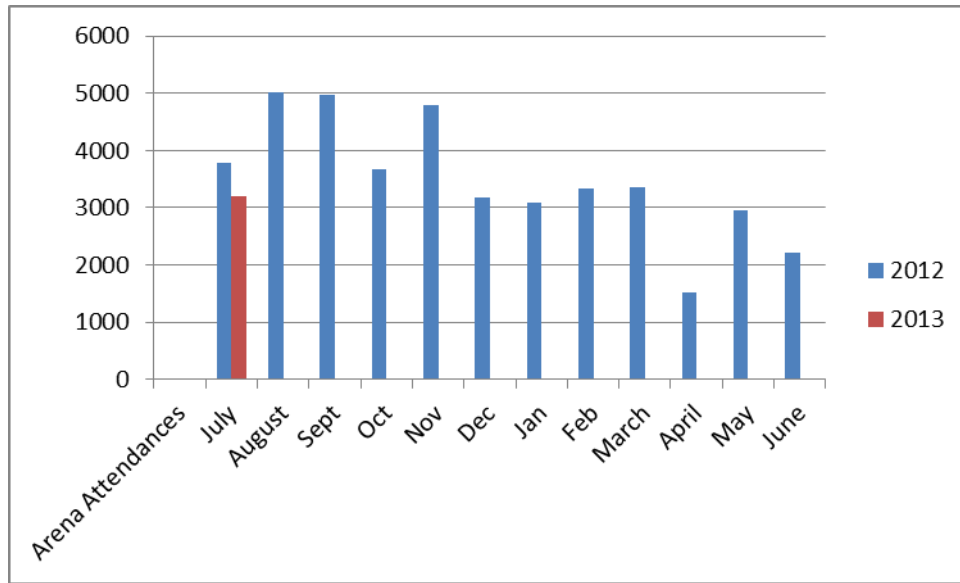
The first meeting was held with the future football clubs at Piara Waters and East Fremantle District. The informal meeting provided an opportunity for club presidents to start discussing the arrangements at Piara Waters. The meeting was positive and both clubs are focussed on creating great community environment with well managed clubs.

The Club Development Officer commenced acting in the Community Facilities Coordinator position toward the end of July, as a result it is anticipated that less time will be spent on club development work during August and September during the recruitment process.

Armada Arena

Armada Arena attendances and participation numbers were lower this month, with the two weeks school holidays and member illness it is assumed this is the reason behind the drop in attendance. Although overall attendance was low our crèche numbers remain at or near capacity daily, in July 2012 we had 308 children, in comparison to July 2013 with 459 attendances.

Unfortunately all term programs were cancelled for term 3, due to a lack of enrolments in the programs of Mum's Boot Camp, Monkey Play and sport clinics. These programs have been popular in recent terms and it was disappointing to see the lack of interest. Netball WA has booked the venue for regular coaching clinics which will attract more participants and hopefully this will flow into our programs, or an ongoing arrangement can be made with Netball WA.



JULY 2013

LIBRARY SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

The Library Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of July 2013:

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

41 regular sessions were held. These include: story time, Baby Rhyme Time, Books on Wheels, English conversation classes, reading & writing groups, computer training sessions, games mornings and the Men's Social Group. A total of 484 people participated in these various activities.

100 people were reached with external visits to schools and other community facilities. Librarians also staffed a Better Beginnings and Local History information stall at the NAIDOC Day events held at the Champion Centre.

Four additional School Holiday sessions were held in the City's libraries this month with a combined attendance of 208 people.

“E”xtension Activities (Enrich, Educate, Explore, Escape, Entertain, Evolve)

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

Report: “Technology Buddies”

Prepared by: Jan Pedroli – Librarian Community Engagement

Date: 29 July 2013
Time: 3.30-4.30pm
Venue: Armadale Library Meeting Room

Comments:

On Monday July 29 the Armadale Library hosted the first session of “Technology Buddies”, a program that brings students of local high schools and seniors (but not exclusively so) together to explore problems that people may have with recently acquired technology - laptop computers, iPads, iPods, mobile phones, e-readers and so on.

The premise is that young people of high school age ‘get’ technology, no matter what. This ‘getting’ of technology is not necessarily the case for people who are older and less inclined to trust and explore technology as a matter of course. By bringing high school aged youngsters and generally older people together we are hoping to achieve a number of things.

Firstly there is the transfer of knowledge on things technological from the high school student to the technology student. Second, both young and older people get an opportunity to see one another from a different perspective. Hopefully these sessions help alter perspectives from both sides!

The first “Technology Buddies” session was more than well received by participants, both young and old. Rarely have we seen so many grins on faces as this afternoon. The Kelmscott Senior High School students visibly enjoyed being ‘Masters of the Universe’ and their older trainees loved the enthusiasm and helpful attitude of the young ones. Next week’s session is already fully booked and subsequent dates are filling up rapidly.

Many thanks go to Wendy Hill of Community Services for getting us involved in the project and Grant Armstrong of Kelmscott SHS for coming to the party! It looks like the library is involved in yet another great and lasting programme that will bring benefit to the wider Armadale community.

Report – July 2013 School Holiday Programme **Prepared by –Shirley Reilly, Librarian, Armadale Library**

Topic: Magical Music

Presenters: Hey Presto; Shirley Reilly, Rita Lennon - Librarians - Armadale and Seville Grove Libraries; Rebecca Flanagan.

Dates: Wednesday 10 July, Monday 15 July, Thursday 18 July, Friday 19 July 2013

Venue: Armadale, Kelmscott and Seville Grove Libraries

No. Attending: 125 children; 83 adults

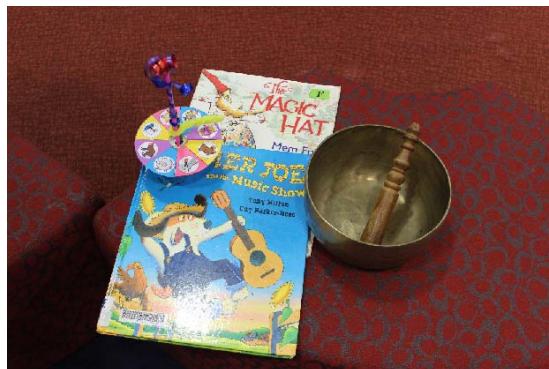
Comments:

Magic and music were the themes for the July School Holiday program. The fun commenced at Kelmscott Library with the Hey Presto Magic Show. Dave the magician had both children and adults entranced. He used lots of humour to make the magic funny and interacted with the audience.

‘Penpal’ hotdog books were created with a large group of children at Seville Grove Library. Copies of these will be sent to the Conant Public Library in the town of Winchester, New Hampshire, USA. The children enjoyed making books about magic and music as well as writing and illustrating their own book about Australia for the children in Winchester. It is hoped that they will reciprocate and send us some books about living in the USA.

The famous storytelling tiger duo (also known as Rita and Shirley) sang songs, read stories and created craft at Pyjama story time with the children who came in their pyjamas. Some of the stories read included ‘The Magic Hat’ by Mem Fox and ‘Boom Bah’ by Phil Cummings. The children made magical spinners and enjoyed a mug of Milo before leaving the library and going home to bed.

Rebecca Flanagan a trained opera singer and talented storyteller presented her show ‘Maria’s Music Excites’. Children explored the musical mystery box and enjoyed music and dance as well as a story. They also designed their own musical instruments.



The response to the sessions offered was excellent. A wonderful selection of activities was enjoyed by a wide age range of children who came to our libraries for an interactive and entertaining experience.

LIBRARIES AND HERITAGE

The Heritage Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of July 2013:

Birtwistle Local Studies Library

(Report prepared by Susan Hall, Historian/Local Studies Librarian)

The following projects and activities have involved the BLSL staff, volunteers or visitors during the month of July:

The Bettenay Archives

Work is progressing with the sorting and identifying of the many articles and documents donated by Margaret Bettenay earlier in the year. Some unique collections of photographs are in the archives such as the efforts to restore the Buckingham Cottage and snap-shots of the exhibition in History House Museum that focused on the local & well-known sports people of the district.

Oral histories

Oral history workshop Monday 15 July

Nine Birtwistle volunteers and one volunteer from Serpentine-Jarrahdale attended a full day workshop facilitate by medical historian and author Dr Criena Fitzgerald. The workshop was held in the Armadale Library meeting room.

Dr Fitzgerald demonstrated how she has used oral history interviews in her published books that concentrated on mainly European migrants in the eastern goldfields of Western Australia. She incorporated the methodology of oral history interviewing with the playing of sound grabs and showing of photographs. The workshop was well received by the participants.

Buckingham Bridge project

The opening of the recently completed replacement Buckingham Bridge in Kelmscott brings the project undertaken by volunteer & photographer Vern Pascoe to an end. Vern has been taking staged photographs of the construction of the bridge. The collection of images and notes will be added to the BLSL collection and will be used in a power point presentation at the Kelmscott Agricultural Show in October.

Family History

Increased promotion of the assistance available to family history researchers seems to have increased the number of new people utilising the service provided by the BLSL volunteers.

Family Tree Group Meeting

Twelve people attended the July meeting of family history researchers. Digital Services Librarian, Jeff Walker, conducted a short session on using hand-held digital recorders to preserve the life-stories of family and friends. The purpose of the session was to promote the idea of recording a person's voice telling of their memories to ensure that the stories remain as a part of a family's history.

Photographic display at the Kelmscott Library

Photographs of the Kelmscott retail precinct, at various dates, were sent to the Kelmscott Library for a display to commemorate the Gazetting of Kelmscott 6 July 1830. It was reported by Kelmscott Library staff that discussion and memories were prompted by the photos.

HERITAGE SERVICES

History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

HHM Temporary Exhibition: Playing tonight! Research and exhibition planning are nearing completion for the next temporary exhibition which will look into the history of the variety of performance groups who have entertained the citizens of **the** COA since the late 1890s. This exhibition will complement the musician in residence program.

Education and Public Programs

The Seniors program continues to be popular. This month Museum Curator Christen Bell gave a talk on the “Treasures of the Museum” to Southside Care and Jeff Walker gave a talk about “Picture Armadale” to Southern Districts Support Association.

Clifton Hills Primary School visited the Museum to participate in the “Popping to the Shops” program which involved activities looking at how Jull Street has changed, learning to analyse a photograph for information and looking at objects that were used in shops of the past.

The Holiday program involved making musical instruments – a tom-tom, a shaker and a bell which the children decorated. There were fifteen participants.

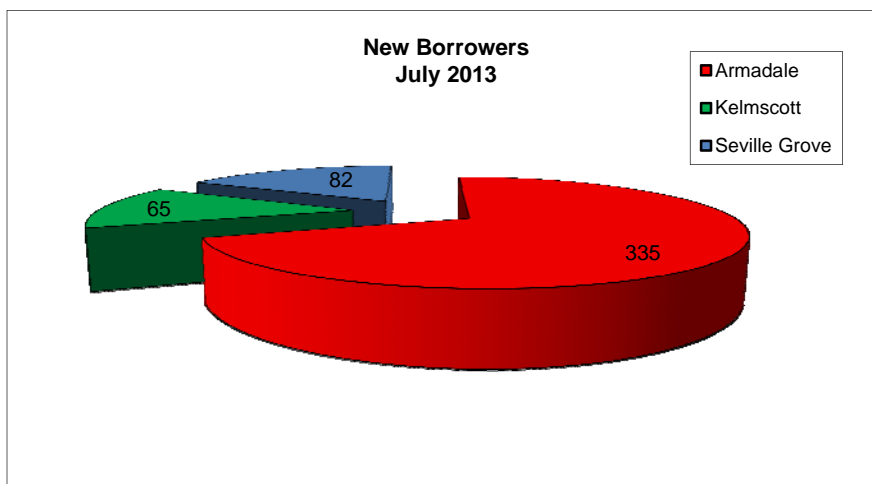
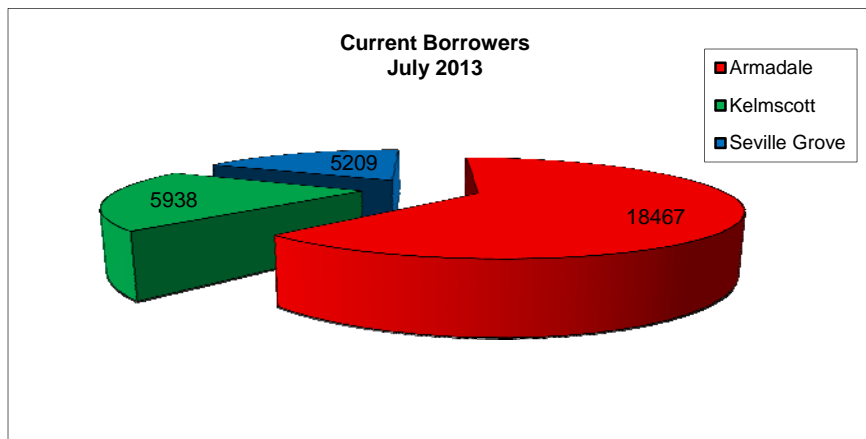
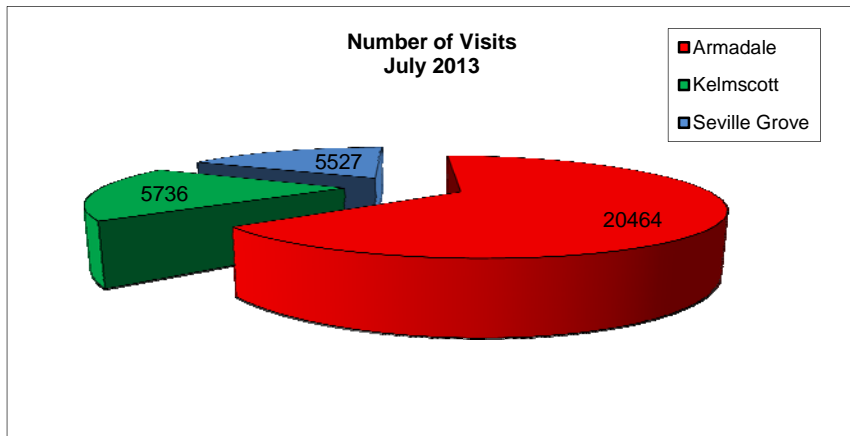
Telling Tales: Stories in Clay Program

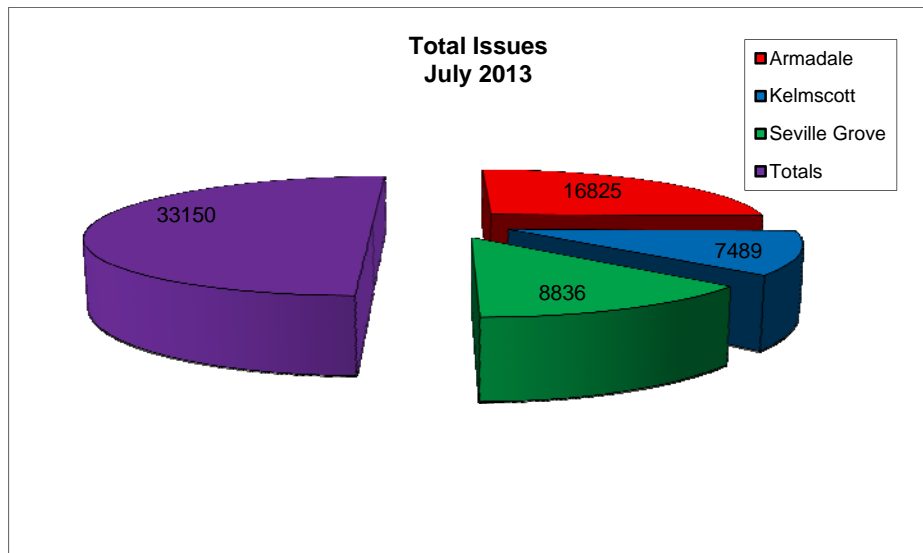
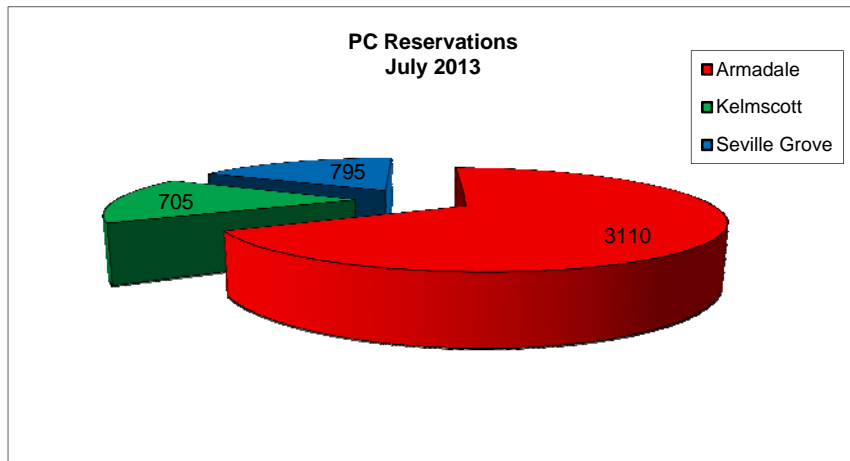
Planning is well underway for the launch of this program in October. A meeting has been set up with the artists, the organisers and the support worker involved in the program.

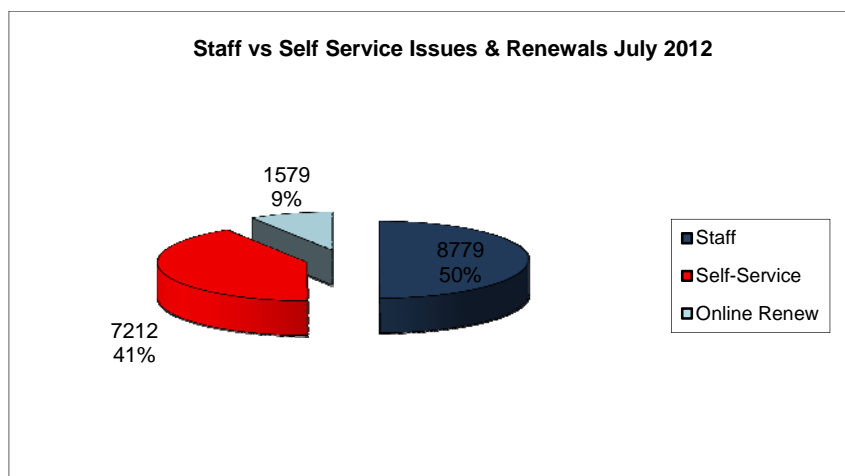
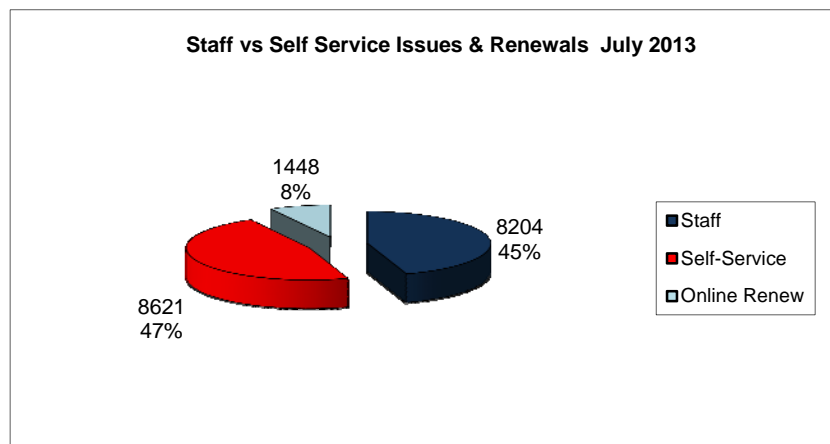
Musician in Residence Program

A meeting between David Hyams (musician) and museum staff occurred in July with the purpose of preparing a schedule for the musician in residence program. The program is scheduled to start in November and be finished by February 2014.

LIBRARIES AND HERITAGE STATISTICS







Month July 2013

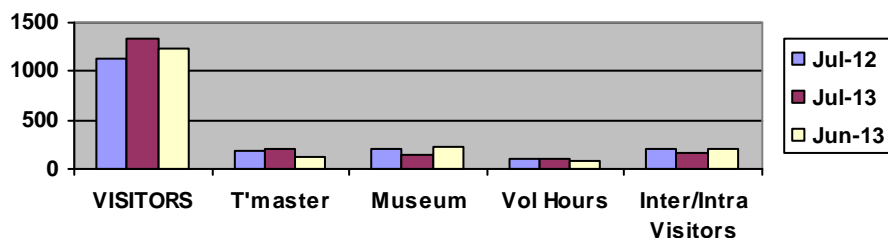
History House Museum	Current Month	Year to date		
	July 13	July 12	July 13- June 14	Jul 12 – June 13
General Visitors	204	168	204	168
School Visits	41	0	41	0
School Incursions	0	56	0	56
Holiday Programs	15	19	15	19
Community Programs	0	0	0	0
Seniors Programs	36	18		18
Total Visitors	296	261	296	261
Volunteer Hours	215	145	215	145
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum	July 13	July 12	July 13 – June 14	Jul 12 – June 13
Visitors	138	121	138	121

Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	July13	July 12	Jul 13-July13	Jul 12-July12
Reference Enquiries	2	6	2	6
Research Enquiries	22	11	22	11
Visitor Attendance	125	89	125	89
Volunteer Hours	123	62	123	62
Digitising Records	12	37	12	37
Oral History				
Letters Sent	0	3	0	3
Interviews Completed	2	4	2	4
Transcripts Completed/ reviewed	2	2	2	2
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	25	33	25	33
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	3	20	3	20
Family History Research				
Reference	2	2	2	2
Research	48	31	48	31
Volunteer Hours	33	50	33	50

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Visitor Centre

Statistics – July 2013



JULY 2013

Visitors	Ticketmaster	TOTAL Visitors Less Ticketmaster	Inter State Visitors	Overseas Visitors	TOTAL O/seas & Interstate VISITORS	Volunteer Hours	Museum
1342	209	1133	83	74	157	99	138

Visitors	Ticketmaster	TOTAL Visitors Less Ticketmaster	Inter State Visitors	Overseas Visitors	TOTAL O/seas & Interstate VISITORS	Volunteer Hours	Museum
1240	133	1107	74	124	198	88	225

VISITOR CENTRE OPENED FOR 181 HOURS

AVERAGE VISITORS PER WEEK: 336
 VOLUNTEER HOURS PER WEEK: 25

VISITOR CENTRE - DOLLAR VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY:

Average Visitor Spend – Day Visitor:

\$ 2,023 per day = **\$ 14,163** per week = **\$ 56,650** per month

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

Average Spend – Including Accommodation:

\$841 per night = **\$ 5,888** per week = **\$ 23,550** per month

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

TOTAL TOURISM DOLLAR VALUE – JULY 2013: \$80,200

During July we had an increase in numbers coming through the centre as we officially became a Ticketek agency on July 11 with over 100 customers reported to the end of July purchasing various tickets. This has resulted in a 20% increase on the same time last year.

Evidentially the marketing campaign in the local community paper undertaken by the Visitor Centre is producing solid results.

Google analytics reports an increase in visits with UK predominately leading the international market followed by New Zealand and Singapore.

Visitor Centre Membership

- Visitor Centre Coordinator met with local operators on site to collate their information for the State Visitor Servicing Conference held in Armadale next month.
- The team at the Visitor Centre has made numerous online bookings for delegates attending the conference.

Marketing

- The Visitor Centre has completed their submission for the annual 2013 GWN7 Top Tourism Awards.
- Submission is still being prepared for the 2013 Perth Airport Tourism Awards.
- Continued marketing into Your Guide to Western Australia with Countrywide.
- Destination marketing continues into Jetstar Air Asia in-flight Magazine and Perth Airport Runway magazine.
- Continued cooperative advertising in Your Guide to Perth and Fremantle.
- Armadale Visitor Centre participated in Tourism WA's Inaugural Chinese holiday planner.
- Continued marketing with Experience Perth in their planner and digital campaigns.

MAJOR ARTS AND EVENTS:

The Major Arts and Event team worked consistently over the following projects throughout the month:

Outside the Frame – August 2013

- Artworks received and curated, infrastructure installed
- Opening evening, judging and prize presentations

Highland Gathering 2013

- Meeting held with the Highland Gathering Committee
- Perth Kilt Walk is being negotiated
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General

The new Major Arts and Events Coordinator commenced on 30 July, 2013 and has been settling into her new role.

RANGER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

JULY 2013

Animal Control

Dogs

Ranger Services received Five hundred and fifty five (555) requests for assistance during the July 2013 period. Whilst some of the operational areas are recording a decrease in activity from the comparable period of 2012/2013, it is interesting to observe that there is 32% increase in the total number of requests for assistance for this period.

Livestock

During this report period Ranger Services attended to forty five (45) requests for assistance in this area of operations. There has been a significant increase in the number of incidents involving stock on road being reported to Ranger Services during this particular report period.

Court Action

The following information relates to legal action taken by Ranger Services, these matters were heard and determined in the Armadale Magistrates Court during the report period.

OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Attack on Dog	Guilty	1,530	129.35	1,659.35

Vehicles

Parking

Ranger Service attended to One hundred and thirty one (131) general enquires relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

Abandoned Vehicles

Ranger Service attended to thirty six (36) reports of abandoned vehicles, during the report period.

Fire Services

There were Thirty five (35) enquires relating to fire during the July report period, which mainly related to burning off and smoke nuisance issues

Litter

Ranger Services have received several complaints, from concerned members of the community, regarding household rubbish being deposited onto reserves and road verges throughout the district. Keeping roadsides, reserves and other areas litter free is a major focus of the City of Armadale and Rangers are ever vigilant in identifying and apprehending litter offenders.

During this report period Ranger Services attended to sixty five (65) requests for service. The overall number of litter related incidents for 2012/2013 shows a 71% increase in litter enquires.

General

Ranger Services Operations

The primary focus of Ranger Services is managing the response to the community for requests for service in line with community expectations and Councils internal efforts to deliver a more comprehensive service.

Whilst the percentages within individual operational areas may vary from month to month, a steady increase in the number of enquires/complaints directed to Ranger Service is evident, and it is envisaged that the City will continue to experience a positive population growth which will increase the demand for Ranger Services.

Schools Bushfire Program a WA first

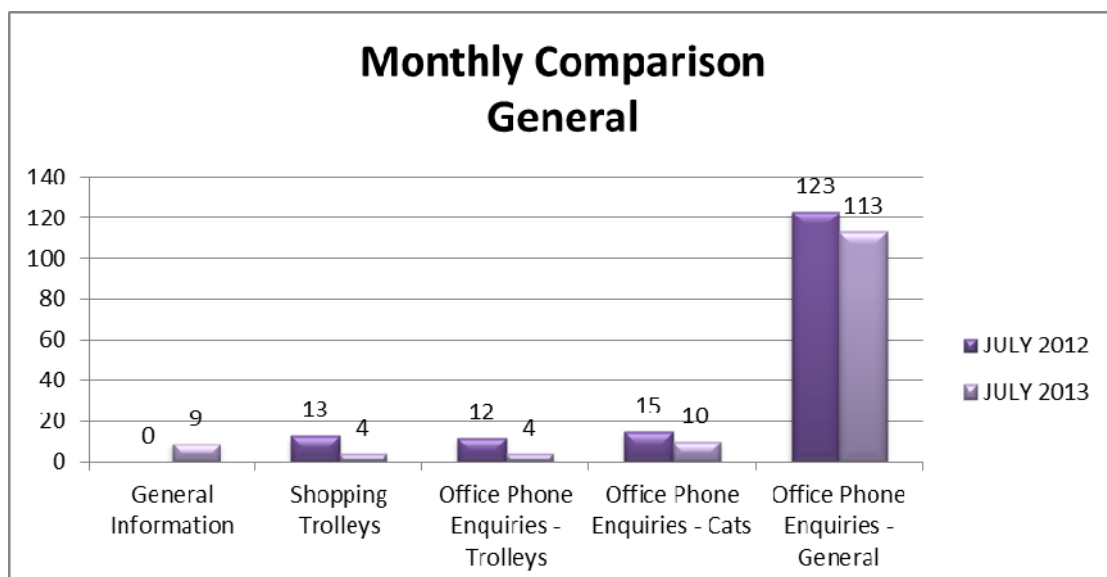
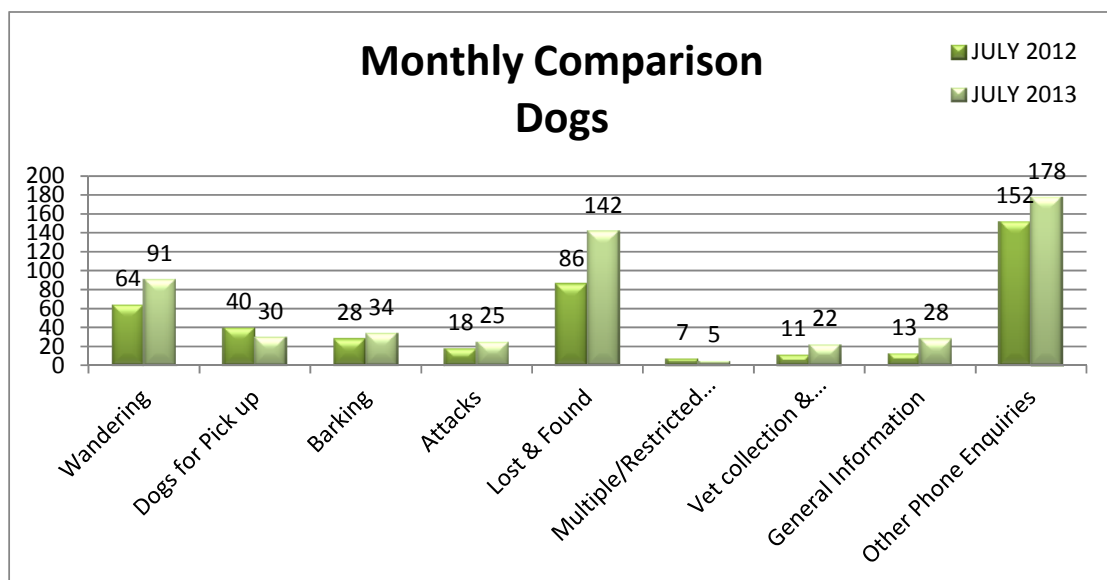
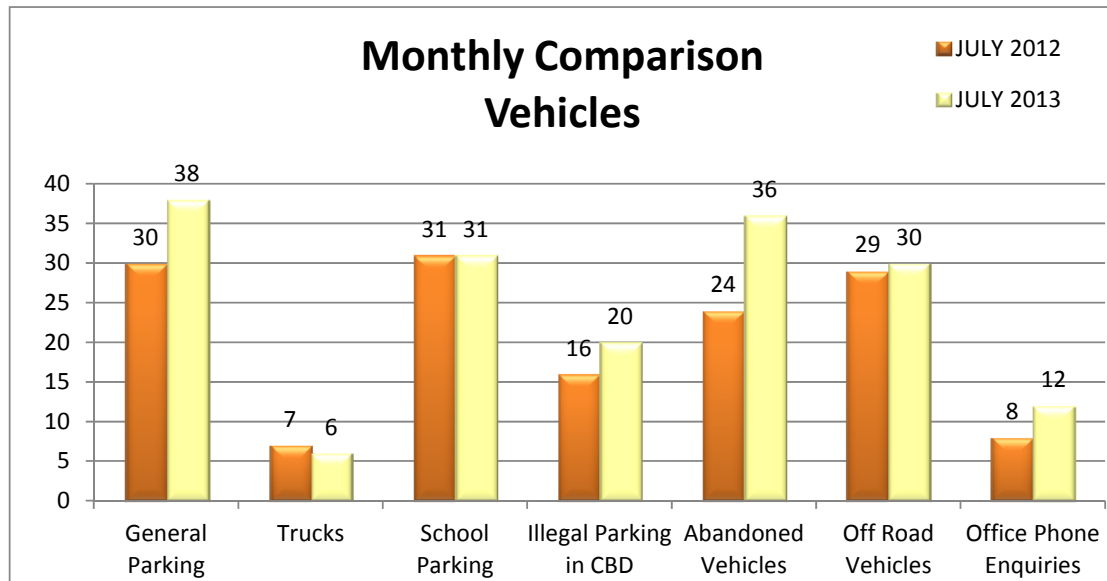
An online education program that helps children understand bushfires and the danger they pose has been launched in a first for Western Australian schools.

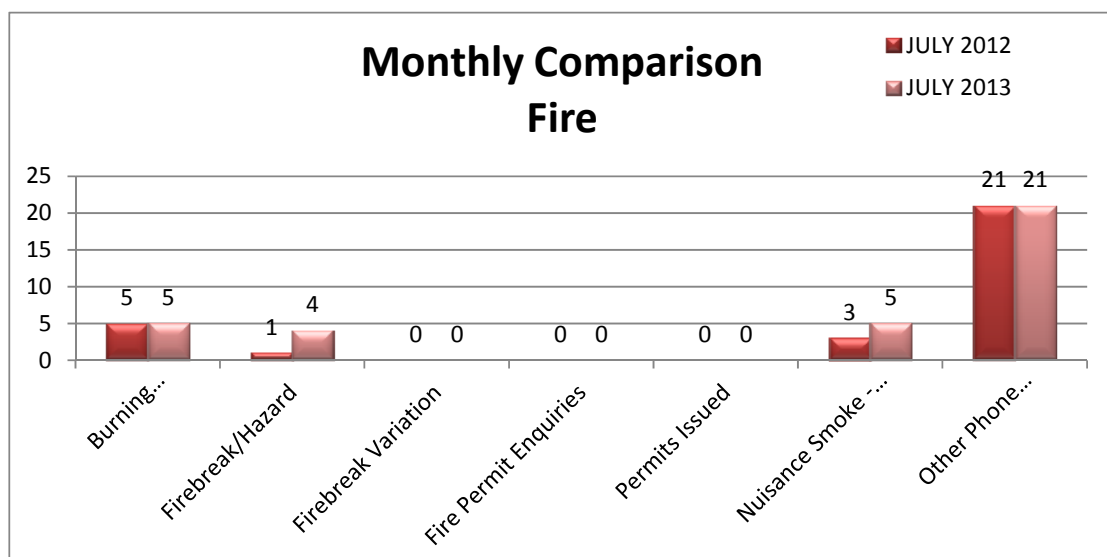
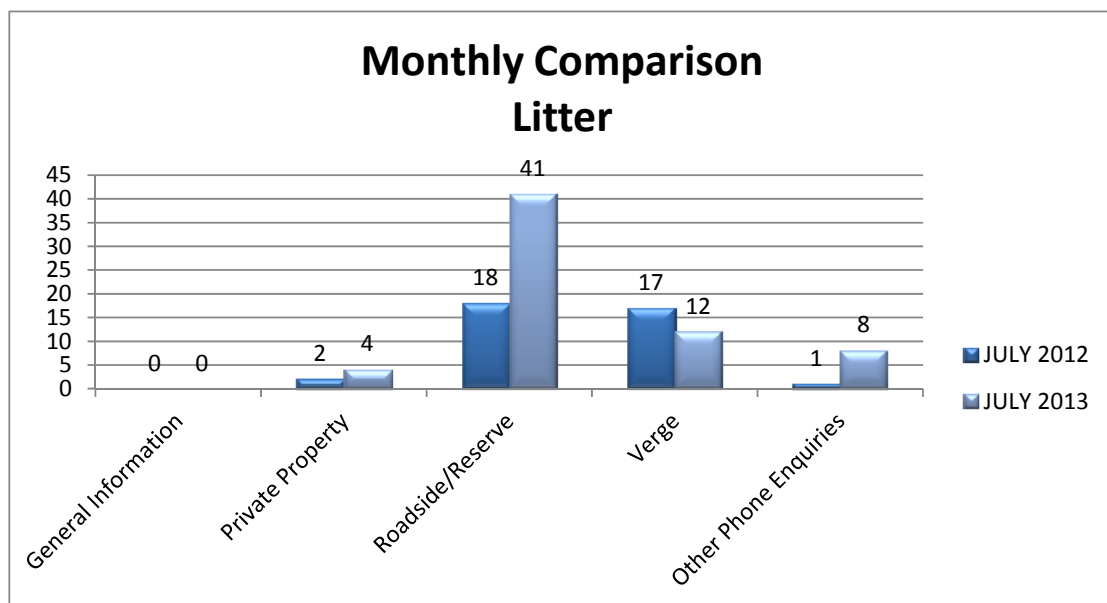
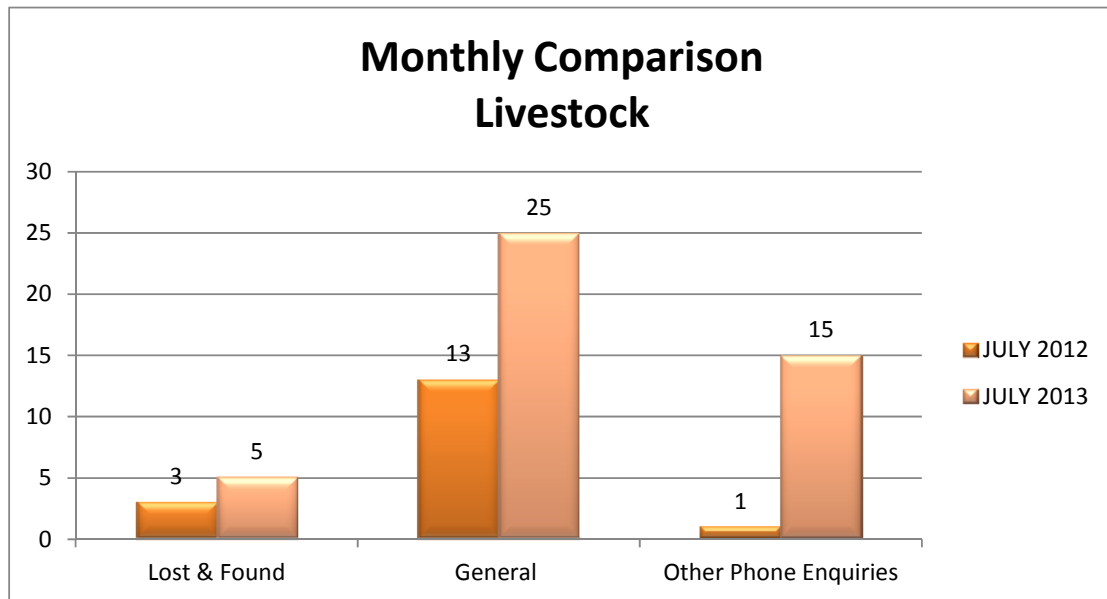
Emergency Services Minister Joe Francis said the program, ‘Bushfire Patrol’, had been developed to provide teachers with an interactive way of teaching students about fire weather conditions, bushfire behaviour, bushfire protection and bushfire warnings. “Dealing with bushfires is a critical part of living in Western Australia so it’s appropriate that it is taught in our classrooms from a young age,” Mr Francis said.

Launched at Armadale Primary School, ‘Bushfire Patrol’ combines bushfire awareness lessons with an online interactive game, and has been developed by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and partly funded by the Federal Natural Disaster Resilience Program, the program was based on national research on bushfire education, and incorporated advice from local firefighters and teachers in high bushfire risk areas Education Minister Peter Collier said it was pleasing to see new ways of teaching children to better understand the threat of natural disasters, and schools being proactive in preparing for bushfires. The State Government has spent more than \$1.6million installing ember screens to all evaporative air-cooling systems at schools in high-risk areas. These screens protect students and staff by preventing dangerous embers from entering the system,” Mr Collier said.

“Schools are preparing their sites for the bushfire season and working closely with the DFES to assess risks and carry out mitigation work.” Bushfire Patrol is available online at <http://www.dfes.wa.g.../bushfirepatrol> and targets primary school aged children who live in the south-west of WA.

Statistics





MINUTES OF OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

NOTES

DISABILITY ADVISORY TEAM MEETING HELD AT THE CITY OF ARMADALE COMMITTEE ROOM, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST AT 9.30AM.

1. Attendance & Apologies:

Name	Title	Organisation
Cr Melissa Northcott	Councillor And DAT Chairperson	City of Armadale
Wendy Hill	Community Development Officer – Seniors, Access and Inclusion	City of Armadale
Pat Hart	Community Representative	Community Representative
Sheila-Anne Macleod	Area Manager Kelmscott	Disability Services Commission
Mark Dadd	Community Member	
Larraine Kirwan	Local Area Manager – Manager Services South	Disability Services Commission
Felicity Lockett		Inteworks
John Glassford	Manager of Property Services	City of Armadale
Susan Hillel	Building Services Manager	City of Armadale
Apologies:		
Lynne Darby	Chief Executive Officer	Directions WA
Gail Nessci	Principal Occupational Therapist	Armadale Health Services
Sally Atkinson	Indigenous Liaison Officer	Inteworks
Sheila Parker	Community Member	

2. Minutes:

Confirmed by Cr Northcott

3. Actions from April's minutes:

None

4. Guest Speaker: Ms Sally Atkinson (Intework – Indigenous Liaison Officer)

Ms Atkinson was unable to attend. Ms Locket from Intework spoke about the Intework Indigenous Programs.

Ms Locket spoke about Disability Employment Programs for Aboriginal people that will be operating in the Armadale area.

5. Updates on DAT Projects

- **Accessible and Inclusive Businesses**
No update; working group meeting will follow today's DAT meeting.
- **Promotion of DAT**
No further promotion has been organised, but it was noted we require community members on the DAT.
- **Accessible path of travel**
Ms Hill and Mr Asmus met with other City staff. Opus is conducting safety inspections on the City's pathways in October. The intention is to supply Opus with an Accessible Pathways Checklist to be completed at the same time.
- **Disability Awareness Week**
Ms Macleod discussed the proposals of activities for Disability Awareness Week. These include Carers Lunch, a Count Us In Award Night and the launch of Stories in Clay.

6. Updates from Community Development Officer (Seniors, Access and Inclusion)

- **Local Government Access and Inclusion Group Meeting.** Ms Hill attended the LG Access and Inclusion Group Meeting at the City of Bayswater. Items discussed were:
 - The City of Bayswater is currently under taking a LG survey regarding the staff Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and Inductions
 - Legislative Requirements – DAIP Training. Ben Sgherza was the guest speaker on this subject.
- **Stories In Clay** – Ms Hill and Ms James are currently organising the workshops with the storyteller and artist.

- Pool Hoist – The Aquatic Centre will have a pool hoist for the summer season. There are discussions between Ms Hill and Mr Parker from the City for Disability Swimming Lessons to commence at the City’s Aquatic Centre.
- Gym Program – The second pilot gym program for people with disabilities has commenced at the Armadale Arena.
- DAIP Progress Report - The ‘Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) Progress Report 2012-2013’ was submitted to the Disabilities Services Commission by the 31st July. Below is a summary of the status of ‘The City of Armadale Access and Inclusion Plan 2011 – 2016’.

	Number of Strategies Planned	Number of Strategies Completed
Outcome 1	13	12
Outcome 2	12	10
Outcome 3	6	6
Outcome 4	5	4
Outcome 5	3	2
Outcome 6	5	3
Outcome 7	3	3
Outcome 8	5	3

7. Other Business

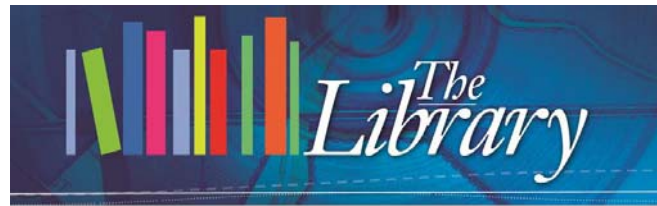
- Ambassador Showcase – Cr Northcott will be hosting ‘Count Me In Ambassador and Councillor with the City of Armadale’ on Tuesday 10 September at Bakers House.

Meeting Closed 10.50am

Next Meeting

The next Disability Team Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 October 2013.

Information Flyers



Financial planning for your future

Are you retired or on a pension?
Do you have inheritance questions?
A qualified financial planner will provide the facts that everyone should know.

Seville Grove Library, 2 - 4pm

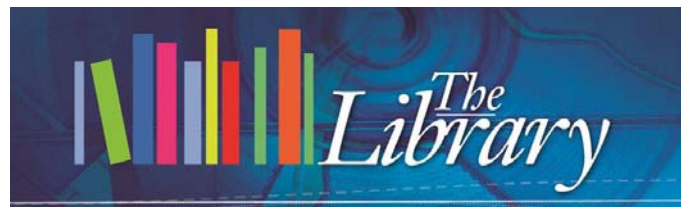


Understanding Your Pension
Tuesday 10 September

Accommodation Options in Retirement
Tuesday 17 September

Estate Planning
Tuesday 24 September

Refreshments will be provided.
Bookings are essential, call 9399 0800.



BETTER BEGINNINGS PARENT WORKSHOP

Living well with Asthma

Presented by the Asthma Council of WA

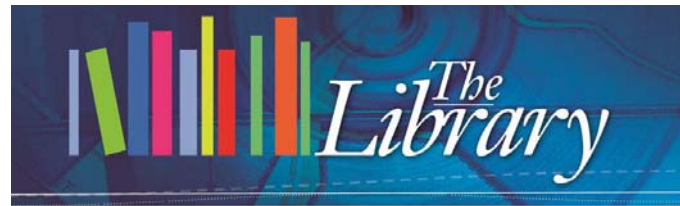
This session provides accurate, up to date information as well as the skills and knowledge you need to effectively manage and control your child's asthma.



Friday 30 August
10 - 11am
Armadale Library

Bookings are essential. Call 9399 0125.





Positive Ageing Sessions

Wednesday 4 September
1.30 - 4pm
Armadale Library



Step into Volunteering 1.30 - 2.30pm

Are you interested in volunteering but unsure of how to get started? There are plenty of opportunities available. Come along to find out more.



Learning to Sleep Well 3 - 4pm

Find out what can affect your sleeping behaviour and what you can do to restore a healthy sleep pattern.

Refreshments will be provided.
Bookings are essential. Call 9399 0125.
Armadale Central Shopping Centre, Armadale

07/2013

CITY OF  Armadale



Birtwistle Local Studies Library presents Family History Starts With You

Thursday 29 August
10am - noon
Armadale Library - Meeting Room



Family history doesn't need to start in far off lands, hundreds of years ago...it can start now with you.

This workshop will focus on the legacy left by your ancestors and the legacy that you will leave your descendants.

Please bring a notebook and pen or pencil.
Bookings are essential. Call 9399 0125.

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Rushton Park
KELMSCOTT

Sunday
13 OCTOBER
10am - 2pm

DOGS DAY OUT

Treat your beloved family pet to a Dog's Day Out, full of fun and exciting activities. These include some of the following:

Fun for all the family:

- » Agility Course
- » Dog Training Groups
- » Dog Wash Service
- » Animal Rescue Groups
- » Bouncy Castle
- » Face Painting
- » Merchandise Stalls
- » Food and Beverage Stalls

For more information contact Ranger Services on 9399 0111.

Dogs must be on a leash at all times

11am: Best dressed dog competition
11.45am: Best dog trick competition
12.15pm: Sausage sizzle