



INFORMATION BULLETIN

August 2012

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

Refer Council Resolution C2011-0316

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Information Bulletin

1. Councillor Calendar

Updated by: PA On: 10 September 2012

Day	Date/s	Event	Comment
Thursday	20 September 2012 11.00am	ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING	Paynes Find
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 (on leave – apology given)
TBA Tuesday	9 October 2012 10.00am	AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING (Date to be confirmed)	Yalgoo Council Chambers
Thursday	18 October 2012 9.00am (TBC) 11.00am	ANNUAL ELECTOR'S MEETING ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING	Yalgoo Council Chambers
Friday	9 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 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY STAFF & COUNCILLOR'S CHRISTMAS FUNCTION	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

Works and Services

Works and Services Report August 2012

Prepared by Ron Adams, Project Executive

Item	Activity this Month	Planned for Next Month
Roads and Streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arrange grading for Paynes Find ▪ Grading Maranalgo & Sandstone Road ▪ Grading Goodingnow Road ▪ Grading Yalgoo North Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grading Yalgoo North Road ▪ Grading PF Thundelarra Road ▪ Grading Yalgoo Ninghan Road
Plant and Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Delivery of EWP ▪ Ordered new Ride on Mower 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Delivery of new Dolly ▪ Inspection of new water cart
Parks & Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Water Park Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pushing up of waste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Infrastructure (minor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Toolbox meeting with LGIS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Ranger Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dog catching and cat destroying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Bush Fire Brigade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Vandalism & Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪

Major Capital Projects

FCWP #	Project	Status/ Comments	Activity this reporting period
BD003	Capital Works Shire Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quotes form Plans
BD004	Town Sewerage Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
BD008	Staff Housing Weekes St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
BD009	Refurbish Parks and Gardens Work Depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ordered feature survey ▪ 2 x offices completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
BD012	Works Depot: Replace Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ordered feature survey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
CA002	Caravan Park Redevelopment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Install new septic
OS003	Payne's Find Beautification/Rest Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
OS006	Cemetery: Gazebo, Niche Wall and Gates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ordered Gazebo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Earthworks for gazebo
RB001	Yalgoo-Morawa Road Seal 4km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
RB002	Yalgoo-Ninghan Road Seal 4km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tenders & Quotes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sealing

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RB003	Yalgoo-Ninghan Road Repair and Seal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quotes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sealing
RB004	Yalgoo-Morawa Road resheet and form 10km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepare 6.7km for seal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sealing ▪ Prepare 10km formation & drainage

Use of Authority Delegated to Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Delegation Number	Details	Use in Reporting Period
3.1 Alteration to Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods <i>Bush Fire Control Act 1954 s.17 (7) – 11)</i>	Joint delegation to CBFCO and President	

Other Matters

Paynes Find

Fire Tender Shed- approval from FESA for solar installation for tender & shed, ordered from Sun City Solar

Keys- Followed up with Security & Keys, to attend site 6 weeks ago- as not happened

Solar Pump for tank- to be installed in situ with fire shed

Fire Extinguishers- ordered complete audit and installation, to take place first week of September

Power- arrangements made for electrician to install power points when annual inspection is completed

Environmental Health and Building Services

Environmental Health, Building and Development Report August 2012

Prepared by William Atyeo, Environment Health and Building Officer

Building and Planning Applications Status Report

Activity Report

Item	Activity this Month	Planned for Next Month
Environmental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up on sewerage problems in GROH houses in Stanley Street re what action will occur in regard to the failed system at the Teacher units. The plumber has stated that he has temporarily fixed the system, and the during the school holidays (December) major works will be undertaken to revamp and modernise the system. I also referred the OIC's house as another example requiring action by the Department. Discussions in regard to renovations "for now" to overcome effluent disposal problems at shire houses. Proposed action to be taken in order to address the problems with the introduction of new 4000Ltr baffled tanks to each of the houses, with a pump tank to dispose of the effluent to the pond that serve the caravan park. It was also felt appropriate to include the sullage from the Town Hall facilities in the same system. This would do away with the need to provide leach drains to each of the houses and the Town hall which is a huge savings. When the new system is finally introduced then each of these buildings can be hooked into it at very little costs. Yalgoo Hotel-Motel. Since the owners have reclaimed the hotel they have done an excellent job in raising the standards of the hotel through hard work by cleaning and painting the hotel, as well as providing new beds, pillows and linen. They are to be commended for the work and encouraged to continue to implement positive and substantial improvements in the future. I have issued them with their unconditional S39 (Health) and advised the Liquor Licensing Department. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with Minister and Senior staff of the Department of Housing to discuss the "system" in place and the problems associated with it. Ron will draw the features up and submit to me. Ongoing Monitoring and encouragement.
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, and also WALGA as requested by them. There have been nil (0) Building Permits or Demolition Permits issued this last month. 	

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Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telstra tower. We were informed of the fact that the current infrastructure is located outside of the reserve that was created for it. They will now fix that by re-dedicating the reserve so that it encompasses the existing. This means that the new reserve to be formed will now position the access track to the west side of the repositioned reserve. Council was informed of this. 	

Other Matters:

Below is a table of Notifications received in regards to the granting of Licenses through the Mines Department. Generally these are for a Mining License (M), an Exploration License (E), or a General Purpose License (GP). Most of these are handled by other Departments such as CALM, DEP, EPA, Indigenous Affairs, etc and many of the Shire's concerns are handled by these such as flora and fauna, water extraction, Aboriginal Heritage issues, land ownership, and others. In order to report these to Council I have with the assistance of Karen put the following table together to be presented to Council for their information.

Date Received	Comments Due	Type Lease	Number	Location	Company	Comments	Date Handled
17/05/2011	9/06/2011	E	59/1773	Mt Gibson	Extension Hill Pty Ltd	Exploration License - No comments or objections	20/05/2011
20/09/2011	20/10/2011	M	59/742	Yalgoo Shire	Venus Metals Corp Ltd	Mining Lease - No comments or objections	22/08/2012
4/11/2011	1/12/2011	E	59/1824	Yalgoo Shire	Venus Metals Corp Ltd	Exploration License - Encroaches CG01228 - No comments or objections	22/08/2012
3/11/2011	28/11/2011	GP	59/47	Mount Gibson	Extension Hill Pty Ltd	General purpose Lease - no comments or objections as will have to go through Planning and Building in the future to progress	22/08/2012
24/11/2001	19/12/2011	M	59/743	Warriedar Hill	Owen Michael DUFFUS and Murray Donald GLASS	Conversion of P59/1806 to Mining Lease - No comments or objections	22/08/2012
16/11/2011	15/12/2011	E	59/1831	Narndee Homestead	Ros Dawson	Exploration- No comment or objections	17/11/2011
23/02/2012	16/03/2012	E	59/1870	Chinaman Well	Enterprise Uranium Pty Ltd	Exploration- No comment or objections	23/02/2012
23/02/2012	16/03/2012	E	59/4297	Morawa	Enterprise Uranium Pty Ltd	Exploration- No comment or objections	23/02/2012
14/05/2012	1/06/2012	M	59/118	Yalgoo Shire	Mutiny Gold Ltd/Advanced Tenement Services	Applied for & surveyed-No comment or objections	17/05/2012
15/05/2012	11/06/2012	M	59/119	Yalgoo Shire	Ferrowest Ltd	No comment or objections	18/05/2012
13/06/2012	4/07/2012	E	59/1884	Yalgoo Shire	PELLEGRINI, Alan Archibald	Exploration - No comment or objections	13/06/2012
27/06/2012	Not stated	M	59/49	Gullewa Town Site	Mutiny Gold Ltd	Mining to commence over old Townsite of GULLEWA - Townsite not recognised in Town Planning Scheme	22/08/2012

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27/06/2012	Not stated	M	59/522	Gullewa Town Site	Mutiny Gold Ltd	Mining to commence over old Townsite of GULLEWA - Townsite not recognised in Town Planning Scheme	22/08/2012
17/07/2012	??	Lease	46/121-3	Yalgoo Shire	Minjar Gold Pty Ltd	For purposes of road, pipeline, powerlines, taking water, search for groundwater, drainage channel, water management facility, power generation, and transmission facility - No comment or objections	22/08/2012
26/07/2012	24/08/2012	E	59/1900	Chinerby Well	Enterprise Uranium Pty Ltd	Exploration- No comment or objections	31/07/2012
26/07/2012	21/08/2012	M	59/126	Old Warriedar	Hetherington - Gindalbie	Misc- No comment or objections	31/07/2012
10/08/2012	7/09/2012	E	59/1907	Yalgoo Shire	Enterprise Uranium Pty Ltd	Exploration- No comment or objections	10/08/2012
11/08/2012	3/09/2012	M	59/746	Munjartagarar Well	H&J Jones & Sons Pty Ltd	Misc- No comment or objections	11/08/2012

Corporate Administration

Executive Report CEO August 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"> MMG have confirmed \$100,000 one-off additional contribution (2012), plus approximately \$15,000 in additional repairs to the Yalgoo Ninghan Road (outside the 8km reseal area) Refer agenda item to Council August for proposed contribution to Yalgoo Ninghan Road southern section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEO informed MMG of Council decision regarding application to regional road group 2013-14 allocation to widen and resheet. (Awaiting response) Application lodged to Regional Road Group.
Morawa Super Town Project – Yalgoo Morawa Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business case & application submitted to RDL for approval to expend CLGF Regional 2011-12 on sealing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter received from Paul Rossair, Director General, Department of Regn Development and Lands, supporting the Shire's application
Ferrowest Option Deed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council resolved to enter into Option Deed however Ferrowest have not proceeded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council resolved to conditionally extend period of time for Ferrowest to sign Deed (refer August minutes for details).
Human Resources	<p>Current vacancies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CYC (Community & Youth Coordinator). Supervisor Parks, Gardens and General Maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resignations – nil Advertisements – 0 Interviews – 2 positions Appointments – 2 permanent, 4 casual Probationary review – 0 Performance reviews - 2
Integrated Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Plan (CommP) – consultant engaged & project commenced Corporate Plan (CorpP) – consultant engaged (will occur post community plan) Asset Management Plan (AMP) – CEO seeking quotes Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) – CEO awaiting quotes Workforce Plan (WP) – consultant engaged & project commenced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMP & LTFP - Quotes received CommP & WP – consultant visit, update provided to Council
Yalgoo Community Hub	<p>Stage 1: Sporting Component</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funded and ready to commence <p>Stage 2: Community and Youth Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No funding identified at this stage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEO sought, and received, updated quote from supplier CEO approached Variety WA to provide update and confirm arrangements. CEO received new quote and examples for playground equipment (originally quoted equipment is no longer supplied)

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 construction project pending full planning process. Northern Planning funded project in progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting recommendation from Porter Engineering (CEO & PE followed up)
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"> Refer agenda item Aug Council meeting, planning application and excision of site.

Use of Common Seal (delegation statement 2.1)

Date Affixed	By Authority	Document
23 August 2012	Council decision C2011-1205	Funding agreement between the Shire and the Department of Regional Development and Lands for the Country Local Government Fund individual allocation 2011-12

Use of Delegated Authority not Reported Elsewhere

Delegation Number	Details
2.2 Tenders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved specifications for various tenders for preferred supplier panel being carried out by WALGA
2.7 Planning Consent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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

General/Other/Meetings

Item	Comment
Special Forum Director Generals	President and CEO met with Paul Rosair, DG Dept Regional Development and Lands (5 minute special forum pre WALGA convention)
WALGA convention	Annual convention of the Western Australian Local Government Association 1-3 August
Budget	Special meetings 7 and 9 August to consider draft and final budgets
Elections	Prepared rolls and registers, opened early polling, sent postal packages
Recruitment	7 August - 3 positions vacant closed. Convened selection panels, reviewed applications and arranged interviews. 1 position appointed, 1 offered, 1 to interview early September.
LEMC	13 August
Integrated planning	Obtained quotes for long term financial planning and asset management 22-24 Aug consultant visited
Russell Goodrick's Best Country Towns	Filmed 21-24 August
CLGF regional 2012-13	17 Aug attended workshop at Cue to determine regional priorities for 2012-13 CLGF funding round (President, Deputy & CEO)
OHS	Local Government Insurance Services consultant Kyle Waters visited 20-21 August to induct staff in OHS policy inc bullying and harassment, followed by assessing risks and developing safe work method statements in consultation with staff for areas of highest risk. Also carried out 3 x ergonomic assessments. Negotiated funding for 10 x personal health assessments for outdoor workers and 2 x job dictionaries.
Audit	Carried out 27-29 August. Auditors were very satisfied and only identified minor administrative matters for the information and attention of management. These will be reported in due course in accordance with the legislation.
Early voting Paynes Find	Friday 31 August – Sharon Daishe and Karen Malloch
TQual Tourism Quality Grants – feedback meeting	Met (phone) with TQual to obtain feedback regarding our unsuccessful funding application. The application requires a significantly higher level of research, statistics and comprehensive information however most encouragingly our application was fully compliant therefore it passed the compliance test and progressed to assessment. Even more encouragingly, it

Item	Comment
	<p>appears to have met the innovation requirement test.</p> <p>There is a new round of funding (TIRDF – Tourism Initiative Regional Development Fund) to be announced later this year, up to \$200,000 per grant must be matched by local govt \$ for \$.</p> <p>This is a potential avenue for funding the caravan park upgrade provided that Council are prepared to commit the matching funds. If we proceed with this, a grant writer will be engaged to carry out the extensive necessary research to maximise our chance of success.</p> <p>This matter will be on the table for discussion at the Forward Capital Works workshop to be held on Friday 14 September.</p>
Yalgoo Ninghan Road – Sino Steel	<p>Sino Steel have approached Main Roads to discuss the potential to haul ore from the Blue Hills mine (approx 1.4m t/pa, 3,900 + p/day) to Geraldton via Minjar Haul Road and the Yalgoo Ninghan Road.</p> <p>This matter will come to council for consideration in due course and the recommendation will be similar to that proposed in response to Karara's similar request earlier this year.</p>

Planned for Next Month

Item	Comment
Extraordinary Election	Polling day 1 September 2012
Recruitment	Interview for Community & Youth Development Coordinator
MEG	Murchison Executive Group meeting Sandstone 6-7 Aug
ASKAP	Australian Square Kilometre Array Project Thu 13 Murchison Neighbours BBQ (if workload permits)
FCWP workshop	Forward Capital Works Plan – workshop Fri 14 Aug to review plan. This is an essential task to inform the Shire's integrated planning and is also a requirement before the Shire can apply for CLGF individual 2012-13.
Emergency Management Workshop	Dongara Mon 17 Sept attend with President
Leave	CEO annual leave last week of month

Executive Report DCEO August 2012

Prepared by Heather Boyd, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Status and Activity Report

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
Conference	WALGA Annual General Meeting	WALGA	Perth	5-2 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Terry Iturbide ▪ Len Terry ▪ Raul Valenzuela ▪ Laurence Hodder ▪ Sharon Daishe
Forum	Special State & Local Govt Forum	WALGA	Perth	1 day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Terry Iturbide ▪ Sharon Daishe
Training	HR Management	WALGA	Perth	1 day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heather Boyd

Councillor Information Requests

Received From	Details	Status
Raul Valenzuela 9/8/12	Dumping of motor vehicles south of airstrip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Referred to Project Executive and CEO. The site was inspected by the CEO and Project Executive who found a dozen old vehicles. There was evidence of recently dumped rubbish but no evidence of fires. Has been reported to the Environmental Health Officer to check.

General/Other/Meetings

Item	Comment
UHY Haines Norton	Project Executive Ron Adams and Deputy CEO Heather Boyd met with UHY Haines Norton on 3 August to discuss accounting treatment of POC and PWOH.

4. Decisions of Council Pending

The following decisions of Council are in progress or pending action.

Last Updated: CEO 11 September 2012

PA 11 September 2012

(Councillors please note this is a work in progress with some months not yet updated from the CEO's manual records. These will be updated in due course).

Type	Year	Month & Decision No	Summary	Comments	Who/ Due	Closed
C	2012	0705	Disposal of Firearm	11/9/12: S/C Revis Ryder of Yalgoo Police is going to deliver the firearm to the firearm trader (expect to occur Fri 14/9/12)	CEO	
C	2011	0703	Local Law – Management of Roads (Investigation of the practicality of a Local Law to control and manage breaches of closed roads)	22/6/12: Steven Elliot, Senior Legislation Officer with the Dept of Local Govt advised that there is a WALGA model for Activities on Thoroughfares (refer email trail printed on DCP). Action deferred until sufficient time is available for proper research through WALGA.	CEO	
C	2011	0418	12.1.1 Strategic Development of Tourism and Tourism Infrastructure in Yalgoo	31/3/12: Actions to date include Our Town television promotion, WALGA advertising feature, appointment of caravan park managers, concept sketches for infrastructure upgrades, allocation of Shire and CLGF funding to commence upgrades, Murchison advertising feature in West Australian and engagement of Russell Goodrick's "Best Country Towns" TV program.	CEO	
C	2011	0324	Judge's Box at Yalgoo Racetrack	Jockey Club to repay \$6,000 over 3 years (10-11, 11-12, 12-13) and funds to be transferred to Community Amenities Reserve. Invoices have been raised. Will be completed 30 June 2013	DCEO	
C	2011	0321	Christmas Savings Fund Staff Facility	Develop governance and internal controls and implement from 2013	DCEO	
C	2011	0318	Contribution to Monsignor Hawes Heritage Interpretation	Letter was written, unsure if has been paid? Email to DCEO 8/3/12 to follow up.	DCEO	
C	2010	0911	Replacement of Damaged Cricket Pitch	3/3/12: Council approved \$4,000 in September 2010 to replace matting on the cricket pitch however the work was not done due to staff changeover at the time. 2/4/12: Note to DCEO with WACA funding document (due 14 May 2012)	PE	
C	2010	0137 0139	Memorial to Service Personnel Inclusion on the Memorial	3/3/12: Consultant has provided information and this must be reviewed and collated for decision about what to include (0139) on a memorial in community park (0137) Scheduled for 2013/14.	DCEO	



Information Bulletin Index

The attached documents are for the information of elected members.

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The Australian SKA Pathfinder and Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory Opening Ceremony

Date: Friday 5 October 2012

Time: An all day event

Location: Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory, Western Australia

RSVP: 22 August 2012

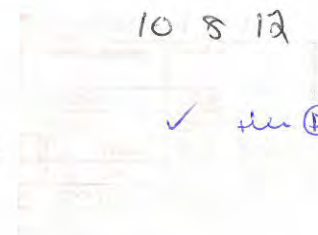
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Sharon Daishe

CSIRO has this year reached a major milestone in the construction of its Australian SKA Pathfinder: the completion of all 36 of the telescope's antennas and the ability to start scientific observing.

CSIRO Chief Executive Dr Megan Clark

invites you to the formal opening of the ASKAP radio telescope and of the Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory (MRO) at which it is sited.



About ASKAP

The Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder (ASKAP) is CSIRO's revolutionary new radio telescope at the Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory in Western Australia. Made up of 36 antennas and using innovative receiver technologies, ASKAP is set to survey large areas of sky with unprecedented sensitivity and speed. It will be one of the most powerful survey radio astronomy instruments on the planet, helping us to more fully understand our Universe.

About the MRO

The Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory (MRO) is located within the boundaries of Boolardy Station, about 315 km northeast of Geraldton in Western Australia. The MRO was created for radio astronomy research and is the site for world-leading telescopes including CSIRO's ASKAP and the Murchison Widefield Array. The MRO was also selected to be the central site for SKA telescope infrastructure built in Australia.

CSIRO acknowledges the Wajarri Yamatji people as the traditional owners of the MRO site.



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15 August 2012

Cr Terry Iturbide
Shire President
Yalgoo Shire Council
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Dear Cr Iturbide,

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

Developments at the MRO

ASKAP Antennas

All 36 ASKAP antennas have now been assembled. The CETC54 team completed the assembly work in mid-June 2012 and have since returned to China. The CETC54 team had been working at the MRO without a break since March 2012 and achieved a significant amount of work. This week a small team from CETC54 have returned to the MRO to follow-up on minor adjustments once the Site Acceptance Testing (SAT) has been carried out by CSIRO staff on all 36 ASKAP antennas.

After 14 months of supporting the ASKAP building works at the MRO on a twelve hour a day, seven day a week basis the Geraldton MRO team also demobilised and will return to a more “regular” work schedule. The Geraldton team have now commenced the fit-out of the MRO Control Building.

MRO to Geraldton Fibre Optic

We have just passed the one-year anniversary of the start of the use of the fibre link from the MRO to Geraldton. All three repeater huts (two 100% solar powered, one on grid mains at Mullewa) and their CISCO switchgear have not had a single power or processor problem in more than a year of operation and have provided 100% reliable signal transmission to Geraldton.

MRO Central Control Building

We are very pleased with the Control Building. As you will see during your visit to site, this is a unique, state of the art facility. The long process of installing the complex communications, networking and computing systems into the building now starts – this will take a couple of years to complete.



The MRO Central Control Building - Photo Credit: Barry Turner, CSIRO

Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory Support Facility (MSF) at the Geraldton Universities Centre (GUC)

The building is progressing well and is expected to be completed by the end of December 2012. The fitting out of the building will commence once the building has been completed in early 2013. We are also in discussion with the GUC about use of the "portal" room in this new facility.



The MSF Building at the Geraldton Universities Centre - Photo Credit: Barry Turner, CSIRO

SKA Industry Briefing – Perth

Department of Innovation, Industry, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE) will be running a series of capital-city briefings on how all parties can participate in the SKA pre-construction activities.

Please register your interests by emailing DIISRTE representatives michael.bryson@innovation.gov.au and Jason.Finley@innovation.gov.au

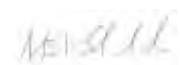
The Mid West Briefing was held on Thursday 9 August, at the Geraldton Universities Centre and was attended by approximately thirty (30) participants. The Briefing was provided by Mr David Luchetti (DIISRTE) and Dr Philip Diamond (Chief, CSIRO Astronomy Space Science).

SKA Community Information Session - Geraldton

DIISRTE coordinated an SKA Community Information Session in Geraldton on Thursday 9 August 2012 at the QEII Centre on Maitland Street. Senator Chris Evans (Australian Minister for Science) and Hon. John Day (West Australian Minister for Science) co-hosted the meeting and Dr Phil Diamond (Chief, CSIRO Astronomy and Space Science) provided the SKA update to the community.

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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To: Chief Executive Officer

Organisation: All Councils – Avon Midland, Great Eastern and Central Country Zones, Great Southern and Goldfields Zones

Reference: 05-046-03-0006

Subject: Australian Plague Locust outbreaks expected

From: Mark Batty Executive Manager Environment and Waste

Date: 24/08/2012

Priority: High

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	Environmental Health, Parks and Recreation
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAFWA have advised of Australian Plague Locust outbreaks this season • Local Government assets such as recreational reserves are susceptible to damage • Public amenity in town sites could be affected
Action Required:	Cooperation with DAFWA in monitoring, reporting and coordination, communication to communities in potentially affected shires

The Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia (DAFWA) has announced that there will be outbreaks of Australian Plague Locust this spring. Australian Plague Locust is a declared species under the Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act (2007) and it is envisaged that climatic conditions will be favourable for outbreaks emerging across eastern wheatbelt, great southern and southern goldfield shires from early to mid-September through to mid-October 2012.

Current DAFWA monitoring suggests high density outbreaks will be most significant throughout the great southern and southern goldfields Shires and lower density outbreaks in the vicinity of Mt Marshall Shire and southward along the State Barrier Fence. At this stage it is not envisaged that the outbreak will be as severe as previous outbreaks in 2006 or 2001.

Locusts will generally begin hatching in early September and will be flying by November 2012. Both the hopper stage and the flying adult locust can damage farming operations (broadacre pastures and crops, horticulture), impact upon local government assets (public open space, recreation facilities such as playing fields and bowling greens etc.) and impact upon the general amenity in town sites.

Landholders are responsible for control of locusts on their property. To assist in managing the expected outbreaks, DAFWA will monitor and provide information and surveillance activities to landowners, undertake predictive modelling and where agreed, will offer services for local coordinated response efforts, but have also advised that they will not be undertaking aerial spraying measures this season.

More information can be found at www.agric.wa.gov.au/locusts or by contacting the DAFWA Pest and Disease Information Service, Freecall 1800 084 881. Direct communication by DAFWA with potentially affected Shires will commence this week, with ongoing situation updates to follow. For media liaison with DAFWA, contact 9368 3937.

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To: Chief Executive Officer and Mayors/Presidents
Organisation: All Councils
Reference: 05-050-02-0001
Subject: Cash for Containers Scheme – Local Government Toolkit **Priority:** HIGH PRIORITY

and From: Heather Squire, Waste Management Policy Coordinator

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	Waste Management
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WALGA is undertaking an advocacy campaign for the introduction of a Cash for Containers Scheme in WA. Local Government engagement in the upcoming advocacy campaign to implement a WA Cash for Containers Scheme is requested. Environment Ministers decide on future action for a National Cash for Containers Scheme in August.
Action Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Governments to indicate their support for a Cash for Containers Scheme. Local Governments to write to all local members of State Parliament and the Environment Minister, encouraging members to implement a WA Cash for Containers Scheme. Local Governments to indicate their willingness to take part in and sponsor a Cash for Containers event during September – November.

Background

WALGA, through the Container Deposit Systems Policy Forum, has developed an advocacy campaign to encourage the State Government to implement a State based Cash for Containers Scheme (otherwise known as a Container Deposit Scheme). Implementing this type of Scheme on a National level has been discussed for a number of years. Environment Ministers will meet in August to decide what future action should occur nationally. However, it is debatable whether a decision will be made at this meeting to pursue the timely implementation of a national Cash for Containers Scheme.

Therefore, WALGA is initiating an advocacy campaign to ensure that a State based Scheme is implemented and is seeking Local Governments support. To assist the sector, a toolkit has been developed for Local Governments to use in engaging with their local members of Parliament. This includes:

- **Template of a letter:** to be amended as appropriate and addressed to the local member of Parliament and/or Environment Minister, outlining support for a Cash for Containers Scheme. Contact details for the members of both the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly are available from: www.parliament.wa.gov.au. The letter template will also be available from the WasteNet Website.
- **Fact Sheet:** to inform Local Government of the arguments made by the beverage industry, and additional facts that can be used when engaging with local members of Parliament.
- **Cash for Containers Event:** an outline of the Cash for Containers event will be available from the WasteNet website by COB Friday, 17 August.

In South Australia, Container Deposit Legislation has been in place for over three decades. Consumers are able to receive 10 cents back on every beverage container that gets taken to be recycled at approved collection depots. This Scheme has been extremely successful in reducing litter, increasing recycling rates and generating a greater environmental awareness in the public. South Australia had a recycling rate of over 70%; whereas, Western Australia's recycling rate is one of the lowest in the country, at 32%.

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There are already provisions in the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007* that can be used to introduce a Cash for Containers Scheme. However, the current State Government has been hesitant to introduce such measures. This Scheme has already been committed to by The Greens (WA) and WA Labor.

Action

To assist WALGA in the advocacy campaign it is requested that:

1. Local Governments indicate their support for the implementation of Cash for Containers Scheme in WA by **COB Monday, 3 September;**
2. Local Governments indicate their willingness to take part in and sponsor a Cash for Containers event during September - November by **COB Monday, 3 September;**

Please provide these indications to Heather Squire, Waste Management Policy Coordinator, on 9212 2069 or email hsquire@walga.asn.au.

3. Local Governments write to their local members of State Parliament and/or the Environment Minister, encouraging members to support the implementation of a WA Cash for Containers Scheme (a template letter is included in the bulk mail).

For further information, contact Heather Squire, Waste Management Policy Coordinator on 9212 2069 or email hsquire@walga.asn.au or visit www.wastenet.net.au.



Cash for Containers – Factsheet

Every time a Cash for Containers Scheme has been proposed in the past, there has been a substantial lobbying campaign against the proposal from the beverage industry. This type of beverage industry campaign is again underway, which raises the question: *why are they fighting so hard?* This factsheet has been developed by the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA), and aims to provide clarity on some of the claims made by the beverage industry in their campaign against a Cash for Containers Scheme.

Western Australia's recycling rate is 32%; this is one of the lowest in the country.¹ Local Government currently covers the cost of collecting and managing beverage containers that end up in kerbside collections or as litter. Local Governments with tourist attractions often have to manage waste generated by visitors who do not contribute financially to the 'clean-up' of various products through rates. As a result, this cost needs to be shifted onto the producers and consumers of products.

What is a Cash for Containers Scheme?

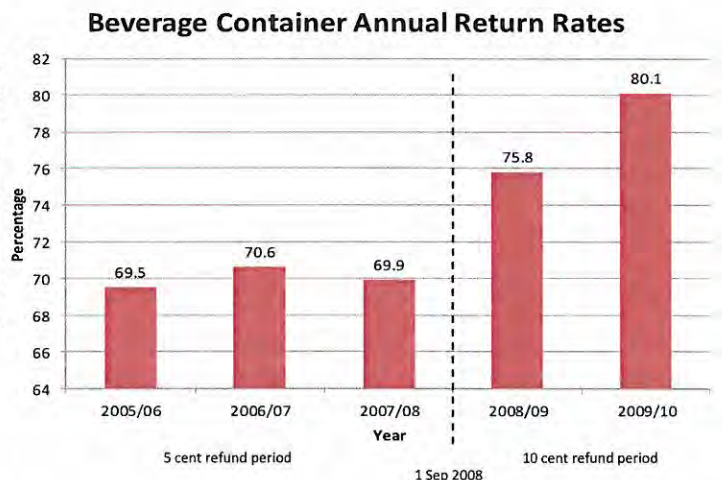
Cash for Containers Schemes (or Container Deposit Schemes or Legislation) have been around for a long time. Everyone is familiar with the South Australian Container Deposit Legislation (CDL) Scheme, where consumers receive 10 cents back for recycling their used beverage containers at collection depots. CDL in South Australia has been extremely successful, in:

1. Increasing the recycling rate;
2. Reducing litter;
3. Reducing waste management costs to Local Government; and
4. Providing recycling options to rural and remote areas.

Cash for Containers Increases Recovery

On 1 September 2008, the SA Government increased the deposit level from 5 to 10 cents, as the rate of 5 cents had been static since the enactment of legislation in 1977. Figure 1 demonstrates what happened in the years following the increase. By creating a financial incentive to recycle, people will recycle. In 2010-11 approximately 47,000 tonnes or 593 million beverage containers were returned to depots for a refund.²

Figure 1: South Australian EPA



Cash for Containers Reduces Litter

In South Australia, CDL assists in reducing litter. According to the South Australian EPA, only 4% of the beverage containers that are subject to CDL become litter. Over 80% of the CDL containers that are sold are returned for the 10 cent refund. There is also evidence that a Cash for Containers Scheme in South Australia has caused the community to have greater environmental awareness in disposing of other products.

Industry has claimed that there is more beverage litter per capita in SA than other states (including NSW, QLD and Victoria) – is this true?

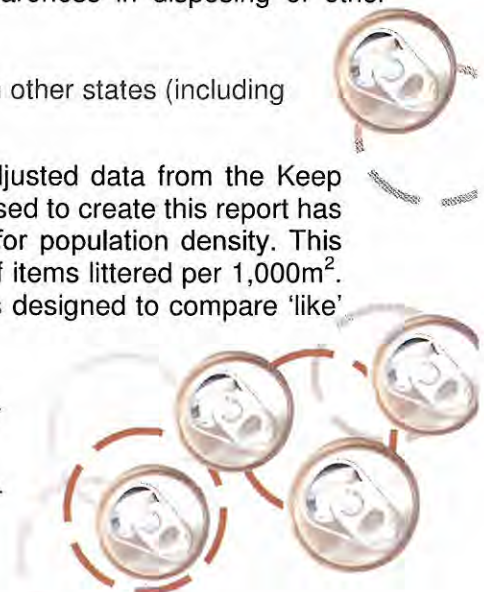
No. This claim was based on a report by the NSW Government³ that adjusted data from the Keep Australia Beautiful National Litter Index (NLI) 2009/10.⁴ The methodology used to create this report has been disputed; the NSW Government adjusted the NLI data to account for population density. This took NSW from being ranked 6/8 to 3/8 of all jurisdictions for the number of items littered per 1,000m². Comparing litter using these metrics alone is meaningless, as the NLI was designed to compare 'like' sites rather than be extrapolated to a per capita figure.

1. Waste Authority (2012). Western Australian Waste Strategy: "Creating the Right Environment."

2. South Australian EPA (2012). Container Deposit Legislation FAQ's.

3. NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (2010). NSW Litter Report 2010.


4. Keep Australia Beautiful (2010). National Litter Index Annual Report 2009/2010.






Cash for Containers assists with kerbside recycling and recycling services

Industry claims that a Cash for Containers scheme would duplicate kerbside recycling – is this true?



No. Not all Local Governments in WA have the capacity to provide a kerbside recycling service to residents. According to the Waste Census 2010/11, 56% of Local Governments in WA provided some form of weekly or fortnightly kerbside collection. The Local Governments that do provide this service face challenges with cost, contamination and limited markets for materials. Western Australian Local Governments spend approximately \$211 million in providing domestic waste and recycling services. Metropolitan Local Governments spent \$159 million of this total.⁵



The Containers Deposit Legislation in South Australia actually complements the kerbside system. The Scheme reduces the amount of material that Local Government has to manage through the kerbside recycling system, the associated costs of collecting, maintaining machinery and processing recyclables and the amount of contaminated material bound for landfill. Cash for Containers Schemes also reduce the amount of problematic materials that have to be processed through Material Recovery Facilities (e.g. glass).

Industry has claimed that introducing a Cash for Containers Scheme will come at a cost to Local Government – is this true?

No. Local Governments in South Australia have reported incomes of up to \$90,000 per year from containers deposited in the kerbside recycling system.⁶ Industry has also claimed that Local Governments will lose an income from selling reduced amounts of recycled containers. Industry has not considered that the markets for recyclable commodities are constantly in a state of flux. During the Global Financial Crisis, many recyclables lost value. A Cash for Containers Scheme has the potential to reduce the uncertainty within the market, as it creates a 'cleaner' product, with a higher, more consistent value. When a CDS Bill was introduced in Victoria, modelling for a Scheme indicated that there would be a financial saving to Victorian Local Government ratepayers of over \$21.5 million annually in the areas of litter management, decreased material to landfill and an increase in the recovery of the valuable resources in beverage containers.⁶

The Beverage Industry has proposed a National Bin Network. What does this mean?

The industry proposal involves spending \$51 million (at no extra cost to the consumer)⁷ on the **initial provision** of away from home recycling bin infrastructure. The proposal assumes that systems exist and can be used to collect material from these additional bins. This funding does not cover the ongoing costs of maintaining the bins, collecting material, or ensuring that that the material collected from the bins will be recycled.⁸



Will the National Bin Network work?

No. The proposal is reliant on the goodwill of Local Government and private industry to look after and service the bins. There are no practical, targeted incentives encouraging the community to recycle. This type of proposal, and its pitfalls, may be familiar to some in Local Government, as there have been similar proposals initiated by various industry groups in the past.

The Association considers that the National Bin Network proposal is a token effort to address away from home recycling and take the focus away from the real issues at hand. It will not deliver the equivalent litter and recycling outcomes of a Cash for Containers Scheme. A Cash for Containers approach has the potential to reduce litter, increase recycling and assist in making producers responsible for their products.

For more information, visit www.wastenet.net.au or contact WALGA (Heather Squire, Waste Management Policy Coordinator on 9213 2069 or email hsquire@walga.asn.au).

5. Department of Environment and Conservation (2012). Local Government Waste Census 2010/11.

6. Office of Colleen Hartland MLC (2011). The benefits of a 10 cent deposit on drink containers in Victoria.

7. National Bin Network (2011). National Bin Network Plan October 2011.

8. WALGA (2012). Submission to the Standing Council on Environment and Water on the Packaging Impacts Consultation Regulation Impact Statement.



[Insert date]

[Insert MLA / MLC contact details]

Dear [Insert MLA / MLC name]

Cash for Containers: An Incentive for the Community to Recycle

The City/Town/Shire of [insert Council] supports the immediate introduction of a Cash for Containers Scheme for Western Australia.

[insert Council] considers that a Cash for Containers Scheme will have the following benefits for our City/Town/Shire, by:

- Reducing Litter: [insert details of where beverage litter is problem for your community and costs for management of this issue];
- Increasing the recycling rate: [insert information about your current recycling challenges];
- Providing community benefits, such as a funding source for community groups: [insert information about which community groups in your area could benefit from a Cash for Container Scheme]; and
- Making the Polluter Pay: with a Cash for Containers Scheme, the costs are borne by the producer and direct consumer, rather than the whole community

The City/Town/Shire understands that at a national level, the Standing Council on Environment and Water will consider a range of options including a Cash for Containers Schemes in August. However, the City/Town/Shire is concerned that national process will not be able to deliver a Cash for Containers Scheme. Therefore we call for your support in the immediate implementation of a Cash for Containers Scheme for WA.

For more information on the City/Town/Shire position please contact [Insert name].

Yours sincerely

[Insert signature]

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To: Chief Executive Officer

Organisation: All Councils

Reference: 05-030-03-0005

Subject: Child Health Facility Provision

From: Jodie Holbrook Policy Manager Community

Date: 31/08/2012

Priority: Medium

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	Community Development, Asset Management, Facilities
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WA State Budget 2012-13 announcements included a significant increase in funding allocations for community child health nursing services, across the Departments of Health (\$58.5 million), Education (\$28.8 million, and Communities(\$4 million) The Department of Health has commenced a tender process worth \$40 million over four years to deliver community child health nursing services through not-for-profit organisations. Local Governments are also eligible to apply to become service providers. WALGA is scoping a consultancy project to research the total costs to Local Government for the provision of child health facilities; analysis of cost pressures and leasing trends; and recommendations or options to help inform ongoing policy.
Action Required:	For information.

In June 2012, as part of the State Budget 2012-2013, the State Government announced increased allocations to early years services, directed at addressing the acknowledged shortages of community child health nurses and increasing the number of child health checks conducted, as well streamlining services supporting the transition from early childhood into primary school age. WALGA issued an infopage to Members on 15th June 2012 outlining these announcements, which included:

Department of Health- \$58.5 million over 4 years to expand community child health services. This comprised \$18.5 million in growth funding for existing services, and \$40 million to tender out community child health services through not-for-profit organisations

Department of Education- \$28.8 million over 4 years to establish and operate 10 new Child and Parent Centres on primary school sites (8 metropolitan, 2 regional)¹ by 2014-2015. This includes \$10.9 million over two years to cover any capital costs associated with refurbishments or additions. These centres will act as early years services hubs, and will community child health nurses. Premier Barnett signalled a longer term intention of creating up to 40 such sites.

Department of Communities- \$4 million over 4 years towards minor works for 70 Child Care, Family and Neighbourhood Centres owned by the State Government².

WALGA issued correspondence to the State Government requesting advice on how these announcements support Local Government in Child Health Facility provision, highlighting that Local Government owns 70% of Child Health Centres in the metropolitan area and 30% in the regional areas. The Premier, Hon Colin Barnett and Hon Kim Hames, Minister for Health replied advising that no funding will be forthcoming to support LG facilities. The increased allocations are for service provision only and make no provision for capital works or maintenance of facilities provided by other agencies. In relation to accepting management or ownership of facilities, Minister Hames advised that this would need to be considered on a case by case basis,

¹ The Centres fall into the following Local Government areas- Cities of Wanneroo, Armadale, Stirling, Mandurah, Bunbury and Gosnells, and the Towns of Kwinana and Port Hedland

² Further detail on the State Budget announcements is available at <http://ourstatebudget.wa.gov.au/>

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with the understanding that some facilities were no longer appropriate for contemporary service delivery or in areas of greatest need. The Minister confirmed that Local Governments would be eligible to tender for community child health service provision.

The Department of Health have held consultation sessions for prospective service providers in June/July 2012, and anticipate commencing a tender process for metropolitan areas by October 2012.

The subsequent implementation process will be informed by the tenders received, and not prescribe geographical areas, or insist on the provision of a full range of community child health nursing services. Tenders will be assessed in line with the *Community Services Procurement Practice Guide* and will identify 'best value' on the basis of price and non-price related factors³. No details of successful tenderers are likely to become available until the end of 2012. The Department of Health has indicated that nurses from existing sites may be transferred out of existing facilities subsequent to the tender process outcomes. WA Country Health Services has also commenced tender processes for the South West and Pilbara regions, with a focus on providing Aboriginal Medical Services.

These changes are reflective of the State Government's commitment to the *Delivering Community Services in Partnership Policy*⁴ which aims to build the capacity of the not-for-profit sector in delivering services on behalf of the State. The increased profile of the Department of Education across Early Years also aligns with the State Government's ongoing commitments to the Council of Australian Governments agreements such as the National Early Childhood Strategy and the Early Years Learning Framework (2009), for which Education is the lead WA State Agency.

The effect of incoming not-for-profit service providers may also lead to Local Government owned facilities proving surplus to needs, especially where existing nurses are transferred out of sites. Similarly, the increase of services through school sites may impact on existing Local Government facilities located nearby. It is not clear at this stage which facilities are considered appropriate for child health service provision by the Department of Health, as many existing facilities were built in the 1950's and 1960's and many are not appropriate for today's service models. This will be clearer once the tender process is completed.

As an opportunity, some Councils may decide to tender for service provision as an extension of their community development strategies and current facility provision. The ability for Councils to activate their own facilities under a service provision agreement may enable facility costs to be included as part of their tender, as well as provide greater control over ensuring local families can access services.

The Association is also conscious that many not-for-profits will seek to use Local Government facilities. To this end, WALGA is working with the Department of Health and the WA Council of Social Services, the peak body for not-for-profits, to advise their members of the need to discuss leasing arrangements with respective Local Governments for facility use prior to lodging a tender.

At this stage, it is unclear as to how many not-for-profits or Local Governments will successfully apply to provide community child health nursing services. As the tender is universal and not targeted, it is possible that where successful tenderers are not proposing to deliver a full suite of services, existing facilities will need to be retained. Similarly the locations of service provision may not align with areas of greatest demographic need or where ageing infrastructure is an issue.

WALGA will continue to monitor developments closely. To support our advocacy, WALGA is scoping a project to research the total costs to Local Government for the provision of child health facilities; analysis of cost pressures and leasing trends; and recommendations or options to help inform ongoing policy development. This data will be used to continue advocacy and support members with their long term planning and facility management. Further project information will be provided in the coming months.

For further information please contact Jodie Holbrook, Policy Manager Community T:9213 2044 E:jholbrook@walga.asn.au



From: Kate Murray [<mailto:KMurray@walga.asn.au>]
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To: Kate Murray
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02 August 2012

Community Commitment Recognised

An Elected Member who has devoted more than 35 years to his local community has been recognised for his commitment with a Local Government Honours Award.

Cr Lang Coppin from the Shire of East Pilbara, together with 36 other Elected Members and Local Government officers was presented with an Honours Award at the WA Local Government Association Annual General Meeting yesterday.

WALGA President, Mayor Troy Pickard said the annual Local Government Honours Awards recognised community representatives for their willingness to get involved in their local communities and have an impact on improving the lives of those around them.

"Elected Members and officers often receive little praise for their efforts, and the personal time and commitment given by Local Government representatives is seldom publicly acknowledged," Mayor Pickard said.

"The sector is delighted to have the opportunity to recognise their significant contribution and I congratulate all recipients on their outstanding careers in Local Government."

The following Honours were awarded:

<p>Long and Loyal Service Award</p> <p>Cr Deborah Botica, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Louise Caffell, Ex Shire of Tammin Cr Mel Congerton, City of Swan Cr Ian Dolton, Shire of Bruce Rock Rosemary Fisher, Ex Shire of Koorda Cr Jennifer Gmeiner, Shire of Bruce Rock Cr Robert Godfrey, Shire of Katanning Cr Lynley Hewett, City of Subiaco Malcolm Huggett, Ex Shire of Dalwallinu Cr Trevor Lamond, Shire of Trayning Cr Alan Langer, Town of Cambridge Cr Peter Morrell, Shire of Woodanilling Kelvin Price, Ex Shire of Wandering Cr Barry Sammels, Mayor City of Rockingham Cr Christine Thompson, Shire of Murray Cr Jack Walsh, Town of Cottesloe Cr Geoffrey Waters, Shire of Trayning Rodney Wells, Ex City of Subiaco Don White, Ex Shire of Wandering</p>	<p>Eminent Service Awards</p> <p>Mark Chester CEO, Shire of Dardanup Allen Cooper CEO, Shire of East Pilbara Cr Lang Coppin, Shire of East Pilbara Cr Lynne Craigie, President Shire of East Pilbara Michael Foley CEO, City of Swan Cliff Frewing CEO, City of South Perth Cr Glenys Godfrey, City of Belmont Stuart Jardine CEO, City of Stirling Cr Terence Kenyon, Mayor City of Bayswater Cr Shane Love, President Shire of Dandaragan Cr Donald McKechnie, President Shire of Kalamunda</p> <p>Merit Award</p> <p>Merv Beard, Ex Shire of Pingelly Rebecca Burt, Ex Shire of Carnarvon Cr Douglas Ivan Dias, Shire of Ashburton Russell Haigh, Ex City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Cr Giovanni Italiano, City of Stirling Dudley Maslen, Ex Shire of Carnarvon Cr Ian Stubbs, Mayor City of Busselton</p>
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To: Chief Executive Officer
Organisation: All Councils
Reference: File number 05.020.01.0001
Subject: Contaminated Sites Act 2003 Review

From: Julia Beijeman
Date: 29 August 2012

Priority: High

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	Planning Services; Environmental Services; Waste Services
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the Contaminated Sites Act 2003 since its gazettal; • WALGA is seeking feedback on its interim submission; and • Potential financial and management implications for Local Government.
Action Required:	Comments to WALGA by Monday, 24 September 2012

Review of the Contaminated Sites Act 2003

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) is conducting a review of the Contaminated Sites Act 2003 (the Act). The review examines how effective the Act has been identifying, recording, managing, and remediating contaminated sites over the past five years. DEC released a consultation document in July, and WALGA is coordinating a submission on behalf of Local Government. Local Governments are encouraged to comment on WALGA's draft submission and/or provide their own submission to DEC.

WALGA has identified the following issues for Local Government:

- All contaminated sites data (including its geospatial information) should be freely available to Local Government;
- Local Governments should be able to submit a management plan to DEC once a regulatory notice has been issued. The plan would reflect the unique budget and tendering constraints that Local Governments operate within, allowing for work to be scheduled within budget cycles and reducing financial implications;
- The review should be extended to investigate how the Act interfaces with other legislation;
- DEC should identify and communicate which tier of government is responsible for clean-up at every registered Local Government site. Due to legacy issues, clean-up of many registered Local Government sites are actually Crown responsibility; and
- Clear timeframes throughout the process should be established and clearly communicated to Local Governments.

To read WALGA's full interim submission, visit:

<http://walga.asn.au/MemberResources/EnvironmentWasteManagement/Submissions/NaturalResourceManagement.aspx> or email Environment Policy Officer, Julia Beijeman at jbeijeman@walga.asn.au to request a copy. The interim submission will be submitted to DEC at the close of the public comment period on **Friday, 28 September** and will be formally considered at the December State Council meeting.

Please email your comments to WALGA's Environment Policy Officer, Julia Beijeman at jbeijeman@walga.asn.au before close of business **Monday, 24 September 2012**.

DEC's consultation document is available at: <http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/content/view/7061/1579/>.



From: Kate Murray [<mailto:KMurray@walga.asn.au>]
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Subject: WALGA Media Release - Country Infrastructure to be Reviewed

3 September 2012

Country Infrastructure to be Reviewed

Infrastructure across country Local Governments and the funding required to maintain it will come under the spotlight with a recommendation to review the current backlog estimates.

The Review of the Country Local Government Fund released by the WA Regional Development Trust (WARDT) last week suggested WA Local Government Association estimates of a \$1.75bn backlog in infrastructure renewal across the sector was too low and recommended new figures be developed.

"The provision and maintenance of infrastructure plays a huge part in the operations of Local Governments across WA," Mayor Pickard said.

"Having a clear picture of what is required to bring this infrastructure network up to expected standards will then allow Local Governments in the country to better plan for their renewal or replacement."

Mayor Pickard said the Association welcomed the commitment to maintain an even split between regional and local projects for the coming year after an original suggestion that all funds be allocated to projects put forward by regional groups.

"Local Governments across the State are working on their Integrated Strategic Planning processes, including asset management plans - a process which for many will reveal opportunities for local projects suited to the CLGF," he said.

"Retaining an even split between local and regional projects will allow Councils to make the most of these opportunities for the benefit of their local communities.

"We anticipate the infrastructure backlog review will reveal many more opportunities at the local level and we will be calling on the State to continue this 50/50 split in the out-years of the program."

Mayor Pickard said WALGA would continue to work with the State on implementing the review recommendations.

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Subject: WALGA Media Release- Dog Legislation to Provide Greater Powers

16 August 2012

Dog Legislation to Provide Greater Powers

New amendments to dog legislation will provide greater powers to Local Government in relation to animal management but also increase the responsibility of dog owners.

WA Local Government Association President Mayor Troy Pickard said the Dog Amendment Bill 2012 introduced into Parliament yesterday improved upon the existing provisions relating to dangerous dogs, but did not take into account new, possibly dangerous breeds, being imported into the country.

"Not only will this Bill support Local Governments in taking appropriate action regarding dangerous or nuisance dogs, it will also create greater awareness of the responsibilities held by individual owners," Mayor Pickard said.

"We welcome the amendments to bring the legislation into line with current community expectations, but believe there should also be a review of the current restricted breeds list."

Mayor Pickard said with the increase in importation of dogs, there was a risk some dangerous dog breeds were not being adequately restricted.

"The current restricted breeds list has not been amended since 2005," Mayor Pickard said.

"We feel it is timely to conduct a review of the current restricted breed list to ensure that any new breeds coming into the State that may be considered unsuitable as domestic pets are included," Mayor Pickard said.

Mayor Pickard said WALGA would approach the State to include a restricted breeds review alongside the legislation amendments.

Other legislation changes relating to Local Government include new powers of delegation from the Council to a Local Government CEO and officers or rangers, greater flexibility in Local Governments' ability to create dog exercise or prohibited places and the simplification of nuisance provisions.

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To: Chief Executive Officer **From:** Jodie Holbrook Policy Manager
Community

Organisation: All Councils **Date:** 31/08/2012

Reference:

Subject: Department of Water - Dry Seasonal Response Update **Priority:** Medium

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	Emergency Management, Sustainability, Community Development, Environment, Water Management
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Water (DoW) is tracking and responding to seasonal conditions Department of Water has developed advice for stakeholders about the impact an extended dry period is likely to have on water resources. The August edition of <i>Seasonal Response</i> is attached for your consideration. WALGA will advise Members when new editions are available via Local Government News.
Action Required:	For information.

Background

The Department of Water (DoW) plans for and manages all water resources throughout the State's 2 529 875 km² area. DoW is responsible for an annual average of 50 000 GL of renewable freshwater resources including 11,000 GL held in dams and 37 000 GL of inflows in run-off and deep drainage. DoW manages the state's water through 52 groundwater and 22 surface water management areas proclaimed under the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914. They achieve this by:

- Encouraging water conservation and promote clever use of alternative water sources
- Managing Water legislation
- Integrating water planning and land use planning
- Protecting and improving water resources
- Working with industry, government and the community to find solutions for better water use
- For more information about the Department please refer to www.water.wa.gov.au

In response to concerns from stakeholders about the impact of an extended dry period is likely to have on water resources, The DoW is providing regular updates on how water management is tracking over the 2012 season.

It will be a similar to the approach undertaken in 2012 when we experienced our driest winter on record. It is anticipated that on-going rainfall will result in reduced inflow into our dams and recharge of groundwater resources may create water supply issues for some parts of the south west. Attached is the dry season response for August 2012. It provides stakeholders with advice on rainfall and stream flow data, advice on which water supplies may be at risk and the management actions being taken by Department of Water.

Further updates will be provided and will be available online www.water.gov.au. For further information, please refer to Adrian Parker, Manager Recycling and Efficiency Department of Water, T: 6364 7139 or email: adrian.parker@water.wa.gov.au

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SEASONAL RESPONSE

AUGUST 2012

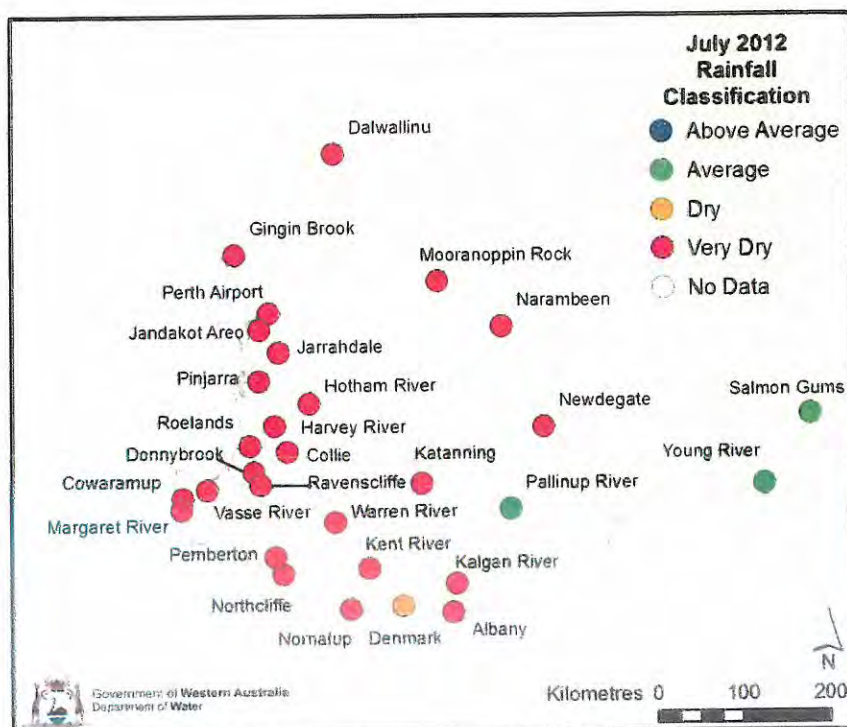


Government of Western Australia
Department of Water

In response to concerns from our stakeholders about the impact an extended dry period is likely to have on water resources, the Department of Water will be providing regular updates on how we are tracking over this 2012 season.

This will be similar to the approach undertaken in 2010 when we experienced our driest winter on record. We understand the importance of helping people and businesses prepare for a long summer, particularly those in areas that are likely to be most impacted including the hills which rely on self-supplied drinking water.

This dry season response provides stakeholders and water users with rainfall and streamflow data, advice on which water supplies may be at risk and the management actions being taken by the Department of Water.



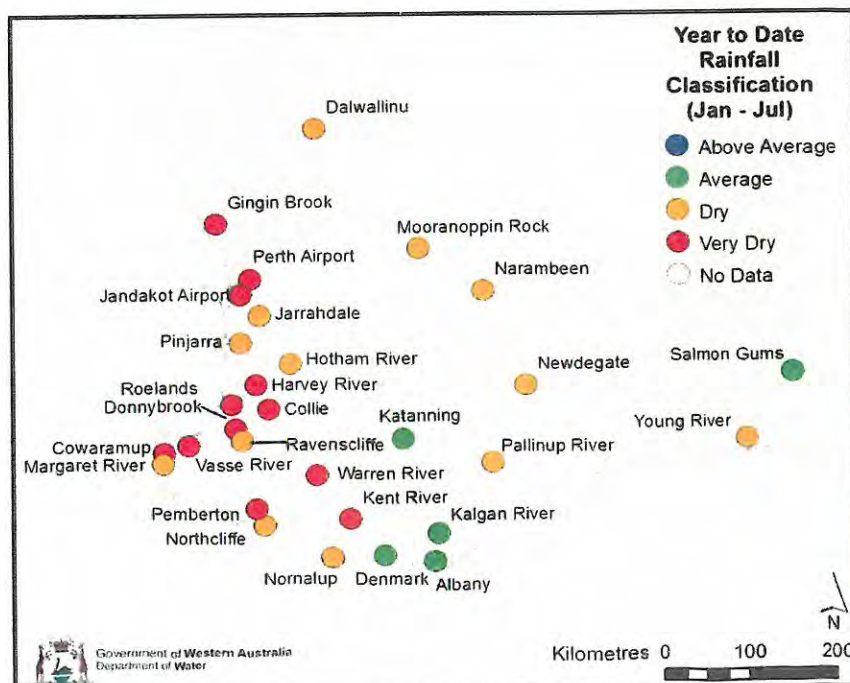
TRACKING THE SEASON

Rainfall

Rainfall for the January to July period was very dry over most of the South West WA.

16 of the thirty sites used for tracking recorded lowest on record rainfall for July 2012, these included Dalwallinu, Gingin Brook, Perth Airport, Jandakot Aero, Jarrahdale, Pinjarra, Hotham River, Roelands, Harvey River, Collie, Donnybrook, Katanning, Warren River, Kent River, Cowaramup, and Margaret River.

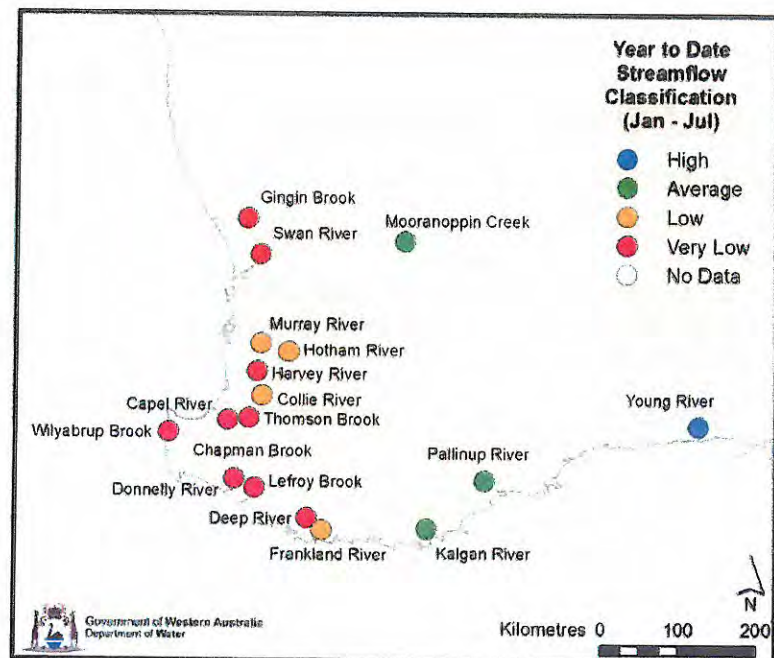
Year to date rainfall is also very low in comparison to an average year, with much of the South West land division in the dry to very dry classifications.



Streamflow

The low rainfall levels experienced to date in 2012, together with the intermittent rainfall pattern is already having impacts on streamflow. July is usually the peak streamflow month in the south west of WA but flow to date has remained below average.

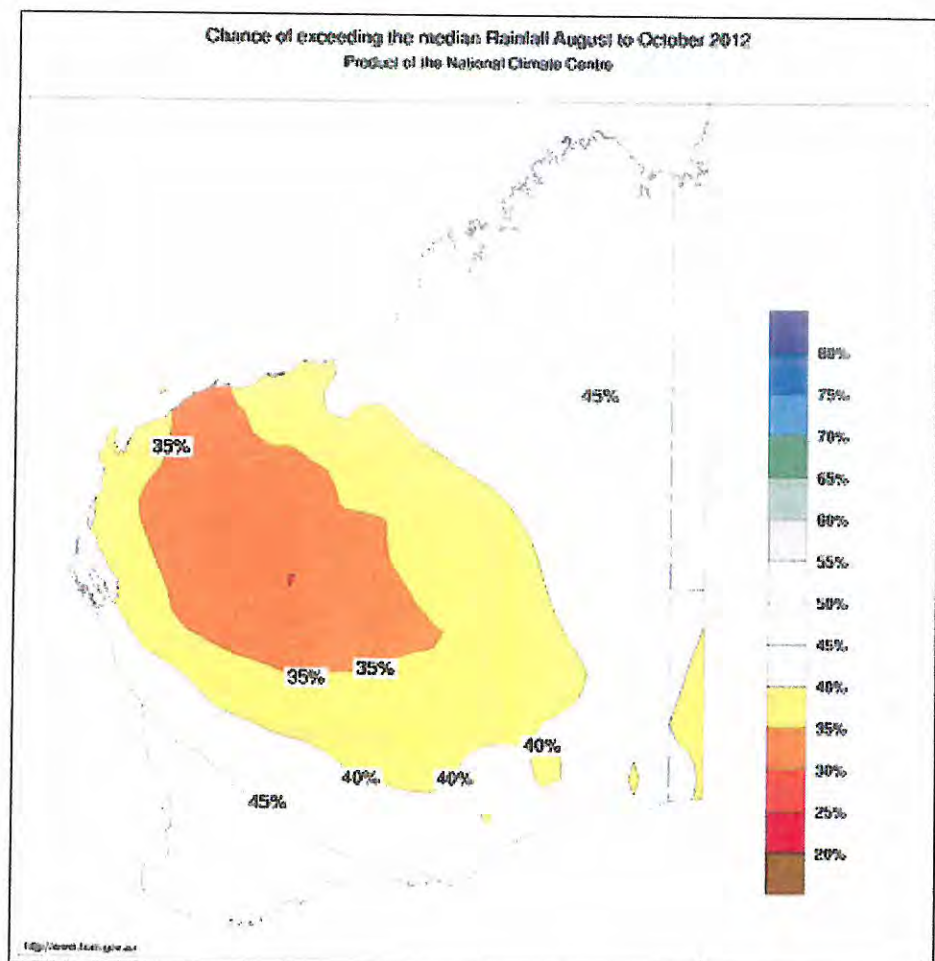
Seventeen telemetered streamflow gauges across South West WA are tracked for streamflow. The low July rainfall had a significant effect on streamflow across south-west WA. Seven gauges recorded the lowest July streamflow levels on record (Gingin Brook, Swan River, Hotham River, Harvey River, Donnelly River, Lefroy Brook and Deep River).



Forecasts

Two sources of rainfall outlooks are used; the Bureau of Meteorology three month outlook across Australia, and the Department of Agriculture and Food WA statistical seasonal forecasts specific for south-west Western Australia. Percent consistent figures are shown for both outlooks to indicate the skill in the forecasts.

The Bureau of Meteorology produces three monthly outlook of the probability of exceeding the median rainfall. The percentiles are calculated over the 1900 to 2005 period. The outlook for total rainfall and temperature over the October quarter (August to October) for Western Australia is shown



below as 50:50 probability of exceeding the median rainfall (image above) and 80 per cent probability of exceeding the median maximum temperature (image below). The Department of Agriculture and Food WA also produce statistical seasonal forecasts (SSF) of the probability of exceeding the median rainfall.

The current forecast for August to October (below right) illustrates that the majority of the south west land division has a 30-60 per cent probability of exceeding the median, with strong confidence in this forecast.

Although these two forecasts differ slightly both are consistently indicating drier than average rainfall for the next three months over most of the south west.

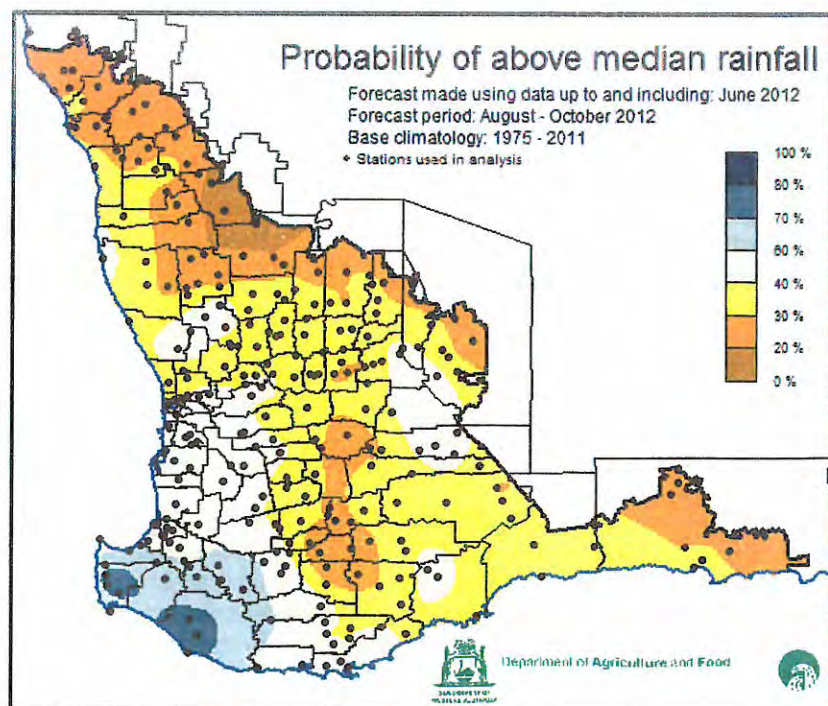
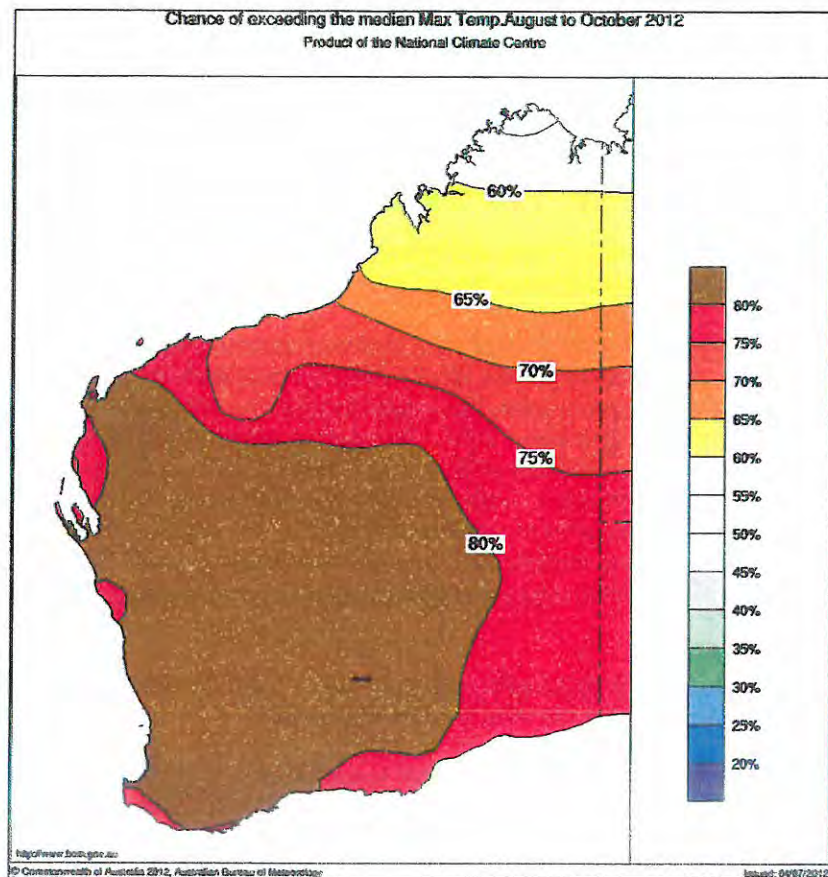
IMPLICATIONS FOR WATER SUPPLY

It is anticipated that ongoing below average rainfall will result in reduced inflow into our dams and recharge of our groundwater resources may create water supply issues for some parts of the south west.

The Department of Water takes a proactive approach to managing the state's water resources and has a framework in place to track key water resources and trigger management responses to inform government and assist stakeholders throughout the dry winter.

MANAGING WATER SUPPLY

The department is preparing information to be sent out to all our licensed water users to reinforce the need for efficient water use over the dry summer period.



Compliance activities will also be stepped up to ensure people don't overdraw and impact on their neighbours or local environments that are also put under stress from the lack of rain.

The water register on the department's website will help water users trade water if they want to increase their water use.

Sprinkler rosters

Since 2009, a winter sprinkler ban now applies as a permanent water efficiency measure across the Perth-Mandurah region and parts of the south-west from the 1 June to the 31 August. This applies to both domestic garden bores, scheme water users and licensed groundwater users include local governments, schools, golf courses, government departments, universities, TAFE campuses, major parks, race grounds and businesses irrigating areas of non-commercial turf, lawn and gardens.

All local contingency options are being considered now and arrangements put in place to make sure they can be triggered depending on the rest of winter.

On 10 August, Water Minister Bill Marmion announced a range of measures to help secure a reliable water supply for the South-West town of Manjimup, following months of poor rainfall. The town's water supply comes from two local dams - Manjimup and Phillips Creek - both of which have received little inflow since 2010. The continued dry conditions have meant dam levels are at 28 per cent capacity, or just 529 million litres. This is well below the annual demand for water in the area of about 700 million litres. Taking this into consideration, along with the upcoming summer and little rain forecast, the Minister announced measures including Stage 6 water restrictions from 1 September, using contingency sources and possibly carting, to secure adequate supplies to the people of Manjimup. (<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemID=150711>).

Gnangara

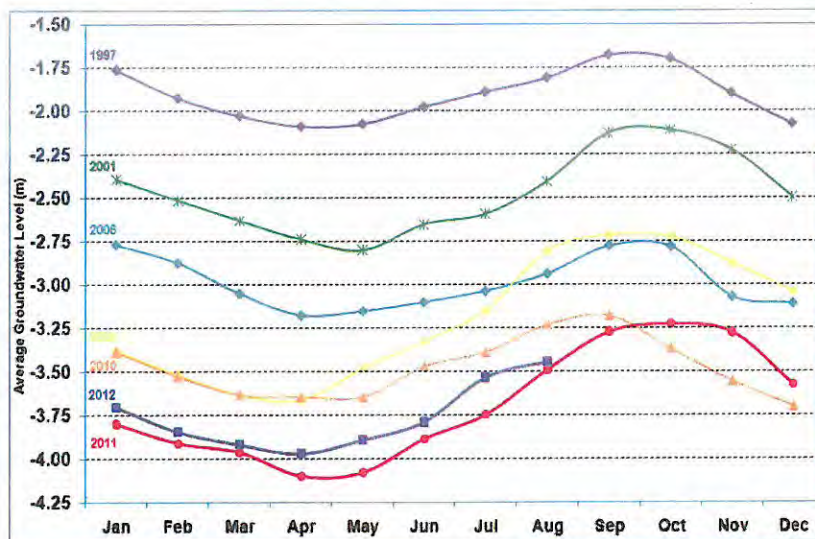
The Gnangara groundwater system, Perth's largest source of water has begun its annual increase pattern reflected in the monthly water level data.

Gnangara superficial aquifer levels responded well to the average rainfall in 2011. As a result of record low rainfall for July 2012, the improvements in Gnangara's levels have been reduced.

Across the Gnangara superficial aquifer a strategy to move pumping away from environmentally sensitive areas, such as valuable wetlands and lakes, continues to be applied.

Hills dams

From 1 May, an estimated 360 mm ($\pm 26\%$) of rainfall at Jarrahdale was needed to start streamflow into the northern reservoirs (10 of the 12 IWSS reservoirs). The start of streamflow is determined when inflows to the reservoirs reach 10GL. Rainfall from 1 May to 31 July at Jarrahdale was 365 mm and the current level of inflow is only 7.0 GL (as of 9/8/12). The start of inflow is dependent of the pattern of rainfall each year, if rainfall is intense and frequent then inflows may start after only 270 mm of rainfall. Whereas if rainfall is light with prolonged periods of no rainfall, like observed over July. Therefore, the amount of rainfall at Jarrahdale needed start consistent inflows in 2012, is likely to be towards the higher end of the estimation (i.e. 360 mm +26% or 454mm).



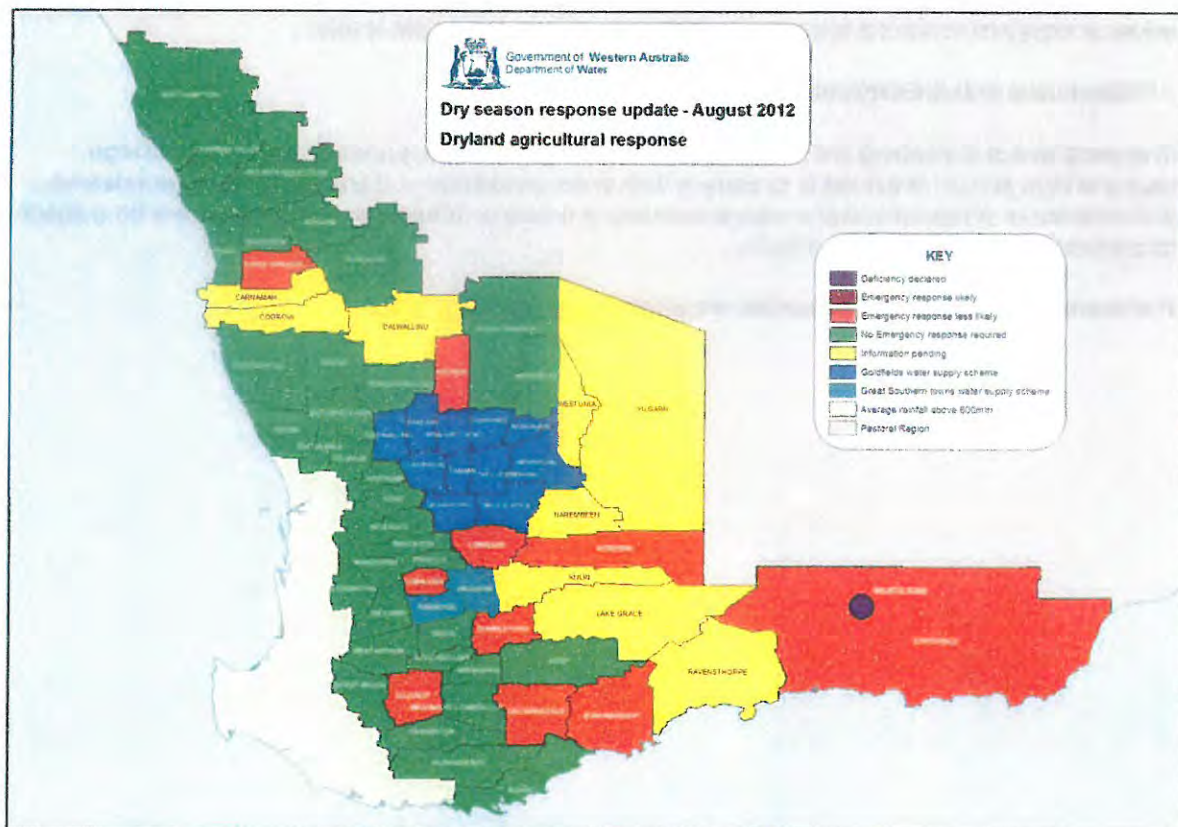
DRYLAND REGIONAL AGRICULTURE AND TOWNS SUPPORT

Support for dryland agricultural areas in the below 600mm rainfall area is offered through the Rural Water Planning Program administered by the Department of Water. It assists communities to improve and better manage non-potable water supplies through incentive schemes, planning and technical services, and emergency livestock water arrangements.

Due to a lack of run-off into the dams, a water deficiency declaration for emergency livestock supplies made in 2011 remains in place for the Salmon Gums area. This is despite receiving average rainfall to date.

Emergency dryland off-farm livestock water supply levels in tanks and dams throughout the dryland areas are at a good level and on standby for any farmers that need to cart water should declarations be required.

The department is tracking the shires in the below 600mm rainfall areas to ensure any water deficiency declarations are planned early enough to support farms through a dry season.



Eligible farmers can also receive grants for farm water supply audits through the Farm Water Supply Planning Scheme. Farmers in areas not serviced by scheme water can also access the Farm Water Rebate Scheme, and apply for a rebate of up to 50 per cent of the cost of implementing improvements to on-farm water supplies. The rebate is capped at \$15,000.

DRY SEASON MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

There are three main areas of activity under the department's seasonal response which are already in place.

1. INFORMATION

The department puts together information and maps tracking area-specific rainfall and streamflow. This information helps people plan for their use of water based on the best science, and take action early to minimise dry season risks. This includes information for holders of water licenses across the south west, including businesses, industry, local governments and self-supply users.

The information includes advice on who they can contact for more information. If the dry season continues, the department directly contacts licensees who are likely to be impacted to ensure they are informed of the conditions and the need for water efficiency and contingency planning.

2. MONITORING AND RESPONSE

The department tracks rainfall in shires in the below 600mm rainfall areas to advise to government on the need for any actions such as water deficiency declarations which apply under specific conditions and provide support to farmers in particular.

It also provides public information advice about the impacts of water scarcity on self-suppliers and to users of recreational inland waterways outside of the Swan Canning Riverpark that may be suffering adverse ecosystem reactions such as algal blooms, due to low water levels.

3. COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

The department is continuing the approach of educating licensees, particularly in areas of high usage and high risk, of the need to comply with license conditions. Licensees have been advised that deliberate or repeated water usage exceeding licenses or breaches of conditions will be subject to compliance and enforcement action.

For more water resource information go to www.water.wa.gov.au

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To: Chief Executive Officer

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Reference: 05-024-02-0059

Subject: Emergency Services Acts Amalgamation Project

From: Jodie Holbrook Policy Manager Community

Date: 31/08/2012

Priority: Medium

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	Emergency management, Governance
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) is progressing the development of a new Emergency Services Act. The proposed legislation will be created through the amalgamation of the <i>Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia Act 1998</i>, the <i>Fire Brigades Act 1942</i> and the <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i>. An Interagency Working Group, with representation from WALGA, has been formed in accordance with recommendation 2 of the <i>Perth Hills Bushfire February 2011 Review</i> to provide strategic oversight into the development of a single Emergency Services Act. The timeframes are still to be determined. WALGA will provide updates and advice as the project progresses.
Action Required:	For information.

Background

The Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) has recently initiated a new project to progress the development of a new Emergency Services Act. The proposed legislation will be created through the amalgamation of the *Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia Act 1998*, the *Fire Brigades Act 1942* and the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

This project had its genesis in the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee's *Report on the Inquiry into Fire and Emergency Services Legislation* (October 2006). In this Report the Committee recommended that FESA develop a single item of emergency services legislation. The Committee made this recommendation on the basis that:

- The development of the emergency services legislation must incorporate a strategic and comprehensive approach. That is, it is no longer appropriate, nor efficient, to develop separate Acts of Parliament for individual types of emergencies;
- Legislating for individual emergency services brigades or units to operate in isolation of others is no longer appropriate. It is unreasonable to expect volunteers to rely on multiple and inconsistent pieces of legislation in order to perform emergency services functions; and
- The format of the current emergency services legislation, comprising three separate Acts of Parliament, is confusing and incongruous. These inconsistencies must be eradicated and more clearly defined legislation established.

The recommendation to develop one comprehensive Emergency Services Act received unanimous support from the stakeholders consulted during the Committee's review. On 11 November 2008, Cabinet approved the drafting of the Emergency Services Bill. While there was a body of work undertaken to progress drafting, in February 2011 the dominant focus for FESA's legislative team became the *Perth Hills Bushfire February 2011 Review* and the *Major Special Inquiry into the November 2011 Margaret River Fire*. With the progression of implementation of a series of recommendations from the recent reviews as well as the progression of legislation to restructure FESA as a Department, there is a renewed focus on advancing the single Emergency Services Act.

An Interagency Working Group, with representation from WALGA, has been formed in accordance with recommendation 2 of the *Perth Hills Bushfire February 2011 Review* to provide strategic oversight into the development of a single Emergency Services Act. The project is in its

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earliest stages, and FESA will be working with the Interagency Working Group to help decide the best way to move through the review process.

Consultation with stakeholders continues to form a major part of the project. As a primary stakeholder in fire and emergency services legislation, local government will be included in this consultation.

Given the lapse of time since the 2006 Report on the *Inquiry into Fire and Emergency Services Legislation*, together with more recent major fire events such as the December 2009 Toodyay Fire, the February 2011 Perth Hills Bushfire and the November 2011 Margaret River Fire, it will be necessary to consider the relevance of these and the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee's recommendations in the context of today's fire and emergency services environment. Until this has been determined and the review process settled, FESA will be unable to advise how soon stakeholders will be asked to provide their input. FESA has assured WALGA that they are committed to consultation with Local Government and will provide opportunity to contribute to the proposed legislation.

For further information on this matter please refer to Ms Michelle Smith, Policy Officer Emergency Services Act on 9323 9763 or at michelle.smith@fesa.wa.gov.au.



Government responds to Regional Telecommunications Review

The Government has released its formal response to the Regional Telecommunications Review (the Sinclair review) on 23 August. In the response it restates its commitment to every community in regional Australia receiving fair and equitable access to affordable high-speed broadband.

The *Regional Communications: Empowering Digital Communities* report was tabled in Parliament on 23 May. In its response, the Government says it has already begun implementing the recommendations, including:

- Allowing remote schools and health facilities to access the NBN Co Interim Satellite Service
- Releasing the NBN Co Network Extension policy on 12 July 2012
- Continuing the provision of untimed local calls in the Extended Zones (remote areas of Australia) for 2012-13 in line with the Sinclair Review's recommendation
- Providing funding to relevant Regional Development Australia committees to develop digital economy strategies for the rollout of the NBN in regional communities
- raising awareness of the benefits of the digital economy and emerging opportunities for regional communities through business forums and campaigns.

The Review found that there is a growing recognition in Australia that better broadband will support regional economic development, improve health and education outcomes as well as help small business. People living in regional Australia have welcomed the Government's decision to prioritise the rollout in regional areas.

The Review made several recommendations targeted at local government.

It called for the expansion of the Digital Local Government Program, to increase the capacity of local governments in regional and remote areas to take advantage of digital technologies to provide a wide range of services on-line. The Government responded that the program, which assists the first 40 councils to benefit from the NBN, funds projects that are replicable and scalable and which have the potential to be implemented in councils across Australia, but did not make any commitment to expanding the program.

The Review recommended that Regional Development Australia committees, in conjunction with local councils, should develop digital economy plans for their regions. The Government's response indicated progress in this area as several RDAs and councils had realised the benefits of the digital economy and were developing digital economy strategies for their regions.



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Dear Sharon

IMPROVEMENTS TO ROMAN II

I am pleased to advise that following a review of the business model for ROMAN II, including careful consideration of feedback from subscribing Local Governments, there are a number of changes that will be immediately implemented to ROMAN II.

These changes are aimed at improving the value for money offered by the software, in addition to improvements to training/mentoring and technical support provided to all users of the software. These changes have been made in consultation with our service delivery partner in the ROMAN II software, the ARRB Group.

The most critical change relates to the resourcing employed to support ROMAN II. Both technical and support resources will be increased to ensure that Local Governments are provided with a higher and more consistent level of support and service in their use of the software. We want Councils to have confidence in being able to obtain the support they need in a timely and effective manner.

We have re-visited the pricing model and determined that there is a need for a more simplistic approach which demonstrates value for money. A revised pricing model will shortly be communicated to Local Governments which I am confident will be met with strong support.

We have also moved to eliminate all variable usage fees so that Local Governments (and the consultants they engage to assist them) are not charged an hourly rate for using ROMAN II. Variable usage fees have proved to be a deterrent to some users becoming familiar in using the software.

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Additionally, WALGA has made arrangements with our supplier for consultants to have temporary access to the ROMAN II software at **no charge** for the 2012/13 financial year. WALGA has heard and recognised concerns by Local Governments that consultants should have free access to the software where they are performing an asset management function for that Council. The current software license does not allow for this and WALGA will be taking the matter up with the service provider to make the arrangement permanent.

We have also determined to re-focus user training to one-on-one mentoring at **no additional cost** to Local Governments. This means that our team will come to you on request and provide mentoring support and assistance to your staff in using ROMAN II. This initiative is intended to assist Local Governments that are having difficulties in using the software to meet their requirements. Software training will still be provided at a significantly reduced cost.

Steps have also been taken to address customer service delays and satisfaction with the delivery of services. Any customers not satisfied with the delivery of services should contact the ROMAN II Project Manager, Graham Lantzke.

WALGA will be working with the Department of Local Government and other stakeholders to better assist Local Governments in understanding and meeting the requirements of the Department in relation to asset management. One-on-one mentoring offered to individual Local Governments at no cost will include specific advice on how to utilise ROMAN II to meet their mandatory reporting needs.

These changes, which are to be implemented immediately, will initially be funded from within the existing ROMAN II budget. Work is being undertaken with our suppliers to embed these changes in the Service Contract.

If you require further information or would like one of our team to come out to your office and provide one-on-one mentoring and assistance, please contact Graham Lantzke on 0407 447 538 or glantzke@roman2com.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ricky Burges".

Ricky Burges
Chief Executive Officer.



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Ms Sharon Daishe
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Yalgoo
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YALGOO WA 6635

COUNCILLORS

If you are interested in nominating please complete the application form and advise me by 2 October 2012. I will then prepare an agenda item for Oct Council.

Dear Ms Daishe

VACANCIES – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES ON THE MID WEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD

Two positions are available on the Mid West Development Commission Board due to the expiration of the terms of Cr Pauline Forrester and Cr Simon Broad. I wish to invite nominations from the Local Governments within the Mid West Development Commission catchment area to fill these vacancies.

Nominations should be submitted on the attached proforma and nomination form and emailed, along with a typed Curriculum Vitae to Mrs Kylie Paine, Executive Assistant at the following address ea@mwdc.wa.gov.au by 5pm Friday 26 October 2012.

If you have any queries regarding the election process or duties of the position, please do not hesitate to contact myself on 0427 471 644.

Yours sincerely

MURRAY CRIDDLE
CHAIRPERSON
MID WEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

5 September 2012



Government of Western Australia
Mid West Development Commission



NOMINATION FORM

MID WEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Nominee Title (eg Mayor/President/Cr)	
Last Name	
Given Names	
Council	
Home address	
Email address	
Contact Details Home: Work: Council: Mobile:	
Occupation:	
Qualifications	
Resume	Please attach a copy of your Resume (no more than 2 pages)

I hereby submit my nomination, made in accordance with my council's policy on representation, for the position of Local Government representative on the Mid West Development Commission. Should my nomination be successful I will make every endeavour to commit the time and effort necessary to undertake this position. I will adhere to the eligibility criteria which specifies that should I no longer be a serving elected member I will resign from the Development Commission as the Local Government representative.

Nominee: _____
(electronic signature is acceptable)

Date: _____



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Mid West Development Commission



NOMINATION FORM

Mid West Development Commission Board

*To be completed by all nominees seeking nomination
or re-nomination to the Commission's Board*

SECTION 1 Personal Details

Nominee name: _____

Residential address: _____

Postal address: _____

Telephone numbers: _____

Fax number: _____

Email: _____

Date of birth: / / _____

Occupation: _____

SECTION 2 Nominating Organisation (individuals may nominate themselves)

Nominated by: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Signature of nominator: _____

Signature of nominee: _____

SECTION 3 Statement of how you would like the Mid West Region to develop

(additional documentation may be attached)

SECTION 4 Statement of how you could contribute to the development of the Mid West region through appointment to the Board

(additional documentation may be attached)

SECTION 5 Statement of what you consider are the key issues impacting on economic development in regional Western Australia

(additional documentation may be attached)

***NOMINATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY
A COPY OF THE NOMINEE'S CURRICULUM VITAE
(no more than two pages)***

Nominations with attached Curriculum Vitae can be forwarded to:

Hon Brendon Grylls MLA

**Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the
Minister for State Development; Minister Assisting the Minister for
Transport**

**C/- Mid West Development Commission
PO Box 238
GERALDTON WA 6531**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT VACANCY INFORMATION

MID WEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

TWO VACANCIES

CONTACT AT THE MID WEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	Mrs Kylie Paine Executive Assistant Mid West Development Commission Level 2 Foreshore Business Centre 209 Foreshore Drive GERALDTON WA 6530 Ph: 9921 0701 Email: ea@mwdc.wa.gov.au
NAME OF MINISTER FOR THE MID WEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	Hon Brendon Grylls MLA Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport 9 th Floor Dumas House 2 Havelock Street WEST PERTH WA 6005
DESCRIPTION OF POSITION	The Mid West Development Commission requires two elected members experienced in the economic and social development of the region. Other qualities should include decision making abilities, an ability to work cooperatively within a team environment and interests relevant to the Mid West community.
LENGTH OF TERM	Up to three years
CURRENT REPRESENTATIVE AND REASON FOR VACANCY	The vacancies are due to the expiration of the terms of Cr Pauline Forrester and Cr Simon Broad.
COMMENCEMENT DATE	
MEETING SCHEDULE	Bi-monthly – usually the 4th Friday of the month commencing with February
LOCATION OF MEETINGS	Various locations within the Mid West region.
DAY/TIME OF MEETING	Friday 8.30am – 2.00pm. Preceded by 'tour' of a regional community Thursday PM and occasionally overnight.
DURATION OF MEETING	5-6 hours

MEETING FEE	Full day \$500.00 Half Day \$330.00
TRAVELING ALLOWANCES	As per public sector standards
CHECK THAT APPLICANT IS CURRENTLY AN ELECTED MEMBER	
INSURE THAT APPLICANTS CV IS ATTACHED (no more than 2 pages)	
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION'S TERMS OF REFERENCE	To have the Mid West recognised as a preferred region in which to live, work and invest.
COUNCILS REPRESENTED BY THE MID WEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	City of Greater Geraldton (including Mullewa) Shire of Chapman Valley Shire of Three Springs Shire of Coorow Shire of Carnamah Shire of Morawa Shire of Perenjori Shire of Irwin Shire of Mingenew Shire of Northampton Shire of Yalgoo Shire of Mt Magnet Shire of Sandstone Shire of Cue Shire of Meekatharra Shire of Murchison Shire of Wiluna



Oakajee Quarter - Issue 9, August 2012

Jack Hills the key to Oakajee

Oakajee Port and Rail (OPR) has welcomed completion of a Strategic Asset Review by Crosslands Resources for its Jack Hills Expansion Project (JHEP), which points to a long-life mining operation – underpinned by a significant magnetite ore resource.

Crosslands, a foundation customer for the port and rail development, has simplified its proposed flow-sheet, initially utilising two magnetite modules to export approximately 20 million tonnes per year.



Foundation customer Crosslands Resources takes important step in Jack Hills mine expansion plan.

EPA approves Environmental Management Plans for port

OPR has met marine pre-construction environmental requirements with the Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) approval of Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) for the Oakajee deepwater port.

State environmental approval of the Oakajee deepwater port is subject to a number of conditions, including completion of two key studies and development of 10 EMPs to the satisfaction of the EPA and relevant stakeholders.



OPR is committed to avoiding and minimising environmental impacts associated with the project.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

September 2012

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENTION

I doubt that anyone could have experienced this year's convention without being absolutely inspired by the keynote speaker line up.

Triple Formula One World Champion Sir Jackie Stewart captivated the audience with the story of his own struggle with dyslexia and how this drove him to innovate to overcome his limitations. His leadership message and instructional dialogue on how to maximise your potential offered something for everyone.

Captain Richard De Crespigny – the courageous pilot of QF32 – had us on the edge of our seats as we relived the cockpit drama of that dramatic “one in 200 million” event and the extraordinary recovery and safe landing that was achieved. Such an important lesson about the value of remaining calm in a crisis and looking at the positives of any situation.

Graham Richardson and Glen Milne gave valuable insights into the machinations of contemporary Canberra, while Mick Malthouse maintained our recent tradition of outstanding sports leaders at the breakfast.

The concurrent workshops produced interesting and challenging dialogues that engaged delegates in direct discussion of issues and the political forum and “DG Speed Dating” session put delegates in direct contact with the decision makers that they needed to interact with. The scheduling of our AGM at the beginning of the convention has also been very well received.

Planning for next year's convention has already begun, and if you have thoughts or ideas for sessions or speakers, please let the WALGA team know.

REGIONAL SUBSIDIARIES

New amendments to the Local Government Act will empower two or more Local Governments to establish a regional subsidiary to jointly provide services to their communities.

The Association has advocated for the regional subsidiary model for a number of years because it provides Local Governments with greater flexibility.

While it is pleasing that this Bill has been introduced, the detailed provisions governing the establishment and administration of regional subsidiaries will be contained in regulations. It is therefore vital that the Local Government sector is meaningfully consulted on the content of the regulations.



ADJUSTED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Every year the Grants Commission advises Local Governments of their approximate Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) which includes an inflator for estimated population changes. This is adjusted when the actual figures are determined by the ABS. The actual grants received will move up or down as a consequence of the adjustment. This is usually negligible, and historically it has normally meant a small increase, but this year apparently the gap is larger than usual and has a negative impact because of poor estimating.

Elected Members should be aware that this is not the fault of council administrations, nor is it a deliberate attempt to reduce the FAGs funding pool. It is, unfortunately, a rare case of the estimate being out of line with the actual figures, and this may result in a gap in Local Government budgets.

WALGA staff met with WA Grants Commission officers to ascertain the extent of the impact on WA Local Governments, and the net impact across the sector is a decrease of approximately 3% on the initial estimated grant.

Discussions have also taken place with the ALGA on this issue, and they will be raising the matter with Federal Minister.

A federal review of FAGs is scheduled for later this year and WALGA will develop a commentary and recommendations on the FAGs pool inflator as part of our submission.

SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

Consultants Ernst & Young have completed a report for the Commonwealth Government providing recommendations for the sustainable funding of Local Government infrastructure into the future.

The dominant recommendation is for the establishment of a National Finance Authority to maximise the availability of financial resources - *debt* – to address the infrastructure issue. This is a perplexing recommendation, given there has been very little emphasis given by Local Governments to a lack of availability of finance. The dilemma has never been about getting the money. The challenge has always been about paying it back.

ALGA is doing work around the recommendations of the report in conjunction with State Associations and this will feed into the anticipated Financial Assistance Grants Review later in the year.

STATE ELECTION CAMPAIGN

The Association's Forum of Co-Chairs has met to establish a program of issues and strategies for the forthcoming State Election.

Whilst there is an endless array of issues that could be incorporated into the campaign, it is important that we focus on key messages and strategic use of our advertising budget to maximise the campaign.



The core advocacy focus identified by the Co-Chairs includes:

- Container Deposit Legislation
- 100% Hypothecation of Waste Levy
- Swan Canning Priority Plan (metro campaign)
- Grain Freight Priority Plan (country campaign)
- Local Government Reform
- Underground Power (metro campaign)
- Small town sewerage, power and water (country campaign)
- Community Policing
- Community Sport & Recreation Facilities Funding
- Public Libraries
- Pensioner discounts on waste charges

DOG AMENDMENT BILL 2012

Whilst new amendments to dog legislation will provide greater powers to Local Government in relation to animal management and also increase the responsibility of dog owners, unfortunately they will not take into account new, possibly dangerous, breeds being imported into the country. As a result I will be pressuring the Government for a review of the current restricted breeds list to ensure that any new breeds coming into the State that may be considered unsuitable as domestic pets are covered.

.Other changes canvassed in the Bill that relate to Local Government include;

- new powers of delegation from the Council to a Local Government CEO and officers or rangers;
- greater flexibility in Local Governments' ability to create dog exercise or prohibited places, and;
- simplification of nuisance provisions.

CONTAINER DEPOSIT LEGISLATION

Container deposit legislation in other states has proven to be successful in increasing recycling rates and reducing litter. We were promised last year that legislation was going to be introduced to State Parliament to bring such a scheme into effect in WA. However, this was put on hold whilst a national scheme was considered. Whilst a national scheme would be ideal, in my view it is debatable whether it can be achieved in a timely fashion.

If the national process stalls, we will be calling on the WA Environment Minister to introduce a 'cash for containers' scheme here in WA. The Minister already has the power to achieve this through the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007* and the Opposition and The Greens (WA) have already indicated they support a 'cash for containers' scheme in WA.

South Australia has had Container Deposit Legislation in place for over three decades and this has been extremely successful in reducing litter, increasing recycling rates and creating greater environmental awareness in the public.



PRESIDENT'S CONTACTS

During the July – September period, contacts that have occurred or are scheduled to take place prior to the September State Council meeting are as follows:

State Government Relations

Meetings with:

- Hon Liz Harvey MLA, Minister for Police; Emergency Services
- Hon Lynn MacLaren MLC, Member for South Metropolitan Region
- Hon Bill Marmion MLA, Minister for the Environment; Water

Local Government Relations

Meetings with:

- Finance & Services Committee – Special Meeting
- Local Government House Trust
- Rt Hon Lisa Scaffidi, Lord Mayor
- LGIS Board Meeting x 2
- Local Government Grain Infrastructure Group
- Mr Martin Molony, CEO, Mr Peter Cooper, Commercial Manager, Royal Agricultural Society and Ms Amanda Reid, Director, GRA Everingham
- MWAC meeting
- ALGA Board
- COAG Standing Council on Environment and Water

Conferences / Workshops / Public Relations

- ACELG Roundtable on Local Government in WA
- AIBS Conference – presenter

Zone Meetings

- Pilbara Country Zone
- South East Metropolitan Zone
- Great Eastern Country Zone
- Great Southern Country Zone

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WALGA
To: Chief Executive Officer**Organisation:** All Local Governments**Reference:** 05-034-01-0015**Subject:** Regional Subsidiaries – *Local Government Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2012*
From: Tony Brown
 Executive Manager
 Governance and Strategy
 29 August 2012
Priority: Medium**IN BRIEF****Operational Area:** Chief Executive Officer, Governance

Key Issues:

- Legislation which will empower Local Governments to establish regional subsidiaries has been introduced to Parliament by the Government
- WALGA has requested meaningful consultation on the development of the regulations, which will contain most of the detail regarding the establishment, powers and administration of regional subsidiaries

Action Required: Noting

The Minister for Local Government, Hon John Castrilli MLA, has introduced the *Local Government Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2012* to Parliament. If passed, the *Local Government Act 1995* will be amended to allow two or more Local Governments to form a regional subsidiary to jointly provide a service or carry on an activity. The Association has been advocating for Local Governments to be empowered to establish regional subsidiaries for a number of years.

This is a new Bill initiated by the Government, which effectively replaces the Private Member's Bill introduced by the Hon Max Trenorden MLC in November 2010. The Government's Amendment Bill is different in a number of respects to the Bill introduced by Mr. Trenorden.

Firstly, in the Government's Bill, Local Governments may form a regional subsidiary to "provide a service or carry on an activity". This clause replaces the words "to perform a function" used in the Private Member's Bill. The Minister, in his second reading speech, stated that regional subsidiaries would not be permitted to undertake "commercial activities". The Association will be advocating for commercial activities not to be prohibited by the regulations, as this may prevent Local Governments from undertaking a number of beneficial activities including Main Roads Term Network Contracts as one example.

Secondly, in the Government's Bill, a regional subsidiary will have "a governing body consisting of members approved by the Minister." The Association contends that the Ministerial approval provisions (approval of the subsidiary and approval of the charter) are sufficient and that Ministerial approval of the members of the governing body is unnecessary and impractical.

The Association has written to the Minister for Local Government requesting that the Bill be amended to remove the clause requiring Ministerial approval of the members of the governing body and requesting that activities that could be deemed to have a commercial component are not prohibited by regulations.

Most of the detail regarding the establishment, powers and administration of regional subsidiaries as well as the content of regional subsidiary charters will be contained in regulations. The Association has also written to the Minister requesting meaningful consultation on the development of the regulations pertaining to regional subsidiaries.

The Association will continue to advocate for Local Governments to be empowered to establish Council Controlled Organisations (CCO), which operate successfully in New Zealand, to undertake activities of a more commercial nature with oversight from a specialist, commercially-minded board.

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WALGA

To: Chief Executive Officer

Organisation: All Councils

Reference: 05-043-04-0001

Subject: South West Native Title Settlement UPDATE

From: Erin Fuery, Senior Community Policy Advisor

Date: 27 July 2012

Priority: HIGH

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	CEOs
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Government has made an offer to the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) resolving all native title claims in the South West. The Premier has written to WALGA requesting Local Government advice on how the resolution of Native title can be supported by Local Government in the South West. WALGA is seeking feedback on Local Government knowledge of the settlement offer and current Local Government engagements with Aboriginal communities to input into these discussions.
Action Required:	Feedback via the attached Faxback is due COB Friday, 7 September 2012.

Background

In February 2012, the State Government made an offer to the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) aimed at resolving all native title claims in the South West. The Government's offer to Noongar native title claimants includes a symbolic Act of Parliament to recognise Noongar people as the traditional owners of the South West, the creation of a Noongar Investment Trust, the transfer of certain Crown land parcels to the Trust, and a Noongar role in the management of the conservation estate. In return, the *Native Title Act 1993* will cease to apply in the South West and there will be a uniform strategy for the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in that region.

The State Government wrote to all Local Governments affected by the claims on 15 February 2012, advising them of the offer it has put to the SWALSC. The SWALSC has accepted the offer in principle as a basis for further negotiations during 2012.

The six principal native title claim groups in the South West Region of Western Australia are:

- Yued (Jurien, Lancelin, Gingin)
- Gnaala Karla Boodja (Mandurah, Bunbury, Donnybrook)
- South West Boorah (Busselton, Dunsborough, Margaret River, Pemberton, Nannup)
- Wagyl Kaip (Katanning, Gnowangerup, Albany)
- Ballardong (York, Northam, Hyden, Kondinin)
- Whadjuk (Perth metropolitan area)

Impact on Local Government

On 2 July 2012, the Premier wrote to WALGA outlining that the ultimate goal of the Agreement is to help generate sustainable change in the social standing of Noongar people and their relationships with the wider community. While Local Governments will benefit from the removal of the future act regime under the *Native Title Act 1993* and the creation of a standard approach to cultural heritage management, the letter highlights that there are potential opportunities and benefits in the settlement for Local Governments and Noongar people to work together.



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On 17 July, WALGA met with the Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Department of Local Government to discuss the potential role/impact of the Agreement. The State Government sees Local Government as a major stakeholder in the South West Settlement, which covers 106 Local Governments, and believes that the proposed Agreement will be a catalyst for wider change at the grassroots level.

The State Government has indicated that they will continue to communicate the developments of the Agreement with each Local Government affected. The timeline for the negotiation of the Settlement, however, is still to be determined. While Local Government has been approached as a key stakeholder to form partnerships with the Noongar Regional Corporations/Boards (six have been proposed) to implement change, the Corporations will take approximately 18 months to establish.

A number of potential initiatives involving Local Government are being explored at present. In order to develop and informed position for further discussion with the State, WALGA is seeking feedback from members of the sector's current level of knowledge about the proposed settlement and the strategies/activities already in place in Local Governments to engage the local Aboriginal community.

A separate Faxback form is provided.

Please send feedback through to Erin Fuery, Senior Community Policy Advisor, at efuery@walga.asn.au by **COB Friday, 7 September 2012**.

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To: Erin Fuery, Senior Community Policy Advisor
From:
Organisation: WALGA
Date:
Fax No: (08) 99322 2611
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Reference: 05-043-01-0001
Priority: High
Subject: South West Native Title Settlement
CONTACT: (your details)
COUNCIL: (your Council)

FAX BACK TO WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ON 9322 2611

Distribute to: Erin Fuery

WALGA is interested in receiving feedback from Local Government on their knowledge of the South West Settlement process to date, and the current programs/policies/activities that Councils have in place to engage Aboriginal people.

Question 1:- ***Are you aware of the South West Native Title Claim?***

Answer:

Question 2:- ***Do you need any more information on the Settlement? Please provide details.***

Answer:

Question 3:- ***Has your Council given any consideration to the claim. Please provide details..***

Answer:



FAX-BACK



Question 4:- What forms of engagement with local Aboriginal people is your Local Government currently involved in. Please provide details

Answer:

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Question 5:- Is your Local Government planning any new engagement strategies with the local Aboriginal community? Please provide details.

Answer:

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Question 6:- Does your Local Government have specific strategies in place to increase your Aboriginal workforce? Please provide details.

Answer:

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Question 7:- What policies, if any, do you have in place (for example, Welcome to Country) to recognise Aboriginal heritage?. Please provide details.

Answer:

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Further comments:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

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To: Chief Executive Officer**Organisation:** All Councils**Reference:** Various**Subject:** Vacancies on Boards and Committees**From:** Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Strategy

Friday 17 August 2012

Priority: High

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	Governance and Strategy
Key Issues:	Committee Boards and Panels who have requested a representative from Local Government
Action Required:	Complete, sign and return nomination forms by COB Thursday 23 August 2012

VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Association is pleased to announce that nominations are now being sought for the following vacancies:

Air Quality Co-ordinating Committee

This is open to Elected Members and senior level officers for a three year term. Anyone with skills, experience and knowledge in matters relating to air quality management, or have a particular function or vocational interest relevant to the role of the AQCC is encouraged to apply.

Telethon Institute for Child Health Research – Development Pathways Project

This is a new appointment and the successful nominee will be appointed for a term of two years. The Project has taken a multidisciplinary and holistic approach to research into the health, development and wellbeing of children and youth, by initiating and utilising linked, longitudinal population level data which is used to determine risk and protection factors leading to poor and good outcomes in WA children.

Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Advisory Committee

This Advisory Committee was established to consider fluoridation in public water supplies, water testing by Local Governments and provide advice to the Minister in relation to fluoridation of public works issues. The current representative's term of appointment expires in November and appointment will be for a period of 3 years

Keep Australia Beautiful Council

The Council has undertaken significant work, including overseeing the implementation of the second Litter Prevention Strategy for WA 2009- 2014, development of anti-litter marketing campaigns, investigation into illegal dumping in the Perth metro area, the amendment of the Litter Act 1979 and the continuation and expansion of Council programs including Tidy Towns, the Litter Report Scheme, Adopt a Spot, Clean Clubs, Outback Packs, Clean Beaches and the Sustainable Cities Program. Nominations for the Metro and Deputy Metro Member and non-Metro and Deputy Non-metro members are being sought.

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National Trust of WA

The Council of National Trust of Australia (WA) is the governing body of the Trust and is responsible for the enforcement of the Local Laws of the National Trust of Australia (WA) Act. Membership comprises 25 members, of which 9 are appointed from community groups and Government organisations.

Nominees are required to submit a completed nomination form, statement addressing the selection criteria and short curriculum vitae (2 pages maximum) before the close of nominations which is

5:00pm Thursday 23 August 2012

Nomination Forms are available from:

<http://walga.asn.au/MemberResources/GovernanceStrategy/CurrentCommitteeVacancies.aspx>





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- ❖ VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
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- ❖ NEW LEGAL SERVICES PREFERRED SUPPLY CONTRACT LAUNCHED
- ❖ ELECTED MEMBER TAXATION GUIDE
- ❖ MWAC INFORMATION BULLETIN
- ❖ OFFICER TRAINING
- ❖ ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING
- ❖ TOWN CENTRE REVITALISATION CONFERENCE
- ❖ RETAIL TRADING HOURS

MAILBAG

- ❖ INFOPAGE & FAXBACK: SOUTH WEST NATIVE TITLE SETTLEMENT UPDATE
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- ❖ WALGA LEGAL SERVICES PREFERRED SUPPLIER PANEL DETAILS

ISSUES UPDATE

VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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- Air Quality Co-ordinating Committee - Member
- Child Health Research - Development Pathways Project - new committee Member
- Keep Australia Beautiful Council - Metro and Non Metro Members and Deputy Members
- Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Advisory Committee - Member
- National Trust Committee - Member

Nominees are required to submit a completed nomination form, statement addressing the selection criteria and short curriculum vitae (2 pages maximum) before the close of nominations at 5:00pm on Thursday, **23 August**. Nomination forms are available from <http://walga.asn.au/MemberResources/GovernanceStrategy/CurrentCommitteeVacancies.aspx>

For further information please contact Executive Officer Governance and Strategy, Janet Done on 9213 2013 or email jdne@walga.asn.au

PROPOSED CHANGES TO ROAD CLASSIFICATION ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

The Guidelines for Determining and Assigning Responsibility for Roads in Western Australia, commonly referred to as Road Classification Assessment Guidelines, were developed as part of the major road classification review that was conducted in conjunction with Local Government in the early to mid 1990's. The Guidelines comprise three parts: Part 1 - Policy; Part 2 - Assessment Guidelines; and Part 3 - Proclamation process (Internal Main Roads WA document). Main Roads WA (MRWA) has determined there are two factors which now make Part 2 of the existing Guidelines for urban roads less suitable for the purpose of transparently determining which roads meet the criteria for classification as State Roads. MRWA has

therefore initiated a review of Part 2 of the Guidelines. Metropolitan Local Governments are invited to provide comment on the changes to Part 2 of the Guidelines to WALGA by Friday, **31 August** to enable a combined response to be developed. A draft copy of the revised Guidelines can be viewed on WALGA website at <http://www.walga.asn.au/MemberResources/Infrastructure/AssetManagementandLocalRoadFunding/ReviewRoadClassificationAssessmentGuidelines.aspx> MRWA, in conjunction with WALGA, is holding an information session with Metropolitan Local Governments on the reasons for the proposed changes to the Guidelines.

The session will be held on Tuesday, **14 August 2012** at 10.00am to 11.00am at Main Roads WA, Don Aitken Centre, Waterloo Crescent, East Perth

To provide feedback or to register your interest please contact Policy Officer, Transport and Roads, Marissa MacDonald on 9213 2050 or email mmacdonald@walga.asn.au.

NEW LEGAL SERVICES PREFERRED SUPPLY CONTRACT LAUNCHED

WALGA is pleased to announce that the new Legal Services Preferred Supplier Panel has been launched. The Panel includes a wealth of Local Government and commercial experience and wide ranging legal capabilities covering all aspects of legal services required by Local Government: Local Government Law; Environmental law; Planning law; Employment Law; Contract Law; Property Law; and, a wide ranging General Law category. The preferred suppliers offer substantially reduced rates and disbursement fees through WALGA along with many value added services and innovative options to assist Local Government to manage their legal spend appropriately. The Legal Services panel also serves to complement WALGA's own Business Services that include Procurement, Probity and Employee Relations

Services when the services of a qualified legal practitioner are required or recommended.

For further information on this panel please contact Contracts Manager, Emma Gillespie on 9213 2016 or email egillespie@walga.asn.au or via eQuotes (www.vendorpanel.com/walga).

ELECTED MEMBER TAXATION GUIDE

The WALGA Tax Service has released an updated guide for Elected Members to assist with the treatment of income and expenditure associated with the duties of being a Councillor and personal tax implications relevant to their role. The document has been provided to subscribers of the WALGA Tax Service and can be accessed through the finance area of subscribing organisations. This resource was commissioned for the 2012 Tax year and can be used to guide the treatment of assessable income, deductions and substantiation requirements.

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

MWAC INFORMATION BULLETIN

The July edition of the MWAC Information Bulletin is now available. Highlights for this month include: Waste Authority appointed; Waste & Recycle Conference 2012; Infinity Awards nominations open; and MWAC Officers Advisory Group member wanted.

To subscribe to the MWAC Information Bulletin email notification list, please contact MWAC Program Coordinator, Rowan Latham on 9213 2062 or email rlatham@walga.asn.au.

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TOWN CENTRE REVITALISATION CONFERENCE

Through the State Government's SuperTowns programme a number of regional communities identified the need for town centre revitalisation in their communities. In light of this need for discussion about the future of town centres and how to undertake effective town centre revitalisation, the Esperance Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in conjunction with the Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission and the Shire of Esperance, will be hosting a state-wide Town Centre Revitalisation Conference from **8-10 August**. This conference will provide a great opportunity to gain practical information on how to start the town centre revitalisation process. This conference will cover four main topics: The Future of Town Centres; Leveraging Key Assets; Creating Sustainable Centres; and Making it Happen. Details of the conference can be located via the Shire of Esperance website www.esperance.wa.gov.au; or

For further information, please contact Esperance Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Tori Castledine on 9071 5142 or email admin@esperancecci.com.au

RETAIL TRADING HOURS

The Government announced on 1 July 2012 that, pursuant to the *Retail Trading Hours Amendment Act 2012*, new trading hour arrangements for general retail shops, located south of the 26 parallel, will commence on and from Sunday, **26 August 2012**. The Government will shortly issue new regulations and orders to formalise the new arrangements and included in this week's mailbag is a Sunday trading fact sheet for your information.

Should you have questions or require further information, please contact; Retail Trading Hours Unit on 9282 5641; Wages/employment conditions – Stage awards on 1300 655 266; or Commercial tenancy retail shop leasing issues on 131 249 or email info@smallbusiness.wa.gov.au

WESTERN POWER POLE MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Western Power pole maintenance and replacement program will affect some Local Governments and individual notifications are being distributed. The program for August 2012 can be viewed at http://www.westernpower.com.au/documents/customer_service/electricity_network_improvement_ads_jul_2012.pdf

For further information please contact, Local Government Relations Manager, Vic Grant on 9326 4466 or email vic.grant@westernpower.com.au

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Mr Graeme Simpson is the Acting CEO at the Shire of Lake Grace

Mr Peter Money is the CEO at the Shire of Cue.



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ISSUES UPDATE**BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION PLANNING MILESTONES RECOGNISED**

Hon Bill Marmion, Minister for Environment; Water presented five Local Governments with a Biodiversity Milestone Award at a ceremony held on Wednesday 1 August at the 2012 WA Local Government Convention in Perth.

The Awards recognise Local Governments for their progress in the local biodiversity planning process. The Shires of Mundaring and Kalamunda and the City of Wanneroo were recognised for consulting with their community on the introduction of various provisions for retention and protection of biodiversity through their local planning frameworks. Serpentine-Jarrahdale Shire was recognised for public reporting of progress with implementation of its Local Biodiversity Strategy. Shire of Murray was recognised for its commitment to undertake local biodiversity conservation planning.

For more information about the Milestone Awards Programs visit the PBP website: <http://pbp.walga.asn.au> or contact Perth Biodiversity Project Manager, Renata Zelinova on 9213 2047 or email to rzelinova@walga.asn.au.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

WALGA has developed a Discussion Paper on Local Government and Emergency Management to provide a background to roles and responsibilities, and to identify gaps and issues with Emergency Management arrangements in WA. In addition, the Association will be running a series of regional workshops in August and September to discuss the Paper and to provide Local Governments with an opportunity to feed back local issues and concerns. The dates and locations are as follows:

Tuesday, 14 August 9:30am-3:30pm
Capel Community Centre

Friday, 17 August 8:30am-2:30pm
Shire of Denmark Chamber & Reception Room
Wednesday, 22 August 9:30am-3:30pm

Shire of Toodyay (venue TBA)

Monday, 27 August 9:30am-3:30pm
City of Melville Administration Centre

Friday, 7 September 1:30-5:30pm
Shire of Broome (venue TBA)

Monday, 10 September 9:30am-3:30pm
City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Councillor Conference Centre

Friday, 14 September 9:30am-3:30pm
Shire of Port Hedland (venue TBA)

Monday, 17 September 10:00am-4:00pm
Dongara Recreation Centre

To register for a workshop, please contact Jacque Taylor on (08) 9213 2058 or jtaylor@walga.asn.au

For further information on the Discussion Paper or the workshops, please contact Senior Community Policy Advisor, Erin Fuery on 9213 2080 or efuery@walga.asn.au

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LAST CHANCE FOR DAPs SURVEY COMMENTS

WALGA is currently running a short online survey to collect feedback from members regarding their experience of Development Assessment Panels (DAPs). The information gathered by the survey will be used by the Association to develop an appropriate advocacy position on behalf of the sector, for discussion with the State. The survey is open to both Planning Officers / DAP Administrators and all elected members, whether or not they are a sitting DAP member. The survey closes on Friday, **10 August** and can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/s/DAPs2012

For further information, please contact Christopher Green, Planning Coordinator Reform & Improvement on 9213 2056 or email cgreen@walga.asn.au

CORRECTION TO LAST WEEK'S RETAIL TRADING HOURS ADVICE

The proposed changes to retail hours enacted by the *Retail Trading Hours Amendment Act 2012* only applies to the Perth Metropolitan Area, not to general retail shops located south of the 26 parallel as reported in last week's LG News item. The entire Act outlines the trading hours for all retail shops located south of the 26 parallel, but the recent amendment to Sunday trading hours only applies in the Perth Metropolitan area. Apologies for the error in communicating these changes

Should you have questions or require further information, please contact; Retail Trading Hours Unit on 9282 5641; Wages/employment conditions – Stage awards on 1300 655 266; or Commercial tenancy retail shop leasing issues on 131 249 or email info@smallbusiness.wa.gov.au

NEW DEBT MANAGEMENT SERVICES PREFERRED SUPPLY CONTRACT LAUNCHED

WALGA is pleased to announce the appointment of the new Debt management Services Preferred Supplier Panel. Following significant movements in the WA market for Debt Collection Services, WALGA recently tendered to ensure that WALGA members still retain great value from appointed providers.

The existing contract expires on the 21 August 2012, however WALGA tendered the services early to enable

members to start discussion ahead of the debt collection requirements for the 2012/13 financial year.

WALGA has appointed a panel of four providers that have significant experience in Local Government Debt Management Services. The panel will maintain a competitive market at all times through the contract life, while providing members the opportunity to appoint a provider that delivers exceptional service.

As a preferred supplier arrangement, members can have confidence in achieving administrative efficiencies through standardised terms and conditions and centralised contract management. With WALGA managing the contracts you can have confidence in the protection of a sector wide arrangement.

For further information on this panel please contact Business and Procurement Manager, Darren Turner on 9213 2045 or email dturmer@walga.asn.au

WALGA PRODUCTS AND SERVICES DIRECTORY

The 2012 edition of the WALGA Products and Services Directory is now available. The Directory can be accessed on the WALGA website from the Products and Services page. Hardcopies will be distributed to WALGA Members over the coming weeks. This year's Directory contains a number of new and updated Preferred Supplier Contracts and Business Services, including new Contracts for Waste Collection and Bin Supply, Roadbuilding Supplies, Software Licensing, Sustainable Energy Infrastructure and LED lighting. The WALGA Preferred Supplier Program delivers more than \$150 million worth of goods and services into the Local Government market and delivers an estimated \$35 million in aggregated purchasing and procurement process benefits.

For further information please email purchasing@walga.asn.au

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE FORUM

Progress continues to be made on major disability reforms through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), with launch sites activating by mid-2013. National Disability Services will host a forum in Perth to provide up-to-date information on the development of the NDIS and to invite advice on some of the complex design issues. Among other issues, the forum will include discussion of eligibility and assessment; choice and accountability; challenges for not-for-profit providers; how the NDIS might function for different service types and disability groups; and how national developments connect with local projects. The forum will be an opportunity to ask questions and propose solutions

The forum will take place from 9:00am-12:00pm on Friday, 17 August at Burswood on Swan, with registrations due by Monday, **13 August**.

To register or find out more, please visit <http://www.eventbrite.com.au/event/3995821610> or www.nds.org.au

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ISSUES UPDATE

BANNER WINNERS

Congratulations to the Shire of Roebourne for winning the 2012 Banners in the Terrace Competition. The entries this year were of a tremendous standard and full of vibrant colours.

The 2012 Banners in the Terrace images are now available to view at www.mcbphotographics.com

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

The Banners are located in the gallery under "2012 Banners in the Terrace", please note the 2011 banners are also available to view. You are able to download pictures of the banners by clicking on the green arrow icon below each picture.

For a full list of the 2012 winners please visit <http://www.walga.asn.au/NewsPublications/tabid/66/id/9a890b2b-bd44-43d3-bc5f-36e85db0c22a/Default.aspx>

For further information please contact PR Assistant, Portia Jones on 9213 2085 or email pjones@walga.asn.au

REGISTER NOW- WASTE & RECYCLE CONFERENCE 2012

Registration for the Waste & Recycle Conference 2012 is out now! The Conference runs from **11-14 September** and is held at The Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle. The theme for this year's event is *Great Expectations: fostering an environment for commitment*. There are a range of tours and workshops as well as fantastic local, national and international speakers.

For further information, please visit the Waste & Recycle Conference website www.wasteandrecycle.com.au

OFFICER TRAINING

Customer Service and Complaints Handling

Customer Service and Complaints Handling outlines the competencies required when

providing customer service in a Local Government environment, including identification of customer needs and the use of effective communication skills.

Date: Tuesday, 4 September

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$395 (+ GST)

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Ethics and Conduct of an Elected Member

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CAT ACT IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM

All Local Governments are encouraged to apply to the Department of Local Government by Friday, **26 October** to access grant funding relating to the *Cat Act 2011*.

Funding is available for:

- Cat Management Facilities – joint arrangements are encouraged
- Miscellaneous costs (microchip readers, training, cat traps etc), and
- Sterilisation Programs

Guidelines have been released and are available from the Department of Local Government website.

For further information and to download copies of the guidelines visit <http://dlg.wa.gov.au/Content/Legislation/CatActGrant.aspx>.

LONG TERM NETWORK DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Western Power is developing 'Long Term Network Development Plans' (LNDPs) which will guide the development of the transmission network for the next 25 years to deliver safe, quality and reliable power supplies. Once created, the LNDPs will guide network engineering decisions along a clear, economically sound investment path and underpin future funding submissions. Western Power is holding workshops to discuss with stakeholders their preferential long term options for future supply for Load Areas. The purpose of the workshops will be to:

- Outline Western Power's intent to develop Load Area Long-Term Network Development Plan
- Develop an understanding of any LGA long term plans of that may impact energy infrastructure and implications for scenario planning
- Capture opportunities and constraints within the LGA Load Area

The first workshop in the Cannington Load Area workshop will take place at on Thursday, **30 August** at Canning River Eco Education Centre (CREEC), Canning River Regional Park, Cnr Kent Street & Queens Park Road, Wilson from 10 am – 12 pm.

Dates for remaining workshops are yet to be confirmed and will be communicated when available, however Councils are encouraged to share any relevant plans with Western Power before, during or after the workshops.

For further information please contact Claire Vanderplank on 9326 6775 or email claire.vanderplank@westernpower.com.au

THE INTERNATIONAL GREEN AWARDS - ASIA PACIFIC SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT

The International Green Awards for Creativity in Sustainability in association with Models of Success & Sustainability (MOSS) would like to invite you to the Asia Pacific Sustainability Summit. The International Green Awards is the leading platform for sustainability intelligence, leadership and innovation.

The free knowledge sharing summit will be held in Perth at the Novotel Perth Langley on the Thursday, **23 August**. This is an opportunity to be part of an open

discussion on business sustainability, sharing learnings from some of the International Green Awards past winners, Banksia and UNAA award winners as well as organisations and individuals who are taking a leadership role, innovating in their industries and adding hundreds of millions to their bottom line.

For further information or to register, visit <http://www.greenawards.com/city-summits/australia-roadshow> or <http://www.greenawards.com/cms/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/IGA-Summit-Australia-original.pdf>.

GREAT BIKE HIKE LAUNCH COMMUNITY EXPO

The Great Bike Hike is a unique and major event involving a team of cyclists riding 2500km from Perth to Broome.

The event is designed to encourage and showcase achievements in making our community a welcoming and affirming place for people with disabilities, mental illness, their families and carers.

Along the route, communities and Local Governments are uniting to hold stopover celebration events. The beginning of the Hike is being marked by a Community Expo, to be held at Steel Blue Oval, Bassendean, on Sunday, **19 August** from 10:00am to 2:00pm. All are welcome.

For further information on the Expo or the Great Bike Hike route please visit <http://greatbikehike.org.au>

UPDATE ON WA STATE AVIATION STRATEGY

The State Government is developing a new State Aviation Strategy. The Steering Committee guiding this project is led by the Department of Transport. WALGA is a member of this committee and seeks to represent the broad range of issues of concern to Local Governments.

Fifty submissions have been received following release of an Issues Paper which provided an overview of the current and anticipated aviation-related issues for Western Australia. These are currently being reviewed.

The Department of Transport is holding regional workshops with specific groups to further discuss the Issues Papers. Regions which have already been visited include Busselton, Karratha, Exmouth and Carnarvon. Further workshops will be held in Newman, Broome, Kalgoorlie, Esperance, Geraldton and Albany. These workshops are by invitation only. The Department has recently appointed GHD to develop the WA State Aviation Strategy.

For further information please contact Peter Ryan, Director, State Aviation Strategy, Policy Planning and Investment Division, Department of Transport on 6551 6323 or email Peter.Ryan@transport.wa.gov.au

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Mr Peter Crawford is the new CEO at the Shire of Menzies

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REGIONAL SUBSIDIARIES – LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2012

The Minister for Local Government has introduced the *Local Government Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2012* into Parliament which will empower two or more Local Governments to establish regional subsidiaries.

The Association has been advocating for the *Local Government Act 1995* to be amended in this way for a number of years.

Most of the detail regarding the establishment, powers and administration of regional subsidiaries as well as the content of regional subsidiary charters will be contained in regulations.

The Association has written to the Minister for Local Government seeking meaningful consultation on the development of the regulations pertaining to regional subsidiaries.

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

WASTE & RECYCLE CONFERENCE 2012 – LAST CHANCE FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Registration for the Waste & Recycle Conference 2012 is out now! The Conference is from Tuesday, 11, September – Friday, 14 September and will be held at The Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle.

The theme for this year's event is *Great Expectations: fostering an environment for commitment*. Keynote speakers include: Erik Conway, Historian and Author; Chris Darwin, Explorer; Robin Davidov, Independent Consultant on Waste to Energy; and, David Griggs, Director, Monash University.

Workshops and tours offer you the opportunity to visit WA waste and recycling facilities and have in depth discussions about key topics. Early bird registration closes on Friday, 24 August.

For further information, please visit the Waste & Recycle Conference website www.wasteandrecycle.com.au

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WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENTION PRESENTATIONS

Permission has been sought for a number of presentations from the recent WA Local Government Convention & Trade Exhibition. If provided, these presentations will be made available in the Member Resources section of the WALGA website – <http://www.walga.asn.au/MemberResources/Events.aspx>

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

WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENTION PHOTOS

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

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For further information, please contact Public Relations Assistant, Portia Jones on 9213 2085 or email pjones@walga.asn.au

OFFICER TRAINING

Award Interpretation for Payroll Officers

Date: Tuesday, 11 September

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

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Enterprise Agreements (Development and Negotiation)

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PIA STATE CONFERENCE

The 2012 State Conference is being held on **12 – 14 September** and will focus on some key projects occurring around WA and examine some of the solutions proposed to address issues facing our State.

Learn about the latest big ideas and projects through presentations and panel discussions with leading experts.

The conference program comprises several international and interstate key note speakers who will stimulate debate and ultimately inspire you to think big.

The conference is also an opportunity to network with your colleagues and develop new contacts.

For registration information please visit <http://piastateconference.com.au/registration.html>

INVITING BIDS TO HOST 2015 COMMONWEALTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

CLGF is inviting bids to host the 2015 Commonwealth Local Government Conference.

The conference is expected to take place during March-April 2015. The theme and title are open to bidders to suggest areas in Local Government in which they excel and can demonstrate good practice.

Suggestions will be submitted to the CLGF Board for discussion and final decision to reflect the Board's priorities and the international nature of the event.

As most regions of the Commonwealth have previously hosted the conference, CLGF encourages bids from every region to host the 2015 conference, but will take into consideration those regions which have not hosted the conference recently.

Bids must be in to CLGF by Sunday, **30 September**. CLGF would prefer an initial expression of interest to be submitted by the end of August with the detailed bid in by end September. The successful bid will be announced at the 2013 Commonwealth Local Government Conference in Kampala in May 2013.

For further information please visit <http://www.clgf.org.uk/news/inviting-bids-to-host-2015-commonwealth-local-government-conference/>

WORKING NEAR ELECTRICITY – PROCESS ALIGNMENT BY WESTERN POWER

Western Power has streamlined the process for requesting asset information to assist people when working near electricity (previously known as 'working in the vicinity').

The alignment follows changes made during an initial review in March 2012. Western Power no longer conducts on-site assessments and does not issue work permits to work on, or near, Western Power electricity network assets that are sited on land that Western Power does not own.

However, assistance is provided to projects by providing detailed information of network assets, voltages and guidelines on safe distances relevant to the nominated project location.

To ensure it is safe to undertake proposed work near Western Power's electricity network assets, it is strongly recommended that a qualified service provider is engaged.

For further information and a list of qualified third party service providers please visit http://www.westernpower.com.au/safety/WorkingAroundPowerLines/working_near_electricity.html

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Mr Stan Smith is the new CEO at the Shire of Toodyay

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| 14 August | National Call to Action on Cash on Containers |
| 16 August | Dog legislation to Provide Greater Powers |



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DOG AMENDMENT BILL 2012

The Dog Amendment Bill was introduced to Parliament last week. The main focus of the Bill is to tighten provisions relating to the ownership and keeping of dangerous dogs. The Bill empowers Local Governments to take action that will improve public safety, and creates awareness of personal responsibility of owners of such animals through a tighter enforcement and compliance regime. Two concerns have been noted, both having the capacity to impact directly on Local Governments. They are:

1. Power to seize strays etc

- The current Act provides for the Local Government to keep a dog that may be impounded for a period of at least 72 hours. The Amendment Bill proposes that identifiable dogs (registered, tagged, microchipped) to be kept for at least seven days; it remains that dogs not readily identifiable are to be kept for 72 hours.
- Dogs seized under warrant are, if identifiable, to be kept for seven days. If not identifiable, the impounding period is 72 hours, as is presently the case.

2. Lifetime registration

- The Amendment Bill proposes the introduction of lifetime registration of a dog (except a dangerous dog). However, this should be read in conjunction with the introduction of provisions for all dogs to be microchipped from Friday, **1 November 2013** and for information relevant to that dog (i.e owner, place where dog is kept, other information that is yet to be prescribed) to be updated by writing to the Local Government within seven days of the change. Penalties apply if the owner fails to inform the Local Government.

Some positives include:

- New powers of delegation from the Local Government to its CEO, with associated power for the CEO to sub-delegate;

- Ability for a Local Government to make dog exercise/prohibited places by absolute majority decisions, rather than through the making of Local Laws.
- Nuisance provisions have been simplified, both from a complainant and compliance perspective.

WALGA looks forward to being involved in the development of associated regulations that will flow from the Dog Act amendments.

For further information on Dog Amendment Bill 2012 please contact Manager Governance, James McGovern on 9213 2093 or email jmcgovern@walga.asn.au

MEETING WITH THE HON BILL MARMION MLA MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; WATER

The Association President met with the Hon Bill Marmion MLA Minister for Environment; Water on Monday, 20 August to discuss a range of issues concerning the sector in relation to the Minister's portfolio. The President's discussion centred on the sector's growing frustration at:

- the ongoing delay in the Government advancing its review of the Native Vegetation Clearing regulations and relevant legislation under the *Environment Protection Act 1986*;
- the lack of cohesion and action of the Minister's departments in relation to the management of the Swan Canning River system and the Association's Priority Plan for Investment, and;
- the need for the Waste Authority business plan to be released as soon as possible each year to assist in the budget, program and direction setting for the sector in relation to waste management activities.

The Minister acknowledged the time that the review was taking but indicated that guidelines for permit applications are being reviewed to provide greater clarity to proponents such as Local

Government, and he welcomed the Association seeking participating in that review. The Minister shared the President's frustration at the lack of inter-agency co-operation and liaison with the Association, giving an undertaking to ensure greater cooperation by his agencies in relation to the Swan Canning Priority Plan for Investment. The meeting concluded with the Minister indicating the imminent release of the current Waste Authority business plan.

For further information please contact Executive Manager Environment and Waste, Mark Batty on 9213 2078 or email mbatty@walga.asn.au

NATIONAL FOOD PLAN GREEN PAPER - LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUBMISSION

The Australian Government has developed the National Food Plan Green Paper which analyses food-related policy issues to aid in the development of the National Food Plan White Paper. It is intended that the National Food Plan will better integrate all aspects of food policy by taking a whole-of-food-system approach covering primary production, transport, storage and distribution, processing, manufacturing, retailing, international trade, consumers, related service sectors, and the wider community. The Paper is available from <http://www.daff.gov.au/nationalfoodplan/process-to-develop/green-paper>. The Green Paper has implications for a number of Local Government areas, including Environmental Health, Emergency Management, Waste and Land Use Planning. The Association is developing a submission on behalf of Local Government in Western Australia and is seeking sector feedback on the content of the Green Paper by close of business Friday, **31 August**.

For further information, please contact Senior Community Policy Advisor, Erin Fuery on 9213 2080 or email efuery@walga.asn.au

GRANTS MANAGEMENT

Through its new Software Applications Preferred Supplier Contract, WALGA facilitates access to Smarty Grants. The company provides a suite of products and services available to support grant applications and grant management. A boardroom presentation of these facilities will be hosted by WALGA on Thursday, **11 October**, commencing at 11:30 am. Places are limited; however additional sessions will be scheduled if required. This free presentation is open to all Local Government officers.

For further information or to register your attendance please visit <http://www.walga.asn.au/ProductsServices/ICTNetwork.aspx>

WALGA ROADBUILDING SUPPLIES

The new WALGA Roadbuilding Supplies contract will shortly be extended with new categories for Cement and Concrete Products, Road Profiling and Stabilisation Works, Erosion Control Stabilisation and Foreshore Protection.

This activity will complement the existing goods and services categories including aggregates, asphalt and bitumen, materials and construction, and drainage. Local Governments can access the WALGA

Contract directly without the need to tender, and benefit from a streamlined procurement process and preferential supplier rates. The contract is also accessible through WALGA E-Quotes.

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

OFFICER TRAINING – WYALKATCHEM

The following courses will be hosted by the Shire of Wyalkatchem, Cnr Honour Ave/Flint Street Wyalkatchem in October:

Effective Letter and Report Writing

Date: Monday, 8 October

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Customer Service and Complaints Handling

Date: Tuesday, 9 October

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Policy Development for Officers

Date: Tuesday, 9 October

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

For further information, cost enquiries or to register your attendance on any of these courses please contact Caroline Pattinson on 08 9681 1166.

PROMOTING DIVERSITY IN EMPLOYMENT SEMINAR-OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

National Disability Services (NDS) are seeking 15-20 WA employers to participate in a session at the forthcoming Forum to be held at the Pan Pacific in Perth on the Thursday, **6 September** and Friday, **7 September**.

The session will be held on Thursday, **6 September** from approximately 3:30-5:15pm and titled *Engaging with Employers*. The session opens with two presentations – Jenny Lambert, Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry, *Employ outside the box* initiative – promoting diversity in employment & a representative from WA Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

For further information please visit <http://www.nds.org.au/events/1332205243> or contact Kerry Barker on email Kerry.barker@nds.org.au

HACC EVALUATION OF ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK SURVEY

Local Governments delivering Home and Community Care Services are invited to participate in an online survey as part of the evaluation of the WA Assessment Framework. In particular views are being sought regarding the functioning of the Framework, and whether further improvements can be made. The evaluation is being conducted by GGJ Consultants, and closes on Wednesday, **29 August**.

To complete the survey please visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/peak_agency_survey

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Ms Jennifer Goodbourn is the new CEO at Shire of Murchison



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HEAVY VEHICLE SAFETY AND PRODUCTIVITY PROGRAM

Round 3 (2012/13 – 2013/14) of the Australian Government Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program will provide \$40 million to improve safety and productivity outcomes of heavy vehicle operations across Australia. While only State and Territory Governments are able to apply for funding, in this round the Guidelines include the opportunity for industry stakeholders, including Local Governments, to develop their own submissions and provide these to both the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure and Transport and, in Western Australia, Main Roads WA. Funds will be provided in six categories:

- Rest areas;
- Parking / decoupling bays;
- Technology trials (to improve heavy vehicle safety and / or productivity);
- Demonstration projects;
- Livestock transport industry projects.

This is an opportunity for Local Governments to identify priority projects, in conjunction with Main Roads WA Regional Offices.

Project proposals are required by Sunday, **30 September**, to enable formal applications by Main Roads WA to be completed by Wednesday, **31 October**.

Further information is available at <http://www.nationbuildingprogram.gov.au/funding/Heavyvehicles/>.

For further information please contact Executive Manager Infrastructure, Ian Duncan on 9213 2031 or email iduncan@walga.asn.au.

REVIEW OF THE *CONTAMINATED SITES ACT 2003*

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) is conducting a review of the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003* (the Act), and WALGA is coordinating a submission on behalf of Local Government. WALGA has identified the following issues for Local Government:

- All contaminated sites data (including its geospatial information) should be freely available to Local Government;
- Local Governments should be able to submit a management plan to DEC once a regulatory notice has been issued;
- The review should be extended to investigate how the Act interfaces with other legislation;
- DEC should identify and communicate which sphere of government is responsible for clean-up at registered Local Government sites; and
- Clear timeframes throughout the process should be established and communicated to Local Governments.

WALGA's full interim submission is available at: <http://walga.asn.au/MemberResources/Environment/WasteManagement/Submissions/NaturalResourceManagement.aspx>.

DEC's consultation document is available at: <http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/content/view/7061/1579/>.

For further information please contact Environment Policy Officer, Julia Beijeman on 9213 2039 or email jbeijeman@walga.asn.au.

MWAC INFORMATION BULLETIN

The August edition of the MWAC Information

Bulletin is now available.

Highlights for this month include:

- Contaminated Sites Act Review;
- Waste & Recycle Conference 2012;
- New MWAC Chairs appointed; and
- Regional Subsidiaries – Local Government Amendment Bill

To subscribe to the MWAC Information Bulletin, please contact MWAC Program Coordinator, Rowan Latham on 9213 2062 or email rlatham@walga.asn.au.

NEW WALGA PREFERRED SUPPLIER PANEL

WALGA Business Solutions are pleased to advise Members that Asset Management Preferred Supplier Panel contracts have been awarded to 10 successful providers after a lengthy and detailed evaluation process. The new panel includes some specialist boutique providers in addition to large corporates offering the full suite of asset management services to ensure Members achieve choice as well as value. The panel also includes five providers who are approved to provide property, building and land valuations.

Details will be available on the WALGA website (products and services page) and eQuotes over the next few days.

For further information please contact Contracts Manager, Emma Gillespie on 9213 2016 or email egillespie@walga.asn.au

LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

Our Community is a business that supports Local Government grant applications by providing grants management software "Smarty Grants" and support resources. A presentation on best practice grant making will be hosted on Thursday, **11 October**, to profile these services. Further information is included in this week's WALGA Mailbag.

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

OFFICER TRAINING

Introduction to Local Government Finance for Officers

Date: Wednesday 19 September

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$395 (+ GST)

ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

Change Management

Date: Thursday, 13 September

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$395 (GST exempt)

Policy Development

Date: Friday, 14 September

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$395 (GST exempt)

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

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

LOCAL ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT ISSUES – SURVEY EXTENSION

Recently there has been an increase in Local Governments seeking advice and support on local alcohol management issues, particularly in relation to planning considerations. To help WALGA and the Drug and Alcohol Office to provide support information that is useful to those Local Governments seeking assistance, WALGA is interested in the thoughts of planning staff on the issues and challenges that Local Government are presented with, regarding managing alcohol-related harm within your communities. A survey is being conducted on behalf of the Drug and Alcohol Office and WALGA and should take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Please follow this link to complete the survey <http://online.tns-global.com/wix/p1356351894.aspx>.

The closing date for the survey has been extended to Friday, **7 September**.

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

COUNCILS TO COMMENT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM (LGEEP)

A discussion paper outlining the proposed design of the Local Government Energy Efficiency Program (LGEEP) was released last week for comment and will seek feedback from interested stakeholders on the design and administrative arrangements of LGEEP. The program will provide \$24 million in co-funding to help local governing authorities install solar or heat pump hot water systems. The program will support local governing authorities to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy costs while giving local businesses and manufacturers the opportunity to supply the systems. Submissions will be accepted until Friday, **7 September**. Councils are encouraged to read the discussion paper and submit their comments. The discussion paper and feedback forms can be found at www.climatechange.gov.au/government/initiatives/lgeep.aspx.

To lodge a feedback form or for further information please email the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency at lgeep@climatechange.gov.au.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Mr Gary Clark is the new CEO at the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley.

Mr Stan Kocian is the Acting CEO at the Shire of Brookton

MEDIA RELEASES

24 Aug

Building Approvals Crisis a Fallacy