



INFORMATION BULLETIN

For the Month of June

Note: the Shire of Yalgoo Information Bulletin is posted the week before the Council Agenda

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Information Bulletin

1. Councillor Calendar

| Day | Date/s | Event | Comment |
|-----------------|--|---|---|
| Thursday | 19 July 2012 11.00am | ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING | Yalgoo Council Chambers |
| Wednesday | 1 August 2012 9.00am – 12.00pm | Special State & Local Government Forum (invitation only President and CEO) | Perth Convention Centre |
| Wednesday | 1 August 2012 1.30pm | WALGA Annual General Meeting | Perth Convention Centre |
| Thursday | 2 – 4 August 2012 | WALGA Annual Conference | Perth Convention Centre |
| Tuesday | 7 August 2012 10.00am | SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING | For the purpose of considering the Draft Budget Yalgoo Council Chambers |
| Thursday | 9 August 2012 11.00am | SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING | For the purpose of considering the Final Budget Yalgoo Council Chambers |
| Monday | 13 August 2012 11.00am 1.00pm | LEMC (Local Emergency Management Committee) Meeting ERM (Emergency Risk Management) Meeting | Railway Complex Yalgoo |
| Thursday | 23 August 2012 11.00am | ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING | Yalgoo Council Chambers |
| Saturday | 1 September 2012 | EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION | Yalgoo Council Chambers |
| Thursday | 20 September 2012 11.00am | ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING | Paynes Find |
| Tuesday | 25 September 2012 11.00am | LEMC (Local Emergency Management Committee) Meeting | Railway Complex Yalgoo |
| Wednesday | 26 September 2012 2.30 – 4.00pm | REGIONAL ROAD GROUP (RRG) TELECONFERENCE | Len Terry, Terry Iturbide, Sharon Daishe |
| Friday | 5 October 2012 12 – 3pm | REGIONAL ROAD GROUP (RRG) MEETING | Geraldton Len Terry, Terry Iturbide, Sharon Daishe |
| TBA Tuesday | 9 October 2012 10.00am | AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING (Date to be confirmed) | Yalgoo Council Chambers |
| Thursday | 18 October 2012 11.00am | ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING | Yalgoo Council Chambers |
| TBA | November 2012 | Murchison Country Zone Meeting of WALGA - “Cue Parliament” | Shire of Murchison , Cue |
| TBA Thursday | 22 November 2012 9.00am 11.00am | ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING (To be confirmed) ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING | Yalgoo Council Chambers |
| Thursday | 12 December 2012 11.00am | ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING | Yalgoo Council Chambers |

2. Introduction

Information Bulletin (NB: refer white pages for index and documents)

The Shire receives an extremely high volume of information every month.

This document contains information that is of relevance or interest to elected members but will not generally be presented for a council decision.

Local Governments are routinely invited to comment on state level legislative and policy matters. Given our small size and limited staff resources, the CEO will not always prepare a response and will base this decision on:

- Expertise – does the Shire have staff with relevant expertise on the matter?
- Time & quality – do staff have time to prepare a properly researched agenda paper and recommendation?
- Relevance – how relevant is the outcome of the matter to Shire operations?
- Impact – what is the likelihood that the time and effort required to prepare a submission will be rewarded by real impact on the decision making process?

If an elected member wishes Council to consider making a decision on a particular matter, the elected member should bring the matter to the attention of the CEO or President via a Councillor Information Request to enable the CEO to prepare an agenda item and recommendation for Council to consider.

Alternatively, the elected member may choose to raise the matter by giving notice of motion.

You will find the Information Bulletin index and documents in the white page section.

Executive Activity Reports

Executive activity reports are prepared to inform elected members of progress on Council projects and activities.

Whilst operational matters should not be discussed at Council meetings, Councillors may wish to ask questions of clarification.

Councillors are encouraged to contact the CEO or relevant staff member to resolve queries before the Council meeting.

Excerpts from Local Government Act - Roles of Elected Members and Staff

Excerpts downloaded February 2011

2.8. Role of mayor or president

- (1) The mayor or president —
- (a) presides at meetings in accordance with this Act;
 - (b) provides leadership and guidance to the community in the district;
 - (c) carries out civic and ceremonial duties on behalf of the local government;
 - (d) speaks on behalf of the local government;
 - (e) performs such other functions as are given to the mayor or president by this Act or any other written law; and
 - (f) liaises with the CEO on the local government's affairs and the performance of its functions.

2.10. Role of councillors

- A councillor —
- (a) represents the interests of electors, ratepayers and residents of the district;
 - (b) provides leadership and guidance to the community in the district;
 - (c) facilitates communication between the community and the council;
 - (d) participates in the local government's decision making processes at council and committee meetings; and
 - (e) performs such other functions as are given to a councillor by this Act or any other written law.

5.41. Functions of CEO

- The CEO's functions are to —
- (a) advise the council in relation to the functions of a local government under this Act and other written laws;
 - (b) ensure that advice and information is available to the council so that informed decisions can be made;
 - (c) cause council decisions to be implemented;
 - (d) manage the day to day operations of the local government;
 - (e) liaise with the mayor or president on the local government's affairs and the performance of the local government's functions;
 - (f) speak on behalf of the local government if the mayor or president agrees;
 - (g) be responsible for the employment, management supervision, direction and dismissal of other employees (subject to section *5.37(2) in relation to senior employees);
 - (h) ensure that records and documents of the local government are properly kept for the purposes of this Act and any other written law; and
 - (i) perform any other function specified or delegated by the local government or imposed under this Act or any other written law as a function to be performed by the CEO.

** 5.37 (2) requires the CEO to inform the Council of each proposal to employ or dismiss an employee filling a position that the Council has designated under 5.37 (1), currently DCEO, EHO and Works Foreman. This does not apply to a person acting in the position for less than a year, or employed in the position for less than 3 months in any 2 year period.*

3. Reports

Environmental Health and Building Services

Environmental Health, Building and Development Report June 2012

Prepared by William Atyeo, Environment Health and Building Officer

Activity Report

| Item | Activity this Month | Planned for Next Month |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Environmental Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food Business Certificate for Golden Grove Minesite Camp was issued. ▪ Each year we are required to report to the Food Unit of the Department of Health WA on food businesses within the Shire on a form supplied by the Department. This has been completed and submitted to the CEO for dispatch to the Department. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ |
| Building Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All stats have been sent to the ABS on a monthly basis as required by law, and to other Departments as required. ▪ There have been nil (0) Building Permits or Demolition Permits issued this last month. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ |
| Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussions with the CEO and Ron in regard to the handling of waste within the town and also the re-development of the landfill site to possibly look at alternatives. Discussions were very positive. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • |
| Town Planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Last month under Health Section above I reported that I had sent a letter to owners of the Mining Lease to West of Townsite in regard to the occupation of the bus. This trip I met with co-owners and we discussed the issues raised in my letter to them. The discussions were positive and the owners undertook to move the bus from its current site on the lease and write to Council with their concerns. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Follow-up on this issue as required |

Other Matters:

• ***New Building Act 2011: (Amendments)***

There has been much discussion between the Building Commission and Building Surveyors group represented by WALGA in regard to many issues that have been very complicated leading to much unrest in the whole of the industry which includes builders, owners, and Building Surveyors. As a result of the concerns we have raised the Commission, to their credit, and through the excellent lobbying by WALGA, have agreed that there are a number of matters that are required to be addressed.

The issues discussed were:

- Difficulty in training staff within local government authorities and builders to adapt to new systems.
- Lack of understanding in some permit authorities of transitional provisions and dealing with existing applications.
- A high proportion of incomplete applications resulting in the need for permit authorities to seek further information from applicants, delaying approvals.
- Confusion and changed arrangements for other written laws applicable to building such as crossovers for planning, and water services.
- Confusion over the introduction of adjoining owner consent for encroachments and adverse effect on neighbouring land.
- Confusion over notification and adjoining owner consent for fence renewal or temporary access to land for the purpose of building.
- Understanding the new options available for certification of building design compliance.

As a result the Minister for Commerce has signed a Ministerial Order designed to expedite the flow of home building work. This order, which will take effect from Saturday 16 June 2012, will allow a person who applied for a building permit to build a house or associated building (Class 1 and 10) to start building work BEFORE the building permit is granted by the local government/permit authority.

This is only for projects that have a building permit/licence application that was, or will be, lodged with local government from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012, and that has not been granted or rejected.

This will not remove the obligation (if required) to obtain all other necessary approvals such as planning, give required notifications and to build in accordance with the building standards. Non-compliant building work will still be subject to enforcement action by the local government, including the potential for orders to cease work or demolish the building or structure.

A number of amendments to the Building Regulations 2012 that will simplify the approvals process and make it easier for local governments to apply the law consistently will also take effect from Saturday 16 June 2012. The changes to the regulations mean that applications will require less paperwork and approvals can be obtained faster.

Key Changes

To make an application for a building permit:

1. Notification to and consent from the Water Corporation will no longer be required.
2. Consent for crossovers will no longer be required.
3. A registered builder, building surveyor, architect or engineer can attach a statement to the application confirming there is no encroachment or adverse effect on neighbouring land.
4. For uncertified applications (those without a certificate of design compliance), if the planning and building applications are lodged together the set time frame starts from when the planning approval is granted.

5. The set timeframes (25 days for uncertified applications, 10 days for certified applications) can be extended by agreement between the applicant and the local government.

Forms will be amended to reflect these and other changes. The new forms will be available on the Building Commission website, however the current forms will still be acceptable, and those already in the system will not need to be changed.

A checklist to assist permit authorities to consistently apply the requirements associated with the new building approval processes has also been developed.

Changes to work affecting other land consent requirements (This has been a matter that required further clarification as time taken to obtain this permission was excessive)

The Building Commission is also acting on feedback regarding the issue of work affecting other land. New forms will be available that will simplify the process of gaining consent to affect someone else's land.

An applicant may attach to a building permit application a written statement signed by:

- a building practitioner or a builder surveyor registered under the *Building Services (Registration) Act 2011* section 17; or
- an architect registered under the *Architects Act 2004* section 29; or
- a professional engineer as defined in the Interpretation part of the Building Code (Part A1 of Volume One and Part 1.1 of Volume Two).

that the following will not occur in respect of the building or incidental structure which is the subject of the application:

- part of the building or structure will be placed into, onto or over land beyond the boundaries of the work area; or
- land beyond the boundaries of the work area will be adversely affected.

The permit authority should take such written statement into account for the purposes of satisfying itself that the application meets the requirements of section 20(1)(g) and (h) of the *Building Act 2011* and regulation 16(3)(a) of the *Building Regulations 2012*.

As with all this type of legislation and legislation changes the "proof is in the pudding" and over the next couple of months we will continue to monitor the process and will be corresponding further with WALGA and the Commission. WALGA has in this case been very supportive and positive for Local Government, and their efforts have been appreciated.

• **Amendments to the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997.**

Proposed amendments to the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 have been through a consultation phase and comments have been received. The current regulations deal with noise emitted on a premises or public place and received on another premises. They do not deal with noise from traffic on roads, trains, aircraft, emergency vehicles and safety warning devices (that are required under other legislation).

Submissions were received on the proposed amendments. The amendments that attracted the most comments – and the widest range of suggested improvements – were the four new regulations for motor sports venues, shooting venues, major concert venues and local government essential services, together with the proposed reduction in noise limits for blasting.

Two general themes that emerged from the submissions and seminars are as follows –

- Community members and others perceived a shift in the regulatory role from DEC towards local government. While this was seen as a negative move in some quarters, it was welcomed by many local

governments, and seen by DEC as a natural development from the current role where local governments make a range of 'social decisions' in relation to noise management.

- Many industry and local government submissions identified the need for guidelines to accompany both the new and existing regulations to achieve more consistent application of the regulations and provide more guidance for industry in meeting the expectations of Government and the community. DEC agrees with this approach, and will develop such guidelines in consultation with the relevant stakeholders.

It is expected that the final draft of the regulations will be released to stakeholders for comment.

I have sought clarification in regard to the need for Local Government Officers to be delegated/authorised by the CEO of DEC before they are able to carry out particular regulations with regard to Noise complaints.

John Macpherson, Principal Environmental Noise Officer for the Dept of Environment and Conservation emailed me and stated that:

"The amendment regulations themselves will not give powers directly to an EHO or his CEO. These powers will be delegated from DEC's CEO under s20 of the EP Act."

He also stated that "You are right that an EHO has no powers under the noise regs unless he has been appointed by the DEC CEO as an authorized person under s87 and/or an inspector under s88 of the EP Act. This appointment is dependent on having attended and passed a relevant course run by either Curtin Uni or the course run by Noise and Vibration Measurement Systems (NVMS) for this purpose. We also like the EHO to attend a refresher course run by DEC every so often, but this is not mandatory."

The reason I asked this question is that we have had criticism levelled at Council staff in regards to our failure to act on complaints made to us by the general public on matters of noise at night. All these have been referred to the Police as they are delegated the powers to respond under the Act, and I feel that in most part they respond accordingly.

Corporate Administration

Executive Report CEO June 2012

Prepared by Sharon Daishe, Chief Executive Officer

Status and Activity Report – Priority Matters

| Project/ Program | Status/ Comments | Activity this reporting period |
|---|--|---|
| MMG Golden Grove – Yalgoo Ninghan Road negotiations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negotiations in progress to determine amount of additional funding required from MMG. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled to meet with MMG and Shire consulting engineers on 23 July 2012 |
| Morawa Super Town Project – Yalgoo Morawa Road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business case submitted to RDL for approval to expend CLGF Regional 2011-12 on sealing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEO & President invited to attend Economic Development Strategy Workshop provided date is suitable |
| Ferrowest Option Deed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council resolved to enter into Option Deed |
| Human Resources | <p>Current vacancies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CYC (Community & Youth Coordinator). Supervisor Parks, Gardens and General Maintenance Plant Operators x 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resignations – Nil Advertisements – Nil Interviews – 1 x preliminary Appointments – 1 (temporary full time administrative assistant) Probationary review – 1 Performance reviews - 4 Risk ID consultant Marg Hemsley 2 day visit capacity audit works crew and performance review support |
| Integrated Planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Plan – consultant engaged & project commenced Corporate Plan – consultant engaged (will occur post community plan) Asset Management – CEO seeking quotes Long Term Financial Plan – CEO awaiting quotes Workforce Plan – consultant engaged & project commenced | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultant visit 2 days Workforce Plan |
| Yalgoo Community Hub | <p>Stage 1: Sporting Component</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ready to commence as soon as Financial Assistance Agreements are completed and signed by both parties – CSRFF is finalised, CLGF being reviewed by RDL consultant, MWIP is being drafted <p>Stage 2: Community and Youth Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No funding identified at this stage | <p>Stage 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5/7/12 – MWIP have confirmed up to \$285,909 funding. Next step will be to engage the supplier. |

| Project/ Program | Status/ Comments | Activity this reporting period |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Town Sewerage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MWDC/ RDL have given in principle support for the project pending full planning process. ▪ Northern Planning funded project in progress | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Feature survey completed. ▪ On site meeting scheduled for July with consultants |
| Digital TV Project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opted in to transition to VAST (not convert existing rebroadcasting tower from analogue to digital). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ |
| Mobile Telecommunications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yalgoo has been confirmed as a site that will receive a mobile tower under the Regional Mobile Telecommunications Project. ▪ Council has approved the television rebroadcasting site and Telstra will locate the mobile tower adjacent. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Steve Bruce Site Acquisitions RMCP is currently establishing RDL requirements regarding land tenure. Build date will be estimated when the time frame for this process is determined. |

Use of Common Seal (delegation statement 2.1)

| Date Affixed | By Authority | Document |
|--------------|--------------|---|
| 21 June 2012 | C2012-0609 | Form T2, Western Australia Transfer of Land Act 1983, to transfer Lot 75 Weekes Street to Shire of Yalgoo (historical – land transaction occurred in 1993 but the transfer document was never finalised). |

Use of Delegated Authority not Reported Elsewhere

| Delegation Number | Details |
|----------------------|---|
| 2.2 Tenders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nil |
| 2.7 Planning Consent | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nil |

Funding Applications (D)

Following is a list of funding applications that have been submitted. Items are removed from the list after the Shire has been advised whether the application was successful or unsuccessful.

This list does not include the Shire's recurrent government funding.

Note that where funding has been approved, it does not necessarily mean that the Shire has received the money. After the application has been approved, the Shire must enter into a Funding Agreement with the grant provider. Some programs remit funds when the agreement is signed but others do not remit until the Shire has completed the project, paid all the bills, prepared a claim, had an auditor audit the claim and then submitted the audited claim (the "acquittal") with an invoice to the grant provider.

| Lodged | Amount | Funding Program | Purpose | Status |
|----------|--|---|---|--|
| 31/10/11 | \$270,606 (or \$405,908) ex GST Estimated total project cost is \$811,817 ex GST Variety WA confirmed \$58,290 for playground infrastructure | *CSRFF – provides for funding of 1/3rd of project cost however Shire has also applied for development bonus which if approved, will give ½ of project cost. | Sporting components of Yalgoo Community Hub including Rage Cage, BMX track, Skate Park, refurbishment of tennis court and open sided cover. | Approved including development bonus \$405,908 |
| 14/12/11 | \$285,909 | Mid West Investment Plan | Yalgoo Community Hub – sporting component. | 5/7/12 approved |
| 14/12/11 | \$663,000 | Mid West Investment Plan | Town Revitalisation – draining & sewerage component. | Business Case lodged – will not be considered until planning process is complete |
| 18/5/12 | \$10,000 | Youth Friendly communities Grant | To engage the youth of Yalgoo as part of the Community Strategic Plan | Submitted |
| 12/5/12 | \$100,000 | T-Qual | Caravan Park | Submitted |
| May 2012 | \$75,000 | Mid West Community Foundation | Architectural design and detail drawings for Yalgoo Community Hub: Community & Youth Centre | Unsuccessful (refer email in information bulletin) |

General/Other/Meetings

| Item | Comment |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Emergency Management Forum | President and CEO WALGA state forum |
| Election 1 Sep 2012 | Call for enrolment on electoral roll |
| Bullying & Harassment Training | Training provided on site to all staff, consultations all staff with Employee Assistance Program provider, communication workshop office staff |
| Murchison Executive Group | Met Sandstone |
| Centacare MOU | Met with Mary Ryan to discuss MOU – redraft to be prepared |
| Integrated Planning | Risk ID consultant 2 day visit performance review support, works crew capacity audit, work with CEO on workforce plan, provide time management workshop to exec staff |
| Horizon Power | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity increases approx 14% from 1 July. • Solar power to grid – possible 60 kilowatts • Street lights – LED would be cheaper and brighter, approx \$1,500 per light • Prepaid meters – community needs to lobby if we want this • “HUGS” – support program for persons experiencing financial hardship |

| Item | Comment |
|------------------------|--|
| Cat Act implementation | Ranger Peter Smith, Canine Control, to prepare proposal for Murchison Shires implementation of new requirements of Cat Act which will be gazetted on 1 November 2013 |
| Veolia | On site meeting regarding waste management, service level agreement and transition to waste transfer station |

Planned for July

| Item | Comment |
|----------------------------|---|
| 6-16 inclusive | Absent on leave |
| Town site feature survey | Tue 17 - Meet on site with consulting engineers |
| Budget | 17-20 th Prepare final budget with finance consultant and present workshop to Council |
| Yalgoo Ninghan Road | Mon 23 Meet with MMG and Shire engineers |
| Road Asset Management | Mon 23 Meet with Shire engineers |
| Records Management Project | Tue 24 to Tue 31 – training and implementation of new records management system (consultant and all staff). Office will be closed Tue 24 th , and only open for 2 hours on remaining days (24-31 July inclusive). |
| Recruitment | Town supervisor, community & youth development coordinator, construction supervisor |

Executive Report DCEO June 2012

Prepared by Heather Boyd, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Status and Activity Report

| Project/ Program | Status/ Comments | Activity this reporting period |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Community Crime Prevention | Extension granted until 31/12/12 | Report received from consultant for assessment. |

Capacity Building – Staff and Elected Members

Policy Schedule 3.2(b), Councillors, requires the CEO to advise Council when the Shire funds councillors to attend any conference or training. This item further informs Council of courses, conferences, training, workshops and other professional development that staff and elected members have undertaken during the reporting period to build capacity to achieve the Council's goals and responsibilities.

| Type | Description | Provider | Location | Duration | Participants |
|----------|-------------|------------------|------------------|----------|--|
| Training | First Aid | MMG Golden Grove | MMG Golden Grove | 2 days | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elisha Hodder ▪ Karen Malloch |

Vandalism Report

| Date | Details/ Action Taken |
|------|-----------------------|
| | Nil |

Councillor Information Requests

| Received From | Details | Status |
|---------------|---------|--------|
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General/Other/Meetings

| Item | Comment |
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| | |

Planned for Next Month

| Item | Comment |
|-------------------------|--|
| Records Management | Restructure and training of the records management system for all administration staff. The office will only be open between 10am to 12 pm during this time. |
| Budget | Continue with preparation of the 2012/13 budget |
| End of Financial Year | Prepare accounts for end of financial year |
| Extra-ordinary Election | Progress towards the local government bi-election to be held on 1 September 2012 |

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20 June 2012

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Dear Mr Brown,

RE: May 2012 Update – Activities at the Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory (MRO)

Dual Site Decision for the Square Kilometre Array (SKA)!

Australia and New Zealand will remain at the forefront of global radio astronomy after it was announced that the hosting rights for the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) radio telescope will be split between Australia-New Zealand and South Africa.

Construction of the SKA Phase 1 is scheduled to start in 2016, with components in both Australia, in the mid-west of WA, and South Africa, in the Karoo. In Australia, the SKA will build 60 mid-frequency SKA dishes to operate as a survey instrument, equipped with Phased Array Feeds (PAF) "radio cameras" and an array of low frequency antennas. In South Africa, SKA will also build dishes with Single Pixel Feeds, supplementing the MeerKAT instrument. The final decision on Phase 2 will be dependent on Phase 1 outcomes.

To quote CSIRO's Australia and New Zealand SKA Project Director, Dr Brian Boyle, *"I'm delighted that years of hard work, by so many people in so many organisations, has paid off. A dual SKA site will ensure that the expertise brought to the international project is truly capitalised on. Concentrating radio-wave antennas at the superbly radio quiet MRO will maximise our scientific return"*.

SKA Site Decision Announcement

CSIRO - Press Release

<http://www.csiro.au/en/Portals/Media/Dual-SKA-site-welcomed-by-CSIRO.aspx>

Australian Minister for Science - Press Release

<http://minister.innovation.gov.au/chrisevans/MediaReleases/Pages/SKAdecisionabreakthroughforAustraliaNewZealandscience.aspx>

International SKA Office – Press Release

<http://www.skatelescope.org/news/dual-site-agreed-square-kilometre-array-telescope/>

Everyone is naturally very interested to know what the SKA will look like and how it will impact the region. In spite of the fact that project has been around for a long time, only now with the site decision can we begin the detailed 4 year planning and design phase (called the PEP – Pre-construction Execution Phase). We will work closely to communicate the details of this as they evolve.

Developments at the MRO

ASKAP Antennas

All 36 antennas are now on site at the MRO. The CETC54 team hope to complete their assembly work at the MRO by mid-June 2012. This is a major milestone for the project and CETC54. The process of fabricating, assembling, setting, disassembling and shipping 36 12-metre dishes is a major exercise in planning and logistics and CETC54 and their local contractors (Commercial Freight, Steel Haul and Boom Logistics, along with RenoBlast in Geraldton) are to be congratulated on a job well done! Not to mention the excellent support of Bubinyoo Catering !

MRO Central Control Building

The final phase of the commissioning and testing is complete and we are awaiting the test results. CSIRO also received a container load of furniture for the Control Building.

Murchison Widefield Array (MWA) Project at the MRO



MWA is a new type of radio telescope with no moving parts and uses computing techniques to look at different areas of the sky. Observing at frequencies lower than ASKAP (from 80 to 300 MHz) it will observe with unprecedented sensitivity to discover low-frequency radio phenomena that have never been seen before.

The MWA is an international collaboration between institutions from the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, and India. In February 2012 the MWA project transitioned into the final construction stage and will be commissioned from mid-2012 onwards.

A *dipole antenna* used in the MWA Project Photo Credit: MWA

Collaboration with the Murchison Iron Ore Miners

Dr Michelle Storey and Mrs Carol Wilson provided advice to Crosslands Resources to enable the company to finalise agreed technical solutions for their radio communications at Jack Hills for the next stage of the proposed mine. Dr Storey and the CSIRO team provided detailed feedback to the Mining Parties regarding consultation over spectrum usage in the Mid West Radio Quiet Zone.

The ATNF Board (Australia Telescope National Facility) Visit to Geraldton and the MRO (11 – 13 May 2012)



The ATNF Board members arrived in Geraldton on Monday 11 May. While in Geraldton the Board took the opportunity to meet with Geraldton community leaders, prior to travelling by bus to Boolardy Station. On Tuesday Board Members toured the MRO followed by more Board Meetings prior to leaving on Wednesday. The ATNF Board Members were very positive and pleased with the developments at the MRO.

(left) Ian Carpenter (Mayor, City of Greater Geraldton) and Ian Blayney MLA – Member for Geraldton (middle) with members of the ATNF Board. Photo Credit: CSIRO

Cue Parliament Meeting

Priscilla Clayton (ASKAP Regional Manager) attended Cue Parliament Friday on 11 May 2012.

Regional meetings

Over the next few months, CASS (CSIRO Astronomy and Space Science) will be holding a series of visits, talks and presentations in the mid-west. Some will be at public events, others will be specific visits from myself to groups to talk about ASKAP, where we are up to, and – to the extent we can – answer questions about the SKA.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 9372-4101 or Antony.schinckel@csiro.au, Priscilla Clayton (08) 9923-7755 or Barry Turner on (08) 9923-7750 or 0400 192 519 in Geraldton if you have any questions.

Yours Sincerely

Ant Schinckel
ASKAP Theme Leader and Director
CSIRO Astronomy & Space Science



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Ms Sharon Daishe
Yalgoo Shire
37 Gibbons Road
Yalgoo WA 6635

Dear Sharon

WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE (WACHS) TRANSITIONS TO TWO COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICES

I am writing to advise you of changes to the WA Country Health Service (WACHS) to come into effect from 1 July 2012.

As a result of health reforms in Western Australia, WA Health is establishing five health services, each with its own Governing Council, with the aim of increasing local community engagement in the planning and provision of health services across the State.

WACHS will be represented by two new health services – the Northern and Remote Country Health Service (NRCHS) and the Southern Country Health Service (SCHS), both reporting to Ian Smith as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

A Chief Operating Officer has been engaged for each of the Country Health Services, Mr Shane Matthews for the NRCHS and Ms Tina Chinery for the SCHS.

Each of the existing WACHS regions will form part of either the NRCHS or SCHS, as follows:

Northern and Remote Country Health Service

- Kimberley
- Pilbara
- Midwest
- Goldfields

Southern Country Health Service

- South-West
- Wheatbelt
- Great Southern

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Over time, you will notice changes to correspondence and communications that will reflect these changes.

While these changes are important, we will remain focused on ensuring that we continue to provide high quality health care to the people of country Western Australia and we welcome your continued support.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please contact my office on (08) 9956 2209.

Yours sincerely



Margaret Denton
Regional Director
WACHS - Midwest

21 June 2012

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Original to DCEO for file

Dear Ms Daishe

I refer to the Shire's letter dated 5 June 2012 requesting approval to impose differential rates that exceed the statutory two times limit in the Shire's unimproved value area and to impose minimum payments on more than 50% of properties in your 'GRV Vacant' rating category.

I advise that the Director General, under delegated authority from the Minister for Local Government, has approved in accordance with sections 6.33(3) and 6.35(5) of the *Local Government Act 1995* respectively, of the Shire imposing the differential rates and minimum payments as proposed in your letter.

This approval is valid for the 2012/2013 financial year.

Yours sincerely

Mary Adam
DIRECTOR LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

25 June 2012

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LGMA CONNECT

June 2012

Welcome to the June 2012 edition of *LGMA Connect*

The issues and events in this edition are:

- Member Fees 2012-13
- ACELG Local Government Research Showcase & Forum
- DLG Questionnaire
- Training for LG Officers: the NWDF-CIT Project
- e-Connect online training program
- LGMA Induction Program for officers in LG
- Governance Officers Network
- LGMA National Community Development Conference
- Finance Management Regulations
- Rural Management Challenge, 2012
- Calendar of LGMA and other significant events, 2012

Member Fees 2012-13

At its meeting on 8th June the Board of LGMA WA determined that the fees for 2012-13 will be:-

- Fellows and members \$440 (inc GST) – an increase of \$10 or 2.3%
- Affiliates \$150 (a reduction of about \$22)
- Retired \$97.50 (no change)

At its meeting the Board also noted that while the final figures are yet to be determined it appears that LGMA WA will record a small surplus in 2011-12, the 4th year in a row it has recorded a surplus.

The Board also agreed to employ Duncan Watson as research and policy officer for 3 days per week for all of 2012-13.

ACELG Local Government Research Showcase & Forum

The Board of the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG) will be meeting in Perth for the first time in July 2012.

As part of its visit to Perth ACELG will be running a 'Research Showcase & Forum' in which they will be discussing the various LG research programs they have from around Australia.

ACELG's university partner in WA is ECU and the forum will be held at their Mt Lawley Campus.

This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone who is interested in the diverse range of research being undertaken into Local Government across Australia.

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Attached to this newsletter is a flyer outlining the program, registration and other details.

Please get your registration in as quickly as possible.

DLG Questionnaire

LG's will have received recently a questionnaire from the DLG in which they are seeking to measure the improvement in Local Government capacity. Jennifer Mathews has spoken to the LGMA President about the questionnaire and re-assured him that it is about the defined role of DLG in increasing the capacity of the industry.

DLG has the tasks to build the strategic capability of the Local Government Sector and strengthen good governance in the Local Government Sector and provide effective regulation.

The "Outcomes and Key Effectiveness Indicators" for the DLG in the State budget for 2012-13 read as follows,

Improvement in local government's capability to enable the fulfilment of their responsibility to their communities:

Indicator 1 - the proportion of LG's meeting the full set of four capability elements at a basic level is to increase from 1.4% in 2010-11 to 37-47% in 2012-13.

Indicator 2 - the proportion of capability elements met at the basic level across all LG's is to increase from 33.8% in 2010-11 to 38- 46% in 2012-13.

The questionnaire is about measuring these factors.

Training for LG Officers: the NWDF-CIT Project

LGMA and Central Institute of Technology (CIT) are working together to deliver qualifications to Local Government officers all around the State. LGMA has been successful in receiving grants from the National Workforce Development Fund (NWDF) which means that together with CIT, we will be providing grant-subsidised training for some 464 officers who have enrolled into 14 nationally accredited qualifications with the most popular being Certificate IV in Project Management, Diploma of Project Management, Diploma of Management and Certificate IV in Frontline Management. The total value of the project is in excess of \$1m which makes it the biggest individual project with which LGMA WA has been involved.

The delivery of the workshops has commenced with the first three being held in the Wheatbelt and South-West regions. We are currently working with CIT to determine the timetable for the remaining courses. More information will be provided to participating Local Governments in the coming weeks.

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e-Connect online training program

LGMA is undertaking an exciting new project that will deliver online training tools for people involved in Local Government. In the initial stages an e-Connect website will be set up to provide access to on-line learning in Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR). In subsequent stages it is hoped to extend the range of e-resources available to Local Governments on this website.

A working party that includes representatives of the Finance Professionals Network, the Corporate Planners Network and the Department of Local Government is assisting LGMA with the project.

The aim is to launch the new website and IPR e-Book within the next 2 months.

More information will be provided closer to the launch date.

LGMA Induction Program for Officers in LG

The LGMA Induction to Local Government program has concluded for the first half of the year with the last session being held in Rockingham on 18 June. 100 LG officers have attended the 5 sessions that were held in metropolitan and regional areas. The Induction is aimed at officers at all levels, from those who are new to Local Government to others who may not have had a lot of exposure in their role within a Local Government to the wide range of Local Government responsibilities, operations, governance and finance sources.

Following the success of the program, LGMA will be scheduling more sessions across the State for the second half of the year. If you would like more information about the Induction or you wish to register your interest to attend, please contact the LGMA office.

Governance Officers' Network

A governance officers' forum held recently at the City of Wanneroo has agreed to participate in a working party to examine the establishment of a Governance Officers' Network within LGMA WA.

The Network would include governance officers from across the State.

The working party comprises:

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Kylie Farrow | City of Gosnells |
| Grant Bradbrook | City of Perth |
| Mike Barry | City of Wanneroo |
| Darrell Forrest | Shire of Kalamunda |
| Charlie Clarke | Town of Kwinana |
| Steve Cole | LGMA WA |
| Duncan Watson | LGMA WA |

The first meeting of the working party will be held on Tuesday 19 June.

For more information please contact Duncan Watson on 9271 1136 or duncan@lgmawa.org.au

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LGMA National Community Development Conference

Creativity, Economics, Results

The LGMA National Community Development Conference will be held 20-21 September at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle. The theme is *Creativity, Economics and Results*. An outstanding program has been organised that includes:

- ❖ **Opening Keynote Address** with Marita Cheng, Young Australian of the Year.
- ❖ **Black Saturday** – Celest Geer will share the story of a small Australian community's difficult but inspiring recovery from devastating bush fires and show how a community have the amazing ability to rise from despair.
- ❖ **An Interactive Panel Session** – An identity crisis in Resource Sector Towns, The Community Development Challenge to create a town with a mine rather than a mining town. Speakers will include two mines and a representative from Local Government
- ❖ **Closing Keynote Address** – Dr Ingrid Burkett, President International Community Development Association

A conference program and registration form will be out shortly.

Be sure to mark 20 – 21 September in your diary. We look forward to seeing you there!

Finance Management Regulations

The LGMA offers its thanks to Mike Costarella who spent many hours collating information on the likely cost to Local Governments across the State if the planned reduction in interest rates on overdue rates had proceeded. Mike's figures were provided to all interested parties and played a major role in convincing the Minister that he should reverse the original decision.

The LGMA also expresses its thanks to the Minister for accepting the argument that the changes would have caused more cost to the Local Government industry than it would have saved for struggling homeowners who were battling to pay their rates.

Rural Management Challenge, 2012

After several years of false starts the LGMA WA will be conducting a Rural Management Challenge in 2012. The Challenge is run along the same lines as the National Management Challenge with a series of tasks over a day which enhance your teamwork, ability to respond to emergencies and greatly increase officers' understanding of the difficulties and pressures facing a Local Government operation at any time.

In recognition of the pressures on smaller rural Local Governments the teams in the rural challenge are made up of 4, not 6 as in the national challenge.

Plans are underway to run the competition in Kalgoorlie, the South-West and Great Southern but we would love to hear from other regions that would be interested in hosting an event.

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Plans are being put in place for the State winner to compete against rural management teams from Queensland and South Australia.

Talk to officers in your Local Government about putting a team together to compete. Composite teams from 2 or more Local Governments will be most welcome.

Dates have not yet been set but late November is the most likely timing at this stage.

Schedule of LGMA and Other Significant Events in 2012

| | |
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| 18 June | Induction Workshop, Rockingham |
| 12 July | ACELG Research Showcase |
| 20–21 September | National Community Development Conference |
| 31 October–2 November | LGMA Annual State Conference |

Contact Us

If there is any significant news from your Local Government or region that other members should know about please advise us and we will include it in future newsletters.

Contact details for the LGMA Office are:

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From: Tammy Sandison [<mailto:tamyuna@westnet.com.au>]
Sent: Sunday, 24 June 2012 2:17 PM
To: tamyuna@westnet.com.au
Subject: Your Application: Mid West Community Foundation Final Grant Round 2012

Dear Applicant,

I am writing to advise that your application for funding in the 2012 Final Grant Round of the Mid West Community Foundation was unsuccessful. The quality of applications received from Mid West communities and organisations was commendable and the Local Advisory Committee was heartened by the number of individuals and groups working to grow and sustain their communities.

There were of course more applications than funds and two organisations were selected to receive the final proceeds of our Trust accounts.

Whilst we would ordinarily be happy to provide individual feedback on your application, it is not our intention to do so in 2012. The Foundation will be wound up in the coming 12 months and there will be no further opportunity to apply for funding.

The Local Advisory Committee thanks you for the time and effort obvious in your application and wishes you well in your future endeavours to secure funding for your specific projects.

Kind regards

Tammy Sandison
Chairperson
Mid West Community Foundation





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Attn: Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Yalgoo
37 Gibbons Street
YALGOO WA 6635

Dear Sharon

Total Haulage for May 2012

During the Month of May a total of 84,120t of lump ore and 73,860t of fines ore was transported by road train to the Rail Siding via Wanarra Road.

Yours sincerely
MOUNT GIBSON MINING LIMITED



George Hewitt
General Manager



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Attn: Chief Executive Officer
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37 Gibbons Street
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Dear Sharon

Total Haulage for April 2012

During the Month of April a total of 102,152t of lump ore and 91,713t of fines ore was transported by road train to the Rail Siding via Wanarra Road.

Yours sincerely
MOUNT GIBSON MINING LIMITED



George Hewitt
General Manager

Murchison Executive Group

June 7th

Sandstone Shire Chambers

12:00p.m. Lunch for 12:30p.m. Citrix Demonstration

AGENDA

Present: Ian Fitzgerald CEO Sandstone, Sharon Daishe CEO Yalgoo, Roy Mclymont CEO Meekatharra, John Read A/CEO Cue, Geoff Brooks CEO Mt Magnet, Brendin Flanigan MWDC Murchison Project Manager.

Apologies: Tony Doust A/CEO Wiluna, Neil Warne A/CEO Murchison

1. 12:00p.m. Welcome CEO Sandstone

2. 12:30p.m. Citrix Demonstration Dino Constantinou, Charlie Hutchinson and Ina Fitzgerald CEO Sandstone (past experience with system) to enable CEO's and councils use of BITE equipment for face to face meetings
Did not occur due to time constraints and illness of Citrix officer.
3. 1:15 p.m. Waste Management Strategy Update – Sharon Daishe CEO Yalgoo
*Review and the subsequent \$5k on offer deemed unnecessary given the relevance of the previous waste management document.
ACTION: Ian Fitzgerald to contact Mark Wong COGG to seek his advice as to best way forward for the group.*
4. 1:45p.m. Regional Tourism Plan/Strategy concepts discussion - Geoff Brooks CEO Mt Magnet
*Agreed; to include in each Councils draft budget, an item for each Council to consider - contribution towards a Regional Tourism Strategy in 2012/13. Estimated maximum of \$5,000.
ACTION: Sharon Daishe CEO Yalgoo to seek quotations for this possible activity.*
5. 2:15p.m. Shared Portfolios and Regional Priorities– update Roy McClymont CEO Meekatharra
Agreed: Permanent agenda item for review.

ACTION: Brendin Flanigan to contact Jo Burges WALGA to conduct group review and reprioritise at September MEG – Jo Burges has confirmed that she will attend upcoming September MEG meeting

6. 2:45 p.m. Sandstone town tour Ian Fitzgerald CEO
A pleasant exercise and relevant to all in regards neighbours activities and projects and also identifying and discussing any issues that arise.
7. 3:45 p.m. Afternoon tea
8. 4:00 p.m. General LGA issues – discussion and question and answer amongst ALL CEO's
 - Sharon Daishe promoted the recent WALGA event regarding Emergency Management
 - Ian Fitzgerald indicated that he was working closely with Tex McPherson of FESA on this issue
 - Ian indicated that Sandstone outside works crew was under restructure as a full time works manager was no longer justified hence CEO and Leading Hand to take on work Managers role/s
 - Ian Fitzgerald and Sandstone council has engaged Michael Keene and Greenfield Tech Services to complete applications for roads
 - WANDRA funds are still available
 - Geoff Brooks raised the issue of MRVC and possible further future CLGF regionally allocated (pooled) funds for this purpose.
 - Cue Acting CEO John Read indicated that the new councillors to Cue LGA were enthusiastic and positive and keen to dedicate their time to betterment of the town.
9. 5:00 p.m. Meeting close



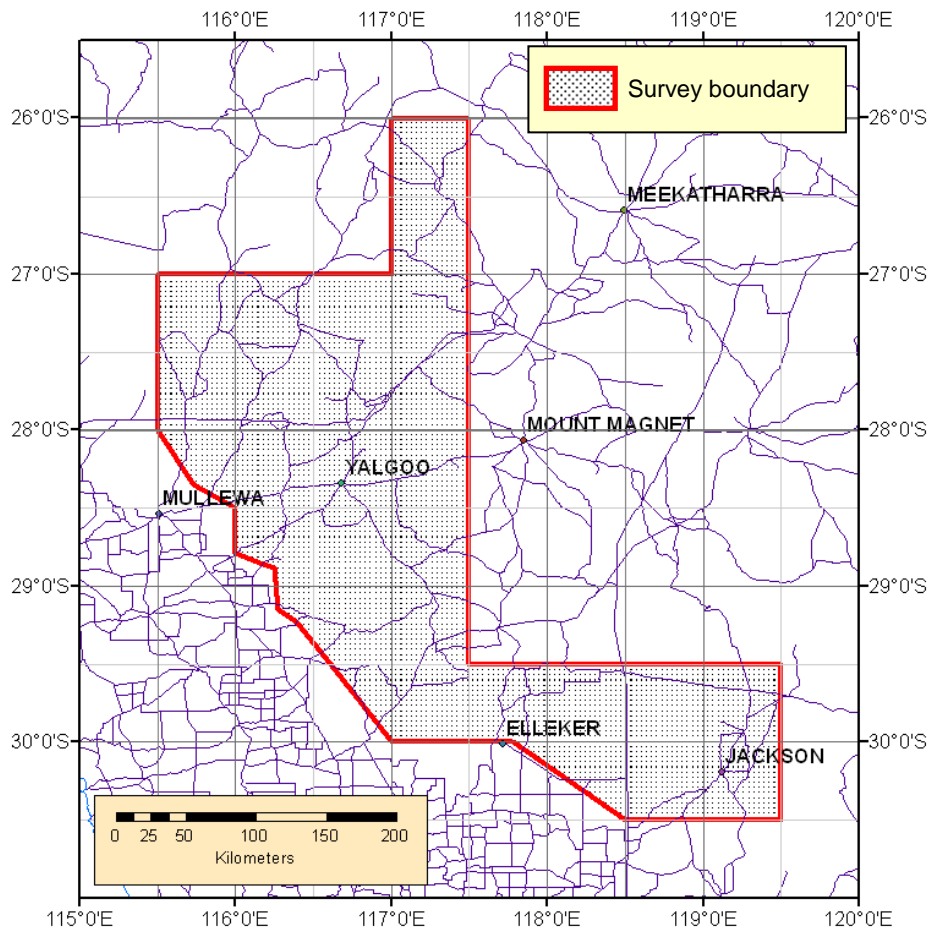
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Department of Mines and Petroleum

Our ref: G0004/2012
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Notice of helicopter-assisted, regional gravity survey for the Western Australian government: western Murchison region

We advise that a helicopter-assisted gravity survey is to be conducted in the western Murchison region of Western Australia as shown on the map below. The survey is being conducted on behalf of the Geological Survey of Western Australia, a division of the Department of Mines and Petroleum, and Geoscience Australia, a division of the Commonwealth Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism.

The objective of the survey is to support the regional geological mapping of Western Australia. It is proposed to commence the survey in late July or early August 2012 for completion by October 2012.





Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Mines and Petroleum**



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Atlas Geophysics, a Western Australia-based company, has been awarded the contract to carry out this survey, which will involve making measurements of the earth's gravity field on a regular 2.5 km x 2.5 km grid of points across the specified area.

The gravity measurement is taken by placing a small, delicate instrument on the ground for several minutes. There is minimal or no ground disturbance. We expect that most reading points will be accessible by a small, light-utility helicopter; however vehicles may also be used to access points where it is not suitable to use a helicopter. The position of each reading is recorded by differential GPS in the helicopter or vehicle and at the field base. Because the helicopter will generally only have to traverse the survey area once, surveys of this nature are very unobtrusive and have little or no environmental impact.



If one or more of the proposed gravity reading points lies on or near a private property, the survey operator is required to conduct a measurement within a few hundred metres of the planned location should a safe landing point exist. In such cases, the helicopter pilot will make all attempts to limit the impact on landowners by flying high and landing far away from buildings, infrastructure and stock.

Atlas Geophysics has carried out surveys of this nature throughout Australia, including other government-commissioned gravity surveys for GSWA. The survey crews are well aware of the importance of bio-security issues and follow the Department of Agriculture and Food guidelines for contractors working on agricultural properties. Every effort will be made to avoid the use of vehicles on private property or within sensitive bio-security zones.

The company will endeavour to source fuel, accommodation, meals and other consumables from local businesses and will make every effort to ensure that this survey has as little disruptive impact as possible on the environment and community.

For any operational information and queries including helicopter flight plans, please contact:

Leon Mathews, [Atlas Geophysics](#)

Email: leon.mathews@atlasgeo.com.au

Telephone: 0430 357 991 (24 hours)

For questions about the general nature and objectives of regional geophysical surveys, contact:

David Howard, [Geological Survey of Western Australia](#)

Email: david.howard@dmp.wa.gov.au

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After the survey has been completed and the data processed, the results will be publicly available free of charge from the Geological Survey website (www.dmp.wa.gov.au/geophysics).

Rick Rogerson
Executive Director
Geological Survey of Western Australia

27 June 2012



Good Heart’s Mid-West Artists Hit The Mark With City Audience

More than 5000 people attended last week’s Good Heart Mid-West Aboriginal Art Exhibition in Perth’s CBD, lifting the profile of the region’s Indigenous arts scene and delivering strong sales for individual artists.

The event, in its fifth year, was again hosted by Oakajee Port and Rail (OPR).

Final sales numbers confirm that 121 of 150 works, created by just under 40 artists, were sold during the week-long exhibition at the QV1 Building. They included sales to eastern states buyers and three works, including Mullewa artist Christine Collard’s Seven Sisters, have been acquired by an American collector.

The total value of sales was close to \$100,000, with proceeds return directly to the artists. The exhibition also resulted in five commissions for works by artists.

[Download Full Media Statement - Good Heart’s Mid-West Artists Hit The Mark With City Audience](#)



Good Heart 2012, held in the foyer of QV1.



Artist Brendan Hamlett with OPR Chief Executive John Langoulant AO on opening night.

Hi-resolution images of this year’s exhibition, artists and their works are available.

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Wednesday 27 June 2012

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Forty-one of the 45 paintings submitted by members of the Mullewa Women's Indigenous Art Group sold.

Three works themed on the SKA project were acquired by the CSIRO in Canberra.

The total value of sales was close to \$100,000, with proceeds return directly to the artists. The exhibition also resulted in five commissions for works by artists.

"Good Heart has now matured to the stage where the exhibition is highly anticipated by both collectors and artists alike," OPR Chief Executive John Langoulant AO explained.

"Attendance has never been higher and strong sales numbers reflect the quality and appeal of the work coming out of the mid-west.

"At OPR, we're proud to be playing a part, along with various local Aboriginal arts organisations, in delivering on the Mid-West Development Commission's vision of helping to establish a self-sustaining Indigenous arts industry for the region."

Good Heart 2012 highlights include the announcement of Mullewa artist Wendy Jackamarra and Geraldton's Margaret Danischewsky as recipients of inaugural OPR Good Heart Development Grants and the selection of a piece by fellow artist Krocette (David Prior) for inclusion in the Art Gallery of WA's permanent collection – to be hung at its Geraldton gallery.

An exhibition preview of selected works at the Geraldton Library, hosted by Geraldton Newspapers in May, was also a great success.

While maintaining a "grassroots" approach, this year has seen an expansion of the program. Apart from the new development grants, long-time supporters Market Creations and DLA Piper increased their participation.

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Market Creations produced a souvenir booklet profiling some of the artists and DLA Piper utilised works and the exhibition to promote their Reconciliation Action Plan.

Mr Langoulant thanked all supporters of Good Heart and the region's arts organisations for their ongoing mutual commitment to mid-west Indigenous art.

To realise the full potential of the local arts industry requires appropriate support to artists through strong and viable arts centres including Yamaji Art Gallery in Geraldton, Wirnda Barna Artists Incorporated in Mt Magnet and the Tjukurba Art Gallery in Wiluna.

Good Heart 2012 is proudly supported by OPR's partners – AECOM, ANZ, Gilbert + Tobin, BMT JFA Consultants, Crosslands Resources, DLA Piper, Geraldton Newspapers, Geraldton Port Authority, Market Creations, Mid West Development Commission, Oceanica Consulting, WorleyParsons Services and MYR Consulting.

OPR acknowledges the assistance of Northampton Old School – Women's Textile Team, Wirnda Barna Artists Inc. Mt Magnet, Yamaji Art Geraldton, City of Geraldton-Greenough, Gryphon Management Australia, Jacksons Drawing Supplies and Mullewa Indigenous Women's Group

Hi-resolution images of this year's exhibition, artists and their works are available by contacting OPR.

ENDS

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Oakajee Port and Rail's (OPR) vision is to deliver an integrated bulk iron ore supply chain for the mid-west – through the construction of a deepwater port 24km north of Geraldton, and a 570km railway, servicing the region's emerging mining operations.



Invitation to Local Government Research Showcase and Forum

Edith Cowan University, Mt Lawley Campus, Perth
(2 Bradfrod Street, Mount Lawley WA)
Thursday 12th July 2012, 9.30am – 4.00pm

You are invited to attend a free forum on current local government research being organised by the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG) in partnership with Edith Cowan University on Thursday 12th July 2012.

As well as showcasing examples of research relevant to local government in WA and nationally, this forum is designed to provide a professional development opportunity for local government practitioners. Experienced researchers from WA, Queensland and NSW will come together to share recent work and inform the debate on current challenges facing the sector.

PROGRAM THEMES

Papers to be presented explore important issues facing local government from exploring new governance arrangements through to re-thinking our approaches to community engagement, not only for metropolitan areas but for rural-remote and indigenous local government. The program will also include a discussion on the needs and opportunities for local government practitioner research and the role that ACELG might play.

REGISTRATIONS AND INQUIRIES

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PROGRAM

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| 09.30am | Arrival and Coffee | |
| 10.00am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening by Professor Atique Islam, Executive Dean, Faculty of Business and Law, Edith Cowan University Introduction to ACELG, Margaret Reynolds, Chairperson, ACELG Board Overview of the Research Showcase program, Stefanie Pillora, ACELG | |
| | <i>Facilitators: Stefanie Pillora and Melissa Gibbs (ACELG) Rob Weymouth (WALGA)</i> | |
| | STREAM 1 | STREAM 2 |
| 10.30am (Session 1) | Impact of Fly-in Fly-out/Drive in Drive-out Work Practice on Local Government Dr Robyn Morris | Legal and Governance Models for Shared Services in Local Government Melissa Gibbs |
| 11.00am (Session 2) | Tracking and mapping the economic impact of mine operation expenditure Prof Fiona McKenzie | Collaborative Governance and Metropolitan Planning in South East Queensland – 1990 to 2010: From a voluntary to a statutory model Dr John Abbott |
| 11.30am | Morning tea | |
| 12.00pm (Session 3) | Balancing Stakeholder Relationship realities with Community Engagement imperatives: The City of Melville Approach Dr Ray de Silva | A Comparative Analysis of Regional Organisation of Councils in NSW and WA Alex Gooding |
| 12.30pm (Session 4) | Community Engagement in Rural-remote and Indigenous Local Government Dr Robyn Morris | Local Government Accountability to Residents - understanding the influence of performance information, reports, regulation and community engagement Dale Quinlivan |
| 01.00pm | Lunch | |
| 02.00pm | Discussion on practitioner research led by Dr Tim Robinson , Director at Fairfield City Council (NSW) and the ACELG research team | |
| 03.00pm (Session 5) | ‘Leadership in Local Government: The Need for a Dual Agenda’ findings from a recent study - Women in Local government in 2011, <i>Still a boys’ club – still a men’s shed</i> Dr Jacquie Hutchinson & Prof Beth Walker | The Evolving Role of Mayors Prof Graham Sansom |
| 03.30pm | Discussion on directions for future research, strengthening the local government researchers network and closing remarks. | |
| 04.00pm | Afternoon tea | |

Info bulletin



Rural-Remote and Indigenous Local Government Program: Capacity Building Survey

The objective of this survey was to explore the issues surrounding capacity building in rural-remote and indigenous councils.

This survey was distributed to the Chief Executive Officers of councils in Northern Territory, Queensland and Western Australia that have been identified as rural, remote, indigenous (see Attachment 1 for full distribution list). This survey will inform the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG) strategy aimed at addressing the capacity needs of small rural-remote and indigenous local governments.

There were 29 responses to the survey with the majority of these being officers from Queensland councils. There are a number of recurring themes that have been expressed through this survey in relation to current issues facing councils, training and professional development and staff attraction and retention. The local governments surveyed are supportive of ACELG in undertaking this survey and have expressed an interest in the development and implementation of strategies to address the issue of capacity building in rural-remote and indigenous councils.

Survey Analysis

The 29 survey respondents were from:

- Queensland: 21
- Western Australia: 5
- Northern Territory: 3

The local governments represented by these respondents are categorised as:

- | | |
|---|---|
| ■ Rural-Remote (little or no indigenous population) | 7 |
| ■ Rural-Remote with indigenous population (mostly town based) | 9 |
| ■ Rural-Remote with remote indigenous communities | 4 |
| ■ Indigenous | 9 |

The survey asked for the length of time the respondents have been in their current position. The results were:

- Less than 1 year 5
- 1 - 3 years 12
- 4 - 6 years 8
- 7 – 10 years 2
- More than 10 years 2

The result of this question is intrinsically linked to one of the overall recurring themes of the survey which relates to staff attraction and retention, particularly in relation to senior management positions.

Challenges

The greatest challenges over the past three years as identified by CEOs in the local government areas surveyed can be loosely divided into the following categories:

Staff

- Staff recruitment and retention
- Lack of leadership and management skills
- Skill shortages
- Lack of accommodation.

Community

- Managing relationships within local governments/engagement
- Impact of remoteness
- Managing community expectations
- Loosing community organisations.

Financial Sustainability

- Financial constraints
- Ability to manage assets and infrastructure
- Balancing service needs with available resources.

Organisational

- Increasing governance and compliance requirements (including constantly changing legislative requirements);
- Service delivery - lack of community recognition and understanding of the costs of providing a larger number of services in rural-remote and Indigenous councils;
- Strategic planning;
- Asset management;
- Lack of recognition (from other tiers of government) of the plethora of operations undertaken by local governments.

Other

- Flood mitigation
- State/Federal relations
- Amalgamation.

The global economic crisis and natural disasters have affected local government operations over recent years and this was clear from the results. **Appendix 1** shows the results in terms of frequency of response.

When considering the **current** pressures on CEOs, there was minimal variation from past years with the pressing issues facing local governments now reported as being:

Financial Sustainability

- Financial sustainability
- Audit issues
- Inadequate resourcing and infrastructure (water, roads)
- Balancing service needs with available resources
- Reliance on grants.

Staff

- Staff attraction and retention
- Staff stability and continuity
- Skill shortages (loss of skilled people)
- Trying to increase the number and involvement of Indigenous employees
- Attracting and retaining professional employees.

Organisational

- Instability of government due to upcoming elections
- Increasing compliance issues
- Compliance with legislative framework
- Capacity building.

Community

- Managing community expectations
- Losing businesses from the community
- Strategic planning for the future.

Other

- Distance/remoteness
- The need to invest in essential infrastructure and services to attract potential staff to the area (housing, education, health, day care)
- Developing effective communication strategies.

Staff attraction and retention is a recurring theme throughout this survey. An earlier question in relation to the time spent as the CEO has indicated that this is also a position that is subject to frequent change.

Environmental pressures are more pressing currently than they have been over the past three years and financial pressures/concerns have increased in focus. Engagement with the community has reduced as an area of concern suggesting that there is stronger engagement and participation. These results are demonstrated in **appendix 2**.

Personal Challenges of working in remote councils

When asked about the least enjoyable components of being a CEO in rural-remote or indigenous local government, respondents identified these as:

Associated Costs

- Food, fuel, general shopping
- Of doing business (time, travel)
- Trying to stretch an already stretched budget
- Of accessing education and training opportunities
- Of tradespeople travelling to a small community.

Distance

- Impassable roads during wet season
- From family.

Governance

- Attempt to implement government policies not designed for small communities
- Demands placed on local government (seen to be everything to everyone).

Human resources

- Need to know a little about a lot
- Lack of qualified employees
- Not having access to experienced people to seek advice
- Councillors not understanding/performing roles.

Other

- Long hours (after hours commitments that must be made)
- Limited support
- Mixing of staff politics with local community impacting in the operations of the Council
- Climate
- Lack of facilities and services.

The responses are outlined in terms of their priority (as identified by survey respondents) in the table below.

| Issue | Tally | Weighted Tally | Key concepts |
|--|-------|----------------|--|
| Staff Turnover and Management | 10 | 10.0 | High stress, small recruitment pool, lack of experience |
| Lifestyle | 10 | 7.4 | Climate, lack of facilities/services, "no social life", everything is work-related |
| Travel | 8 | 9.5 | Poor road networks |
| Isolation | 8 | 7.9 | Absence of professional colleagues, cost of doing business, difficulty of networking |
| Engaging community (political, elected members) | 8 | 9.0 | Local politics (small voting numbers), "Staff taking work politics into the community" |
| Over-reliance on councils for services | 7 | 7.4 | |
| Long working hours | 7 | 9.5 | Lack of qualified staff, "need to know a little about a lot of things" |
| Dealing with other levels of government | 6 | 6.3 | Legislating more requirements, "Who do we answer to?", Task shifting |
| Resource constraints | 6 | 7.4 | Training, human and financial resources |
| Cost of living | 2 | 2.6 | |
| Close-knit community - difficult to form relationships | 2 | 3.2 | |
| Difficulty in making a difference | 2 | 1.6 | |
| Financial issues | 2 | 1.1 | Dependence on other levels of government |

Benefits of working in remote councils

Even with the plethora of issues facing Chief Executive Officers in rural-remote and indigenous councils, there are many benefits of being part of these communities. Some of these are:

- Opportunity to have direct input into all operations of local government
- Being Indigenous, it has been about being a real role model and putting back into the community.
- Sense of accomplishment when things go right
- Knowing the community and being a part of it
- Personally knowing the issues you are dealing with
- When the councillors and staff are united, the sky is the limit and because you come from a disadvantaged starting point there is so much that can be achieved
- Relatively high income package
- Variety of tasks and challenges
- Rewarding lifestyle.

Attachment 2 contains all the comments received about the benefits of working in a rural-remote or indigenous council.

CEO Recognition

The survey asked the question of whether there is a need to recognise exceptional CEOs in rural-remote and indigenous councils. 18 respondents (64%) answered positively. Some suggestions as to how this might occur included:

- Through peer recognition
- An LGMA Annual Award at the state and national level
- Public Service Awards
- Roles in professional development forums
- Incremental pay recognition/bursaries
- Wider promotion of existing awards
- Awards Bursaries for professional development
- Promotional Material (i.e. shirts as Qld indigenous councils and western councils have)
- Champion System: direct link between the CEO and Director-General
- Reward on achievements (use of human/financial resources and outcomes achieved)
- Methods of determining exceptional CEOs could include:
 - assessing their annual reports to determine how they are governed;
 - by questionnaire on well-chosen issues;
 - by asking some of the State Government Departments how they are performing (there is a lot of contact between State Government agencies and council CEOs); and
 - by speaking to mayors.

Other related comments included:

- Incremental pay recognition for service should be mandatory in remote areas not just at the discretion of council.
- Connecting managers to existing networks and creating new networks where none exist (e.g. CEO's Of Western Shires – COWS, Managers of Aboriginal Shire Councils - masc)
- When exceptional CEOs have been identified they could be used as role models for professionals young and old to assist them in better understanding indigenous councils.

Peer Support, Mentoring and Professional Development

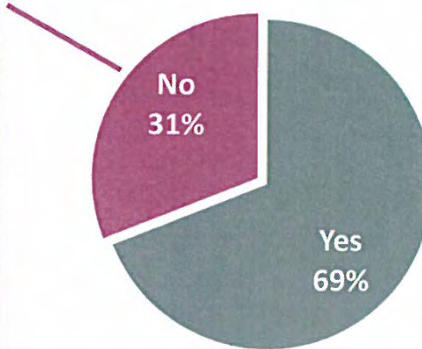
Respondents were invited to comment on access to peer support, mentoring and professional development to support them in their role as Chief Executive Officer. 20 respondents (69%) answered positively that they did have access to such assistance.

Of those respondents it was mentioned that this support was sought out or they chose to participate rather than being a direct part of their role. LGMA membership was seen to be a valuable tool for mentoring and professional development. The 9 respondents (31%) that reported they had no

access to this training to support them in their role indicated that distance and costs associated with travel were the main contributing factors. These factors are outlined below.

What is Required?

- Increased online networking and training
- Understanding of the benefits of professional development
- Appreciation of one’s own professional development needs
 - Collaborative arrangements with neighbouring councils
- More training and peer networking opportunities in remote areas
- Increased resource provision from state departments (e.g. project officers)
 - Hubs of technical expertise
 - Mentoring
 - Using Skype and Facebook (access on-line)
- Subsidies to assist in utilising existing professional development programs
- Resurrection of the “Skills Bank” initiative (hub of technical experts – Qld concept)



In relation to the issue of access to training and professional development directed at middle managers, 16 respondents (55%) indicated that they did not have adequate access.

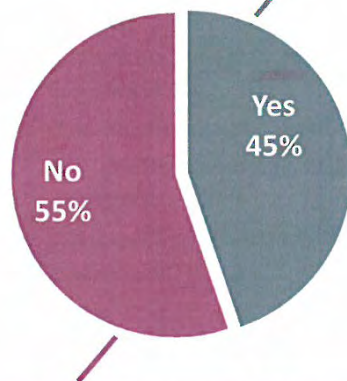
Only 13 respondents (45%) indicated that they had sufficient access to training and professional development directed at their middle managers. One respondent who does have access commented on the need to develop a “training circuit” which designed tailor made courses to build capacity in the middle management.

Councils that do have adequate access to training and professional development indicated that they access this from a number of different sources including LGMA, AIM, LGA’s, ACELG, Universities and independent training consultants. One respondent indicated that they provide personal development funding as well as professional development funding for employees. As an island council, they also encourage people take leave so that it provides an opportunity for other people to act in more senior roles.

The results from this question are outlined below.

Sources of Training and Professional Development

- Professional associations: LGMA, LGAQ, ACELG, WALGA, AIM
- Fellow colleagues, internal training, seminars and management meetings
- Subsidies for tertiary education and tertiary institutions
- Internal systems to support operational performance management and reporting
- In-house training by consultants.



What is Required?

- Time and resources to allow participation in training opportunities
 - Training events for other key council positions, e.g. rates officers
- Recognition of unique challenges to rural-remote local governments in training programs
 - More cost-effective opportunities, e.g. online
 - Improved access to professional associations
 - Funding opportunities to offset costs
- A training circuit with middle-management specific training

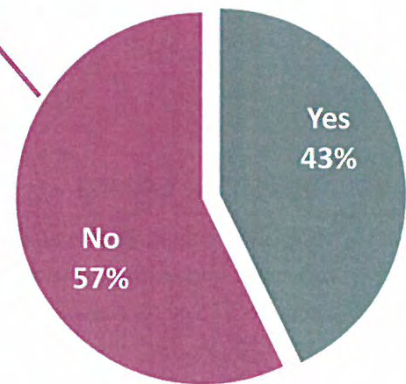
One suggestion for improved access to training was that “there is a need for a 2 tier development program to encourage middle managers in rural-remote councils to gain skills. As most staff in our communities are locals, it makes sense to encourage development of these people instead of having to source this level from outside the shire, usually at a great expense (which in turn upsets the locals as they do not see why someone should be paid large remuneration packages to live in town when they do not receive the same benefits)”.

Another respondent indicated that staff chose not to participate in training as they see their roles as temporary and incidental to where they see themselves in the future. They suggested that role models from remote communities may assist in staff taking a different approach to their jobs.

When asked about the extent to which training and professional development was customised to meet local government’s needs. Only 12 (43%) responded positively. The common response to this customisation was that prior to the commencement of any professional development the council works with the RTO to ensure the course material, course content and the presenter/s gain an understanding of the local environment and challenges facing the officers whom are responsible. 16 Councils (57%) indicated that the training and professional development was not customized and noted the points following.

Comments

- Limited skill sets of rural-remote local government staff in specialist areas (e.g. accounting) can make broadly targeted training too erudite
- Training often doesn’t take into account unique roles/responsibilities of rural-remote local governments
- There is generally a focus of metropolitan issues in training content
 - Training providers can be intransigent to modifying their products
 - Training is often specialised, whereas staff in rural-remote local governments take on a broader spectrum of responsibility

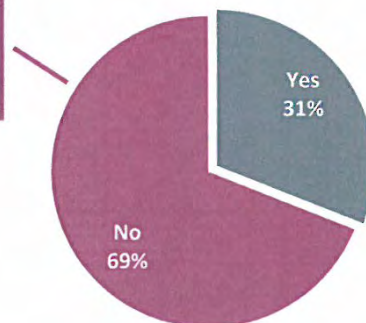


Mentoring

Mentoring and face-to-face training has previously been identified as the most appropriate training for rural-remote and indigenous communities. The survey sought information as to whether the councils had access to this type of training. 20 councils (69%) indicated that they do not have access to this type of training and development. The reasons provided for not being able to access this type of training and development are listed.

What is Required?

- More dedicated funding
 - More mentors in regional centres
 - Formalisation of the mentoring process (through a network or panel)
 - More resources online (to counter distance)
 - Involving rural-remote tertiary institutions (e.g. colleges)
 - Partnership between councils to deliver mentoring programs
 - More management-focussed training/mentoring



Succession Planning

The survey sought to gain an understanding of the training and professional development planning processes undertaken by rural-remote and indigenous councils, particularly in relation to key positions within council.

19 respondents (66%) indicated that they have not developed succession planning for key positions. Comments in relation to succession planning include:

- Positions and officers were identified to be mentored or groomed for the future and then they leave
- Some councils are undertaking a systems and positions audit with a view to improving business succession planning
- Question whether succession planning is viable in small councils?
- Remote councils often do not have a defined senior management team
- Not formalised in a document but contingencies are implied
- Have incorporated career development as part of the performance appraisal system - you have to accept people need to move on to get other experiences etc.
- More interested in staff retention
- The succession plan changes due to lack of human resources available.

Staff attraction and retention

Staff attraction, retention and managing human resource issues are a common thread throughout the survey. Respondents were asked to identify any were particular positions that are hard to fill. 26 councils (90%) responded that such positions existed and they include:

- All technical roles. Key reasons relate to wages (competing with mining sector) and accommodation (limited options).
- Middle management and all technical positions. It is difficult to find suitably qualified or experienced middle managers who are prepared to leave positions in country towns or urban areas and work in remote areas.
- Accounting and engineering professionals. Difficult to attract appropriate professionals due to the inability to pay high incomes (competing with mining) and provide a suitable environment (for married couples with families) and suitable housing.
- Trades positions such as plumbers and mechanics. Due to location, tradesmen can be paid twice what council can pay at the mines.
- Community Health Nurse - trying to recruit when nurses do not wish to leave Qld Health benefits.
- It is difficult for the family unit to stay together in a remote area as they are have to go away for education or work when they gain a qualification. There will always be plenty of applicants but without prior experience in local government it is often a disaster.

As noted from the initial questions about challenges, this remains the critical issue throughout remote and indigenous councils.

Development Priorities

All respondents rated suggested training and development activities in order of importance.

| | Very important | Important | Not really important | Not sure | Already exists |
|---|----------------|-----------|----------------------|----------|----------------|
| An exchange, secondment, mentoring and coaching program to support skills development | 31% | 45% | 21% | 3% | 0% |
| A register of local government senior managers, professionals and relieving personnel that includes information on prior experience and performance | 45% | 41% | 17% | 0% | 0% |
| Structured support for CEO recruitment and performance management | 38% | 34% | 24% | 0% | 3% |
| An accredited rural-remote and Indigenous council CEO certification | 21% | 31% | 45% | 3% | 0% |
| A rural-remote and Indigenous local government "service" to provide professional development and recognition, continuity of employment and consistency of working conditions irrespective of any particular posting | 28% | 38% | 31% | 3% | 0% |
| A "community of practice" network to provide opportunities for peer support and networking | 17% | 52% | 24% | 7% | 0% |
| Special rural-remote and Indigenous council forums / topics at annual local government conferences | 31% | 45% | 14% | 7% | 3% |
| More flexible and innovative workplace arrangements that provide regular respite for senior management | 38% | 28% | 21% | 7% | 7% |
| Strategies for creating more affordable housing | 62% | 24% | 10% | 3% | 3% |
| Basing senior managers in larger regional centres with only part-time work on-site in remote locations | 3% | 24% | 34% | 24% | 14% |
| Continuing with the appointment of Government champions | 21% | 28% | 28% | 21% | 3% |

The four points that were considered to be *very* important by the respondents are:

- A register of local government senior managers, professionals and relieving personnel that includes information on prior experience and performance;
- Structured support for CEO recruitment and performance management;
- More flexible and innovative workplace arrangements that provide regular respite for senior management; and
- Strategies for creating more affordable housing.

Comments from respondents in relation to the priorities outlined above include:

- There is a need to work with LG associations to ensure elected members have the required skills within 12 months of elections.
- More contact is required with rural-remote and indigenous councils from senior government officials and Local Government Department.
- Suggested the creation of a central repository where template policies and procedures can be accessed - e.g. recruitment, internal policies etc.
- The provision of suitable staff housing on indigenous communities is very important as well as the provision of suitable and appropriate council offices.
- Senior managers need to be based in the community. One council is actively re - recruiting all positions back into the local area (apart from finance).

Additional suggestions from respondents in relation to how ACELG could support senior managers in rural-remote and indigenous councils included:

Provision of information

- Information and support packages
- Keep providing the studies and information especially any templates, models etc. to help stop reinventing the wheel

Education and training

- Online, practical training modules
- Develop a professional program that deals with culture shock, requisite skills, standard contract provisions.
- Accredited training opportunities
- Provide post graduate training support.
- Continue to be available in an advisory role also if possible to offer subsidised opportunities for structured professional development.

Support

- Appoint an officer whose role it is to make contact and offer support or advice. There could be a monthly or quarterly newsletter on best practice and reference material as well as a shirt which promotes ACELG and is only issued to CEO's
- Could help with some of the professional support and succession planning required

- A formalised structured network for providing advice and assistance
- Push for more funds to support and ensure community has continuity of senior staff
- A formalised structured network for providing advice and assistance
- Pool of professional staff willing to relieve at affordable prices.

Search Conference

ACELG has proposed that a search conference be held to discuss the matters raised in more details. 44.8% indicated that they probably would attend such a conference subject to timing and cost. Reasons for not attending a conference included time, budget, location and competing priorities.

Summary

The findings from the survey support prior research about the impediments and challenges facing rural-remote and indigenous local governments. There are clearly many areas where additional support is required and, in particular, activities which will assist in the retention and development of staff will be of greatest assistance.

The findings can be summed up well by a comment from one of the respondents:

I appreciate the commitment to this area by the government and the staff at ACELG to really provide support that will make a difference. I believe there is a real opportunity for remote Australia to advance if we can keep quality CEOs in these areas; however, the high level of burnout is often a factor that prevents that. If we can support CEOs and senior management on a number of different levels and that includes a social network within a peer network that is supportive, we will gain some ground. Often, not having others in your community with the same commitment to follow through on changes that will Close the Gap in Aboriginal communities is very wearing.

- Staff**
- Attendance 3%
 - Management 11%
 - Recruitment/Retention 17%
 - Skills and Leadership 8%
 - Accommodation 1%

Mayors ↔ Councillors

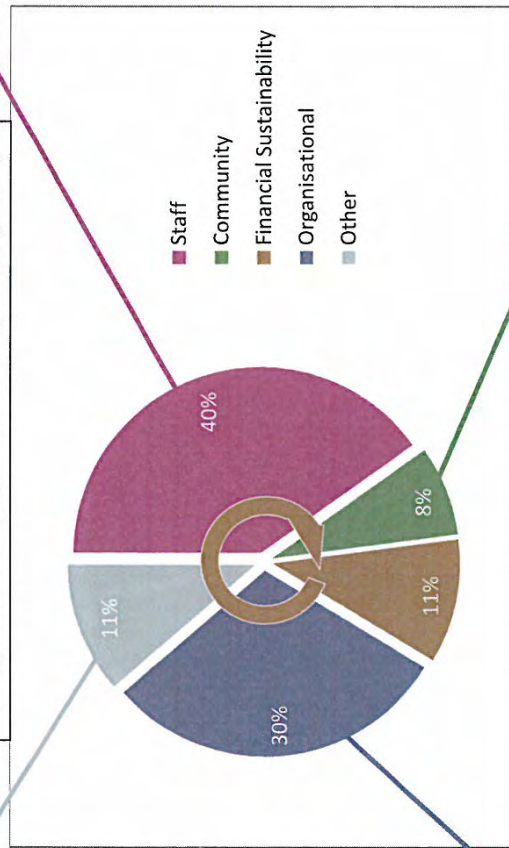
"Councillor Awareness"

"Building Capacity"

"Team Culture"

"Qualified Staff"

Biggest Challenges to CEOs (past 3 years)



"Community Awareness"

Impact of Remoteness

- Community**
- Losing community organisations 2%
 - Building/Engagement 6%

"Managing Community Expectations"

"Establishing a Shire"

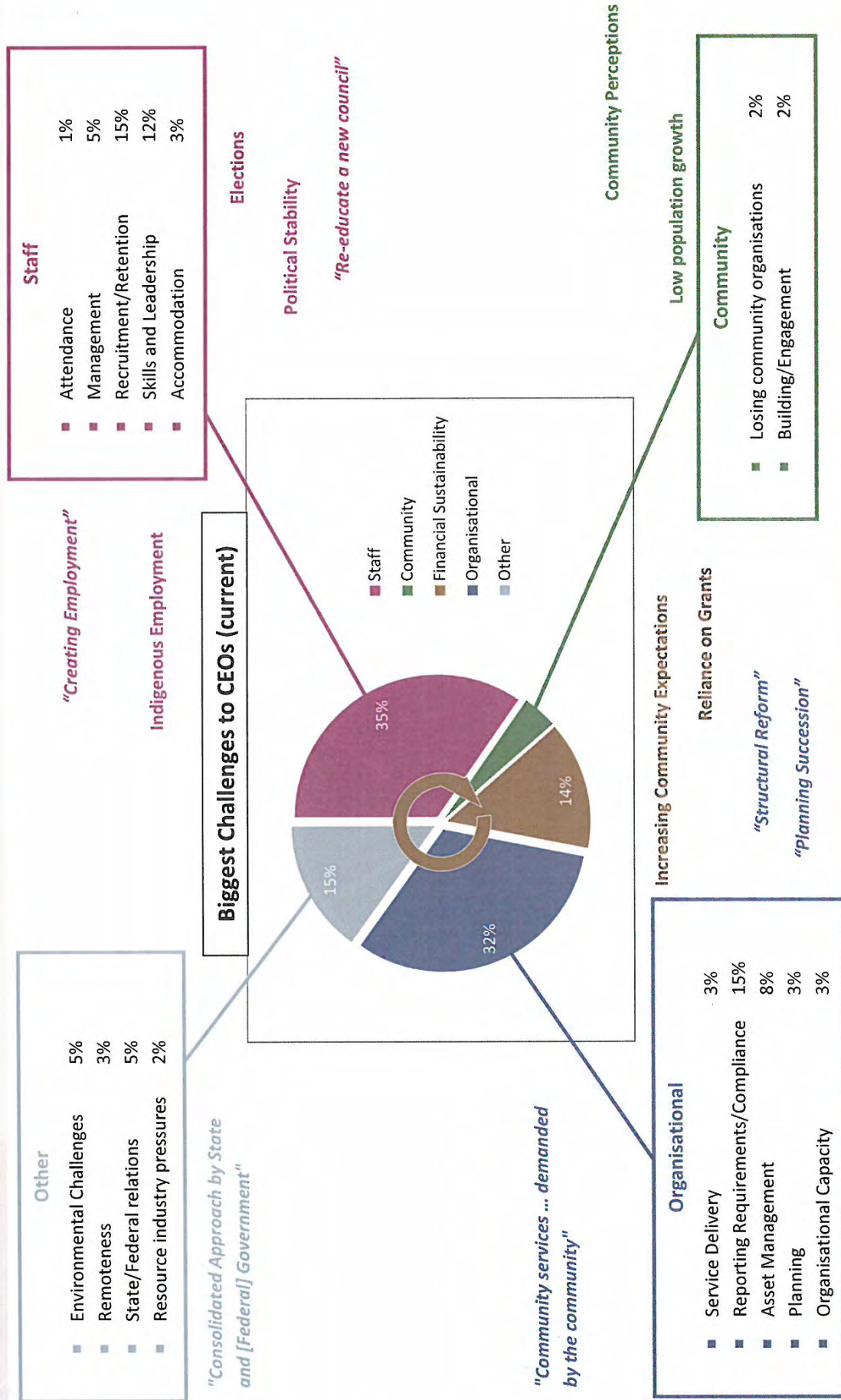
- Other**
- Flood mitigation 2%
 - State/Federal relations 3%
 - Resource industry pressures 1%
 - Amalgamation 5%

Devolution of Responsibilities

"Lack of respect and understanding to compliance requirements"

- Organisational**
- Service Delivery 2%
 - Reporting Requirements/Compliance 20%
 - Asset Management 7%
 - Strategic Planning 2%

"Constantly Changing Legislative Framework"



Midwest Gascoyne Murchison Regional Football Development Council

**WEST AUSTRALIAN
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To SHARON

My name is Paul Pirrottina and I am the Midwest Gascoyne Murchison Regional Football Development Manager My area of responsibility covers a vast region of 359 000 sq km's which extends from Walkaway (30km's south of Geraldton) to Exmouth and as far inland as Wiluna.

I am employed by the West Australian Football Commission (WAFC) and one of the key aspects of my role is the development of football in remote communities and country towns.

In the 2011 Midwest Gascoyne Murchison Future Directions Report, one of the major strategies identified was to attempt to bridge the gap between regional communities. Australian Rules Football is considered to be a major player in promoting health, wellbeing and social skills throughout the vast majority of the Murchison region.

At present there is little or no football structure in these Murchison regions with only the Auskick program (5-12 yr olds) being conducted in Mt Magnet, Meekatharra and Cue and an U17's competition made up of 4 teams competing sporadically with no outside support. Teams from Karalundi, Meekatharra, Mt Magnet and Wiluna compete in this.

I would like to put a proposal forward to try and create a senior mens football carnival held over a designated weekend which would bring together all Murchison communities and it would include invites to all surrounding remote Indigenous communities.

This letter is seeking consultation and planning ideas in the hope that it could possible become a yearly, self sustainable event. Attached to this letter is a proposal and a list of possible needs and it also includes the proposed structure of the carnival.

I encourage any new ideas or thoughts from all involved to get this up and running. I believe this carnival could prove of great benefit in the years ahead for the Murchison. Similar carnivals such as the Western Desert Football Carnival in the East Pilbara and the Ngurratjuta Lightning Carnival in the Northern Territory have supported personal development and football growth within their respective regions.

Sport (especially Australian Rules Football) is a fantastic way to engage the community and promote healthy lifestyles and engage young people in education and encourage greater integration of communities. With your help your society can only continue to grow in a positive way.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this letter and look forward to hearing from you in the very near future. Please have all feedback to me by the end of August.

Kind Regards

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**WEST AUSTRALIAN
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GROW THE GAME
WA FOOTBALL COMMISSION

MURCHISON
SENIOR MENS
FOOTBALL CARNIVAL
PROPOSAL

CONCEPT

To create a senior men's football carnival that promotes exercise, healthy lifestyles, well-being and good relationships within communities throughout the Murchison region.

PARTICIPANTS

The carnival will attempt to include the following participants (including remote indigenous communities)

- ❖ Mt Magnet
- ❖ Meekatharra
- ❖ Cue
- ❖ Yalgoo
- ❖ Wiluna
- ❖ Bondini Remote Indigenous Community
- ❖ Kutkabubba Remote Indigenous Community
- ❖ Madunka Ewurry Remote Indigenous Community
- ❖ Gidgee Gully Remote Indigenous Community
- ❖ Yulga Jinna Remote Indigenous Community
- ❖ Pia Wadjarri Remote Indigenous Community
- ❖ Sandstone

The list of remote communities has come from the Department of Indigenous affairs website and is contained within the Murchison region. Any remote communities not in the above list are encouraged to attend once they have been identified. I urge all shires/towns to advise of any other communities within the Murchison so they can then be invited.

Obviously it may be required that 2 or 3 towns combine to make a team for carnival. This can be determined after initial numbers of interest are calculated.

AGE GROUP

The carnival will be aimed at men aged 18+

VENUE

At this stage Mt Magnet or Meekatharra have been identified as the 2 main towns where the carnival could be held. Both have a major football venue whereby after match functions and presentations could be held.

****Alternatively Geraldton could be a possibility if Mt Magnet or Meekatharra believe they could not accommodate the participants. Ideally the carnival should be in one of these 2 towns as it is a Murchison showcase and would like it promoted as one.

CATERING

The carnival will possibly be held over a weekend. Food will need to be organised for the following:

Friday (Dinner)

Saturday (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Sunday (Breakfast, Lunch, Possibly Dinner with after carnival function on the Sunday night)

Local towns and community groups to put forward ideas for the catering. Approaches could possibly be made to the local pubs, deli's or service stations to provide costs on food for the weekend. Lunches could include salad rolls (ham/chicken), dinner could include barbecue packs and breakfast would be cereal or toast. We would need confirmation early of the teams so it gives the relevant people time to put together a price package for the carnival.

ACCOMODATION

Accommodation will need to be found for over 200+ participants and staff. The following places could be approached:

Meekatharra

- ❖ **Indoor Cricket centre**
- ❖ **School**
- ❖ **Rec Centre**

Mt Magnet

- ❖ **Local School**
- ❖ **Youth Centre**

CARNIVAL STRUCTURE

Carnival to be run in a round robin format with games to be (depending on number of team nominations and weather) 2 x 20 minute halves with the top 2 teams to play in a Grand Final on the Sunday. Bearing in mind games may have to start in the afternoon to avoid the heat and continue into the evening (if lighting is adequate). All team squads to have limitless numbers to ensure maximum participation.

FUNDING AND SPONSORSHIP

The Department of Sport and Recreation and the Geraldton Aboriginal Sporting Corporation to be approached for funding to help with costs of carnival. Local mining companies to be given proposal to provide major sponsorship. If major sponsorship can be found relevant company will have their logo on all correspondence while also being promoted over local radio throughout the Midwest and Murchison. Mining companies to be approached will be as follows:

- **Murchison Metals**
- **Crosslands Resources Ltd**
- **Mt Keith Nickel Mine**
- **Hill 50 Gold Mine**
- **Newmont Mining Corporation (Jundee)**

INVITEES

List if invitees would go out to all AFL Clubs in the hope that they send scouts out to view the games. Many footballers in this region do not have any exposure whatsoever to talent identification scouts. East Fremantle and South Fremantle would also receive invites to attend the carnival.

Carnival will encourage healthy lifestyles so for example the following organisations could be invited to get involved and do promotions, workshops or health checks:

1. **Hearing Test and Hearing Aids** (84 Sandford St) PH: 1800 888 196
2. **Midwest Men's Health** (122 Chapman Rd) 08 99218512 (Drugs, Alcohol and Sexual Health)
3. **Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service** (60 Rifle Range Rd) 08 99566555
4. **Panaceum Geraldton (Diabetes Clinic)** (233 Lester Avenue) 08 99208151

CARNIVAL OBJECTIVE

The objectives of the carnival would be as follows:

- To use the carnival to deliver health messages with the aid of possible health company partners
- Cultural transfer between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians through the game of football
- Inspire people in remote areas to get involved in community projects and functions
- Promote Australian rules Football as a fantastic way to promote great friendships and also exercise
- Help promote all local business' through advertising

VISION

“To create a positive experience unmatched by any other sport or event in the hope that the carnival will become a recurring event which will attract more people and partners as the years go by”



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To: Chief Executive Officer

Richard Struik, Community Policy Officer

Organisation: All Councils

29th June 2012

Reference: 05-030-03-0005/RS

Subject: Child Health Funding Implementation Meeting

Priority: High

IN BRIEF

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| Operational Area: | Community Services, Children's Services, Buildings and Facilities |
| Key Issues: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Premier has advised that the State Government is unable to consider funding to assist with the provision of Local Government child health facilities given the State's increased \$58.5mil funding allocation for child health services delivered with the Department of Education and the not-for-profit sector Local Governments are encouraged to attend an information session with Department of Health and community organisations to discuss the implications for child health Further information is now available on the WALGA website concerning the new child health services funding implementation |
| Action Required: | RSVP to Department of Health by Wednesday, 11 th July 2012 |

On the 15th June 2012 the Association issued an infopage alerting the sector to the State Budget 2012-13 announcements of an additional \$58.5 million funding to community child health services. WALGA had written to the State Government requesting further information, and has recently been advised by both Premier Colin Barnett MLA and Minister for Health Dr Kim Hames MLA that the State Government's intention is to invest in service delivery through the not-for-profit organisations (NFP's) and a number of new school based facilities with the Department of Education. Minister Hames indicated that Local Governments would be eligible to provide community child health services through a tender process. The advice also confirmed that within this Budget the State Government is unable to provide for capital works or maintenance for child health facilities.

The implementation of the \$58.5 million program is relevant to Local Government as owners of the majority of existing child health facilities. The Department of Health (DOH) held an introductory information session with not-for-profit (NFP) organisations on 20th June 2012, with notes available at <http://www.walga.asn.au/MemberResources/PlanningCommunityDevelopment/CurrentEmergingIssues/CommunityDevelopment.aspx> DOH and WALGA are encouraging Local Government representatives to attend a second community sector meeting to discuss the funding implementation, including how the State Government will partner with community sector organisations to develop and deliver community child health services, and to discuss the implications to existing stakeholders. The Association will be represented at this meeting to outline our advocacy in this area.

Details of the community sector meeting are:

Date: 13th July 2012

Time: 10.00 am- 12.00 noon

Venue: Office of The Commissioner for Children and Young People, 1 Alvan Street, Subiaco

For further information and to RSVP by Wednesday 11 July 2012, please contact Rita Freijah on 9224 3734 or email: rita.freijah@health.wa.gov.au

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To: Chief Executive Officer
Organisation: All Councils
Reference: 05-024-02-0029
Subject: Transfer of Ownership of Fire Hydrants

John Lane Coordinator Emergency Management Services
 22 June 2012
Priority: Medium

IN BRIEF

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| Operational Area: | CEO, Infrastructure |
| Key Issues: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Government has recently made amendments to the <i>Water Services Bill 2011</i> to transfer ownership of fire hydrants from FESA and Local Government to the water services utilities. The government has recently transferred funding for hydrant repair from FESA to the Water Service Utilities. In the interim Water Corporation has undertaken not bill Local Governments for the repair of hydrants during the period from July 1 until the commencement of the legislation. |
| Action Required: | For information only |

Background

The State Government recently agreed to place amendments in the *Water Services Bill 2011* to enable the transfer of ownership of fire hydrants to the Water Service Utilities. For Local Governments across the State this means that the cost of repair or replacement of all fire hydrants located within the Local Government district and situated outside of Gazetted Fire Districts will no longer be the responsibility of the Local Government.

Recently in the State Budget and in anticipation of the successful transition of the *Water Services Bill 2011* through the parliamentary process, the State transferred funding normally set aside for hydrant maintenance from the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) to the Water Corporation. This early transfer while not affecting Local Governments caused a certain amount of confusion over who would be responsible for the cost in the interim period between the passing of the Bill and its commencement.

Water Corporation undertaking

In a letter addressed to the WALGA President, the Chief Operating Officer of the Water Corporation has made the following undertaking:

- "I confirm that during the interim period the Water Corporation will:
- Undertake repair and maintenance on all fire hydrants that are connected to its reticulation network in a manner aligned with the existing management system (i.e. business as usual); and
 - Will not invoice the relevant Local Government for work undertaken on hydrants"

There are still a number of practical issues in relation to hydrant management that will require confirmation including the prioritisation of the maintenance backlog and infill hydrant work along with the reporting process which is under development. In the interim, the process will be tracked, reviewed and normalised through the Joint Water Providers Working Party.

Next Step

A Service Level Agreement to be signed between FESA, the Water Utilities and individual Local Governments will be placed before WALGA State Council at its scheduled meeting of 4 July 2012 for decision. A copy of the Water Corporation letter is attached for your reference.

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Dear Mr Pickard, ^{Troy}

RE: THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF FIRE HYDRANTS

I refer to recent discussions between WALGA (your Mr. J Lane) and the Water Corporation in relation to the transfer of ownership of fire hydrants.

As you are aware, the State Government has changed its policy in relation to fire hydrants, and has determined that all fire hydrants should be transferred from FESA and Local Government to the relevant water utility.

To implement such transfer of ownership, the Government recently introduced amendments to the *Water Services Bill 2011*, which is currently before Parliament, and has transferred all hydrant funding from FESA to the water utilities for the 2012/13 financial year.

Whilst transfer of funding does not impact Local Governments, it has resulted in some confusion as to the management of fire hydrants during the period from 1 July 2012 until the legislation commences (interim period).

To clarify, I confirm that during the interim period the Water Corporation will:

1. undertake repair and maintenance on all fire hydrants that are connected to its reticulation network in a manner aligned with the existing management system (ie: business as usual); and
2. *will not* invoice the relevant Local Government for work undertaken on hydrants.

Although the *Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Act 1909*¹ and the *Fire Brigades Act 1942*² will, during this interim period continue to require that the Corporation render a statement of account of the cost of installing, abolishing or keeping a fire hydrant in effective order, in light of:

¹ Section 45

² Section 54



- (a) the fact that funding has already been received by the Corporation for the hydrants;
- (b) the Government's clear policy in relation to the funding and ownership of hydrants by water utilities; and
- (c) the considerable resources required to generate such a statement of account when it will not be paid,

The Corporation has made the decision that it is not in the public interest to continue with the billing process.

Lastly, there are still a number of practical issues in relation to hydrant management that will require confirmation, for example: the prioritisation of backlog and infill hydrant work and the process for reporting back. It is proposed that the current systems are employed (and advanced where possible) until legislation commences. These processes will be tracked, reviewed and normalised through the existing Joint Water Providers Working Party (the next meeting is scheduled for 15 August).

I trust the above meets with your approval and look forward to the successful completion of this initiative.

Regards,



Peter Moore
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

CC: Mr. Paul Kelly, Executive Director, Licensing, Monitoring & Customer Protection,
Economic Regulation Authority.

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To: Chief Executive Officer

Organisation: All Councils

Reference: 05-015-02-0005

Subject: UPDATE ON ACTIONS TO CLARIFY NEW BUILDING ACT

From: Allison Hailes - Executive Manager
Planning and Community Development

Date: 29 June 2012

Priority: High

IN BRIEF

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| Operational Area: | CEO's, Directors, Managers Building Approval Services |
| Key Issues: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Association has had regular contact with the State Government regarding implementation of the Building Act The Minister has acknowledged the need to clarify or amend aspects of the legislation as a matter of urgency. |
| Action Required: | For Information |

The Association has been in regular contact with the State Government over the last few weeks on behalf of members to clarify issues with the implementation of the new Building Act and to represent Local Government concerns.

WALGA is very aware that recent media about approval delays being experienced at the Local Government level is frustrating for our members, who aim to provide excellent customer service for their existing ratepayers and new resident's moving into their municipality.

On Tuesday, the Association's President, Mayor Troy Pickard and the Minister for Finance, Commerce and Small Business, Hon Simon O'Brien held a positive meeting to discuss the problems being experienced with the new system and agree actions to quickly address them, so that stakeholders can have clarity about requirements and processes.

The President strongly refuted the negative media commentary and emphasized that Local Government is working hard to deliver legislation that is unclear and the sector should not be labelled as the 'problem' in the new system. The President also expressed concern about 'rumoured' changes to repeal the legislation; introduce 'deemed approvals'; or introduce 'self-certification' by builders.

The Minister acknowledged the need to clarify or amend aspects of the legislation as a matter of urgency and confirmed that he would not be repealing the Act or extending the legislation to introduce 'deemed approvals' or 'self-certification'.

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The Minister also recognised the pressure some Local Governments are experiencing due to the increased workload emanating from the introduction of the new system and the loss of qualified Building Surveyors to the private certification sector.

The Minister confirmed that a number of actions are to be implemented in the next week to assist stakeholders including:

- A joint Building Commission, Local Government, Building Industry Taskforce to obtain legal advice and prepare definitive Advice Notes confirming minimum certification / permit application requirements; legal definitions; and legal obligations for distribution to Local Governments and the building industry;
- Additional training and education sessions to be offered;
- Forms / processes to be reviewed and simplified where possible;
- Additional Building Surveyor resources to be identified and made available to Local Governments experiencing backlogs due to lack of resources;
- A consolidated spread sheet of matters requiring legislative amendment to be prepared and circulated to peak bodies; and
- A single point of contact or 'helpdesk' to be established for use by Local Governments and applicants requiring determination of matters requiring interpretation or qualification.

Further advice on these activities will be forwarded to members as soon as it becomes available.

For enquiries please contact Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning, Reform and Improvement on 9213 2064 or email vjackson@walga.asn.au

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ISSUES UPDATE

METROPOLITAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW – WALGA SUBMISSION

The Association has put forward its response to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's Draft Findings. The Submission was approved by a Meeting of Metropolitan Mayors and Presidents held on Tuesday, 22 May and has been provided to the Panel, subject to State Council endorsement at their Wednesday, 4 July meeting. The Submission is available for download from the WALGA website: <http://www.walga.asn.au/LGReform/MetropolitanLocalGovernmentReview.aspx>

For further information please contact Executive Manager Governance and Strategy, Tony Brown, on 9213 2051 or email tbrown@walga.asn.au.

REVIEW OF ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS COUNTRY LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND – WALGA SUBMISSION

The Association has developed a comprehensive submission in response to the Western Australian Regional Development Trust's report, *Review of Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund*. The Submission has been put forward to the Department of Regional Development and Lands, subject to State Council endorsement at their Wednesday, 4 July meeting. The Submission is available for download from the WALGA website: <http://www.walga.asn.au/MemberResources/GovernanceStrategy/CurrentandEmergingIssues.aspx>

For further information please contact Executive Manager Governance and Strategy, Tony Brown, on 9213 2051 or email tbrown@walga.asn.au.

ROMAN II CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

A customer satisfaction survey on the ROMAN II software has been undertaken by Advantage

Communications – Research. Thank you to everyone who participated. The majority of survey respondents believe the new software is right for Western Australian Local Governments. Comparatively the new software is widely preferred to the old software.

The survey results suggest a significant gap between customer expectations of use of the system and their actual use and satisfaction, which is normal for a newly delivered IT system, and the current challenge for WALGA is to help and train users to realise the value of the system. The full report can be found at www.roman2.com.au/news. WALGA will be using the results to improve and customise services.

For further information please contact ROMAN Project Manager, Graham Lantzke on 0407 447 538 or email glantzke@roman2.com.au

PROPOSED ROMAN BUDGET, FEES AND CHARGES 2012/13

The draft ROMAN budget and information on proposed fees and charges for 2012/13 has been published on the ROMAN website www.roman2.com.au. There are minor variations from last year with a net 4% increase in costs. WALGA is proposing to reallocate this year's research and development income to continue to subsidise help desk and training costs in 2012/13. WALGA believes this will be of more immediate benefit to the majority of Local Governments.

Previously collected *Research, development and implementation* funds will be available to Local Governments. A discussion paper and request for comment have been separately issued by email.

For further information please contact ROMAN Project Manager Graham Lantzke on 0407 447 538 or email glantzke@roman2.com.au

WALGA BREAKFAST SERIES: LOCAL GOVERNMENT – CLEAR THINKING ON CARBON

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Time: 7:30am to 9:00am

Venue: University Club of WA
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Cost: \$77.00 (incl. GST)

RSVP: Friday, **22 June**

The registration form can be downloaded from the WALGA website – www.walga.asn.au

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENTION 2012

The 2012 annual Local Government Convention and Trade Exhibition will return to the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre - commencing on Wednesday, **1 August – Friday, 3 August 2012** with the closing event being the very popular Convention Gala Dinner. The Registration brochure is available in electronic format and can be downloaded from the WALGA website – www.walga.asn.au. Registrations are to be made online - www.secureregistrations.com/lqc12/

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

OFFICER TRAINING

Award Interpretation for Payroll Officers

Date: Friday, **22 June**

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$395 (+ GST)

Policy Development and Procedure Writing in Local Government

Date: Tuesday, **2 July** – Wednesday, **3 July**

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$790 (+ GST)

ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

Meeting Procedures and Debating for Elected Members

Date: Monday, **25 June**

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$395 (+ GST)

Course flyers can be downloaded at www.workplacesolutions.asn.au.

Contact the training team at training@walga.asn.au to secure your place.

THE CREATIVE NETWORKS FUND IS NOW OPEN

The Creative Networks fund is designed to support regional Local Government Authorities (LGA's) to develop their capacity to use art and culture to improve the lives of their citizens. CNF grants will be made available each year to regional Local Government Authorities. The grants will provide skills development, mentoring and networking with intensive training over a period of ten months, with an ongoing connection to CAN WA and like-minded LGA's for three years. Participants will have the opportunity to attend CAN WA's nationally recognised Community Engagement and Cultural Planning Course. Expressions of interest for 2012 are now open. The first round of the Creative Networks Fund closes Friday, **29 June** at 5:00pm for the program commencing from Friday, **27 July**.

For further information please contact CAN WA on 9226 2422, or visit <http://www.canwa.com.au/what-we-do/funding/creative-networks/>

SOUTHWEST AUSTRALIA ECOREGION INITIATIVE ROAD SHOW

The purpose of the roadshow is to demonstrate the outcomes of a major conservation planning initiative resulting in development of the Strategic Framework for Biodiversity Conservation. An on-line interactive tool has been developed to inform planning, on-ground action and targeted investment across the South West of Western Australia. The road show that will travel between **6-27 June** will stop for demonstrations in Northam, Merredin, Esperance, Albany, Moora, Geraldton, Bunbury, Narrogin and Kalgoorlie. Two sessions will be held in Perth. A flyer has been included in this week's mailbag detailing all times and venues.

For further information or to register your interest in attending and for venue details please contact Ms Joanne Collins on (08) 9387 6444 or email swaeadmin@wwf.org.au

STATE NRM PROGRAM COMMUNITY GRANTS 2012

The Government of Western Australia is committed to helping communities undertake projects that protect and restore their local environment. This year they have pledged \$3 million towards State NRM Program Community Grants to support on-ground activities of local community groups. Grants of between \$10,000 and \$50,000 are available for any on-ground activity that will assist in the conservation, restoration, rehabilitation or enhancement of a local natural asset. This can include land, water, marine and biodiversity assets. Catchment and community groups, industry groups, not for profit organisations, Local Government Authorities and education institutions are eligible for these grants. Applicants can lodge more than one project proposal and current and past applicants can apply. State Government agencies, regional NRM organisations and individuals are not eligible to apply directly for these grants but may partner with eligible groups. Applications close Friday, **29 June**.

Application forms and guidelines are available from the State NRM Office website www.nrm.wa.gov.au or by contacting us on (08) 9368 3168 or snrmo@agric.wa.gov.au



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ISSUES UPDATE

RESOLUTION OF MISCONDUCT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

The Minister for Local Government has announced that no further action will be taken to amend the current provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995*, which relate to the operations of the Local Government Standards Panel. This decision is in recognition of comments received from the Association and the Local Government sector, requesting extensive consultation on the proposed changes. The Minister has agreed to extend the consultation period to December 2012. The Association will continue to represent the sector's interests in reaching workable outcomes to the issue of misconduct at the local level, and maximising efficiency in the operations of the Local Government Standards Panel.

For further information please contact Manager Governance, James McGovern on 9213 2093 or email jmcgovern@walga.asn.au

PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF CARBON PRICE LEGISLATION

Following the outcomes from the ALGA Carbon Price and Landfill National Forum in Canberra on 23 April, the Clean Energy Regulator has agreed to work with state and territory Local Government Associations to assist their members to identify and meet their obligations under the *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007* and the *Clean Energy Act 2011* (CE Act). The Regulator has written to selected Councils who could possibly operate a significant landfill, which potentially results in a liability under the CE Act. The Regulator will also be providing liable or potentially liable entities with targeted assistance to help them meet their obligations under new and amended existing legislation. The Regulator will be holding a hands-on workshop in Western Australia that will focus on the practical application of the carbon pricing legislation.

Date: Friday, 22 June

Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Venue: City of Cockburn, Cnr Rockingham Road & Coleville Crescent, Spearwood

RSVP: Wednesday, 20 June to Heather Squire at hsquire@walga.asn.au

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

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For further information or for registration enquiries, please contact Administration Officer Business Solutions, Rachel Hawkins on 9213 2035 or email rhawkins@walga.asn.au

OFFICER TRAINING

Award Interpretation for Payroll Officers

Date: Friday, **22 June**

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$395 (+ GST)

Policy Development and Procedure Writing in Local Government

Date: Monday, **2 – Tuesday, 3 July**

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$790 (+ GST)

ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

Sustainable Asset Management

Date: Tuesday, **19 June**

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$395 (+ GST)

Course flyers can be downloaded at www.workplacesolutions.asn.au.

Contact the training team at training@walga.asn.au to secure your place.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATION SURVEY

Drs Peter Simmons and Felicity Small from Charles Sturt University are doing a national study of Local Government communication professionals and the work that they do. This study will aid in understanding and developing communications in the Local Government sector as a profession. This is the first national study of its kind in Australia and will help to identify;

- the people who work in communication-related work for Local Government'
- the type of work done by Local Government communicators; and
- professional development and other needs of Local Government communicators.

The questionnaire includes activity, stakeholders, intent, media, professional development, organisation, satisfaction and demographics, and will take 15

minutes to complete. There is also opportunity for people to comment on matters not directly addressed by the questionnaire. If your work is communication-related, we encourage you to take 15 minutes to complete this questionnaire at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GovPRComm>

For further information please contact Dr Peter Simmons via email psimmons@csu.edu.au

LOCAL GOVERNMENT HEALTH PROMOTION NETWORK

The Local Government Health Promotion Network was established in 2012, and serves to support and assist health promotion practitioners working in Local Government. Health promotion is a growing portfolio area for many Local Governments, with some appointing dedicated staff. This network is predominantly focused on the metro area, however representation is open to all Local Governments with a particular interest in, and proactive approach to, health promotion, health and wellbeing/ public health planning, and the Healthy Communities Initiative. The next meeting will be held on the Thursday, **30 August**.

For further information please contact Health and Wellbeing Coordinator, City of Rockingham Julia Dick on 9528 0455 or email Julia.dick@rockingham.wa.gov.au

RURAL GENERAL PRACTITIONERS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Rural Health West is the leading rural workforce agency in Western Australia. The core business of Rural Health West is to attract, recruit and retain the medical workforce to country Western Australia and to gather evidence to plan for future workforce requirements. Rural Health West has been collecting data on the general practice workforce in country WA since 2002 and publishes an annual Minimum Data Set Report and Workforce Analysis Update. The data contained in this report is valuable for a range of reasons:

- it enables Rural Health West and other agencies to examine and plan for future primary medical workforce needs in rural and remote WA;
- the data highlights key changes in 12 month periods and trends in movement over several years for critical groups within the rural general practice workforce;
- the trend data enables analysis of the impact of Australian and State Government's policies and programs related to workforce recruitment and retention.

For a full report please contact Lesley McNeil on 6389 4504 or email Lesley.McNeil@ruralhw.com.au

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Mr Grant Middleton new CEO at the Shire of Three Springs
Mr Anthony Friday new CEO at the Pilbara Regional Council

MEDIA RELEASES

7 June Dangerous Dogs in Councils' Sights

brochure is available in electronic format and can be downloaded from the WALGA website – www.walga.asn.au. Registrations are to be made online - www.secureregistrations.com/lgc12/

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ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

Meeting Procedures and Debating for Elected Members

Meeting Procedures and Debating is specifically designed for both experienced and newly Elected Members who wish to enhance their meeting skills.

Concentrating on knowledge of meeting procedures and high level debating techniques, this course is a practical toolkit for those who attend Council and committee meetings as members or presiding members.

Date: Monday, 25 June

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$395 (plus GST)

Professionally Speaking

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Date: Thursday, 5 July

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$450 (plus GST)

Course flyers can be downloaded at www.workplacesolutions.asn.au.

Contact the training team at training@walga.asn.au to secure your place.

EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE NBN INTERIM SATELLITE SOLUTION

The Minister for Broadband, Senator Stephen Conroy, has amended the NBN Co Interim Satellite Service (ISS) eligibility criteria to bring forward improved broadband access to health, education and Local Government organisations that are providing essential services in regional and remote parts of the country. The Long Term Satellite Service, due for launch in 2015, will provide additional services, including access to high definition video-conferencing, multicasting and commercial grade services to support bandwidth intensive e-education and e-health applications. Further information is outlined in the infopage included in this week's mailbag.

For further information please contact the NBN Co Solutions Centre on free call 1800 881 816.

WA SAFETY CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Safety in Workplaces WA (SIWA) is presenting the 2012 WA Safety Conference from Tuesday, 7-Thursday, 9 August at the Perth Hilton Hotel. This three day conference may be of interest to Local Government staff working in HR, Governance, OSH or Environmental Health. Conference themes include creating healthy workplaces and maintaining 'fit for work' employees for improved productivity; workers compensation, injury management and rehabilitation, enforcement directions and good governance for safety as well as networking opportunities.

For further information or to register please visit <http://www.siwasafetyconference2012.com/> or contact Director SIWA, Gavin Waugh on 0409 295 781 or email gavin.waugh@siwa.org.au



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WALGA BREAKFAST SERIES: LOCAL GOVERNMENT – CLEAR THINKING ON CARBON - FINAL CHANCE

On the eve of the new Carbon Tax it is now time for Local Government to act. This breakfast will explore practical strategies and initiatives to support energy management and sustainability.

Date: Thursday, 28 June

Time: 7:30am to 9:00am

Venue: University Club of WA
Hackett Drive, Crawley

Cost: \$77.00 (incl. GST)

RSVP: Monday, 25 June

The registration form can be downloaded from the WALGA website – www.walga.asn.au

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SAFE SYSTEM PROJECT – FOLLOW UP SURVEY RESULTS NOW AVAILABLE

Thank you to all Local Governments who completed the Safe System Approach to Road Safety – Local Government Follow up Survey in June 2011, which aimed to identify current road safety activities within Local Government. A total of 57 Local Governments completed the online survey. Overall it was found that most respondents agree that road safety is an issue of concern within their community and Local Government. Contrary to the evidence about the contribution the other cornerstones (i.e. safe roads & roadsides, safe vehicles, safe speeds) have in preventing death and serious injuries on the road network, driver behaviour continues to be viewed as the most problematic safe system issues. Funding and staff resources were noted as key to increasing Local Governments' capacity to address road safety issues.

An executive summary is available on the RoadWise website www.roadwise.asn.au/ and the

full report is available on the members' section of the WALGA website www.walga.asn.au.

For further information please contact Safe System Coordinator, Shannon Horsley on 9213 2008 or email shorsley@walga.asn.au

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING SURVEY

WALGA has applied for and received grant funding in the Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) to address Local Government responsibilities under current emergency management legislation and policy. As part of the project WALGA is developing a discussion paper on the capacity of Local Government in WA, and an additional component of the project is to research and develop emergency management training for Local Government staff and Elected Members. To ensure that the training is consistent with Local Governments' needs, a faxback has been sent to member councils to complete and assist with this initiative.

For further information please contact Emergency Management Training Consultant, Sharna McKechnie on 0477 701 341 or email smckechnie@walga.asn.au or Coordinator Emergency Management Services, John Lane on 9213 2074 or email jlane@walga.asn.au

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CCTV AND SECURITY CONSULTANT LICENSING CHECKS AVAILABLE

WA Police Licensing Services wish to advise Local Governments of an online resource available which

confirms that contracted CCTV/Security installers meet security licensing regulations.

Licensing is a legislative requirement for installers of CCTV and Security Consultants who investigate or advise on matters relating to the watching, guarding or protection of property.

In order to help ensure quality assurance, Local Governments should ensure the following:

- The company supplying the CCTV equipment and consultant holds a Security Agent Licence;
- The person engaged to give advice and recommendations on CCTV and security related matters holds a Security Consultant Licence; and
- The person/s engaged to install CCTV equipment and security related devices holds a Security Installer Licence.

Local Governments can check if a supplier is licenced at the following link <http://www.police.wa.gov.au/OurServices/PoliceLicensingServices2/Security2/tabid/1803/Default.aspx>

In order to support quality assurance and cost efficiency, WALGA also has a preferred supplier panel for CCTV and Security Services available at <http://www.walga.asn.au/ProductsServices.aspx>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESEARCH SHOWCASE AND FORUM

the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG), in partnership with Edith Cowan University, is holding a free forum to bring together experienced researchers from WA, Queensland and NSW to share recent work and inform the debate on current challenges facing the sector. This forum is designed to provide a professional development opportunity for Local Government practitioners and showcase examples of research relevant to Local Government in WA and nationally.

Date: Thursday, 12 July

Time: 9:30am – 4:00pm

Venue: Edith Cowan University, Mt Lawley Campus, Bradford Street, Mount Lawley

Cost: Free

RSVP: Friday, 29 June

The registration is online via <http://lqresearch.net.au/showcase>

For further information please contact ACELG Program Manager Research, Stefanie Pillora, on (02) 9514 3855 or email stefanie.pillora@acelg.org.au

NEW SYNERGY SERVICE STRATEGY

Synergy has introduced a new service strategy designed to better meet the needs of Local Government. Peter Lampkin, Manager Business Sales and Support Team, now supervises all Western Australian Local Government accounts, including account and billing enquiry specialists. In addition, Synergy has in place a team that is dedicated to answering street lighting and unmetered supply enquiries in acknowledgement of the significant impact these services have on Local Government energy costs.

For further information please call 1300 859 333.



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METROPOLITAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

The Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel advised on Wednesday, 27 June that they are due to conclude their work and provide the final report to the Minister for Local Government within the next two weeks. As per its Terms of Reference, the final report will present the Panel's preferred option for Local Government reform in metropolitan Perth. The Panel received 195 submissions on its Draft Findings. The Panel has taken time to consider the submissions and incorporate the observations contained in them into its final report. Once the final report has been finalised, the Metropolitan Local Government Review will be complete. The Panel's report will be given directly to the Minister, who will consider the findings before taking them to Cabinet. Cabinet endorsement will be required to make the report available to the public.

For further information please contact Executive Manager Governance and Strategy, Tony Brown on 9213 2051 or email tbrown@walga.asn.au

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BREAKFAST WITH MICK MALTHOUSE

Appearing as part of the 2012 WA Local Government Convention, join Mick Malthouse as he shares his experiences and stories over breakfast. Mick Malthouse is one of the most influential figures in Australian Rules football and has played in or coached over 700 games. He is one of only five coaches who have coached three different clubs to finals series.

Date: Friday, **3 August**

Time: Registration 7:15am for 7:30am - 8:45am

Cost: \$88.00 (inc GST)

Venue: Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre BelleVue Ballroom, Level 3

RSVP: Thursday, **27 July**

For those not attending the WA Local Government Convention, the registration form can be downloaded from the WALGA website – www.walga.asn.au. Alternatively you can register online using the Convention link - www.secureregistrations.com/lgc12/

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WEST AUSTRALIAN LIFTOUT – LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPECIAL FEATURE

As per previous years, the Association has again arranged for a Special Feature on Local Government to be published in the West Australian Newspaper on Wednesday, **1 August** to coincide with the 2012 Local Government Convention and Exhibition. The liftout will be available to an audience of 579,000 readers of the West Australian, with additional copies printed to display at the convention and to provide to Local Governments for display at their premises. This year's liftout editorial will focus on the role of

Local Government in the community.

Advertising placement will provide Local Governments with an opportunity to profile and showcase their local area and region, communicate important issues the Council may be facing, and strengthen the message about the difference Local Government makes to the lives of those in your local community.

WALGA has negotiated heavily discounted rates available exclusively to Members for advertising in this Special Feature. The deadline to book is Monday, **16 July**. Please see the enclosed flyer for all advertising rates.

For further information, please contact Executive Manager, Corporate Business Solutions Nick Wood on 9213 2000 or email nwood@walga.asn.au

WALGA ROAD BUILDING PREFERRED SUPPLIER CONTRACT

WALGA has established a new Preferred Supplier Contract for Road Building Supplies and Services. The comprehensive arrangement includes 11 category panel for the supply of materials and works, with 24 companies appointed. Details of the panel are available on the Road Building page under the Preferred Supplier section of the WALGA Website (secure area).

A Local Government Officer briefing session will be hosted at 12:00pm on Thursday, **12 July**, with further briefings to be scheduled. The briefings will assist to provide Panel information, and outline the contracting processes and resources available.

For briefing session registrations and further information please contact Business Development Manager, Andrew Blitz on 9213 2046 or email ablitz@walga.asn.au

MWAC INFORMATION BULLETIN

The June edition of the MWAC Information Bulletin is now available. Highlights for this month include: WMRC Earth Carers to host the Plastic Free July Challenge; Free Earth Carers training course in Perth's Eastern Region; enHealth National Information Package - *Asbestos: A Guide For Householders and the General Public*; Nominations open for the State Government's Infinity Awards (previously the Waste Awards); Feedback requested on the draft guidelines for the voluntary industry-led Tyre Product Stewardship Scheme; and Jurien Bay Town Beach named the state winner of the 2012 Clean Beaches awards.

To subscribe to the MWAC Information Bulletin contact Waste Management Officer, Heather Squire on 9213 2069 or email hsquire@walga.asn.au

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WA STATE AVIATION STRATEGY – REGIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKSHOPS

The Department of Transport will be holding workshops with regional Local Governments to discuss the Issues Paper released in March 2012 and the development of the WA State Aviation Strategy.

Relevant Local Governments will be sent invitations to attend the workshops on the following dates and locations:

| Town | Date |
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| Exmouth | Saturday, 25 July – Sunday, 26 July |
| Kalgoorlie | Tuesday, 7 August |
| Broome | Friday, 10 August |
| Newman | Friday, 17 August |
| Esperance | Friday, 24 August |
| Geraldton | Thursday, 30 August |
| Derby | Tuesday, 18 September |
| Albany | Monday, 22 October |

For further information please contact Michael Jackson, Consultant, Policy Planning and Investment Division, Department of Transport on 6551 6177 or email Michael.Jackson@transport.wa.gov.au

FEE INCREASE FOR WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Fees for the WWC Check have been reviewed with a small fee increase in line with CPI planned to come into effect on Sunday, **1 July** 2012. In the upcoming financial year 2012/2013, fees for paid employees will increase from \$51.50 to \$53.00; fees for volunteers will increase from \$10.00 to \$10.30.

Also replacement cards will increase from \$10.00 to \$10.30. These fee changes are to be included in amendments to the Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Regulations 2004 and the new fees are expected to be in place from Sunday, **1 July**.

To view check the current fees, please visit www.checkwwc.wa.gov.au

LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOMELESSNESS FOCUS GROUP

The University of Adelaide's Centre for Housing, Urban and Regional Planning (CHURP) is undertaking a research project on behalf of the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) to explore the role of Local Government in addressing homelessness and housing.

Interested Local Government representatives are invited to attend a research workshop session to understand strategies, opportunities and constraints that are critical in this space.

Participants will include key stakeholders from Local/State/Federal Government Departments and service providers. The workshop will be held on Monday, **9 July** from 9:00am-11:00am at the City of Perth.

For further information or to RSVP please contact CHURP Research Officer, Felicity Prance, at felicity.prance@adelaide.edu.au