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Security Systems and Services

A tender will shortly be released to market for the new Security Systems and Services PSA Contract.

WALGA is forming a Client Reference Group (CRG) of Officers within the sector to feed into this procurement project. An invitation is extended to WALGA Members to join this CRG.

The Security Systems and Services Contract will include the existing categories: Security Consulting, Supply and Install CCTV, Supply and Install Alarms, Security Monitoring, Security Guards and Mobile Patrols, Locksmith, and Other Security Products.

WALGA Members wishing to nominate local suppliers for inclusion on a pre-tender notification should advise WALGA by Friday, 29 June.

To participate in the CRG or to nominate suppliers, please email Procurement Specialist, Danielle Buitenhuis.

Officer Training

The following WALGA training courses are being delivered at WALGA's West Leederville office:

Presenting with Confidence Monday, 25 June

Local Government Act – Advanced Monday and Tuesday, 25 to 26 June

Policy Development and Procedure Writing Thursday and Friday, 28 to 29 June

Preparing Agendas and Minutes Monday, 16 July

Effective Letter and Report Writing Tuesday, 17 July

Local Government Act – The Essentials Thursday, 19 July

To register online, visit the WALGA Training website or for more information email the Training Team.

Reminder: Call for Nominations – 2018 Local Government Road Safety Awards

Submissions for the 2018 Local Government Road Safety Awards close Friday, 27 July.

WALGA's RoadWise and the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia WA invite Local Governments to nominate road safety projects and partnerships for an Award.

Eligible road safety projects should have safe system principles applied to:

- innovative treatments in road infrastructure improvement
- initiatives which complement road infrastructure improvements, and
- local road safety partnerships.

In addition to acknowledging road safety projects and partnerships, the Joe North Award will recognise an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to community road safety.

Submissions close 5:00pm, Friday, 27 July. The Awards will be presented at the 2018 WA Transport and Roads Forum on Tuesday, 16 October.

For more information, visit the RoadWise website or contact a local Road Safety Advisor.

Smart Cities and Suburbs Program – Round Two

Round two of the Australian Government's \$50 million Smart Cities and Suburbs Program is now open for applications.

Applications are invited from Local Governments for projects that use smart technology, data-drive decision making and people-focused design to deliver economic, social and environmental benefits in metropolitan and regional centres.

Under round two there is approximately \$22.3 million of funding available and grants will provide between \$250,000 and \$5 million to cover up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs.

For information about eligibility and project scope, click here.

Applications close on Monday, 2 July.

More information visit the business.gov.au website.

Road Safety Leadership Interactive Livestream

The Road Safety Commission is inviting those interested in road safety to register for the Road Safety Leadership Interactive Livestream.

Date: Monday, 18 June Time: 8:00am to 9:30am

Hosted by Road Safety Minister, Hon. Michelle Roberts MLA, this livestream will provide an opportunity for Local Governments and RoadWise Committee members across the State to be part of the leadership movement to create change for road safety.

Participants will be encouraged to submit questions during the panel discussion. To register your interest, visit the Road Safety Commission website.

Most Accessible Community in Western Australia Awards

The Most Accessible Community in WA Awards are for Local Governments who best demonstrate their awareness in creating a universal-access environment.

The awards are sponsored by the Regional Capitals Alliance WA.

The judging panel will consider the following criteria:

- improvement of accessibility of Council infrastructure and public open space
- inclusive communication technology and information initiatives
- accessible and inclusive Council services, programs and events, and
- exercising leadership and influences community attitudes and perceptions.

Nominations will be considered under the categories of:

- Metro Council
- Regional City
- Regional Shire/Town

Photographs and/or other evidence of your initiative, as well as testimonials from people with a disability, their carers and family, are encouraged.

Initiatives that go above and beyond the statutory obligations (Disability Access and Inclusion Plans, Business Council of Australia etc.) will be highly regarded.

Nominations close on Sunday, 1 July and the awards will be presented at WALGA's AGM on Wednesday, 1 August.

For more information, email RCAWA's Dawn Rouse or call 0403 325 976.

Change the Story Practitioner Training

The Department of Communities is holding a two-day course based on Change the Story, Australia's national framework to prevent violence against women and their children.

Date: Thursday, 21 and Friday, 22 June

Time: 9:15am to 5:00pm

Location: Level 3, One40William, 140 William Street, Perth

Cost: \$60 per person

This two-day course looks at how violence against women is linked to gender inequality, and the role that everyone can play in its prevention.

This training is not about how you can respond to women who experience violence or men who perpetrate violence. Rather, it focuses on how to change the underlying norms, practices and structures in society that set the necessary social context for violence to occur.

This course is suitable to Local Government Officers who are doing work in the area of primary prevention and/or family and domestic violence awareness.

For more information, and to register click here, or email Department of Communities Senior Advisor Jane Torney.

Local Government Act Review Update – Expression of Interest for Stage 2 Forum Topics

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries is holding topic forums on Stage 2 of the Local Government Act Review.

They are seeking expressions of interest from Elected Members and Local Government Officers to contribute to these forums.

Click here for the expression of interest form.

WALGA's advocacy for Stage 2 of the forum topics will focus on the following key principles adopted by the Sector:

- retain general competence principle
- provide for a flexible, principles-based legislative framework
- avoid red tape
- size and scale compliance regime

Click here for the InfoPage that contains information on Phase 2 topics and Phase 1 of the review.

For more information, email Executive Manager, Governance and Organisational Services Tony Brown.

Workshop: Incorporating Waste into Emergency Management

With funding from the Natural Disaster Resilience Program 2017-18, WALGA is working with the State to embed waste management considerations into local emergency management planning and response mechanisms.

WALGA is hosting a workshop for Local Government Officers to gather feedback on a Draft Framework (available from the WasteNet website) designed to assist Local Government in planning for, and responding to, debris generated in various emergency situations.

For more information about the workshop, refer to the flyer.

Date: Friday, 22 June Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm

Venue: City of Vincent, 244 Vincent St, Leederville

Parking is available in the Loftus Centre car park, fees may apply. Register via the online form by COB Wednesday, 20 June.

Officers who are unable to attend can send feedback on the Draft Framework to Waste Management Specialist, Heather Squire by COB Friday, 6 July.

For more information, email Waste Management Specialist Heather Squire.

Environmental Planning Tool (EPT) - Registrations for Training Open

WALGA will be offering a free demonstration and training for Local Governments on the use of WALGA's online application to meet regulatory requirements. No previous GIS experience is required.

Date: Thursday, 28 June

Time: Choose from options below

Venue: WALGA, ONE70, LV1, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville or join via webinar

Participants can join one or all of the following components:

- 9:30am to 10:45am (Session 1): EPT basics navigating the EPT and generating reports (suitable for beginners)
- 11:00am to 12:30pm (Session 2): Use of the EPT to utilise the benefits of minor infrastructure purpose permits for native vegetation clearing. A representative from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation will be available to explain the regulatory process
- 1:00pm to 2:30pm (Session 3): A demonstration and practice session on the use of the EPT advanced tools, including bushfire risk assessment tools and Urban Canopy mapping for Perth and Peel (suitable for advanced users).

Attendees are encouraged to bring a laptop to the session. When registering, please note which session will you attending, your dietary requirement, whether you will be bringing a laptop or if you will join in via webinar.

Register by Tuesday, 26 June.

For more information or to register, email WALGA's Environment Policy Unit.

2019 Scholarship Nominations – Now Open

WALGA's Diploma of Local Government (Elected Member) is the highest level of qualification that an Elected Member can obtain through WALGA Training (RTO 51992). It has been designed specifically to meet the skills and knowledge requirements of an Elected Member's role in Western Australia.

Encompassing completion of Stages 1, 2 and 3 of WALGA's Learning and Development Pathway, this nationally recognised training program contains 10 units of competency that form the 52756WA Diploma of Local Government (Elected Member).

The scholarship will cover the full Diploma training cost and assessment fees, along with relevant travel and accommodation costs, up to the value of \$10,000.

To apply for this scholarship, include a 250-word write-up about how the professional development opportunity would benefit the applicant, Council and their community.

Click here for a nomination form. Completed form should be emailed to WALGA Training Compliance Coordinator Christine Jones. Nominations close on Saturday, 30 June.

For more information, email the Training Team.

Breakfast Forum: Beneficial Enterprises – How Local Government Can Meet Market Failure

This Forum, jointly hosted by WALGA and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, provides an opportunity for State Government, Local Government and the business sector to hear how Local Governments in other States have successfully established and operated the equivalent of Beneficial Enterprises.

As Local Governments look for new ways to effectively deliver services that meet market failure, the sector is closely examining the value of introducing Beneficial Enterprises (formerly known as Council Controlled Organisations).

Speakers will also participate in a Panel discussion and Q&A session.

Date: Wednesday, 1 August Time: 7:00am to 9:00am

Venue: RiverView Room 5, Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre

Cost: \$50.00 (incl GST)

Click here to register.

For more information, email Marketing and Events Officer Ulla Prill.

Stop Puppy Farming – Local Government Consultation

WALGA is seeking feedback from Local Governments regarding the Stop Puppy Farming intitative.

WALGA, together with Local Government Professionals WA, is represented on the Ministerial Working Group overseeing the Stop Puppy Farming initiative and has promoted the view that the Local Government sector should be the subject of a consultation process separate to a public consultation process.

The State Government has committed to introducing laws to:

- stop puppy farming and the supply chains that support this industry
- improve the health and welfare of dogs in Western Australia, and
- stop the overbreeding of dogs.

The Stop Puppy Farming Local Government Consultation Paper is designed to help Local Governments consider and comment on the recommended actions and proposed implementation process of the stop puppy farming proposals.

The Consultation Paper and accompanying InfoPage was distributed to Local Governments this week and WALGA is seeking feedback by Friday, 3 August.

The feedback will assist the preparation of an item for consideration by all WALGA Zones and, ultimately, State Council.

This consultation process aligns with the State and Local Government Partnership Agreement.

For more information, email Governance Manager, James McGovern or call 9212 2093.

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Breakfast with John Langoulant AO

On Monday, 11 June, WALGA hosted John Langoulant AO at a breakfast forum to present the findings of his Special Inquiry into Government Programs and Projects.

Mr Langoulant provided insights into the factors that have contributed to the deterioration in the State's financial position between 2008 and 2011, and identified a range of recommendations to improve governance and decision making processes.

While his Inquiry focussed on the State Budget, his insights and recommendations provided were equally applicable in the context of Local Government finances.

For more information on the Special Inquiry, click here.

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President's column

Will you be attending this year's local government Assembly and Regional Forum in just over a week?

One of the highlights of this year's Regional Forum will once again be the launch of the State of the Regions report, which draws on the latest data and analysis to describe the performance of Australia's regions.

I can tell you from the data we've received from this year's report that it will paint a picture of the importance of opportunities for human interaction in our communities: in our offices, labs, cafes, shops, schools and recreational facilities, where highly-skilled knowledge workers such as scientists and engineers can connect. The report will explain that when these chances to connect happen, productivity increases to the benefit of the region as a whole.

Councils play a core role in providing these collaborative spaces, places and facilities and the data from the report further fuels our argument that our sector needs sufficient support and resources to properly maintain community infrastructure and services – this not only benefits the residents in our communities but it plays an important role in our regional and national economy.

Another key message I could see emerging from this year's report is the need for non-metro regions – those at the fringes of metropolitan areas as well as those more remote – to have a strong connection with the knowledge economy of a metropolitan city in order to achieve on par growth, or risk rising inequality. This highlights that, even in this modern, technologically-connected age, geography still matters. Advocacy on behalf of our non-metro regions has become paramount and we need to ensure that fair and fit-for-purpose initiatives and programs are made available to our regional and remote communities.

Strong communities with good services and infrastructure can attract and retain the brightest minds and skills needed to grow a regional economy, as well as offset the risk of the increasing inequalities between metro and non-metro regions. The drivers of this inequality will be an interesting part of the Q&A panel discussion at the Regional Forum and I look forward to hearing more from the report authors, together with panelists from AusIndustry and the Regional Australia Institute, about the findings in this year's report.

It's not too late to register to the Regional Forum and National General Assembly, just use this link.

Mayor David O'Loughlin

New Infrastructure Australia incentive-based modelling

New economic modelling released by Infrastructure Australia shows that introducing incentive payments to encourage the states and territories to progress nation-shaping infrastructure reforms could boost the economy by \$66 billion and deliver better infrastructure for our growing cities and regions.

Infrastructure Australia has published a new report in the infrastructure Reform Series, Making Reform Happen, which argues that the Australian Government should make additional investments in state and territory infrastructure—over and above existing commitments—in return for the delivery of much-needed reforms.

"If we don't seize the historic opportunity in front of us, we could miss out on the significant impact national infrastructure reform could have on our future productivity and prosperity," Infrastructure Australia Chair Julieanne Alroe said.

"Australia is undergoing a period of profound change—our population will grow to over 30 million people by 2031, our economy is in a state of transition, and technology is changing the way we live and work.

"We need infrastructure and services that enhance the liveability of our cities and regions, strengthen our role as a global exporter, and support the transition to a more diversified economy."

Making Reform Happen builds on the recommendations in the 15-year Australian Infrastructure Plan to provide further evidence of the substantial long-term benefits of progressing five key opportunities for infrastructure reform:

- introducing road user charging
- reforming the urban water sector
- reforming the electricity market
- reforming land tax
- franchising public transport services.

"This is not an exhaustive list of the reforms we need to address today's infrastructure gaps and meet the challenges of tomorrow. Rather, this paper is intended to show what can be achieved through a well-designed incentive program," Ms Alroe said.

"An incentive-based approach recognises that although there are significant national benefits to be gained from infrastructure reform, it is state and territory governments that wear the implementation costs—as well as any short term political pain.

"Incentive payments can help redress this imbalance between costs and impacts, and effectively drive outcomes that may not have come about otherwise."

Making Reform Happen is available for download at infrastructureaustralia.gov.au.

New Parliamentary inquiry into PFAS contamination

A new Parliamentary inquiry will examine the Commonwealth Government's management of (PFAS) contamination in and around Defence bases.

The inquiry will be conducted by the PFAS Sub-Committee of Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade. The Sub-Committee is chaired by Mr Andrew Laming MP.

Mr Laming said the inquiry will examine the progress of the Commonwealth Government's response to and management of PFAS contamination. It will build on previous parliamentary

inquiries into this issue in light of recent developments including the establishment of the whole-of-government PFAS Taskforce and report by the Expert Health Panel for PFAS.

"The Committee shares the concerns of affected communities about the impact of PFAS contamination in and around Defence bases," Mr Laming said.

"We recognise this is a complex issue requiring responses from Commonwealth, state and territory and local governments. This inquiry will examine how the Commonwealth is managing and coordinating these responses to ensure the best outcomes for those communities affected by PFAS contamination."

The PFAS Sub-Committee invites submissions from anyone with an interest in the issues raised by the terms of reference, which are available on the committee's website.

Submissions addressing the terms of reference should be lodged by 6 July 2018. Further details about the inquiry, including how to contribute, can also be obtained from the Committee's website, or by contacting the Committee Secretariat.

Nominations now open for crime prevention awards

Nominations are now open for the 2018 Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards. The awards recognise and reward good practice in the prevention and reduction of violence and other types of crime in Australia.

Australian Institute of Criminology Director, Mr Michael Phelan said the awards are open to programs and projects of all sizes.

"We are looking for Australia's most successful crime and violence prevention programs. We want to highlight the vital role community-based initiatives play in preventing crime and violence across the country and inspire other organisations to do the same," Mr Phelan said.

"I strongly encourage law enforcement, government, community groups and members of the public to nominate their own or other programs that have made a positive impact on their community.

"These awards serve both to encourage public initiatives and assist the Government to identify and develop practical projects to reduce violence and other types of crime.

"Last year, 11 programs were recognised as winners for their outstanding contributions to their local communities.

"Uncovering and rewarding these projects appropriately is an important part of the Australian Institute of Criminology's work. The Institute also promotes justice and reduces crime by conducting and sharing evidence-based research to inform policy and practice."

The awards are a joint initiative of the Australian and state and territory governments and are coordinated and hosted by the Australian Institute of Criminology.

Nominations close 12 June 2018. To apply for this year's awards, visit www.aic.gov.au/acvpa2018.

Millions of older Australians missing out online

Latest research from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner has revealed that around 2.7 million Australians aged 50 years and over have little or no engagement with the online world.

The research also shows that a major fear factor exists among older Australians who have low digital literacy—technology often proves to be intimidating, reinforced by a lack of confidence to ask for help or knowledge of where to get help.

"We know anecdotally that older Australians can be a more trusting generation—our research bears this out, with 40 per cent of those aged 50 and over experiencing a computer virus or being the victim of a scam, credit card or personal information theft," eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman Grant said.

"In an increasingly digital world, we need to ensure all Australians have the skills and confidence to engage online safely and enjoy the many positive benefits of the internet."

The eSafety Office, in partnership with the Department of Social Services, is delivering the Be Connected program to provide resources and support training to increase the confidence, skills and online safety of older Australians.

Further findings from the research show older Australians face significant barriers to increasing their internet use, including lack of knowledge about how to use devices and how to perform tasks online.

"Our research tells us that half of Australians aged 50 years and over actually want to use the internet more and they'd be more likely to do so if given the chance to improve their digital literacy and skills," Julie said.

While the research shows about 4 million older Australians are keen to improve their digital literacy, they also want help addressing online safety and security concerns. The Be Connected website addresses the online safety and security needs of older Australians by providing resources and training on highly relevant topics, such as how to avoid online scams.

The research also reveals that while 50 per cent were happy to use online resources, 72 per cent of older Australians prefer face to face, one-on-one coaching. As part of the Be Connected program, a national network of community groups is delivering free face to face coaching, supported by the Good Things Foundation Australia.

Good Things Foundation National Director Jess Wilson said: "We're excited to have over 1,200 community organisations across the country in the Be Connected Network, from libraries to retirement villages, community centres to Men's Sheds, all supporting older Australians to get online. Join our growing network to help older Australians thrive in a digital world."

Delivering solar energy to remote Indigenous communities

Seventeen off-grid remote Indigenous communities are set to benefit from solar energy and reduce their reliance on diesel fuel.

The communities, located in Central Australia, Katherine, Top End and Tiwi Islands regions of the Northern Territory, will be provided with a total 5.6 MW of solar energy.

The Federal Government, through the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA), has provided \$31.5 million in funding towards the \$59 million project known as the Solar Energy Transformation Program (SETuP).

Eleven other off-grid remote Indigenous communities have already benefitted from 4.325 MW of solar energy under the program, including Daly River where the 1 MW solar energy site is also equipped with a battery.

"This project provides opportunities for off-grid remote Indigenous communities to decrease their reliance on diesel fuel which is subject to price fluctuations and seasonal transport issues," Minister for the Environment and Energy the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP said.

Minister for Indigenous Affairs Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion said the project is an important step towards transforming the way energy is supplied to remote communities in Australia.

The project is jointly funded by ARENA and the Northern Territory Government and managed by the Northern Territory Power and Water Corporation.

Mayors gather to kick-start electric vehicle push

Mayors from Bathurst, Orange, Parkes, Cabonne, the ACT and Strathbogie recently gathered at the Mount Panorama racetrack in Bathurst to try out the latest electric cars and to attend a forum on how councils can drive the uptake of electric vehicles across Australia.

Climate Councillor Greg Bourne said that regional councils are perfectly placed to kick-start Australia's EV revolution.

"It's exciting to see regional councils plugging into the future of transport and refusing to be bypassed despite Australia's sluggish start in the global EV race," he said.

"Building regional electric vehicle hubs, including charging infrastructure networks, community education and introduction of vehicles into corporate fleets, public transport and local markets, will be key to accelerating Australia's EV uptake – and councils are uniquely placed to drive this action."

"Transport is Australia's second highest source of greenhouse gas pollution that is driving climate change. By shifting gear to renewable powered electric cars and buses, regional councils in the Cities Power Partnership are playing a crucial role in Australia's climate solution."

Leading the front of the pack is the ACT Government, which recently announced a territory-wide action plan to drive electric vehicle (EV) growth.

The plan includes transitioning the Government fleet to zero emissions vehicles, requiring new multi-unit and mixed-use developments to install vehicle charging infrastructure, and permits zero emissions vehicles to drive in transit lanes (to commence later this year).

ACT Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability Shane Rattenbury said that the ACT was keen to work with other councils within the region to increase EV uptake.

"Regional cooperation is key to creating a thriving electric vehicle network, and we're looking to explore opportunities for charging networks and bulk fleet purchases with other local governments," he said.

"Tackling climate change means tackling transport pollution, and zero emission vehicle technology is a key part of this."

This story first appeared in the Climate Leadership Report

New global standard affecting local councils acting on climate

Nearly 30 Australian local councils, including Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Hobart and Sydney, are likely to be affected by a set of new global recommendations drafted by the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, the world's largest group of cities and local governments acting collectively on climate change.

The Global Covenant has released a draft of new recommendations that will streamline the way local councils around the world measure, compare and report their climate actions, including what they are doing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The draft document is the result of in-depth discussions among global experts and has now opened up for stakeholders' review and comments.

Previously, local governments faced hurdles due to the different ways emissions were reported. The Global Covenant of Mayors hopes that harmonising the process will make it easier for councils to compare progress towards a low-carbon future, and ultimately help local governments around the world to collectively take even bolder action on climate change in collaboration with their communities.

However, while there is a strong argument for streamlining the reporting method, there are also risks that a single global framework will less easily be adapted to the circumstances of each local council. Therefore, it is important that the balance between uniformity and flexibility is reached and this can only be achieved with a thorough consultation process with stakeholders, principally local councils. All Australian local governments have a rare chance to help shape and contribute to a global standard, which will affect hundreds of millions of people for decades into the future.

The global alliance of local governments and cities has opened its doors and is seeking feedback on its new global reporting standard. Anyone can provide feedback and comment on the new recommendations, regardless of whether they are members of the Covenant. The proposed global reporting framework is relevant to any local council currently measuring or intending to measure greenhouse gas emissions in the future.

To provide feedback on the proposal, visit https://mayors.oceania.iclei.org to complete a short survey before 15th June 2018.

Upcoming Free NRSPP Webinars

The National Road Safety Partnership Program is holding free webinars which will give councils an opportunity to engage with experts on road safety.

Here are the details:

- 24 July Rio Tinto: How can a linked CRM-bow tie approach prevent fatalities and serious injuries?
- Time: 2.00pm to 3.00pm AEST which allows 20 for questions
- Link: https://www.nrspp.org.au/?events=nrspp-webinar-how-can-a-linked-crm-bow-tie-approach-prevent-fatalities-and-serious-injuries
- Description: Anthony Deakin at Rio Tinto on how implementing a layered critical control verification program, underpinned by the bow tie analysis method, can create a strong safety loop that identifies weaknesses in an organisation's frontline safety controls, engaging everyone from the CEO to operators in preventing and reducing serious injuries and fatalities.
- 22 August Dr Carmel Harrington: Don't be a sleepy driver managing sleep when working shift
- Time: 2.00pm to 3.00pm AEST which allows 20 for questions
- Link: https://www.nrspp.org.au/?events=nrspp-webinar-sleepy-drivers-are-distracted-drivers
- Description: Did you know that driver distraction is one of the biggest causes of serious injuries and fatalities on Australian roads? In fact, research estimates that 1 in 4 vehicle crashes on our roads are caused by distracted or inattentive drivers. Drivers who are sleep deprived are subject to many neurocognitive consequences, including increased distractibility. Research shows that individuals who have chronic sleep deprivation adapt to feelings of tiredness and do not report feeling a sense of sleepiness. However, they display the same decreases in psychomotor vigilance, working memory and cognitive performance, as someone who has not slept for two days. These drivers experience the same consequences as acutely sleep-deprived drivers, with increased distractibility, but these symptoms are often hidden or unrecognised.

Australia's water resources are being managed effectively

A new report by the Productivity Commission has found Australia's water resources are being managed effectively and that achievements in water reform must be maintained to make sure all Australians have water security.

Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources the Hon David Littleproud MP welcomed the Productivity Commission's final report on National Water Reform, saying it reaffirms the importance of sound management of this precious resource.

"Water is one of our most valuable resources. It keeps the whole country running and we have to make sure we are managing it as best as we can," Minister Littleproud said.

"This report shows all levels of government are important in getting water management right.

"This is reflected in one of the key recommendations of the report which calls for COAG to renew the National Water Initiative (NWI) by 2020.

"The Productivity Commission found that the NWI has served Australia well and is widely regarded as a successful reform initiative, both here at home and overseas.

"It recognised the NWI has provided an excellent foundation for water reform, which has had benefits for all water-users and the environment.

"But we now face new challenges and it makes sense for governments to think about how we can keep improving water management. That is why the Coalition Government wants to keep working with the states and territories who have primary responsibility for water management."

Minister Littleproud said the Productivity Commission report provides advice on changes to national policy for the management of urban, environmental and rural water.

"Access to secure and affordable water is vital to Australia's continued economic and social development, particularly in regional and remote areas.

"We will consider the Productivity Commission recommendations closely and be looking to work with the state and territory to further improve outcomes for Australians in accessing affordable water."

A full copy of the report is available on the Productivity Commission website.

Note: This report should not be confused with the PC's current five-yearly assessment of the effectiveness of the implementation of the Basin Plan and water resource plans, which will be provided to the Government by the end of 2018.



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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- Senior Environmental Officer Permanent, Full-time 25/06/2018
- Administration Officer Depot Permanent, Full-time 25/06/2018

Staff Leaving:

- Environmental Health Officer 22/06/2018 Resignation
- Construction Engineer 22/06/2018 Resignation

Other Staff Movements (Internal):

• Volunteer Services Officer – Contract, Part-time – 11/06/2018

Current Recruitment Activity:

- Asset Technical Officer Recruitment Suspended
- Manager Recreation Services Recruitment Progressing
- Community Facilities Planning Coordinator Recruitment Progressing
- Community Development Officer Children & Families (Part-Time) Recruitment Progressing
- Fleet Management Officer Closed 14/06/2018
- Parks Maintenance Operator Closes 26/06/2018
- Senior Technical Officer Property Services Closes 21/06/2018



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Ordinary Council Meeting of Monday 26 February 2018: Matters for Referral – Cr J Munn "That the matter of footpaths being aligned on kerb side and the progress with developers in relation to this be referred to the Technical Services Committee."	Technical Services	Report was presented at the 7 May 2018 Technical Services Committee Meeting (T43/5/18) and was subsequently presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 14 May 2018.		
Ordinary Council Meeting of Monday 26 February 2018: Matters for Referral – Cr J Munn "That the matter of lack of parking bays in the intensely developed areas be reviewed and referred to the Technical Services Committee."	Technical Services	Report was presented at the 7 May 2018 Technical Services Committee Meeting (T44/5/18) and was subsequently presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 14 May 2018.		
Ordinary Council Meeting of Monday 23 April 2018: Matters for Referral – Cr J Munn "That the matter of Alex Wood Drive be referred to the Technical Services Committee."	Technical Services	Report was presented at the 7 May 2018 Technical Services Committee Meeting (T42/5/18) and was subsequently presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 14 May 2018.		

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE Works Program – May 2018 – July 2018



Department	June 2018	July 2018	August 2018
City Projects	 Armadale Aquatic Centre redevelopment – construction continuing Piara Waters (South-East) – tender advertising Armadale District Hall – construction continuing 	 Armadale Aquatic Centre redevelopment – construction continuing Piara Waters (South-East) – Tender award and works commencing Armadale District Hall – construction continuing 	 Armadale Aquatic Centre redevelopment – construction continuing Piara Waters (South-East) – works continuing Armadale District Hall – construction continuing
Civil Works	 Construction Install new footpath to Brookside Avenue Install new footpath to Blackwood Drive Install new footpath Andreas Road 	 Construction Install new footpath Soldiers Road Commencement of preparation works to the 2018/19 road resurfacing projects Commencement of asphalt resurfacing works to the 2018/19 road resurfacing projects 	 Construction Commencement of preparation works to the 2018/19 road resurfacing projects Commencement of asphalt resurfacing works to the 2018/19 road resurfacing projects
	Maintenance Routine maintenance as per Program Contract road sweeping Car park and path sweeping Footpath defects Car park maintenance Bridge routine maintenance Shoulder and V drain maintenance Open drain and basin maintenance Road patching and crack sealing Neerigen Brook bridge repairs Balannup Drain maintenance	 Maintenance Routine maintenance as per Program Contract road sweeping Car park and path sweeping Footpath defects Car park maintenance Shoulder and V drain maintenance Open drain and basin maintenance Road patching and crack sealing Balannup Drain maintenance 	 Maintenance Routine maintenance as per Program Contract road sweeping Car park and path sweeping Footpath defects Car park maintenance Road patching and crack sealing Balannup Drain maintenance



Department		June 2018		July 2018		August 2018
Engineering Design	•	Balannup Road service relocation (DCS)	•	Balannup Road service relocation (DCS)	•	Balannup Road service relocation (DCS)
	•	Balannup/Ranford Road lighting upgrade (Black	•	Balannup/Ranford Road lighting upgrade (Black	•	Balannup/Ranford Road lighting upgrade (Black
		Spot)		Spot)		Spot)
	•	Fourth Road power undergrounding and street	•	Fourth Road power undergrounding and street	•	Fourth Road power undergrounding and street
		lighting upgrade		lighting upgrade		lighting upgrade
	•	Forrest Road upgrade – Eighth Road to Townley	•	Forrest Road upgrade – Eighth Road to Townley	•	Forrest Road upgrade – Eighth Road to Townley
		Street (MRRG)		Street (MRRG)		Street (MRRG)
	•	Powell Crescent extension - Forrest Road to	•	Powell Crescent extension – Forrest Road to	•	Powell Crescent extension – Forrest Road to
		Tijuana Road (MRRG)		Tijuana Road (MRRG)		Tijuana Road (MRRG)
	•	Concept designs for 2018/19 Project and	•	2018/19 Blackspot designs	•	2018/19 Blackspot designs
		Programme Identification sheets	•	2018/19 MRRG rehab plans	•	2018/19 MRRG rehab plans
	•	2018/19 Blackspot designs	•	2018/19 LATM – Canning Mills Road	•	2018/19 footpath
	•	2018/19 MRRG rehab plans	•	2018/19 Streetscape – Gribble Avenue	•	2018/19 streetscape – Gribble Ave
	•	2018 resurfacing plans	•	2018 lighting program	•	2018 lighting program



Department	June 2018	July 2018	August 2018
Parks - Development	 Design Migrant Park landscaping tender award Alex Wood Drive landscaping RFQ Various project RFQs Various civil works design input Wungong Urban Managed Aquifer Recharge Scheme Proposal Newhaven POS drainage rectification Works, Skeet Road, Columbia Parkway and Erade Park 	 Design Various project RFQs Various civil works design input Wungong Urban Managed Aquifer Recharge Scheme Proposal Newhaven POS drainage rectification Works, Erade Park Various Drainage renewal works Warton Road roundabouts Migrant Park Stage 2 	 Design Various project RFQs Various civil works design input Wungong Urban Managed Aquifer Recharge Scheme Proposal Newhaven POS drainage rectification works, Erade Park Various Drainage renewal works Tredale Field Park upgrade design Warton Road roundabouts Migrant Park Stage 2
	 Harrisdale/Piara Waters Various landscape works submissions under review Various landscape works in pre-handover period 	 Harrisdale/Piara Waters Various landscape works submissions under review Various landscape works in pre-handover period 	 Harrisdale/Piara Waters Various landscape works submissions under review Various landscape works in pre-handover period
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Department	June 2018	July 2018	August 2018
Parks -	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Capital</u>
Development	 Various capital works projects Warton/Ranford/Skeet contract admin Groundwater production bores - Cross Park Warton/Ranford/Skeet Road landscaping contract admin Cross Park tennis hardcourt lighting Cross Park cricket net relocation (RKCC) Minnawarra Park dredge and landscape project Sanctuary Park pathway lighting Balannup Drain landscaping Memorial Park playground upgrade Columbia Parkway drainage rect (l/scaping) Benbecula Playground upgrade Erica St POS Precinct G upgrade 	 Various capital works projects Warton/Ranford/Skeet contract admin Groundwater production bores - Cross Park Warton/Ranford/Skeet Road landscaping contract admin Cross Park tennis hardcourt lighting Cross Park cricket net relocation (RKCC) Minnawarra Park dredge and landscape project Sanctuary Park pathway lighting Balannup Drain landscaping Memorial Park playground upgrade Alexwood Drive landscaping Benbecula playground upgrade Warton Road median supplementary planting Erica St POS Precinct G upgrade Harrisdale Oval storage shed John Dunn baseball cages 	 Various capital works projects Warton/Ranford/Skeet contract admin Groundwater production bores - Cross Park Warton/Ranford/Skeet Road landscaping contract admin Cross Park tennis hardcourt lighting Cross Park cricket net relocation (RKCC) Minnawarra Park dredge and landscape project Sanctuary Park pathway lighting Balannup Drain landscaping Memorial Park playground upgrade Alexwood Drive landscaping Benbecula playground upgrade Warton Road median supplementary planting Erica St POS Precinct G upgrade Harrisdale Oval storage shed Villatella Park shade structure John Dunn baseball cages
Parks Operations	 Maintenance Contract landscape maintenance Contract play space maintenance Scheduled mowing and general maintenance Irrigation maintenance Bushland maintenance Civic precinct maintenance Contract new estate maintenance Contract streetscape maintenance Customer requests Contract barbecue cleaning Contract street tree maintenance Urban Forest plantings maintenance and watering Bridge and boardwalk upgrade 	 Maintenance Contract landscape maintenance Contract play space maintenance Scheduled mowing and general maintenance Irrigation maintenance Bushland maintenance Civic precinct maintenance Contract new estate maintenance Contract streetscape maintenance Customer requests Contract barbecue cleaning Contract street tree maintenance Urban Forest plantings maintenance and watering Bridge and boardwalk upgrade 	 Maintenance Contract landscape maintenance Contract play space maintenance Scheduled mowing and general maintenance Irrigation maintenance Bushland maintenance Civic precinct maintenance Contract new estate maintenance Contract streetscape maintenance Customer requests Contract barbecue cleaning Contract street tree maintenance Urban Forest plantings maintenance and watering Bridge and boardwalk upgrade



Department	June 2018	July 2018	August 2018
Property Management	 Design Champion Centre and Seville Grove Library tender award 	 Design Kelmscott Hall – advertise tenders 	Design ■ Roleystone Theatre report to TSC
	New Works Buildings power upgrade from sub-station, electrical consultant to liaise with Western Power Armadale Tennis Club – asbestos removal – eaves Armadale Guides – patio construction Alfred Skeet – patio construction	New Works Buildings power upgrade from sub-station, electrical consultant to liaise with Western Power – ongoing Bedfordale Hall – patio construction Alfred Skeet – patio construction Armadale Guides – patio construction	New Works Buildings power upgrade from sub-station, electrical consultant to liaise with Western Power, Armadale Arena Armadale Tennis Club – asbestos removal – eaves Bedfordale Hall – patio construction completed
	 Upgrade AC Main Admin Building –commencement of works 	Upgrade ◆ AC Main Admin Building – works progressing	Upgrade ◆ AC Main Admin Building – works progressing
	Maintenance ■ Programmed maintenance works continue in all of the City's buildings, and include: □ Electrical Safety Program □ Air conditioning maintenance – monthly □ Alarm change overs – domestic to commercial 4G units various sites □ Fire services maintenance in various sites □ Asbestos register/monitoring ■ Building Condition Reports ■ Development of outgoings capture template for comment	Maintenance Programmed maintenance works continue in all of the City's buildings, and include: Electrical Safety Program Air conditioning maintenance – monthly Alarm change overs – domestic to commercial 4G units various sites Fire services maintenance in various sites Asbestos register/monitoring Building Condition Reports - ongoing Development of outgoings capture template for comment with Procurement guidelines for new Agreement Policy	Maintenance ● Programmed maintenance works continue in all of the City's buildings, and include: ○ Electrical Safety Program ○ Air conditioning maintenance – monthly ○ Alarm change overs – domestic to commercial 4G units various sites ○ Fire services maintenance in various sites ○ Asbestos register/monitoring ● Building Condition Reports - ongoing ● Development of outgoings capture template for comment with Procurement guidelines for new Agreement Policy



Department	June 2018	July 2018	August 2018
Subdivisional	Strategic Referrals	Strategic Referrals	Strategic Referrals
Development	Shepard Court	Cell H Wungong	Cell H Wungong
	Lakes Road Ai	Cell G Wungong	Cell G Wungong
	Anstey Road SP	Anstey Road SP	Anstey Road SP
	Scheme Amendment 89	Harrisdale Green	
			<u>DCU Referrals</u> - 14 off
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	Water Management	Water Management	Water Management
	Forrestdale Business Park West UWMP	Forrestdale Business Park West UWMP	Forrestdale Business Park West UWMP
	Lot 3 Rowley Road	Precinct F WMP (hold)	Precinct F WMP (hold)
	Avenues Stage 9-21	Avenues Stage 9-21	Avenues Stage 9-21
	Hilbert Park	Hilbert Park	Hilbert Park
	Harrisdale Green	Shepard Court LWMS	
	Shepard Court LWMS		
	Civil Works Assessment	Civil Works Assessment	Civil Works Assessment
	Sienna Wood Cell D Stage 8	Lot 500 Nicholson	• Lot 9504, 9040 Ranford
	Sienna Wood Cell D Stage 9A	Mason Green Stage 8A	Lot 500 Nicholson
	• FP3 Stage 2	Springtime Riverside 6	
	Forrestdale BP	Canterfield 2B(Hold)	
	Lot 500 Nicholson		
	Mason Green Stage 8A		
	• Springtime Riverside 6		
	Civil Construction	Civil Construction	Civil Construction
	Newhaven Grove Stage 16 &17	Mason Green Stage 8	Mason Green Stage 8
	Mason Green Stage 8	Lot 21 Eleventh Road	Lot 21 Eleventh Road
	Karmara Stage2	• Lot 9503 Ranford (Petrol)	Lot 9503 Ranford (Petrol)
	• Lot 9503 Ranford (Petrol)	Newhaven Grove Stage 16 &17	Newhaven Grove Stage 16 &17
	• Lot 2 Lanham	• FP3 Stage 1	• FP3 Stage 1
	Lot 21 Eleventh Road TD2 G	• Springtime Stage 5	• Springtime Stage 5
	• FP3 Stage 1		Harrisdale Green
	• Springtime Stage 5		
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LIBRARY UPCOMING EVENTS – JUNE - JULY 2018					
Name of Event	Venue	Date			
Style me beautiful with Kate Bird	Armadale Library	19 June, 2 – 3pm			
Cupcake Decorating:	Armodolo I ibrory	22 June, 10.30am - noon			
Cook Book Club Launch	Armadale Library				
Microsoft Excel & Word: Q & A	Armadale Library	23 June, 2 – 3pm			
sessions - Basic Excel	Armadale Library				
Happy Bowels with Dr Michael	Kelmscott Library	26 June, 10.30 – 11.30am			
Levitt	Kennscott Library				
Bush Tucker	Armadale Library	29 June, 10.30 – 11.30am			
Microsoft Excel & Word: Q & A	Armadale Library	30 June, 2 – 3pm			
sessions - Intermediate Excel	Armadale Library				
Competition:	All CoA Libraries	Open 1 – 30 June			
Armadale Young Writers' Awards	All COA Libraries				
Cardboard Robots, Creatures and	board Robots, Creatures and History House Museum				
Monsters	Thistory House Waseum				
Robot Cartooning	Armadale Library	4 July, 10 – 11am			
Junior Robotics and Coding	Kelmscott Library	5 July, 2 – 3pm			
Crafternoon	Armadale Library	6 July, 2 – 3pm			
Microsoft Excel & Word: Q & A	Armadale Library	7 July, 2 – 3pm			
sessions – Basic Word	7 Himadale Elotary				
Fun with Fossils	Armadale Library	9 July, 2 – 3.15pm			
Lego at the Library	Kelmscott Library	12 July, 2 – 3pm			
Fizzy Things!	Armadale Library	13 July, 2 – 3pm			
Microsoft Excel & Word: Q & A	Armadale Library	14 July, 2 – 3pm			
sessions – Basic Word	Aimadale Liorary				
A Place in the Country with Chris	Armadale Library	18 July, 1.30 – 2.30pm			
Ferreira	Aimadale Liorary				
Archaeology of the Somme	Armadale Library	23 July, 2 – 3pm			
Making natural ointments	Armadale Library	27 July, 10am - noon			
Exhibition		Ongoing until 31 October			
Wildflowers of Armadale: Fabulous	History House Museum				
then, Fabulous now!					

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS					
ITEM	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS			
Investigation of Assistance Walks for Disabled Persons in Natural Environment (Refer Item 5.2 of Committee Services Committee Meeting 4 April 2017) That the matter be referred to the relevant Directorate for action and/or report to the appropriate Committee (Cr Stewart)	Community Development	Councillor Item currently being investigated			
Homelessness in the Community (Matters for referral – Council Meeting 27 November 2017) That the matter of the growing number of homeless people and beggars within the City's town centres be referred to the Community Services Committee. (Cr R Butterfield)	Community Development	Awaiting Councillor comment.			

COMMUNITY PLANNING

COMMUNITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Planning for community facilities and services in the City's established and growth areas, involving;

- Social planning determining community need and evidence for grants
- Community facilities planning
- Financial Modelling and managing external grants
- Aligning/coordinating internal and external stakeholders

COMMUNITY FACILITIES PLANNING PROJECT UPDATES					
PROJECT	STATUS				
Cross Park Pavilion Feasibility	 CSRFF grant application will be re-submitted in 				
Study	September 2018.				
Forrestdale Hub Feasibility	 Sporting Facilities upgrade project is underway. 				
Study					
John Dunn Memorial Park BMX	Underway.				
Facility Feasibility Study					
Creyk Park Pavilion Upgrade	 To be undertaken in first half of 2018. 				
Feasibility					
Roleystone Men's Shed	 Report to Community Services Committee June 2018 				
Roleystone Gymnastics Club	City in discussion with the club regarding their				
	proposal to relocate to Springdale Park.				

SOCIAL PLANNING

Social Planning provides research and analysis for social infrastructure required by the City's growing and rapidly changing communities.

Social Planning is currently;

- Providing research and social planning support for City projects
- Researching Wungong Community and Infrastructure needs to ensure liveability

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE EXTERNAL GRANTS SCHEDULE							
EXTERNAL GRANTS SCHEDULE (as at 15.5.18)							
Project	Funding Source	Grant Amount Sought(\$)	Grant Amount Received(\$)	Status			
Armadale District Hall Upgrade	Lotterywest	1,000,000	1,000,000	Grant being actively managed			
Greendale Centre Upgrade	Lotterywest	1,550,000	1,550,000	Grant being actively managed			
Harrisdale East Pavilion	DSR (CSRFF)	800,000	800,000	Grant being actively managed			
Rossiter Pavilion	DSR (CSRFF)	500,000	500,000	Grant being actively managed			
Indoor Aquatic Centre	NSRF (National Stronger Regions Fund)	10,000,000	10,000,000	Grant being actively managed			
Indoor Aquatic Centre	DSR (CSRFF)	1,000,000	1,000,000	Grant being actively managed			
Golf Course Upgrade	DSR (CSRFF)	315,590	315,590	Grant being actively managed			
Lighting Upgrade - Gwynne Park - John Dunn - William Skeet	DSR (CSRFF)	550,000	366,666	Grant being actively managed			
Seville Grove Library/Champion Centre	Lotterywest	4,060,000	4,060,000	Grant confirmed			
Cross Park Cricket and Netball Pavilion	DSR (CSRFF)	430,000	0	Grant application unsuccessful. To be resubmitted in September 2018			
	TOTALS	20,205,590	19,592,256				

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Community Development Department aims to build a safe, healthy and connected community through the facilitation of community programs and services.

This includes four areas of focus:

- Places Activation
- Partnerships
- Community Engagement
- Capacity Building

The Community Development Department comprises the following teams:

- Community Development
- Indigenous Development
- Arts and Major Events
- Volunteer Services

YOUTH

Night Fields

The City has been working with stakeholders to plan the next series of Night Fields Armadale which will aim to use a grant from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Grant. The aim of this program is to build the capacity of local sporting clubs, equipping them with mentoring and further skills to take over running Night Fields in the future. This month the City received confirmation that 16% of Term 1 Night Fields participants signed up to local sporting clubs (Armadale and Kelmscott Junior Football Club) and have continued sporting and healthy lifestyle engagement as a direct result of the Term 1 program. 45% of those sign ups were Aboriginal young people. In addition, a further 11 young people transitioned into local youth engagement programs run by partner organisations and will continue to gain support.

Youth consultation – Armadale City Centre Structure Plan

The City's Community Development and Development Services departments have expanded the City's Armadale City Centre Structure Plan consultation process to ensure young people are included. Young people aged 12-25 will be a main user group of the proposed new City Centre therefore a two hour consultation session was held for groups of young people the City has already built relationships with through its Kinetic and Armadale Aspire initiatives.

YOUTH (continued)

FRAMED Fiesta

The City will host its fourth annual youth music event to run alongside *Outside the Frame Art Awards* on 17 August 2018. FRAMED Fiesta will provide a free opportunity to encourage community pride, showcase local talent and provide a safe and enjoyable event for local youth. The City is promoting opportunities for young bands with members aged 13 – 18 years old, to express their interest in performing at the event. FRAMED provides a platform for young people to develop their skills and confidence through public performance in a City-run event. Expressions of interest can be made through the City's website and will close on 20 July.

Armadale Aspire

After a successful pilot in 2017, the Armadale Aspire program will be delivered in July/ August this year. The Community Development initiative, supported by Economic Development, will partner with six local high schools and five local businesses in a seven-day career development program facilitating collaboration between education and industry in the City of Armadale. The City's CDO – Youth has been developing MOUs with each of the six schools ahead of the student selection process. Last year's program resulted in youth employment, work experience opportunities and increased work-readiness skills in local young people. The program will commence on 18 July.

Community Support

The City is providing development assistance to a number of key external stakeholders this month including;

- Providing social planning information, data and trends to the WA Police in support of attracting funding to roll out the Common Goal program in Armadale. The free community sport program is aimed at encouraging unity, harmony and diversity among cultures through soccer and WAPOL are investigating Harrisdale and Piara Waters as a pilot location.
- Connecting Stockland Harrisdale Shopping Centre with Armadale Youth Network organisations to activate their spaces during NAIDOC week and school holidays by providing youth engagement activities.
- Supporting a number of local high schools with connection to AYN organisations and relevant topic experts for the upcoming Mental Health Week expos.
- Working with the East Metro Health Service to facilitate mapping of all nutritional and physical activity programs offered in our City through the Armadale Youth Network.

POSITIVE AGEING, ACCESS AND INCLUSION

Pole Walking

The City coordinated its first Pole Walking Group (Armadale Pole Walking Group) through the Visitor's Centre, in August 2014. In December 2014, this activity was extended into Roleystone. In May this year, another group was started in Kelmscott. These groups are led by volunteer Pole Walking Leaders. There are numerous health benefits associated with Pole Walking and local Pole Walking Groups provide another activity that caters for a variety of participants from various backgrounds and of varying skill levels.



Local Pole Waking Groups include:

- Armadale Pole Walking Group: Leaves Armadale Visitors Centre on Mondays and Thursday at 8.30am during autumn/winter and spring (8am during warmer months) with 10- 15 participants per session
- Roleystone Pole Walking Groups: Leaves Roleystone Recreation Centre on Tuesday and Fridays at 8.30am during autumn/winter and spring (8am during warmer months) 18 – 20 participants per session
- Kelmscott Pole Waling Group: Leaves Kelmscott at Hidden Café on a Saturday at 8.30am with 5 8 participants.

Activation of the Greendale Centre

The City is working with Dale Cottages to promote usage of the newly redeveloped Greendale Centre to new groups as well as re-establish groups who used the Centre previously. New organisations likely to operate from the Centre include Carers WA and Women's Health &Wellbeing Services, to offer the following services:

Community Art Project

The City will be hosted Community Art workshops to help address social isolation and loneliness. A professional artist was engaged with older community members to develop a professional art piece with the theme of 'Armadale Bushland'. Consultation for the art piece was held on the 1 May with 13 community members to inform the art piece. Six workshops were held on the 14, 16 17, 19, 22, and 25 May at the Greendale Centre during the Armadale Art Festival. 49 people took part in the project all of whom contributed to the artwork. The results of the evaluation will be reported in the near future.

POSITIVE AGEING, ACCESS AND INCLUSION (continued)

Comments from the workshops included:

'The projects made me look at nature more intensely and it makes me think back on my childhood memories'

'I would normally sleep after lunch, and then just watch TV, because I do not have anything to do'

'It is lovely to be involved in something in Armadale'

Many participants commented:

'This project is lovely, because we can sit around a table and talk and laugh and work on something together and it makes us feel more connected and valued'



Positive Ageing Sessions

The next Positive Ageing Session will be hosted on Wednesday 6 June. Topics will include 'Waste and Recycling' presented by a Waste Education Consultant, and 'NDIS – How does it work' presented by a representative from Richmond Wellbeing.

Carer Wellbeing Workshops

The City in partnership with 'Carers Australia WA' has been providing a series of workshops in the community aimed at assisting Carers. Each workshop focuses on ways to increase the wellbeing and confidence of Carers. Upon completing the series of workshops, Carers will have created their own individual wellbeing goals and have practiced skills in communication, resilience and balancing care with self-care. The City is continuing this partnership in 2018, hosting four workshops at the Kelmscott Library including;

- 'State of Mind' Wednesday 14 March
- 'Compassion Fatigue' Wednesday 18 April
- 'Agent of Change' Wednesday 16 May
- 'Grief and You' Wednesday 20 June

Ten Carers attended the May workshop. Most participants indicated that they were either satisfied or highly satisfied with the workshop.

POSITIVE AGEING, ACCESS AND INCLUSION (continued)

Disability Access and Inclusion Reference Group (DA&IRG) Meeting

The DA&IRG will go a on a road trip on Thursday 7 June to showcase projects that have had excellent outcomes that are associated with the City's DAIP. The places that will be showcased are Memorial Park accessible upgrades, Lions Park accessible upgrades, accessible upgrades and dementia design of the Greendale Centre, and the story of the development and accessibility of Ship Wreck Park.

Disability Access and Inclusion (DAIP) Progress Report

The City has received notification that the 2017-18 DAIP progress report is due to the Department of Communities by Monday 2 July 2018. DAIP progress reports provide an annual overview of the work public authorities have undertaken to support people with disability across the State. This information is also tabled in Parliament by the Minister for Disability Services.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Community Grants

Applications for Round 2 of the City's 2017/2018 Community Grants have now been assessed. The City received 16 applications with eligible funding requests totalling \$25,752. Of the 16 applications received, 10 applicants met the eligibility requirements of the City's Community Grants Policy (COMD1 – Request for financial assistance).

Two of the applications were identified as closely aligning with the City's Community Development strategy. As a result, the City is currently in the process of establishing formal partnerships with these two organisations to further develop, expand and add value to these proposed projects. The results of these partnerships will be reported in due course.

The table below lists details of those Community Groups/Organisations that were awarded a grant. Note the maximum grant amount is \$2,000.

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT	
Armadale Gymnastics Club	Armadale Gymnastics Club Spring into Action Competition		
Armadale Soccer Club Inc	Holiday Soccer skills camp	\$2,000	
Armadale Society of Artists	\$1,000		
Classic Sounds Orchestra Association Equipment Purchase		\$1,200	
Grovelands Primary School P&C Community Big Breakfast		\$600	
Kelmscott Community Garden	National Tree Planting Day	\$600	
Rotary Club of Armadale	Equipment Purchase	\$1,000	
Spartans Little Athletics Club	Equipment Purchase	\$1,750	
St. Mary in the Valley Anglican Church	Heritage Listing of Kelmscott		
Kelmscott Conservation Group	Cemetery	\$2,000	
The Australian Free Reformed	Free Reformed History Collection		
Community Archive and Collection Inc	Establishment Project	\$2,000	

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS (continued)

Growing Armadale: Connecting Community & Business – Sundowner

The inaugural *Connecting Community & Business Sundowner* held in March this year has yielded some very positive outcomes for local community groups and businesses. As a direct result of networking opportunities offered by this event, which focused on corporate partnerships, the following three community groups have successfully secured funding from corporate partners:

Armadale Soccer Club:

\$5,000 sponsorship from Satterley Property Group

St. Mary in the Valley Anglican Church Kelmscott Conservation Group:

■ \$2,000 sponsorship from 2nd Chance Op Shop

Resilient Friends Club:

■ Donation of a printer – in kind sponsorship from a small local business

Planning has commenced for the City's next Connecting Community & Business Sundowner. The event will focus on 'Town Teams' and is tentatively scheduled for 22 October 2018.

'Town teams' are a new way of engaging and empowering communities. They included businesses and residents and focus on a specific area. Following attendance by the Community Development Officer – Partnerships at a Place Making Session hosted by the City of Bayswater and delivered by Mike Fisher, the City will invite Dean Cracknell from Town Teams to speak to Armadale's community groups and local businesses about how to activate their local spaces and places. The event will be jointly planned and funded by Community Development, Economic Development and Sports and Recreation Services.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Street Meet n Greet

In conjunction with WA Police and Neighbourhood Watch, a Street Meet n Greet was conducted in Camillo on Saturday May 12. The event was well received by the local community with attendance in excess of 80 people. Fifty seven window alarms were given out to City of Armadale residents, twenty one vehicles were fitted with anti-theft number plate screws and thirteen people signed up for eWatch.

On May 22 Neighbourhood Watch were back in the Jull Street Mall, providing local residents with handbag alarms and home security advice, with forty seven handbag alarms were distributed in a two hour period.

Purple Bench Project

In Nova Scotia, Canada, purple benches are located in public parks to honour the memory of victims of domestic violence and to provide help numbers for people experiencing domestic family violence. Purple was chosen as it's associated worldwide with the Domestic Violence awareness movement. The City and Communicare College are working together with WA Police to bring this initiative to the City of Armadale.

COMMUNITY ART AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Heron Park Harmony Festival

The Heron Park Harmony Festival took place at Jim and Alma Baker Park on Sunday 20 May 2018. The event attracted 3,500 people and was coordinated by a team of six local community groups that included the Sri Lankan Cultural Society, Sikh Association of WA, Harrisdale Primary School, Saraswati Mahavavidhyalaya, Arts vs Depression, Piara Punjab Club, plus naming rights partner Satterley Property Group and the City of Armadale. There were 17 cultural performances, arts and craft stalls, children's activities, multicultural food stalls and the Pakiwaitra Maori cultural exhibition in Bakers House.



Pakiwaitara Maori Exhibition

The Pakiwaitara photography exhibition held in Bakers House was a key cultural element of the Heron Park Harmony Festival. Coordinated by Gavin Tuatahi Grace, City of Armadale's 2018 Citizen of the Year, the event brought the Maori community together in presenting traditional Maori weaving and carving demonstrations, cuisine and haka performances and ceremonial demonstrations. In the afternoon, there was a particularly moving ceremonial haka exchange between the Maori elders and the youth group that took the cultural performances to a new level.

Baroque by Candle Light, St Matthews Church, Saturday 12 May 2018

Baroque by Candlelight concert by the Perth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) was once again run as part of the Armadale Arts Festival. The attendance was 250 people including 54 complimentary tickets for associated schools. A new element of the event featured the involvement a number of children from the Classic Sounds Orchestra's children's and youth programs and locals schools (Clifton Hills Primary, Kelmscott Senior High School, West Byford Primary, Bramfield park Primary, Christ the King Primary, Churchlands Senior High School and John Curtin College of the Arts); local Orchestra groups the Classic Sounds Orchestra and the Armadale City Concert Band provided volunteers for the performance. Festival Artist and nationally acclaimed musician, Cathie Travers, also performed two items with the PSO.

COMMUNITY ART AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Live at The Chapel, Armadale Arts Festival Acoustic Music Concerts

There were four Live at the Chapel concerts presented in Minnawarra Chapel during the Armadale Arts Festival featuring new collaborations between local musicians. These included 'An Evening of Celtic Woodwinds' by Chris Horgan and Kim Bettenay; Cathie Travers and the Classic Sounds Orchestra Quintet and 'Handpan & Gongs: Metal Percussion concert with Eugene McGrath and Paul Ford. The four concerts attracted a paying audience of 204 people. The immediate feedback has been very positive to the Minnawarra Chapel as an intimate performance venue for acoustic concerts.

Local Writers' Group Anthology Launches

There were two local writers' groups that launched their anthologies at the 2018 Armadale Arts Festival. The Armadale Writers' Group launched their third book 'Light and Dark Tales from the Dale' which includes 22 stories and nine poems by 12 local writers. The break-off writers



group, Inklings Writers' Workshop, also launched their anthology 'Elements of Change' which includes 14 stories and four poems by 14 local writers.

The Great Ride, Kelmscott Hall and grounds Sunday 27 May 2018

The Great Ride event took place at the Kelmscott Hall and grounds on Sunday 27 May as the closing event of the 2018 Armadale Arts Festival, attracting approximately 150 people. The event acknowledged local people that served in the Australian 10th Light Horse regiment and told the story of the 10th Light Horse epic ride in the Damascus in 1918 in a production drawing from soldier's actual letters, poems, stories and songs.

There were many local community groups involved in the event including the Kelmscott-Pinjarra 10^{th} Light Horse Memorial Troop, the Kelmscott Agricultural Society, the Kelmscott Community Garden, the Birtwistle Local Studies Library, local military researcher Linton Reynolds, local author Linda Bettenay and musicians Merlene Smith and Carmel Charleton.



VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Volunteer Sundowner

In celebration of National Volunteer Week and the theme of 'Give a Little, Change a Lot' on Wednesday 23 May, 68 volunteers representing 29 different local community groups attended a Volunteer Sundowner in an effort to thank them for their selfless contributions to the City.

Volunteers were given the opportunity to network and share stories and hear from well renowned speaker Dr Ros Worthington.



MAJOR EVENTS AND ARTS

Armadale Arts Festival

This year's Armadale Arts Festival is deemed to be the most successful yet with a number of events selling out in total 49 events took place over 17 days and across 20 venues, This is a great example of City departments working together to achieve great things as this project involved Community Development, Libraries, History House, Perth Hills Visitors Centre, Marketing, Customer Service and Civil Works.

The evaluation of the festival is currently being undertaken.

MAJOR EVENTS AND ARTS (continued)

ReDiscover Armadale - Walking Arts Trail

ReDiscover Stage Two was implemented in May 2018 as part of the Armadale Arts Festival. This included five new murals across the Armadale CBD and the development of a walking arts trail map. The featured artists in Stage Two were: Askew One (Auckland/Brookland), Lisa King (Adelaide), Bradley Kickett (Perth - Armadale), Tahnee Kelland (Perth) and Creed Birch (Perth).



This project has received positive public interest locally and further afield from residents bringing artists lunch (Askew One was treated to some traditional kiwi tucker by a local Maori family), to an article in The West Australian on Sat 26 May 2018.

The Perth Hills Visitors Centre will be geocaching each of the mural sites and running a school holiday competition in July to promote the walking train which is the ongoing legacy of this project.

Minnawarra Art Awards

Held in the Greendale Centre this year due to the redevelopment of Armadale District Hall, this exhibition has once again been deemed a great success. Newly recruited curator Ron Nyisztor from Nyisztor Studio ARI selected 61 artworks from 47 artists to present a high quality and varied exhibition.



MAJOR EVENTS AND ARTS (continued)

There were many positive messages left in the exhibition Guest Book on the artwork, the exhibition and the venue, a few of these are as follows:

- "Lots of great works. Great venue." Jo & Kevin Smith.
- "Beautiful quality works thank you." T Smith
- "Very calming experience being in this building. Some clever and thought provoking works. Some great works." Sue Doorey

Five artworks were acquired for the City of Armadale Collection through the 2018 Minnawarra Art Awards, these are as follows:

- The Laneway, by Annette Peterson
- I Thought I Was Late, En Plein Air, by Annette Peterson
- Silent Desert, by King Toogarr (local artist)
- The Revolution Deluge, by Danny Webster
- As Time Goes By, by Debbie Banks (local artist)

As pictured



In the setup of this event, hanging systems were installed at the Greendale Centre so this can now be host to an ongoing exhibition of artworks from the City of Armadale Art Collection. This will be the first community space where the Collection is permanently presented.

Additionally this year's public program surrounding the Minnawarra Art Awards was expanded to include the following events:

- Professional development session for the Armadale Society of Artists (new)
- Opening awards night
- Curator floor talks (new)
- Community H-Art community art panel sessions (new).

Fridays@Hidden

After three years of working on a 'live music venue' during the Armadale Arts Festival, this year's format achieved the desired outcomes. Held each Friday of the Festival at Hidden Coffee, live original music from local bands and performers were presented. Organised in consultation with a community working party, new musicians were approached and featured, some never having performed in Armadale previously.



MAJOR EVENTS AND ARTS (continued)

The audience on each night was a range of young children and teenagers with their parents, through to regular gig goers and a number of people over the age of 60. Many were locals that were within walking distance of the venue or only a short drive.

Thank you, and why I have you here so just wanted to say that the Friday's @Hidden is such a great idea, I went last week on my own and will go again this Friday. The local bands are great and it's so nice to support them and have live music so close to home and somewhere I feel comfortable enough to go on my own at the ripe old age of 62 \(\sigma\)

One patron commented "I usually go into the City every weekend, but I'm so glad my friends talked me into staying around. This is awesome."



The owner of Hidden Coffee has had some interest in other organisations and groups wanting to hold events at his premises including the Roleystone Musicians Club having initial discussions around a monthly gig at this venue. Additionally there are initial conversations occurring between the performers in if it is possible to establish a sustainable live original music venue in this area.

INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT

Paint the Highway REaD

On Thursday 17 May 2018, the Indigenous Development team attended Paint the Town REaD at the Armadale Community Family Centre and Bob Blackburn Reserve. This was coordinated by Parkerville along with other Armadale Early Years Network agencies to create awareness about reading to their children and also the launch of our Reading Egg. This was the official launching of the magic reading egg that will grow larger the more children read to it until it's ready to hatch. It was well attended around 70 community members along with our local Police, who read a book to the children to get the Reading Egg to grow, Fire Fighters and many other local agencies. There were many free children's activities & giveaways, we had a playdough table, drawing & crafts table, braiding & plaits table, face painter and a sausage sizzle.

Paint the Town REaD is an Australian campaign that encourages everyone in the community to read, talk, sing, rhyme and play with children from birth so that they are ready to read and write at school. Paint the Highway REaD is our version of the campaign, and it's making its way to three suburbs along Albany Highway – Armadale, Gosnells and Canning.

Together We Can Program

TWC is operates each Wednesday, with new participants joining each week and parent participation growing. On an average we have 30-40 children attending and up to 15 adults and it's of note that increasing numbers of Dads are coming to the program. The program rotates on a three weekly basis so that the children get to learn how to play football, soccer, netball, tee ball with different training sessions each week to build different muscle groups. Other activities include dance, craft and music games.

The Champion Centre Food Security Program (FSP)

The Food Security Program has still been running since moving to Harold King Centre in January. So far this year the Centre has helped assist over 200 families and have made over 500 food boxes. This program have assisted with families requiring emergency boxes and help with funerals, as well as providing food for Challis Primary School Girls Academy and the Boodjari Yorgas Play Group.

Since being located at the Harold King Community Centre, the Indigenous Development team have formed a stronger relationship/partnership with the Grovelands Primary School and the school's Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO). The Team is helping support the school's Breakfast Club which runs Monday to Friday by supplying bread and fruit daily and also assist with emergency recess and lunches to children that have attended school with no lunch according to the advice of the AEO.

INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT (continued)

In the last few months unfortunately there have been numerous suicides in the Armadale community. The Indigenous Development team has been able to help assist and support the families with the FSP by providing the families with food hampers. This in some ways help covers the financial burden of having extended family members staying with them who have travelled up or down for the funeral. This also gives the chance for the Team to link the families in with support agencies that run from the Centre.

Recently the Indigenous Development team attended a Food Relief Framework meeting run by WACOSS at Lottery's House. From this meeting the Coordinator of Community Resilience & Relief from WACOSS has contacted the Team to discuss cultural safety of food relief providers for Aboriginal people to be put in their Food Relief Framework. WACOSS hosts a monthly Community Relief and Resilience Forum at City West Lottery House and they have asked the Indigenous Development team to be a part of and do a presentation for service providers to help them understand the cultural context of Aboriginal people accessing community and relief and what providers can do to ensure cultural safety.



RECREATION SERVICES

RECREATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Recreation Services Team aims to build a safe, healthy and connected community through:

- Facility Management
- Capacity Building
- Health and Wellbeing Programs
- Service Delivery

ARMADALE AQUATIC CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

A number of key plans for the operations of the new Aquatic Centre are now in the final consultation phase, including the Aquatic Centre Business Plan, Workforce Plan and the Communications and Marketing Plan. These plans focus on the Centre business model, programs and services, and staffing structures for the new centre. In addition to this work has commenced on the Armadale Arena Feasibility Study, which will consider programs and services currently on offer at the Arena and provide recommendations as to how the centre may operate, post development of the Aquatic Centre

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

KidSport update

164 applications were approved in March 2018, bringing our first quarter approvals to 691, an increase of over 20% from quarter 1 last year. 115 clubs have received funding through the program so far in 2018, with the top five clubs primarily being football and soccer:

Armadale Junior Football Club 86 12.5%
Kelmscott Junior Football Club Inc. 81 11.7%
Armadale Soccer Club Incorporated 50 7.2%
Armadale Gymnastic Club Inc 40 5.8%
Kelmscott Roos Soccer Club Inc 33 4.8%

CLUB DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Roleystone Gymnastics Recognition

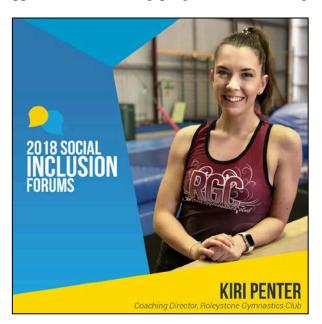
Due to the success, diversity and inclusive practises displayed throughout the delivery of all their programs, Roleystone Gymnastics Club were invited to present at Inclusion Solutions inaugural Social Inclusion Forum, on May 9. The Forum was attended by the Minister of Sport and Recreation, Mick Murray, representatives from various State Sporting Associations, Local Governments and sporting clubs from the wider metropolitan region.

Roleystone Gymnastics presented on their inclusive approach to delivering programs and utilising

resources to the best of their efforts which recognises them as a leader not only within the City of Armadale but in WA.

"Growing up in Roleystone, I was always included. I just want all people to have the same experience as I did, I want everyone to feel included."

Kiri Penter, Coaching Director.



COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community Facility bookings show a decrease in comparison to March 2017, this is a direct result of the scheduled and unscheduled closures of Armadale District Hall, Bakers House and reduced use at Harold King as the relocation point for Champion Centre during the redevelopment.

Relocation of Groups in other Community Facilities

The last five months has seen a number of facilities close for upgrades, such as Bakers House for two months for floor replacement and Armadale Hall for major renovations. With over 70 regular users of the City's facilities, the Community Facilities Officers have relocated 57% of groups to an alternate facility in this time, with an average of 52 bookings a week affected.

Autism Association of WA

Upon Bakers House being reopened, the Autism Association will be utilising two rooms for two full days a week, for an autism specific early intervention program. This will be the first time the association has had a presence in the City of Armadale.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES (continued)

Quarter 1 2018 Regular User Groups

The City had 31 paying regular user groups utilising 14 facilities. Figures show 59% of user groups are on the standard rate with 41% receiving the subsidised community rate. Note these figures do not include sporting club usage.



Dog Park Opening

On Saturday 5 May Recreation staff ran the John Dunn Dog Park Opening Community Event. An estimated 150 attendees and their four legged friends enjoyed the new off leash dog exercise areas along with an array of stall holders providing services and treats. Communications and Marketing Officers handed out goodie bags to some lucky attendees and the City of Armadale Rangers mingled with dogs and owners.

Balm Photography Virtual Tours

This month Recreation staff teamed up with the Communications Team, Balm Photography and Google Maps to organise more virtual tours of our Community Facilities – Minnawarra Chapel, Rossiter Pavilion, Greendale Centre & Armadale Arena. Officers met Balm Photography on site to conduct the process. The links to the virtual tours will soon be up on the City's website and they will also be linked to the facility pages on Google Maps. These virtual tours will aid customers when picking a community facility to suit their needs, and those who are unable to conduct a viewing during designated hours Monday-Friday.

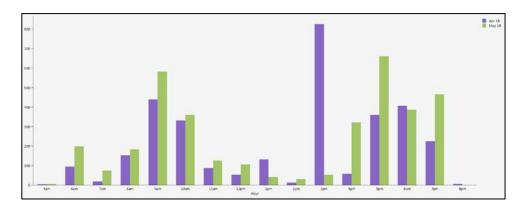
ARMADALE ARENA

Centre Attendances

The new Envibe software is giving a clear snapshot of the Centre attendances with daily, monthly and yearly reporting now possible. The data can also drill down to attendance trends by day of the week and hour of the day. While still in the early days of configuring the system and capuring all the data we are now getting a much better report to assist staff with planning for future activities.

ARMADALE ARENA (continued)

Arena Attendance by Hour of the Day - May 2018



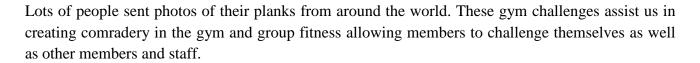
May Attendances for the centre come to around 5,750 total. 51% of attendances come from our Centre hirers activities with 49% from Centre programs such as the gym, group fitness, sports competitions, seniors and teen programs and the creche.

Group Fitness

Admissions to Group Fitness have increase by 3% for the month of May. This month we held our two launches which were "Pyjama Party" themed. There was good attendance at both events, with 35 participants across both days and positive feedback from all. These launches help with retention as well as capturing potential new members.

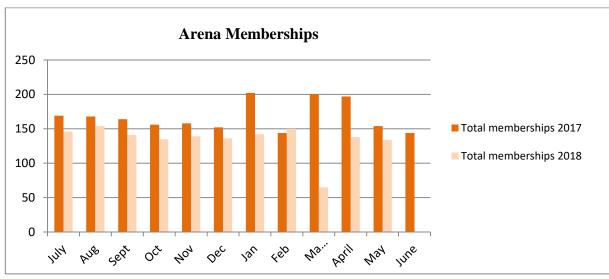
Gym

Admissions to the Gym have increased by 6% for the month of May. In the Gym we held the plank challenge, which members did in their own time and involved a daily plank, increasing the time gradually up to day 30 which was 4:00mins then on the last day the challenge was to hold as long as possible.



RECREATION SERVICES STATISTICS – MAY 2018





Closed Community Facility Bookings						
Facility	Closed	Groups Affected	Bookings affected/week	Notes		
Armadale Hall	Jan-18	13	15	Includes Greendale Centre regular user groups		
Kelmscott Hall	Oct-17	6	8	Though reopened, CFO's had done inductions at alternate facilities		
Bakers House	Mar-18	14	19	Does not include Child Health Nurse MOU for 3 rooms		
Harold King	Dec-17	8	10	Only partially closed for hire - Champion Centre relocation		

LIBRARY AND HERITAGE SERVICES

LIBRARY AND HERITAGE SERVICES OVERVIEW

The Library Services Department provides libraries for leisure, pleasure, inspiration and lifelong learning.

Libraries Service Offering:

- Literacy
- Learning
- Creative, cultural
- Technology awareness, digital literacy

Heritage Services provides a connection to the City's past and preserves the Districts memories.

Heritage Service Offering:

- Museums
- Local History
- Family History
- Education and Research

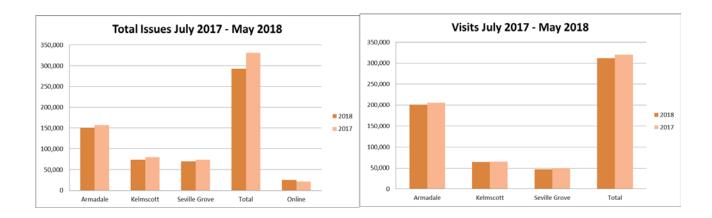
LIBRARY STATISTICAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS MAY 2018

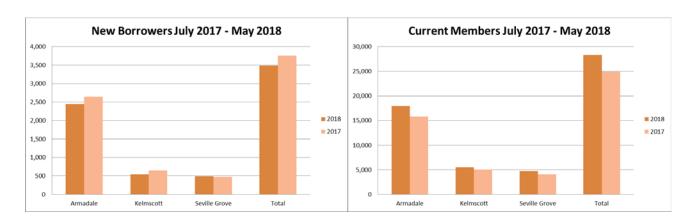
The Library Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of May, 2018, is listed below for each of the City's libraries.

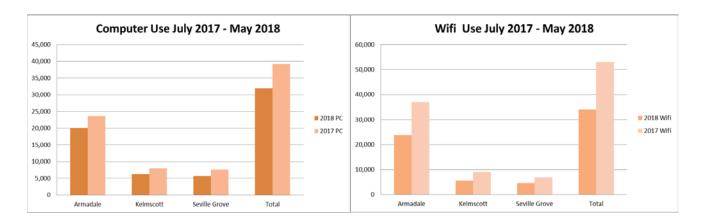
Although overall library usage remains significantly reduced, the confidence and goodwill of computer users is slowly being restored and usage figures for April show a continued increase on previous months.

Statistics May 2018	Armadale	Kelmscott	Seville Grove	Online
Hours of operation	297	219	219	
Visitors (door counter)	19221	6174	4299	
New members	238	54	57	
Current members	17986	5532	4777	
Issues (i.e. Loans)	11948	5557	4913	2430
Reference enquiries	3651	1389	868	
Volunteers/hours	5/9	3/5	-/-	
PCRes sessions	2169	582	541	
Wifi usage	2292	458	429	
Selfcheck loans	6345	1805	1067	
Website/Catalogue visits	/2551			
Stock added/deleted	2760/1825			
Community engagement	56/1185			
sessions/attendance				

LIBRARY STATISTICAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS MAY 2018 (continued)







LIBRARY ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

56 sessions, both regular and special were held during the month. A total of 1,185 people participated in these activities.

In any month regular sessions could include: story time, Baby Rhyme Time, school holiday programs, English conversation classes, reading & writing groups, computer training sessions, 3D printing workshops, games mornings and the Men's Social Group.

Special sessions could include: author talks, workshops, presentations, demonstrations, specialist programs, and community information sessions.

A further 288 children, teachers, parents, or community members were reached through 20 external visits to schools, childcare centres, and community facilities or events.

Award and recognition for the City's Library Service

The City of Armadale Library Service is delighted to have won the *Library Board of Western Australia Award for Innovation and Excellence*. The nomination was for the ConnectivEd internet lending program.

The winners were announced at a presentation on May 24 and the Library Service was commended for championing equitable access to online information.

The Library Service was also encouraged to resubmit a nomination for the Birtiwstle Wiki "Our contribution" to the 2019 Award.

Events for adults and seniors:

Topic: An Introduction to Meditation Presenter: Heartfulness Meditation

Date: 4 May 2018

Venue: Armadale Library

No. Attending: 31

Comments:

A wide range of age groups attended this informative and relaxing session. Very positive comments were received from both the participants and the presenters who enjoyed the experience of working with such a large and diverse gathering.

Topic: What is happiness? Presenter: Natalie Barker

Date: 16 May 2018

Venue: Armadale Library

No. Attending: 31

Comments:

Natalie Barker from 'Hello Happiness' presented this excellent talk which promoted connectivity between community members. This was a very positive and friendly session and connections were made between several of the attendees

The session was very well received by the attendees with plenty of positive feedback. Natalie had the whole group form smaller groups of 3, 4 or 5 people and got them to chat to each other. Most had refreshments at the start and a large number stayed after to mingle and get to know each other. Natalie made herself available to answer question of a personal nature. and there was an exchange of details between some.

Topic: Armadale Arts Festival – Library events for adults

Presenters: Rose Van Son, Inklings, Armadale Writers' Group, Stephen Scourfield

Host: Jan Pedroli

Date: May 12, 13, and 19 2018

Venues: Bean Thru Café, Armadale Library,

No. Attending: 86

Comments:

Following the success of last year's inaugural Armadale Writers' Festival it was decided to make this a standalone event from 2018 onwards. The library service organised a number of events, with a focus on creativity in writing, for both adults and children, during the Armadale Arts Festival. The Armadale Writers' Festival will return on August 31 2018.

Poetry in the Café

Poet and writer Rose van Son presented an excellent workshop on the art of writing poetry at the Bean Thru Café. The audience of 15 came well prepared and engaged fully in the writing exercises and readings. Many audience members were intending on attending other Armadale Arts Festival events and spoke warmly of the entire programme which lays ahead. The session was a great success and the venue was well suited to the intimacy of a small group workshop.

Writers' Group Expo

Local writers' groups, Inklings and the Armadale Writers' Group were on hand to explain exactly what goes on at a writing group and engaged the audience in writing exercises, and challenges. The informal event, complete with afternoon tea, was a friendly and relaxed way for people to engage with the groups and enquire about joining them at their next meetings. A display of library books on writing was well received.

Travelling tales with Stephen Scourfield

There was an excellent turnout for the Library's main Arts Festival Event which was "sold-out" weeks in advance. Guests enjoyed a glass of Hainault Wine and snacks before settling down to an entertaining and informative talk by Stephen Scourfield, Travel Editor of The West Australian. As well as a sprinkling of travel anecdotes, Stephen gave useful and insightful advice into the art of writing which fitted well into the creative theme of the Arts Festival.

The audience were extremely receptive and thoroughly enjoyed the evening, and many hoped Stephen could return to talk more about his extensive travel experiences.

Topic: Eric McCrum: The Birdman

Presenter: Eric McCrum

Date: 18 May 2018

Venue: Armadale Library

No. Attending: 45

Comments:

Eric McCrum was a speaker generous with both his knowledge and amusing stories and had the large audience enthralled. Using a slide projector, Eric gave an interesting commentary on some of the birds, both common and rare found in Western Australia.

Despite going overtime, few of the audience members left and many approached Eric afterwards to discuss their own observations. Many people borrowed from the extensive selection of library books displayed on the subject and several asked that Eric be invited back for another talk in the near future.

Events for young people and teens:

Programs and activities

Topic: Armadale Arts Festival – Library events for children

Presenters: Kylie Howarth, Sean Avery, Briony Stewart, Shirley Reilly, Claire Tomlin, Renate

Haubner

Dates: 12th, 19th, 26th May

Venues: Armadale Library, Stargate Shopping Centre, Harrisdale Shopping Centre

Attendance: 120 children

Comments:

As part of the Armadale Arts Festival, various Children's events and a bookmaking competition were held in the library and at community venues.

The Kids' Illustration Workshop gave children a fantastic opportunity to participate in a session with some of our talented local authors/illustrators.

Kylie Howarth, Sean Avery and Briony Stewart demonstrated their artistic skills and the children had the chance to draw some colourful characters from their published books including *Chip* the Seagull, *Harold and Grace*, and *The Lion in Our Living Room*.

The Armadale Book Cubby appeared at the Stargate Shopping Centre and Harrisdale Shopping Centre and families enjoyed making books together. The Cubby is a portable library where hotdog books made by children are displayed and celebrated. Using one piece of paper and a few simple folds, children can write and illustrate their own book. The books are "published" on the spot using a photocopier and displayed in the cubby for everyone to read!

The inaugural Hotdog Book Competition encouraged local children to be an author and illustrator experiencing the process of making a book. The competition was judged by Kylie, Sean, and Briony and the excited winners received book prizes.



Briony, Sean and Kylie at the Kids' Illustration Workshop



Two excited winners of the Hotdog Book Competition

Topic: National Simultaneous Storytime Performers: Rita Lennon & Shirley Reilly

Date: Wednesday 23 May 2018 Venue: Armadale Library

No. Attending: 13 children and 7 adults

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books, and is held during Library and Information Week. Now in its 18th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy.

The featured book was *Hickory Dickory Dash* written by Tony Wilson and illustrated by Laura Wood. This lively tale, a twist on the well-known nursery rhyme invited much conversation and laughter. The picture book was read at thousands of locations around Australia and New Zealand including libraries, bookshops, schools, playgroups and childcare centres.

Songs were sung, the book was read, and the children enjoyed creating their very own Hickory Dickory clock and mouse. A fun time was had by all in this nationwide celebration of reading!

Workshops and presentations

Topic: Armadale Young Writers' Awards – Writers Workshops

Presenter: Norman Jorgensen

Dates: Saturday 12 May, Saturday 19 May

Venue: Armadale Library No. Attending: 43 students

Comments: The Armadale Young Writers' Awards 2018 will launch on June 1st to encourage local students in Years 3-12 that reside or attend school in the City of Armadale to enter a creative writing competition. This is the eighth year of the Awards.

Local author Norman Jorgensen conducted three writing workshops at Armadale Library to encourage students to enter the competition, sharing his writing knowledge and expertise. He has over a dozen published books ranging from picture books, junior and young adult novels. Norman has won many awards, including the Children's Book Council's Book of the Year Award, four children's choice awards, the Crystal Kite Award from his peers, and The Henry Burgh award in the USA. The workshops were very well attended with students from a wide range of schools using this opportunity to gain tips to help with their writing as well as the chance to meet a published author!

Entry forms for the competition and flyers advertising the workshops were mailed to eligible library members as well as being promoted in the libraries. Schools have also received promotional materials for the competition and workshops.

Feedback from students was positive; they found the workshops helpful with their writing experience and hopefully there will be some great entries from local students in this year's Awards.

OTHER LIBRARY MATTERS OF INTEREST

The first meeting of the Public Libraries Working Group (PLWG) was held on April 23 and includes representatives of State Government, WALGA, and Public Libraries WA. The PLWG is working through the submissions received during the public comment period on the WA Public Libraries Strategy.

This document is part of the Government's Service Priority Review, aimed at reforming the way services are delivered to the Western Australian community.

HERITAGE STATISTICAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – MAY 2018

The Heritage Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of May 2018.

Heritage Department Year to date statistics – May	2018	2017
Visitor Numbers:	4,096	3,686
The number of visitors to History House Museum, Bert Tyler Vintage		
Machinery Museum and the Birtwistle Local Studies Library		
Education Programs:	2,315	2,187
The number of students and teachers interacted with through the Museum's		
Australian Curriculum based education programs, both incursions and		
excursions, as well as the Museum in a Box (MiaB) program.		
Public Programs:	546	578
The number of people attending talks, workshops, exhibition openings, school		
holiday programs, presentations and other events.		
Reference and Research:	510	546
The number of reference enquiries responded to, or major research undertaken		
in response to all public enquiries received (volunteer hours may assist with		
the research).		
Volunteer Hours:	3,264	3,038
The number of volunteer hours spent on customer service, data entry,		·
conservation tasks, family history assistance, oral history recording and		
transcribing and other duties.		

The visitor numbers, (to the Museum in particular), correlate to the current temporary exhibition and any official opening or public programs associated with the exhibitions.

The number of students and teachers interacted with in the Education programs is dependent upon the school year, with some school terms being more popular for visits by schools, depending on curriculum and timetabling.

BIRTWISTLE LOCAL STUDIES LIBRARY

Projects and activities

Oral History

• Interview recorded with Robert Skeet.

Research requests

Research requests in the Local Studies Library during May included:

- Help wanted in documenting an outbuilding of the 'Jesse Hammond' property on Ottaway Street in Kelmscott.
- Enquiry into the Bosveld family working on buildings in Dwellingup
- Enquiry about a building / shed on the old Trifonoff property on Urch Road in Rolevstone.
- Information sought on the Bestwick family, residents from circa 1900 to 1915.
- Background of Cross Park's football pavilion and the Bedfordale Bushfire Brigade building
- Ex-Roleystone District High School student 2000/2001 seeking classmate

BIRTWISTLE LOCAL STUDIES LIBRARY (continued)

Birtwistle Wiki

Progress was made in bringing City of Gosnells records into the World War One online wiki project. Local history staff from the City of Gosnells met with BLSL staff and the Wiki's originator Linton Reynolds during May. They are now supplying additional information that will help in creating entries for soldiers from the Gosnells area, expanding the Wiki beyond its Armadale and Serpentine-Jarrahdale listings.

Family History

The regular Family Tree Group meeting took place on 31 May at the Manse Restaurant. The main theme centred around a show and tell of family heirlooms. Ten people had the pleasure of Gary Smith and his staff's hospitality for the morning.

FOCUS 2018

A prize presentation event took place in the Armadale Library on 26 May, hosted by Mayor Henry Zelones and attended by BLSL staff, the six winning entrants and their families, Cr Gary Smith, and competition judge Tony McDonough.

Tales Over the Back Fence

This event held on 20 May sought to share local history stories not found in history books: personal tales of quirky interest, potential controversy or near-salaciousness. Eight speakers shared stories with a sold-out audience who were invited to add their own comments or experiences. A successful and fun event for attendees, speakers and staff.

The Great Ride

BLSL staff attended this WW1-themed event co-ordinated by the City's Community Development team, held at the Kelmscott Hall on 27 May. The Local Studies team set up a display promoting the Birtwistle Wiki *Our Contribution* and provided three laptops at which the public could research their local relatives' involvement in the Great War, offer new information, or simply use the Wiki for their own interest. Linton Reynolds presented two brief talks to the audience highlighting the locals that served in WW1, and raising interest in the Wiki project.

Donations

- A 1971 image of Armadale Primary School students boarding an Ansett jet for a journey to the eastern states. Photograph provided by History House Museum.
- Additional scans of photographs and ephemera of WW1 soldier Jack George Ray.
- A trove of photograph / postcard scans of WW1 soldiers from the Saw family, Marsh family, Butcher family and others. Donated by P. Leunig and R. Morup.
- Scans of historical photographs relating to the Green family, donated by M. Green.

HISTORY HOUSE MUSEUM

Projects and Activities:

Collection and donations

In the last month the museum has received no new donations.

Exhibitions

Wildflower Society Exhibition

Over 200 people visited the exhibition in May.

World War One Exhibition

History House is currently seeking concept ideas and quotes from design companies for this exhibition which will open in November 2018.

Education Programs

School Visits

Willandra Primary School and Byford John Calvin School visited the Museum to participate in the *School's In*, and *Old Time Games* programs. Dale Christian School Year 3 students came to the Museum for the ANZAC program.

MiaB

The *Domestic Life 1* box and a specially made up box of Old Time School objects went out to West Byford Primary School. The *Toys* box went to Byford John Calvin School.

School Incursions

The Education Officer visited Grovelands Primary School to present the *In Times of War* program to the Year 3-6 students and visited West Byford Primary School to present a specialised program on *Childhood: Past and Present*.

Programs – *general information*

The Education Officer is working with the Library & Heritage Marketing & Publications Officer to design an online Booking Form for the education programs offered at the Museum using the Wufoo platform. A feedback form is also being drafted using Wufoo.

As a part of the targeted marketing strategy, emails for the program *Kambarang to Birak* have been sent out to schools ahead of NAIDOC week.

The Education Officer in their role as Volunteer Manager attended a workshop run by Volunteering WA looking at the National Standards for Volunteering.

OTHER HISTORY HOUSE MUSEUM MATTERS OF INTEREST

Armadale Arts Festival

On Saturday May 19 History House held its Vintage Record Night Event. 31 people attended the evening where the museum curator talked about and played a series of vintage records from 1911 through to the 1940s. This was followed by a performance from local electronic artist Motet who remixed a couple of the songs and then played a set of electro swing music while being accompanied by a video installation featuring historical photographs from the Birtwistle Local Studies Library Collection.

The curator also ran two tactile tours at the Minnawarra Art Award, primarily for residents of Dale Cottages who had differing levels of sight impairment. These tours were greatly appreciated as it provided the audience context for a number of works.

The museum curator also gave a presentation about running tactile and inclusive tours at art shows at a professional development session held at the Minnawarra Art Award for members of the Armadale Society of Artists. This session was designed to show that these sort of tours are well within the capacity of community organisations such as the Armadale Society of Artists.

History House is hosting a student placement from Yule Brooke College for the next two school terms. The placement will include a number of training sessions relating museum collection management, significance assessment and exhibition research.

RANGER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

RANGER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OVERVIEW

The Ranger and Emergency Services Team aims to build a safe and connected community through:

- Animal care, control and licensing
- Fire prevention and Emergency Management
- Education and enforcement of State and Local law
- Awareness, education and support

ANIMAL CONTROL

Dogs

Ranger Services received six hundred and twenty four (624) requests for assistance during the report period. The primary focus of Ranger Services is managing the response to the community for requests for service.

Cats

Since the implementation of the *Cat Act 2011* (WA), all domestic cats within the City have to be micro chipped, registered and sterilised. As the Cat Act was implemented to deal with feral cats, the Rangers have a trapping program with our community. If a member of the public has an issue with an unidentified cat, we will arrange for trapping to occur. If a cat is found to be owned, we will do everything to attempt to get the cat home before we impound it.

Ranger Services received 95 requests for assistance during this report period.

VEHICLES

Parking

Parking restrictions, education and enforcement are ongoing for our City Centre and schools. Since school returned for this year we have identified that parking issues are starting to increase in Harrisdale and Piara Waters areas. We have been working with our engineering team to provide the community with suitable solutions to the parking enquiries we are receiving. These issues are due to the community members not being aware of the parking laws to deal with parking on a footpath, parking close to an intersection, parking to cause obstruction (especially in alleyways, small streets at the rear of properties in cottage block area's) and other general offences.

Ranger Service attended to 292 matters relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

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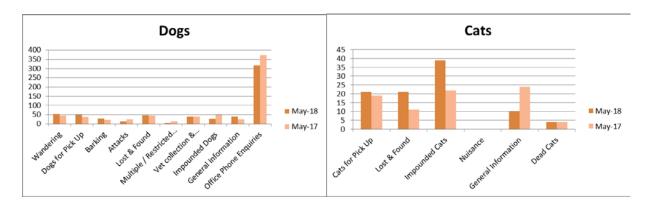
Ranger Services have received a number of complaints, from concerned members of the community, regarding household rubbish being deposited onto reserves and road verges throughout the district. Keeping roadsides, reserves and other areas litter free is a major focus of the City of Armadale and Rangers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

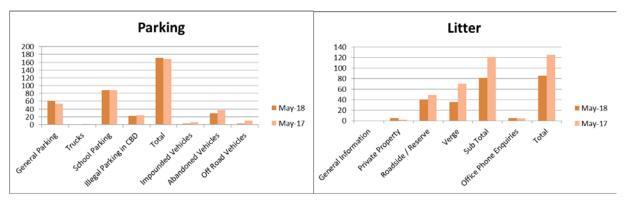
FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

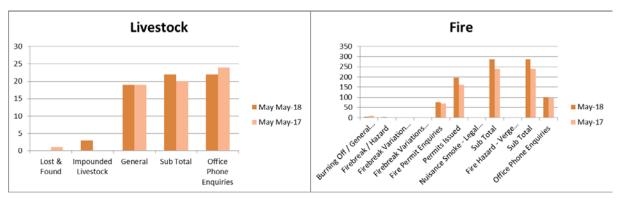
Prevention

There were 384 enquires relating to fire during the April report period; these matters were principally related to reports of fire hazards on private property.

RANGERS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES STATISTICS - MAY 2018







RANGERS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES STATISTICS – MAY 2018 (continued)

