



COUNCIL FORUM

Notes

14 April 2015

Preface

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At the next Ordinary Meeting of Council the Notes will be received, subject to any amendments made by the Council.

The "Received" Notes are then signed off by the Presiding Person.

Attachments that formed part of the Program, in addition to those tabled at the Council Forum are put together as an addendum to these Notes with the exception of Confidential Items.

Confidential Items or attachments that are confidential are compiled as a separate Confidential Noted Program Item.

Unconfirmed Notes

These notes were approved for distribution on 15 April 2015.



Stan Scott
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Received Notes

These notes were received at an Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 May 2015.

Signed: David R. Dew

Note: The Presiding Member at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed is the person who signs above.

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Shire of Toodyay

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NOTES

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

Cr D Dow, Shire President, declared the meeting open at 4.05 pm.

2. RECORDS OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Members

Cr D Dow	Shire President
Cr B Lloyd	Deputy Shire President
Cr P Greenway	
Cr A McCann	
Cr C Firms	
Cr S Craddock	
Cr T Chitty	
Cr R Madacsi	<i>(arrived at 4.20 pm).</i>

Staff

Mr S Scott	Chief Executive Officer
Ms A Bell	Manager Community Development
Ms C Delmage	Manager Corporate Services
Mr G Bissett	Manager Planning & Development
Mr L Vidovich	Manager Works and Services
Mrs M Rebane	Executive Assistant
Miss Kristee Jolly	Executive Support Officer
Mr C Munson	Community Emergency Services Manager

Visitors

G Warburton	V Warburton	S Kingston	W Clarke
D Clarke	E Frayne	R Heath	

2.1 APOLOGIES

Cr B Rayner

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Chairperson advised that no disclosures of interest in the form of a written notice prior to the commencement of the meeting had been received.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Inclusion WA

Denver D'Cruz, Sport & Community Development Manager and Ciara King, Recreation Development Officer from Inclusion WA presented regarding Inclusion WA.

Mr D'Cruz provided a verbal overview of the background of Inclusion WA; a community service organisation with a 20 year history working alongside individuals who are disadvantaged, disconnected from society or living with a disability to help them live the best possible life.

Inclusion WA works with over twenty State Sporting Associations and 20 local governments across the state. Their aim is to work with local communities to empower and facilitate social inclusion.

Ciara King provided background of how the Shire of Toodyay had reached out to Inclusion WA.

Two videos were shown to the forum. The first video presentation was of the City of Bayswater "Have a Go Days". Points highlighted as follows:

- There were three open days with three different themes;
- The aim was to promote clubs and groups to all members of the community;
- The days were welcoming, informative and inclusive;
- Over 1,000 people attended the three days;
- Community Members joined local groups and clubs;
- The community became more aware of the City of Bayswater's facilities; and
- The events raised awareness about the importance of inclusion and gave the clubs and groups a chance to reach out to new members; and the events strengthened the city's relationship with local clubs and groups and helped to make Bayswater a more connected, inclusive community.

The second video presentation was of the Shire of Karratha "Inclusive" School Holiday Program, launched in July 2011. It was a program to bring the community "together". The program encourages people of all abilities to play sport together to look past differences to inspire "inclusion" in the community.

Stories were shown in the video presentation that demonstrated community views. These views summarised below:

What changes have you seen in Karratha?

- Huge difference to a lot of kids;
- The confidence of the kids has increased;
- The clubs have benefited;
- Encourages more family interaction (parents and kids) with and without disabilities;
- Increase in mateship and camaraderie gone through the roof;
- Young people are recognised and accepted in the community; and
- Sporting clubs are opening their doors and members are wonderful mentors to the youth.

What are the benefits to the children that participate?

- Kids have enjoyed the social aspect of the programs as well as the health aspect;
- Participation in the programs is increasing each school holiday period;
- The community is receptive to Inclusion WA; and
- The self-esteem of young people has increased.

What are the benefits to local clubs?

- Clubs have embraced the concept;
- The profile of the clubs within the community has improved; and
- There is potential for increase in membership of sporting clubs.

The video presentation stated that over 300 people now attend each program teaching the community the importance of Inclusion through Sport.

Cr Madacsi entered Council Chambers at 4.20 pm.

Further information is summarised below:

- Inclusion WA runs its programs in the down-time (holiday-time) when community sporting groups take a break;
- Clubs and groups are mentored through training. A lot of work is focused on the connection of people in the long-term to their community. Once people are connected there is a sense of belonging;
- Thirteen to fourteen regional communities are on the Inclusion WA priority list. The Shire of Toodyay and the WA Police have worked with Inclusion WA for the last six months;

- Inclusion WA would like to work with the Shire to continue the project;
- Inclusion WA is all about empowering communities to understand that sport and recreation, regardless of background or ability level, is for everybody in the community; and
- Antisocial behaviour decreases because more kids are connected to the clubs and to the town. The program is the key to re-engage the children/youth into the community so they blossom.

<i>Questions</i>	<i>Answers/Responses given</i>
<i>Are you a not-for-profit organisation?</i>	<i>We are an Incorporated Association working with the existing structures in the community and then slowly phasing out our involvement with the aid of a local steering group.</i>
<i>What funds have you given to the community?</i>	<i>Up until this time our investment has been 17,000 into the Shire of Toodyay.</i>
<i>Where did the funding come from?</i>	<i>Our small team has thirteen different funding sources including the Disability Services Corporation and the Department of Sport and Recreation.</i>
<i>Do you do training?</i>	<i>Yes. We are about to host a session in Karratha with EPIC. Handing skills to the community.</i>

4.2 Tidy Towns

The Manager Community Development tabled a flyer titled “Sheffield, Town of Murals” at 4.29 pm.

Cr Dow provided an overview in relation to the background of the Tidy Towns Event that was held in Sheffield Tasmania.

Sheffield have an annual “Mural-Fest every Easter. It attracts 10,000 people over six days.

A visual presentation was shown covering the following topics:

*Murals in Sheffield
Road Safety Bicycle Park
Independent Living Units
Public Exercise
Equipment
Community Garden
Public Barbecue Facilities
Playground Equipment
Town Hall*

*Tourist Attractions
Regional landfill site
Erosion Control
Footpath Art
Art Gallery
School Gymnasium
Skate Park
Graffiti*

The final slide was about Tidy Towns and the trip made to Sheffield Tasmania.

The Manager Community Development provided an overview of the trip made to Sheffield. Points summarised as follows:

- Brochures from the different facilities;
- The Community Development Officer and Economic Development Officer of the Tasmania Council collaborated with the Tidy Towns State Coordinator as well as Keep Australia Beautiful;
- Sponsorship of the National Event is up to \$10,000;
- There is a push State-wide to increase tourism from China. Landline reported that if you can get one percent of their population that is 1 million people;
- We are waiting to hear whether we are hosting the National Awards; and
- We are going to have a community celebration with committee and community groups involved. Looking at early May at this stage.

Questions	Answers/Responses given
<p><i>What reason were you given that the National Awards may not be held in Toodyay?</i></p>	<p><i>The Shire President advised that the criterion of how they are going to do the tidy towns is looking at being revised.</i></p> <p><i>Beth Frayne advised, with the permission of the Shire President to respond to the question, that the idea was to join the Tidy Towns National Awards function with the Sustainable Cities function which Keep Australia Beautiful runs nationally. Bringing the two events together would save money but it would mean the event would be held in Brisbane.</i></p>
<p><i>Will we be given time to make arrangements to hold the event in Toodyay?</i></p>	<p><i>The Manager Community Development advised that she is continuing to make enquiries with them and they are continuing to say that they will get back to us.</i></p>
<p><i>What were the numbers for that event in Sheffield?</i></p>	<p><i>There were 120 delegates. It is impossible to tell if there were more people because the town itself had so many visitors.</i></p>

The Shire President requested a letter sent to the Ministers and Keep Australia Beautiful be provided to Councillors in their next Council Information Bulletin.

Points raised as follows:

- Catering and accommodation needs;
- Tie the Avon Link as a special commuter for that event to bring people in from the Swan Valley;
- Lions Club had convention here and for extra accommodation they had the Hotham Valley Train (with accommodation) brought up.

4.3 Access and Egress Project

Community Emergency Services Manager presented this topic.

Points summarised as follows:

- Review how it has worked before we continue with the next projects;
- This fire access and egress project has been successful in some spots, but less successful in other spots;
- Propose an external review with an independent person to get us in touch with what we need to arrange with future projects;
- Number one issue with all projects is a lack of signage.

A visual presentation was shown in relation to the topic.

Points summarised as follows:

- Entire project poorly constructed;
- After tracks built not spoken with residents nor included signage;
- Choice of location: an Incident Control Officer would not put Officers in these positions;
- Idea is great but is it right to keep funding in one basket instead of meeting educational and mediation strategies;
- Is the dollar value worth the gain?
- Residents do not know what emergency egress means;
- Bitumen tracks eroding already and need to be maintained;
- Cost in the very short-term is high;
- Property owners not happy with material left behind;
- Tracks are too-steep for trucks to drive along;
- We did not put culverts in places (slide eleven) and now there is steep gully erosion. We could spend a further \$500 to \$10,000 to get drainage right with the water;
- Church Gully Road/Farrell Road (slide thirteen) really well built but sealing with topography water undermining bitumen which is peeling away in spots;
- Gidgy Springs, Morangup is the worst project. Prior to the egress tracks going in the Shire of Toodyay were already

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grading land owned by the Department of Parks and Wildlife and the City of Swan;

- There is no signage in the area (slide 16). With the smoke of a blaze and adrenaline/confusion it would be easy to get lost. Firefighters coming into the area from other Shires would also not know where to go;
- Tracks impassable nine months of year (slide 17);
- Sensitive ecosystem (slide 18). Windrow materials should have been removed;
- Sloppy gate installation – places where gates are one metre away from the fence. The condition of the gates is poorly done. Extra money was spent on gates but none on fences. There are at least twenty sections like this and residents call up to complain that we have locked the gates;
- In one section they used a mulcher to remove trees, but not a machine to remove the root bowl of the trees. Consequently the trees have all re-grown;
- Residents complaining because they were handed something that was not professionally done;
- Piles of vegetation and rocks and soil have been pushed into the bush (slide 23);
- Egress tracks have gone across water crossings (slide 24) that at the first rains were washed out;
- Steep valley and very thick vegetation re-growth on other side (slide 25);
- Rolling Green project (slide 26), previously maintained by the Shire of Toodyay but got handed back to landowners to maintain; and
- Costings to date were provided on the final slide.

Questions	Answers/Responses given
<i>Is there a budget for that area?</i>	<i>In budget every year there is 5,000 and every year it is spent.</i>
<i>Is there a ball park figure floating around?</i>	<i>Not at all.</i>
<i>What would the independent person do?</i>	<i>My thoughts are go back to plans established by the starting officer – and then get someone in to re-evaluate the plans individually. We have been over budget for every project except for the last. We can work on the actuals and then work out where we are. As far as fixing problems that will have to be through a tender process.</i>
<i>Can we get priority on what is super-dangerous?</i>	<i>Rugged Hills should be a priority. Best to have an external person looking at it.</i>

Questions	Answers/Responses given
<i>Would that person have a sound understanding of the environmental management of the land?</i>	<i>My thoughts are that there is an opportunity to have a Bush Fire Consultant we have dealt with in the past, one who used to work in the operational side.</i>
<i>What do you mean those sections were handed back to the landowners?</i>	<i>Those sections were the landowners to look after the egress tracks were installed.</i>

The CEO advised that owners of the land such as those in the Rolling Green Estate each have titles on the land. All titles have an easement for a fire access that they are required to maintain. The Shire had previously been maintaining the fire access tracks. When the Fire Control Officer (FCO) Review was undertaken recently the review asked why the Shire had to continue doing that when it was a landowner responsibility. That's when the Shire stopped doing it.

Some public meetings were held but some residents did not receive a letter or did receive a letter and did not attend. There have been real communication issues.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (relating to the contents of the program)

5.1 RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

At the Council Forum held on 10 March 2015 there were no questions taken on notice.

5.2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

6. PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS (relating to the contents of the program)

Nil.

7. AGENDA FORUM MATTERS

7.1 Environmental Committee

Points raised as follows:

- Budget line will be for specific activities but not for an Environment Committee;
- All applications from community seen as attachment to this agenda item;
- Set up similar to CDMAC;
- Membership of Council Committees; and
- Criteria for selection of Community Members.

Guidance from the Elected Members was as follows:

Guidance from the Elected Members was that Officers present a report for consideration by Council at a forthcoming Council Meeting that would include and/or provide clarification in relation to the points raised above.

8. CONCEPT FORUM MATTERS

The Shire President ruled that the Council Chambers be closed to the public for discussion in relation to this matter.

8.1 Access and Egress Project

Discussed behind closed doors.

Cr Lloyd departed Council Chambers at 6.03 pm.

Cr Lloyd returned to Council Chambers at 6.10 pm.

The Shire President moved the meeting from behind closed doors and adjourned the meeting for a meal break at 6.13 pm.

The Shire President resumed the meeting at 6.53 pm.

8.2 Tourism Information Bay

Points raised as follows:

- Concept great;
- Restrict access to water (do not have taps);
- Wording of signs above;
- Room for 36 businesses to have a sign;
- Emergency Service Information – for Visitors;
- Power at site and LED Lighting;
- WIFI availability;
- Suggestion not to include flora/fauna individually;
- Some concern with the word “eateries”;
- Entry Statement / Information Bay – comparative with one another; and
- Time-line for completion including liaison with business operators to be included;

Guidance from the Elected Members was as follows:

Guidance from the Elected Members was that Officers present a report for consideration by Council at a forthcoming Council Meeting that would take into consideration the points raised above.

8.3 Inclusion WA

Points raised as follows:

- Excellent program;
- Children getting involved with the program including Home-schooled children;
- Staff time involved in the community development area;
- Cash component of funding the program;
- Cost-effective program;
- Community group involvement – learning and growing;
- Package of activities / involvement in environmental activities; and
- Budgetary implications.

Guidance from the Elected Members was as follows:

Guidance from the Elected Members was that Officers present a report for consideration by Council at a forthcoming Council Meeting that would include and/or provide clarification in relation to points raised above. In particular Council sought a breakdown of regional and local crime statistics and wished to have the CEO invite the Police Sergeant to come and talk about crime prevention.

8.4 WALGA AGM

Points raised as follows:

- Motions from Members;
- State Waste Strategy; and
- Concept of regional local government reform.

Clarification was sought as to the closing date for submissions.

Guidance from the Elected Members was as follows:

Guidance from the Elected Members was that Officers present a report for consideration by Council at the May Council Meeting.

8.5 National General Assembly of Local Government

Points raised as follows:

- States and Territories sovereign in their own space;
- Federal Government control over the states;
- Financial assistance from the Federal Government to local government; and
- FAG Methodology information.

Cr Dow provided clarification in relation to the timing involved when he receives motions to be voted on when he attends the National General Assembly.

Guidance from the Elected Members was as follows:

There was no guidance.

9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S UPDATE

Summary of Actions:

- Business continuity strategy for the Shire;
- Stronger Regional Communities Funding in Northam;
- Launch Arts in Culture Local Government Report;
- RAC Function Northam (Road Safety);
- New playground Duidgee Park – positive feedback received;
- Perth Writer's Festival;
- Tidy Towns Debrief;
- AROC CEO's and Avon Tourism meeting;
- Consultants – Techlay – footings;
- Letter from DFES – identified Beverly was high risk but less capacity than SOT regarding bushfire risk management funding. An Officer will be based at the DFES Office in Northam and visiting regional areas to provide assistance;
- AROC Meeting – signed MOU;
- St John Ambulance – Morangup Ambulance – authority to put in fill;
- CEO's Reference Group – Libraries;
- Presentation to Toodyay Chamber of Commerce;
- Presentation to board of Bendigo Bank to seek funding for recreational facilities;
- Bendigo will provide letters of support for our funding applications; and
- Full day engaging with mining policies – submissions. Not translated into changes in the policy. Some worthwhile suggestions.

10. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

There were no confidential matters raised.

11. SHIRE PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Summary of Actions:

- Site Visit MPD / EC – Toodyay Stone;
- Presentation made;
- Black Dog Ride;
- Few days training Community Centre;
- Debrief Tidy Towns;
- Meeting observer B/Bank;
- Citizenship ceremony;
- Opening Duidgee Park Playground equipment; and
- AROC Meeting.

12. STATUS REPORTS

12.1 PROJECT FOLLOW UP STATUS REPORT

Points raised as follows:

- Confirmation that the Workforce Development Planning is due in 2015 with the Strategic Community Plan;
- Long-Term Financial Development Plan: the difficulty is recreational facilities having big impact on what this looks like. Recreation Facilities funding dependent upon result of Stronger Regional Funding. Do as much as can afford;
- SMG means "Senior Management Group";
- OML means "Outstanding Matters List"- the CEO explained this list;
- Request for Committee Recommendations to filter through to this list instead of remaining on the Committee Status Report, particularly those that have to come back to Council for a decision;
- Economic Development Plan – review at same time as the CBP;
- Asset Management Plan: ROMANS Version III. Buildings and land has been entered into the system. We are just now trying to produce a suite of reports from it;
- More staff received ROMANS training – intention is to have staff understand how to use the system.

Cr McCann departed Council Chambers at 8.26 pm.

Cr McCann returned to Council Chambers at 8.27 pm.

Cr Madacsi departed Council Chambers at 8.27 pm.

Question One

What fees do we pay for ROMANS?

The CEO advised he would take that question on notice.

Cr Lloyd departed Council Chambers at 8.27 pm.

Further Points raised as follows:

- Recreation Precinct Master Plan – special forum in May to bring the rest of the Plans to Council;
- FAA means "Financial Assistance Agreement";
- AROC Housing Initiative – funding expected next Wednesday;
- 16 Toodyay Street – still waiting on offers;
- Federation Square Project – problematic again but we are working our way through it;

- Extractive Industries Local Law – Committee awaiting clean final draft and then they will consider whether any further recommendations are needed with the final draft. The meetings did not appear into the calendar (CEO advised he would get the matter sorted);
- BFB Model Local Law – CEO reminded Council that their recommendation was to adopt the Bush Fire Operating Procedures in lieu of changes being made to Emergency Management legislation;
- Copyright Policy: CEO advised he would be writing this policy in line with Creative Commons website;
- Awards Policy: CEO advised he would be writing a policy;
- Memorial Park Project – will not be done until after Anzac Day 2015;
- Skate Park II funding and Butterly Cottages funding; and
- Graffiti Art and ways to manage it.

Cr Madacsi returned to Council Chambers at 8.39 pm.

12.2 COMMITTEE MEETING STATUS REPORT

Not applicable as the hardcopy report was blank.

13. MEETING CLOSURE

The Shire President declared the meeting closed at 8.44 pm.



ADDENDUM

Attachments to Program of the

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14 April 2015

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2015 NATIONAL TIDY TOWNS AWARDS

SHEFFIELD – SHIRE OF KENTISH



TOWN OF MURALS

Sheffield can boast of approximately 2000 square metres of its history, events, heroes and heartbreaks painted on the walls of this quaint little town.

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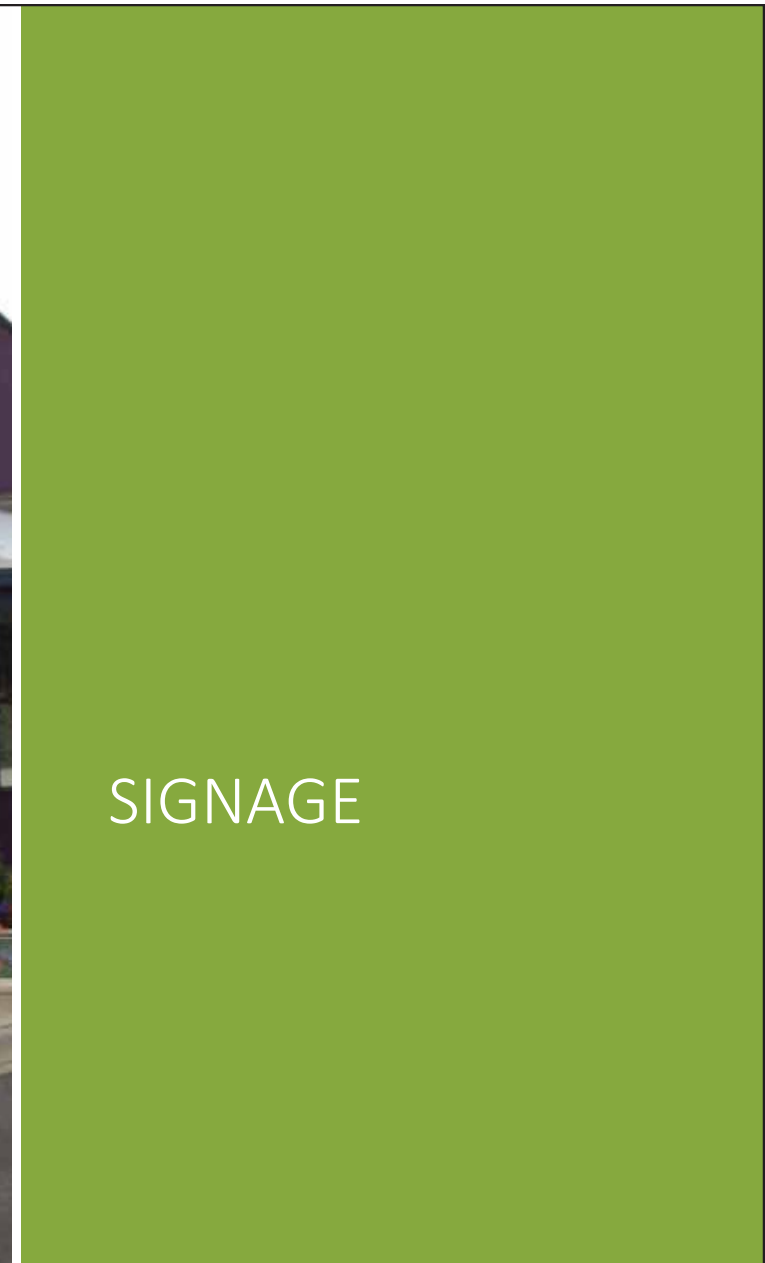
TOWN OF MURALS



TOWN OF MURALS

- Painted on removable boards
- Competition “Mural Fest” held annually over 6 days in Easter – major tourist attraction
- Murals are on display for 12 months, all available for sale with the exception of the winner of the Festival
- Due to the popularity of the event, Mural Park has been expanded by the additional of new mural shelters (Bus Shelters)



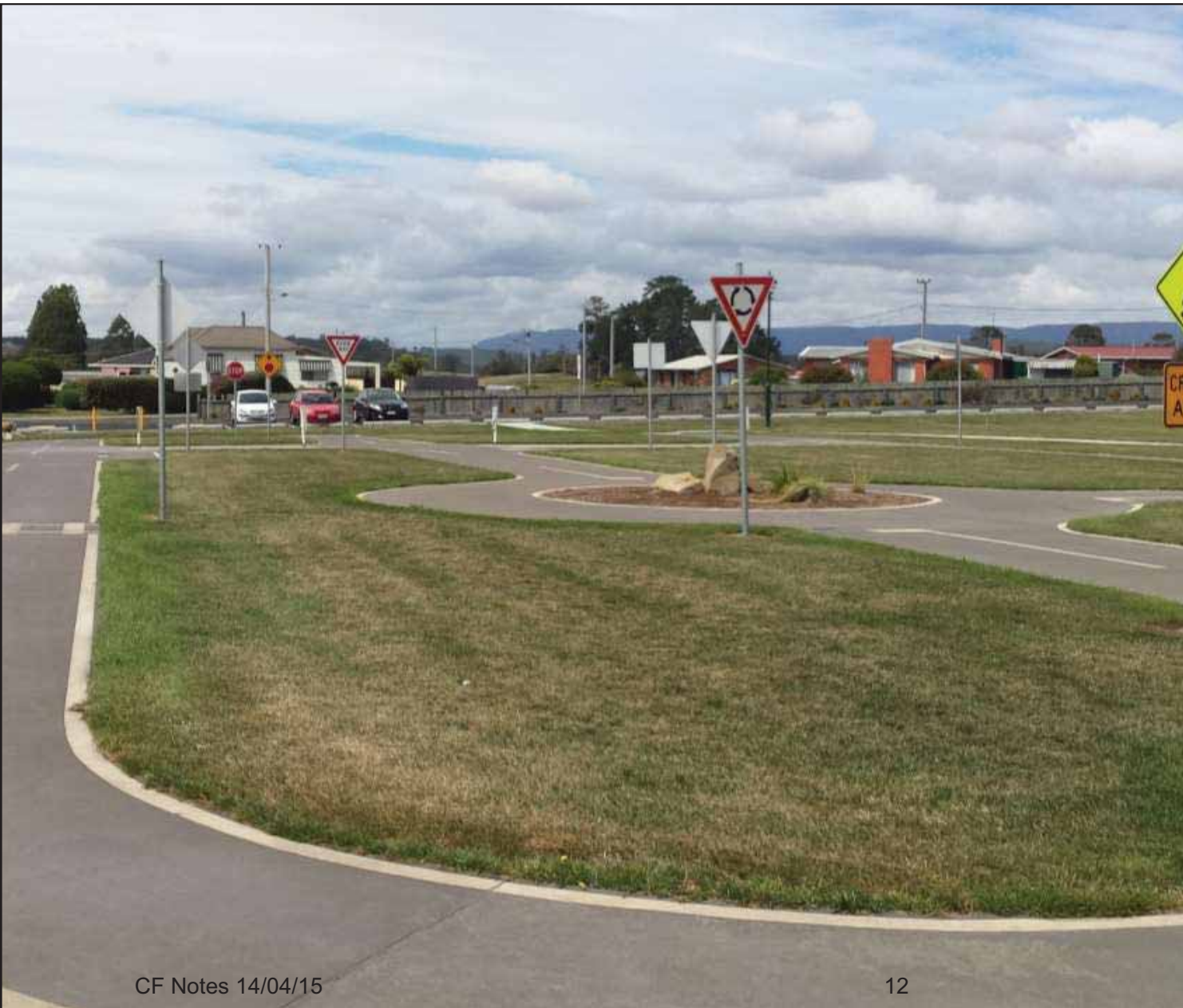


SIGNAGE

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- Whilst Sheffield is a heritage town, businesses appear to have greater flexibility with signage options
- Some buildings display modern plastic signage whilst others have used traditional signage methods





BICYCLE PARK

The Kentish Road Safety Bike Park simulates real life road conditions for children, encouraging them to learn and abide by the road rules.

BICYCLE PATH



BICYCLE PATH



BICYCLE PARK

- Schools from all over Tasmania utilise this facility to teach young people the rules of the road
- It appears the Shire of Kentish have developed key partnerships with local businesses and suppliers to develop this facility
- Could be a great facility adjacent to Toodyay District High School, linking in with the Keys for Life Learner Driver Program already utilised at the school.





INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS

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- Useful contact established for future initiative involving Aged Care in Toodyay





PUBLIC EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

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- Situation in public park for free public use
- Could be a great addition to our local parks
- Council may consider in the future a partnership with local organisations





COMMUNITY
GARDEN

COMMUNITY GARDEN

- Situated in a central, accessible location
- Adjacent to Mural Park and public park





PUBLIC BBQ FACILITIES



PLAY EQUIPMENT

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- Themed to the area to incorporate local tourist attraction – Steam Train





TOWN HALL



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

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- Tasmazia has eight mazes, making it the largest maze complex in the world, incorporating the Village of Lower Crackpot
- Steam Train and rail utilizing an original Steam Train and the original Station facility. This facility is also used for the annual SteamFest, attracting 15,000 visitors per year





DULVERTON
REGIONAL
LANDFILL &
COMPOSTING SITE

REGIONAL LANDFILL SITE



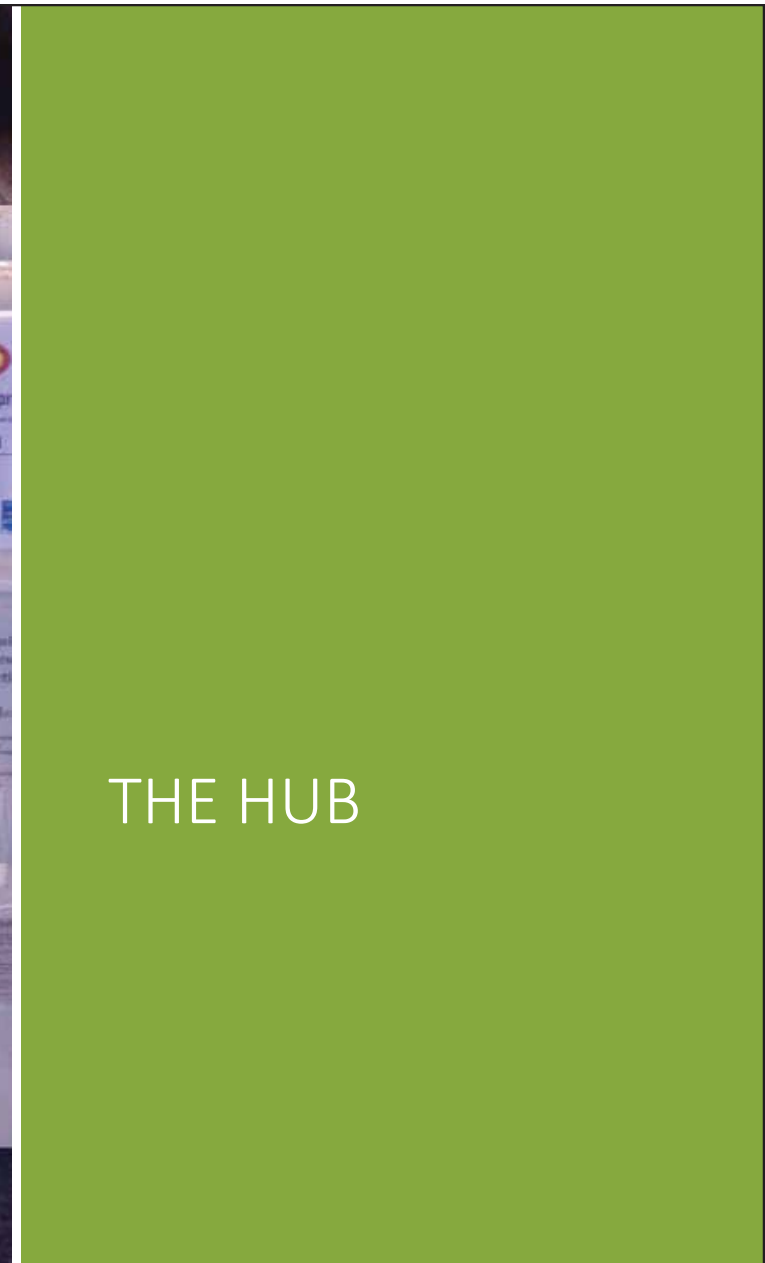
REGIONAL LANDFILL SITE



LANDFILL SITE

- The facility is owned and run by a consortium of four local government councils
- Includes a large composting facility that runs at a financial loss but is seen by the owners as an essential part of the operation. Losses are covered by profits on the waste operation.
- Highlights the possible differences between private ownership and council ownership
- Gas burner recently installed to burn off excess methane. Burns 24/7 with no visible flame





THE HUB

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- Similar to our local Op Shop
- Over \$100,000 donated back into the local community in the last year





EROSION CONTROL

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- Field trip to Claude Road, Mt Roland River Care Catchment Management Group
- Large rock riffle constructed across the creek by Telstra to encase/protect phone line
- The riffle helped slow erosion so the catchment group built another along the water way (with the assistance of Telstra)
- Waterway is fenced but close to bank with huge rocks placed along the bank to stop erosion
- Removed Willows up stream
- Natural regeneration of vegetation
- Platypus in the creek!





FOOTPATH ART

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- Base “canvas” (darker section of the path on right) incorporated in footpaths when constructed.
- Mosaic artwork is developed by artists and incorporated into the footpath at a later date.
- Approach Toodyay District High School and local artists/art groups to develop a program in the future – similar to Newcastle Park artwork





KING GEORGE V
PARK



ART GALLERY

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- Utilised by community art group
- Similar style building to Toodyay's Duke Street weather board building
- An example of what can be achieved with the renovation of an old building as opposed to demolition





SHEFFIELD
SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM

SHEFFIELD SCHOOL GYMNASIUM



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SHEFFIELD SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

- Awards Night held in this building which had a raised stage area, allowing the facility to be utilised for not only sporting activities but social events
- Removable surface was used to protect courts





SKATE PARK

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- Skate Park includes Graffiti Wall which allows youth to express their artistic talents in a public area. Includes a subtle warning that offensive material will be removed immediately
- The Shire of Toodyay previously approved the use of graffiti boards and perhaps this option needs to be explored further i.e. Toodyay Community Bus Shed



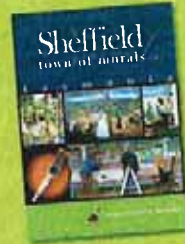
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Sheffield town of MURALS

- mural walk
- parking
- café
- restaurant
- mural
- attraction
- dump station
- petrol
- picnic area
- scenic point
- visitor centre
- post office
- phone
- church
- toilets
- walking track
- supermarket
- overnight recreational vehicle stop
- ATM



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Tar Neem Er Ra – Aboriginal name for mountain and surrounding area, meaning open grassy plains. Mt Roland 1233m



Image courtesy of Bastiaan Kleijnendorst

SHEFFIELD – TOWN OF MURALS

- More than 80 murals within the town and at Railton, Wilmot, Gowrie Park and Roland
- International Mural Fest competition hosted in Sheffield annually where nine artists compete to each paint a mural in just one week. The Mural Fest murals remain on display in Mural Park for 12 months and are usually for sale

THINGS TO DO AND SEE

- Mural audio tour – self-guided, walking, digital audio tour
- Art studios
- Glass & marbles
- Seashells
- Nature Walks – scenic circuit, Badgers Ranges
- Pioneer historic museum
- Red Water Creek Steam Railway
- Clematis Nursery
- Galleries
- Antiques
- Handcraft
- Souvenirs
- Collectables
- Secondhand outlets
- Flying fox cash dispenser
- Honey
- Market

FACILITIES

- ATMs/efpos
- Fuel (no auto gas)
- Medical centre
- Visitor Information Centre
- Email access
- Tennis court/bowls/golf
- Public electric BBQ
- Motorhome stop
- Motorhome dump station

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POEM

Island Life

by Rees Campbell

From the mysteries of our histories
 To the wonder of the now
 All the magic of our island life
 Is painted on this town.

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 is a week-long mural art
 competition and festival
 held annually at Easter in
 Sheffield, Tasmania's
TOWN OF MURALS.



ALL WEEK 20-26 APRIL

MURAL PARK

MINI MURALS AND FACE PAINTING
10am-3pm

SHEFFIELD

STEAM TRAIN RIDES

Redwater Creek Railway, 11am-4pm
– rides will run each half hour. More information at www.redwater.org.au

STREET ART

Watch on as local and interstate artists create their masterpieces on the streets of Sheffield!

Outside the Sheffield Hotel and Fudge 'n' Good Coffee, Main St. (See pg 7 for details).

TACTILE MURAL

See Sheffield's first "tactile mural" being created. This 3D mural will tell a story for the unsighted, and also delight those with sight. Uniting Church Hall. (See pg 8 for details).

ART EXHIBITIONS

Working Art Space, Albert St.

ISLAND LIFE SCULPTURE COMPETITION:

On display until 3 May.

11 YEARS OF MURAL FEST:

A photographic exhibition by Johann Pfeiffer showcasing the finalists over 11 years. On display until 3 May.

AURORA AUSTRALIS:

HEAVEN IN YOUR BACK YARD:

Open your eyes to a number of outstanding astral photographers with this breathtaking imagery of the "Southern Lights". (See pg 9 for details).

WILMOT

ISLAND LIFE VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION

Wilmot Primary School, Exhibition Room (next to the Wilmot Online Access Centre) Main St, Wilmot – on display until 30 April.

SUNDAY 20 APRIL

PAINT-OFF BEGINS 9am in Mural Park.

MONDAY 21 APRIL

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST BARBECUE

Kentish Lions Club – outside Mural Park
Also on Saturday, 26 April.

WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL

POETRY SLAM AND MINIATURE AUCTION

Hear the poetry entries for the 2015 theme, *Windows of Our Dreams*. Winner announced, followed by a Mural Miniature Auction! Sheffield Hotel, 38 Main St, 6.30pm.

SATURDAY 26 APRIL

MURAL PARK

BRUSHES DOWN! 1pm – Last chance to vote for your favourite mural!

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

1pm-3pm.
Featuring Daniel Lebkowski, Shasa Bolton and special guest, Leah Woodberry.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

3pm.
AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST BARBECUE
Kentish Lions Club – outside Mural Park.

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MAY/JUNE

NATIONAL VISUAL ARTS INSPIRE FEST

Tasmania's premier art award for people with disabilities. Help us celebrate this inaugural national event!

EXHIBITION:

10 May-7 June
Working Art Space, Albert St, Sheffield.

AWARDS:

- Devonfield Enterprises Excellence Award – \$1000
- Life Without Barriers Peoples' Choice Award – \$1000
- 5 x Judges' Encouragement Awards – \$50 each
- 5 x People's Choice Encouragement Awards – \$50 each

AWARD PRESENTATIONS:

Saturday, 7 June – 3pm

ART IN THE PADDOCK: ISLAND LIFE

See art in the paddocks of Kentish featuring this year's theme, *Island Life*.

UNVEILING OF SCULPTURE:

14 May at 11am by Mandy Hicks.

EXHIBITION:

14 May-15 June
1100 Sheffield Rd, Lower Barrington

JULY

CONCERT DANCE

All stars line-up headed by Brett Budgeon
Sheffield Town Hall, Sheffield

Don't miss out!

Saturday, 5 July – 7-10pm

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FOR MORE DETAILS AND OTHER EVENTS DURING MURAL FEST, SEE PGS 7-9.**



Now in its second year, the Kentish Arts Festival grew from the ever-expanding Sheffield mural project. Along with permanent public art displays across the district, it offers a range of arts-related events throughout the year. International Mural Fest is its flagship annual event.

1



i LAND
by Patricia Smart & Ollie Grohs (NSW)

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We are no longer as isolated on islands because of the internet, and through the wonder of new technologies we can explore all the mysteries of the past. Yet with all of this we still find magic in the simplicity of our daily lives. Like seeing a bubble float on the breeze, or watching a mural being painted.

4



STAMP OF JOY
by Eleanor Yates (USA)

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I am so happy to find treasure houses of art like Sheffield and the Tasmanian petroglyphs; because they are stamps of joy and food for the soul. "Island Life" exemplifies "Ningenneh Tunapry" (to give knowledge and understanding); so I painted a magical friendship amid ancient maps and petroglyphs.

2



SANDY TRACK OF TIME
by Gren Freeman (TAS)

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My mural is partially an interactive mural. People can engage and try to identify the footprints and tracks; there are clues in the mural... My painting depicts a brief birds eye view of some things in the history of Tasmania as the sandy track winds its way to the now, and into Sheffield where that history is painted on the town... life is so different now than in the past.

5



THE GREAT SOUTHERN LAND
by Damian Cazaly (VIC)

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To be a part of Australia is wonderment in itself. The island continent so far removed from the source of its colonial history, as well as a land that has nurtured the beauty, spirituality and dreaming of the oldest living culture for 75,000 years. Which brings us to the magic of the present, and the wonder of being conscious of it. Being a part of a great old town that allows its vacant walls to speak its history through the sheer power of art.

3



THEN AND NOW: A CELEBRATION
by Fereleth Lee, Jacqueline LaCava & Tom Powlay (TAS & QLD)

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Tony Braid Building

We wanted to portray a lesson learnt from the history of our Tiger... Here, the Tassie Devils, celebrating their island life, painting a brighter future for their species, as we do our best to ensure that outcome: "WE are the icons of this island now! And we intend to stay!"

6



MEMORY ISLAND
by Kerry Nicholson (QLD)

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From the raw beauty of her landscape to the warmth of her people she gives me that comfortable feeling of contentment. Apple trees in bloom, little penguins, Bennett's wallabies, Truganini, Errol Flynn, the beauty and the tragedy of Port Arthur, and Piping Lane winning the Melbourne Cup all come to mind. Batting legend, Ricky Ponting, world champion axeman, David Foster, the Tiger and the Devil all belong here. But mostly I love her quiet serenity. This is my Tasmania.

7



THE ARTIST HAND DOES UNDERSCORE
by Paul Scott (WA)

Sponsored by:
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Within, around and outside – this town’s treasures and charms carries far and wide. From the smallest flower, right through to its majestic mountains. Its wonder is an endless fountain... of brilliance, mystery and awe. The artist hand does underscore.

8



“WE’RE STILL DISCOVERING TASMANIA”
by Keith & Loretta Sommer (QLD)

Sponsored by:
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Our aim is to represent the poem Island Life graphically, from ‘the Mysteries of our Histories’ ... to ‘Painted on this town’. Going back to the part of history that allows us to appreciate ‘All the magic of our Island Life’... Abel Tasman arriving at what is now Bruny Island’s Adventure Bay.

9



PUT YOUR SELF IN THE PICTURE
by Lindsay Gardam (TAS)

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Come to: No Demands Land. Get away from it all, leave the Rat Race, get on the slow boat, come and enjoy all things natural in life.

Street Art

Watch on as local and interstate artists create their masterpieces on the streets of Sheffield and compete for \$500 prize money!

Artists interested in participating should contact the event coordinator, Sheffield mural curator Julian Bale, on site or at julianbale1@hotmail.com.

WHEN:
Throughout Mural Fest week

WHERE:
Sheffield Hotel forecourt,
38 Main St, Sheffield

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The Kentish Arts Festival proudly presents Australia’s premier art award for people with disabilities.



This inaugural exhibition will be on display at the Working Art Space from 10 May-7 June. Award presentations Saturday, 7 June. More information at www.muralfest.com.au

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AND THE WINNER IS...

How is the winner of the Inder Prize chosen? The judges are asked to consider the following criteria:
The artist’s response to the theme and poem, originality and technique.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

IN SHEFFIELD DURING MURAL FEST

'MURAL OF LIGHT'

During Mural Fest the Uniting Church will open its doors for visitors to see their 'Mural of Light'. A hidden Sheffield treasure, this stained glass window is based on Holman Hunt's famous 1853 painting, *The Light of the World*, which was inspired by *The Book of Revelation*. The window was a gift to the church by the Sheffield Ladies' Aid in 1935 and is dedicated to the pioneering mothers of the district.

WHEN:

Throughout Mural Fest week

WHERE:

The Uniting Church,
Cnr of Henry & Main Sts, Sheffield

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE MURAL PAINTING

Proposed artworks depicting the question, "What is Christianity?" will be painted and on display inside the church as part of our ongoing island life and heritage. Morning tea served daily 9.30-11am for gold coin donation. For more information ph 0417 501 555.

WHEN:

Throughout Mural Fest week – 8am-5pm.

WHERE:

Kentish Community Church,
16 Nightingale Ave, Sheffield
(behind Mural Park, next to Tandara)

'EAGLE MURAL' VIEWING

Come and see the Eagle Mural at the Bible Chapel.

WHEN:

Saturday, 26 April, and also during Mural Fest week when people are available.

WHERE:

Bible Chapel, 45 High St, Sheffield

TACTILE MURAL

Drop by the Uniting Church Hall to see artists-in-residence Leoni Read and Terrie Pollard create Sheffield's first tactile mural.

Depending on the weather, they may also create sections of it alongside the street artists in the Sheffield Hotel forecourt.

The idea originated with Sheffield resident Beth Pagel back in 1995 when she had thoughts of having a tactile mural for sighted and unsighted people.

Leoni and Terrie decided to take on the project, and will attempt to emulate Beth's thoughts with "a little bit of artistic license".

The finished mural will be comprised of three murals that fit alongside each other. Made of plaster, it will be in 3D for the unsighted to appreciate the story being told, but also painted so those with sight can be part of the experience. The mural will feature the beautiful Kentish countryside.

WHEN:

Throughout Mural Fest week

WHERE:

Uniting Church Hall
Cnr of Henry and Main Sts, and
Sheffield Hotel forecourt
38 Main St, Sheffield



Leoni Read and Terrie Pollard draw up plans for Sheffield's first tactile mural.

ISLAND LIFE SCULPTURE COMPETITION

See sculptural interpretations of this year's theme, *Island Life*, and vote for your favourite.

EXHIBITION:

On display until 3 May
Working Art Space, Albert St, Sheffield

AWARD PRESENTATIONS:

Saturday, 3 May – 2pm

11 YEARS OF MURAL FEST

A photographic exhibition by Johann Pfeiffer showcasing the finalists over 11 years.

Since Mural Fest began in 2003, one photographer has been there each year to capture the moment.

See the murals painted over more than a decade in this unique art competition through Johann's eyes.

EXHIBITION:

On display until 3 May
Working Art Space, Albert St, Sheffield.



Run by volunteers of TRA-Kentish (TRAK), the Working Art Space supports and delivers arts and cultural activities. Exhibitions change monthly – open daily 10am-4pm. Find out more on the TRAK blog traksheffield.blogspot.com/

ISLAND LIFE VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION

See interpretations of this year's theme, *Island Life*, by local artists.

EXHIBITION:

On display until 30 April.
Exhibition Room – next door to the Wilmot Online Access Centre
Wilmot Primary School grounds
61 Main St, Wilmot

AWARD PRESENTATIONS:

Wednesday, 30 April – 2pm

AURORA AUSTRALIS: HEAVEN IN YOUR BACK YARD

Experience the beautiful spectacle of this awesome natural light show captured by a number of outstanding photographers.

This breathtaking imagery will open your eyes to the beauty, wonder and unique accessibility of the Aurora Australis (aka Southern Lights) in regional Tasmania.

Artist talk – Sunday, 20 April

EXHIBITION:

On display until 30 April
Gallery Tasmania, 47 Main St, Sheffield
Admission to all exhibitions is free.



Aurora Australis – February 2013
Arthur Hwy, near Sorell by Francios Fourie

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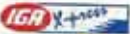


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YOU CAN SUPPORT MURAL FEST

Vote for your favourite mural by placing a gold coin donation in a voting envelope and drop it into the Voting Manor in Mural Park.

10% of all contributions to the Voting Manor and donations to Mural Fest will be donated to the **SAVE THE TASMANIAN DEVIL APPEAL.**



Mural Fest is supported by Tasmanian Regional Arts and is a sub-committee of TRA-Kentish (TRAK), a branch of TRA.

WORKSHOPS & ACTIVITIES

TRAK organises regular visual art workshops for members and non-members. Workshops are held at the Working Art Space and Gallery by practising artists in a wide range of mediums, including:

- > Painting
- > Sculpture
- > Silver-smithing
- > Sketching
- > Life Drawing
- > Pottery
- > Silk Painting and more.

Details about upcoming workshops are available at www.traksheffield.blogspot.com or by contacting TRAK.



Lantern making workshop

GALLERY HIRE

TRAK's Working Art Space and Gallery is available for hire by community groups. Questions and bookings for the space should be made directly to TRAK.

CALL FOR NEW ARTISTS

Contact TRAK to become a member and discuss exhibition details.



VISIT OR CONTACT US

Working Art Space and Gallery
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ABOUT TRAK

TRAK -Tasmanian Regional Arts Kentish has been operating since 1995. TRAK works with artists in the Kentish community to develop their arts practice, connect with the arts community and help build relationships with fellow artists.

TRAK also encourages the broader community to participate and appreciate local arts through the Working Art Space and Gallery located in Sheffield. The gallery provides local artists an opportunity to practice and exhibit their artwork in the space, while being able to interact with tourists and visitors to the space.

Members meet regularly to exchange ideas and practice their art in social settings within the gallery, which has been provided by Kentish Council. It is a hub of arts activity - including exhibitions, arts practice, workshops and a social meeting place.

TRAK is also involved in a number of community arts events including the popular Mural Fest at Sheffield, which attracts more than 10 000 visitors each year.



TASMANIAN REGIONAL ARTS

Tasmanian Regional Arts (TRA) is the peak community arts organisation in Tasmania. It has a network of 28 branches whose volunteer members engage with their local communities to run festivals, exhibitions, community events and workshops.

For over 60 years TRA has excited, inspired and engaged Tasmanian communities to express their passion and culture through the arts. It is funded through the Australian Government, Australia Council and Arts Tasmania and is responsible for administering the Regional Art Fund. TRA offers a range of exciting programs and gives support to the regional branches.



“Magnolias” by Leonie Davies.



“Snow Patterns” by Gillian Robnik

EXHIBITIONS

The Working Art Space and Gallery provides a fantastic space to showcase work by TRAK members that includes painting, drawing, photography, jewellery, sculpture and crafts.

It also hosts TRA's annual Visual Arts Travelling Exhibitions, which are small exhibitions by Tasmanian artists that travel the state to many community gallery and exhibition spaces.

BECOME INVOLVED

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is available to anyone for a small fee. TRAK encourages both artists and art lovers to join and share their ideas, skills and techniques with members.

Concession - \$16
Single - \$20
Family - \$40

Benefits of membership:

Through membership of TRAK individuals and families become part of a larger arts community, have access to information about events and activities, can participate in or run workshops and are linked into the broader TRA community, which in turn can assist when undertaking regional arts projects, exhibitions and events. Membership provides the opportunity to exhibit and sell work on a commission basis in the Working Art Space and Gallery. Commission is reduced for members who undertake volunteer time.

VOLUNTEER

As a community based organisation, TRAK relies on the work of volunteers. Members are given the opportunity to volunteer at the Working Art Space and Gallery by supervising the gallery space during open hours and assisting with exhibition displays. They can also become involved in other activities outside the gallery, such as Mural Fest or even decide to help out on the management committee.

Volunteers may choose to help as little or as much as their time permit.

For art lovers, it is a chance to immerse yourself in the arts community and socialise with practicing artists.

The River of Risk analogy

The River of Risk analogy supports the learning process through discussion of topics such as tributaries (overwhelming stressors), flags (signs to look for) and dams (coping mechanisms); to example but a few.



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Who is CORES?

Brief history:

The CORES Program was established in Sheffield, Tasmania in 2003 to address the issue of suicide in the region after 10 people died by suicide over a 3 year period. Since 2003 CORES has worked closely with 25 communities throughout Australia.

Purpose of the Training:

The training is designed to provide individuals and the organisation with essential skills and resources required to identify and respond to a person at risk of suicide.

Aims:

- Recognise the warning signs of suicide
- Intervene before the potential crisis occurs
- Support the person at risk to access appropriate services

Benefits:

- Generates social capital
- Recognises suicide as a social health issue
- Helping reduce the stigma associated with suicide
- Helps facilitate an open discussion of what most consider an uncomfortable topic
- Encourages communities to become supportive, healthy and well-connected
- Strengthens local social networks
- Normalises help seeking behavior
- Skills learned in the training are transferable to other areas of life.

Training Details

The One Day CORES Course

Time: 9.00am-5.00pm

Location: regionally and locally based

CORES builds momentum in a community through delivery of the One Day Course in suicide intervention. Participants are guided through the following topics:

- Community attitudes towards suicide
- Suicide statistics
- River of risk
- Funnel vision
- Signs and indicators
- Wallet card
- Assessing the level of risk
- Interventions
- Agreements, and
- Accessing and listing community resources and services.

For further course dates contact

emily@kentishrc.com.au

How effective is CORES ?

An external evaluation report, September 2009, proves that the CORES model is very effective.

' the best thing about CORES is that it is not a government service; it is community based and run; and has a simple but powerful message of hope that anybody can be readily equipped to save a life '
(Community Member, CORES Meander Valley)

' what appealed about the program was that it was mainly about interacting with friends—to make a group of people look after their mates—not about intervening with strangers and this relies on having a rapport with people ... ' (Community Member, CORES Circular Head).

CORES works because it fits with current systems; it enables community ownership; it allows champions to shine; it is accessible and educationally sound.

WORK UNDERTAKEN

- 28 km of willows cleared along the rivers equivalent to an area of 7 thoroughly infested hectares.
- Over 48 kms of fencing erected. All fencing has a ten-year maintenance contract with the land manager.
- Nearly 100 hectares along the rivers now protected.
- More than 28 hectares re-vegetated, using over 23,000 native plants, and this work continues.
- 117 off-stream stock watering troughs supplied to prevent cattle entering the rivers, and in 12 sites where this is impractical, hard areas have been provided to allow cattle to drink without disturbing the stream bed.
- In-stream structures of riffles, groynes, rip-rap or combinations of all three completed on 23 properties.

- The placement of large logs (woody debris) in the rivers has been used to encourage the return of fish and other native aquatic species, and to prevent erosion. The logs trap smaller fragments which promote the growth of plants. Vegetation covers the area surprisingly quickly, leaving an attractive and stable bank. In most cases, the logs were sourced locally, and donated as in-kind support.
- Work for the Dole teams have assisted, mainly in fencing, weed control and revegetation. In less than 18 months, they planted over 11,000 native seedlings along the rivers. Without the contribution made by the Work for the Dole team, many of the achievements of Mt Roland Rivercare would not have been possible.

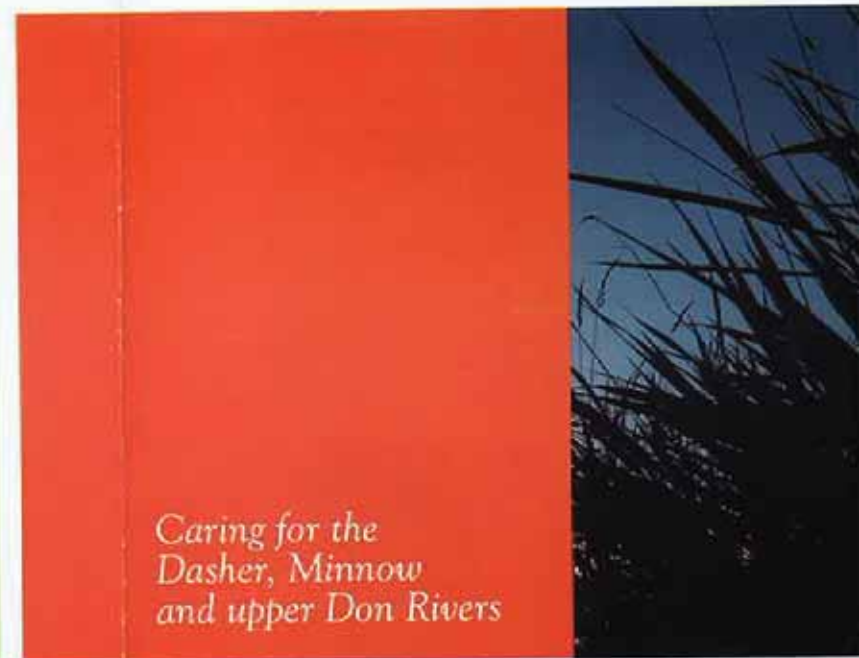
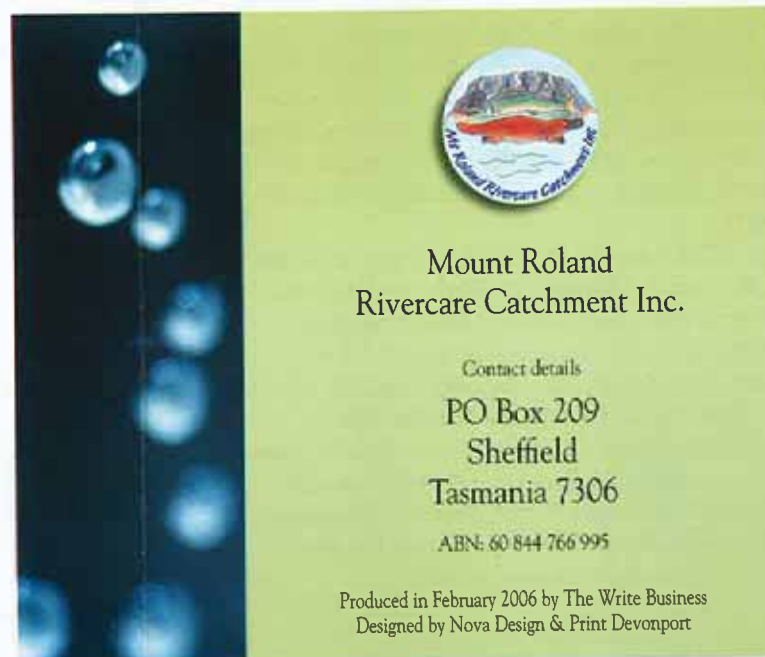
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Mount Roland Rivercare Catchment Inc.



The Dasher River at the base of Mt Roland



Photo: Coordinators Richard Sands and Arthur Ford inspect the Dasher river with Senator Richard Colbeck



THE CATCHMENT

The Mt Roland region is a sub-catchment of the Mersey River catchment. The catchment is contained by the Mt Roland escarpment on the south, Staverton, Roland, Nowhere Else and Lower Barrington to the west, Lower Beulah on the east, and Badgers Range and Bonneys Tier in the north east. The Dasher and Minnow Rivers are tributaries of the Mersey River and are principally located in the Kentish municipality. The Dasher rises on the western end of Mt Claude, and the Minnow rises at the saddle between Mt Roland and Mt Vandyke. The Minnow joins the Dasher just before its confluence with the Mersey River.

The upper Don River catchment incorporates West Kentish, West Nook, Barren Hill and Botts Gorge.

THE CHALLENGE

A reliable supply of clean water is the greatest challenge facing Australia, followed by the maintenance of the maximum possible numbers of different species of native flora and fauna.

Mt Roland Rivercare (MRRCI) is helping to meet these challenges, by improving water quality, encouraging biodiversity and educating the community in the long-term benefits of these activities.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of MRRCI is open to all land owners and interested people, living in the catchment or elsewhere. Membership is \$5.50 a year, and members receive a membership card.



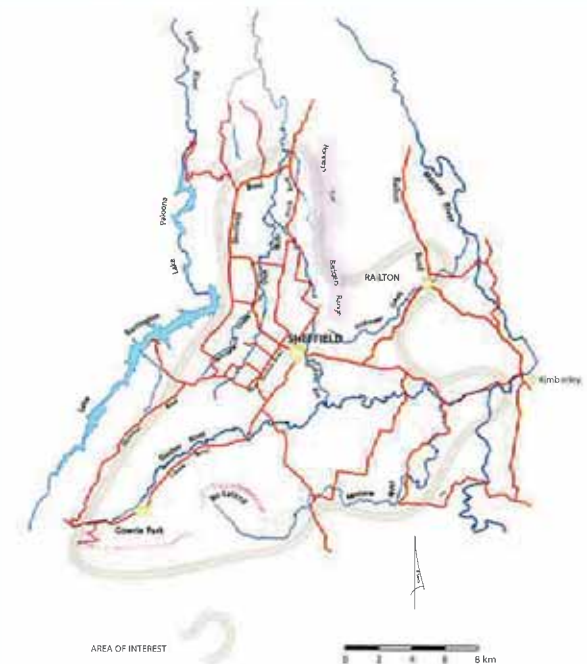
FUNDING

Mount Roland Rivercare received \$344,555 from the Natural Heritage Trust during 2000 to 2003.

Another \$47,758 from the Federal Government's Envirofund allowed work to be carried out along the Don River, and funded a project designed to increase the community's understanding of rivercare. A poster showing the catchment area and providing some information on rivercare is on display at the tourist information board in Sheffield.

In 2006, MRRCI successfully applied for a grant under the Living Environment Program, a program established and administered by the Department of Primary Industries, Water and the Environment with the support of the Minister for Environment and Planning, Tasmania. The funds will be used to contract administrative support. Kentish Council has also contributed with a \$20,000 grant as well as through in-kind support, especially in hosting Work for the Dole teams. In 2005, Kentish Council and MRRCI signed a formal five year partnership agreement, securing a healthy future for the catchment.

CATCHMENT EXTENTS



Attractions:



Cradle Mountain

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Wilmot Rd, from Gentle Annie (south of Forth) to Moina, near Cradle Mountain



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- Cragmore Olive Farm & Truffles, Wilmot
- Glencoe, French restaurant, Barrington
- Wilmot Hills Vineyard and Distillery, Wilmot
- Moina Tavern, Moina
- Fudge n Good Coffee, Sheffield
- Lake Barrington Vineyard
- Lemonthyme Lodge, Moina
- The cafes of Sheffield



Kentish

- Cradle Mountain
- Sheffield: Town of Murals
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- Wilmot novelty letterbox trail

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Attractions:



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500 Staverton Rd, The Promised Land. Ph: 6491 1934 www.tasmazia.com.au

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34 Main Street, Sheffield. Ph: 6491 2772. www.worldofmarbles.com.au



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112 Main St, Sheffield. Ph: 6491 1064. www.seashellsatsheffield.com.au



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Ph: 6492 1491 www.devilsatcradle.com



A man and his alpaca

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Main Street, Sheffield



Sounds of silence

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You're in Paradise

Have you ever been to Paradise? Kentish has some bizarre nomenclature and it's well worth visiting The Promised Land, Paradise, Nowhere Else and The Nook — just to say you have been there. This tour of odd spots is ideal to combine with a trip on Kentish's exciting back roads.

Call into the Kentish Visitor Information Centre, Pioneer Cres Sheffield, to get directions. Ph: 6491 1036.





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SHEFFIELD HOSTS NATIONAL TIDY TOWNS AWARDS THIS MONTH

Sheffield will host the National Tidy Towns Awards on Thursday 26 and Friday 27th February 2015 at which a new town will be named Australia's Tidiest Town for 2015. The Finalists for the National Tidy Towns Award this year are: Westbury – Tasmania; Beechworth – Victoria; Titjikala – Northern Territory; Cooktown – Queensland; Meningie – South Australia; Gloucester – New South Wales; and Toodyay – Western Australia.

Sheffield is expecting around 100 people from right across Australia to attend the Awards Ceremony. Delegates to Sheffield will also enjoy a half day tour of our beautiful countryside and visit some of the projects and organisations which were instrumental in Sheffield winning the award in 2014. This tour will visit Dulverton Waste Management facility, a site visit with Mt Roland Rivercare Catchment Inc, a visit to Redwater Creek



Steam and Heritage Society, Kentish Health Centre grounds including the community garden, bike park, Mural Park and the Working Art Space.

Presentation of the town and surrounding areas is very important and Council encourages all property owners to assist through neat and tidy yards and nature strips.

Locals are invited to attend the Awards Ceremony on Friday 27th February. Tickets cost \$130 and include a 3 course dinner and entertainment from local harpist, Marietta Mineur.

Ticket sales finish on Friday 13th February.

It is interesting to note that Mount Gambier has won twice. Beechworth VIC was the Tidy Towns Winner in 2010 and is a finalist again this year. The only year (continued Page 3)....

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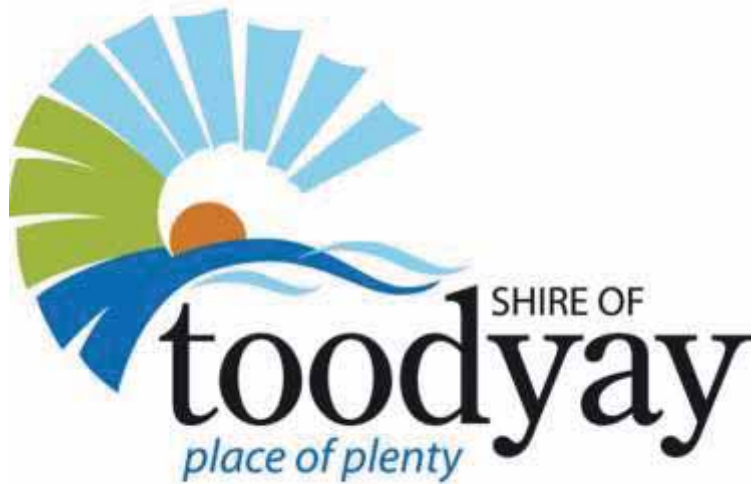
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FIRE ACCESS AND EGRESS PROJECT

MAIN ISSUES

- LACK OF SIGNAGE
- EROSION CONCERNS
- POORLY BUILT
- NO EDUCATION TO RESIDENTS AND FIREFIGHTERS
- CHOICE OF LOCATIONS DUE TO TOPOGRAPHY
- SHOULD WE BE INVESTING IN OTHER MITIGATION STRATEGIES INCLUDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR RESIDENTS?

**IS THE DOLLAR VALUE WORTH
THE GAIN?**

COONDLE

Stewart Moir
Nature Reserve

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?



EROSION



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WINDROWS LEFT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY



TOO STEEP OFF CAMBER FOR TRUCKS





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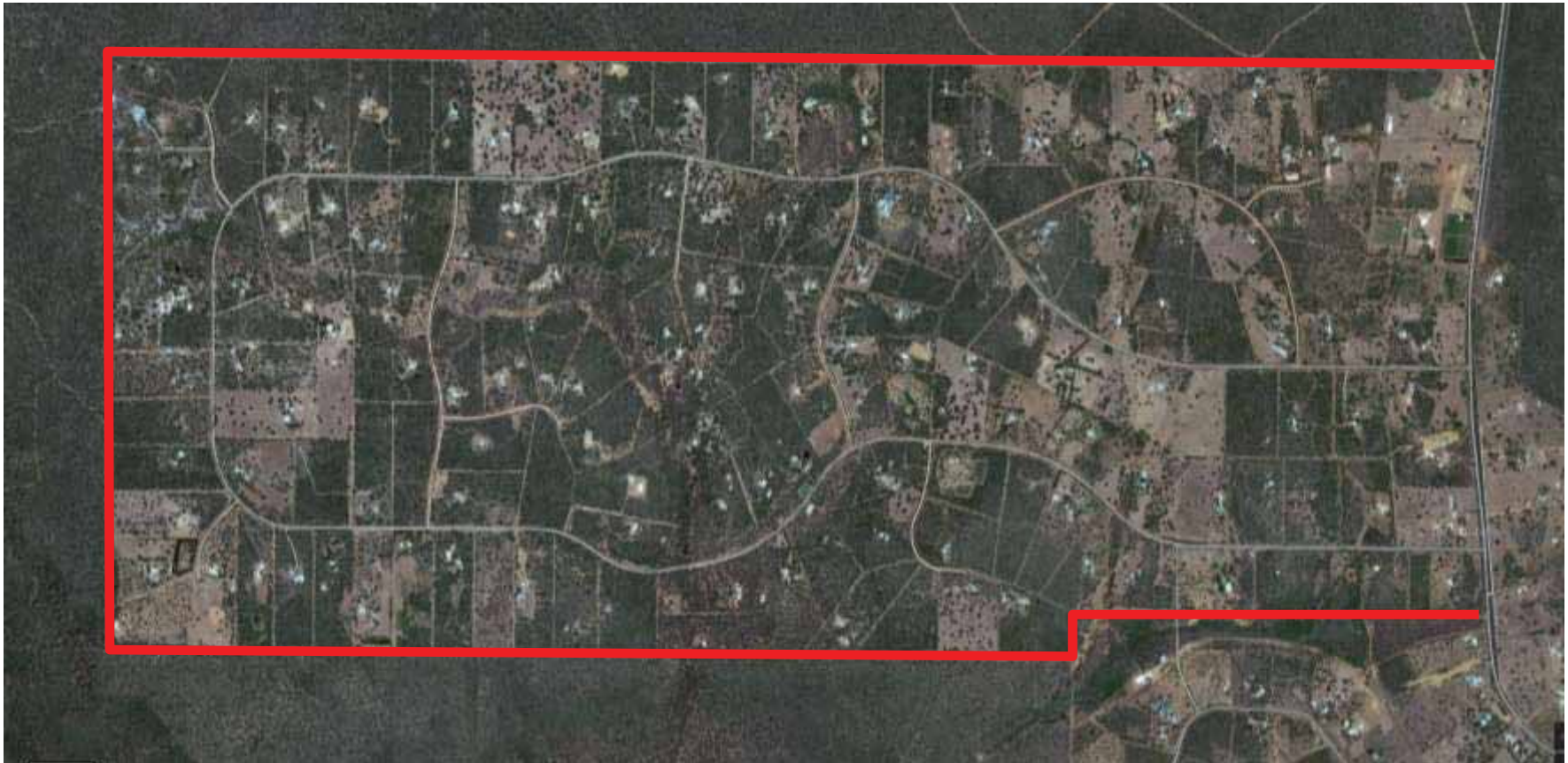




EROSION AFTER 6 MONTHS

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- Some of these tracks are in better condition than the Shire roads.

GIDGY SPRINGS MORANGUP



WHICH WAY ? NO SIGNS



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BUILD ANOTHER ?





SLOPPY GATE INSTALLATION

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AND ROCKS IN
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DEAL WITH



POORLY CONSTRUCTED CULVERTS LEFT FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER TO DEAL WITH





REGROWTH ISSUES FROM POOR CONSTRUCTION



ROLLING GREEN MORANAGUP

RESIDENT CONFUSION OVER MAINTENANCE AND OWNERSHIP



NO SIGNS
IS THIS A FIRE ACCESS OR AN EGRESS FOR
RESIDENTS



COST TO DATE

- 2011/2012 \$ 186,356
- 2012/2013 \$ 653,507
- 2013/2014 \$ 100,196
- 2014/2015 \$ 84,139

TOTAL COST \$1,024,198

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FORUM DISCUSSION PAPER

Date of Report:	30 March 2015
Name of Applicant / Proponent/s:	Shire of Toodyay
File Reference No.:	ENV2
Author:	Graeme Bissett – Manager Planning and Development
Responsible Officer:	Stan Scott – Chief Executive Officer
Previously Before Council:	24 June 2014 (Res No. 141/06/14)
Nature of Council's Role in the matter:	Quasi-judicial
Attachments:	1. Proposed Advertisement.

7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

PURPOSE OF THE DISCUSSION PAPER

The purpose of this paper is to follow up on the establishment of the Environmental Committee yet to be formed.

BACKGROUND

Council, in relation to this matter resolved the following on 24 June 2014:

1. *That Council forms an Environmental Advisory Committee.*
2. *The Environmental Advisory Committee will have the following terms of reference:*
 - *Provide advice to Council on the implementation of the environmental strategy;*
 - *Develop relevant documents including policies, strategies, leaflets, pamphlets or booklets consistent with the environmental strategy for consideration by Council; and*
 - *Provide advice on relevant matters referred to it by Council.*
3. *The Environmental Advisory Committee will consist of the following members:*
 - *Up to 5 Elected Members nominated by Council;*
 - *Up to 4 members of the public identified through advertising for expressions of interest from community members with relevant qualifications, skills or experience; and*
 - *The CEO and or an officer nominated by the CEO.*

4. *That the Environmental Advisory Committee meet every two months or such other times as may be determined by the committee with the first meeting to be held after selection by Council of the community representatives and within two months following the adoption of the Environmental Strategy; and*
5. *The committee will have no delegated powers or duties.*

The administration gave an undertaking to bring an agenda item to Council to progress this matter two meetings after the adoption of the Environmental Management Strategy (EMS). The EMS was adopted by Council at its February 2015 ordinary meeting. It is proposed to bring this item to the April 2015 meeting.

CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

It is anticipated that expressions of interest would be advertised in the Herald, on the Shire's website and through the social media networks in Toodyay. It is suggested an advertising period of 21 days would be adequate.

It is also anticipated that copies of the advertisement would be distributed through the Environmental Network within Toodyay to ensure those with the greatest interest see it.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Shire's Community Strategic Plan includes as one of its goals to develop and implement Environmental Strategy. The formation of a Committee to work with this Strategy would fall under this as a strategic implication.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no notable policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The formation of this committee will have some financial implications because of the cost of members' time attending and the administration's resources needed to support it. These will be taken from existing budget resources' for this budget year and allocated in the coming budget separately.

LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Section 5.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides for the establishment of committees of 3 or more persons. Sections 5.9 and 5.10 provide for the types of committees and membership.

Part 17 of the Shire of Toodyay's Standing Orders Local Law also gives clear guidance in relation to setting up a committee.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

This proposal does not contain any notable risk implications.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

This proposal does not contain any notable environmental implications.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If community members are included on the committee this will allow public representatives to have ongoing representation to Council in relation to the EMS.

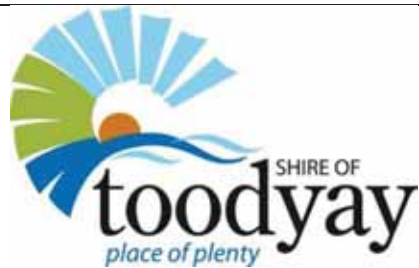
This is could be seen as having positive social impact within those with an ongoing interest in this matter.

OFFICER COMMENT / DETAILS

The draft advertisement can be viewed in attachment 1. The circulation will be as proposed under the Consultation section of this report. Unless Council wants to change the above resolution the process proposed from this point will be as now outlined.

The attached notice will be advertised in the next Herald and as outlined. Once the period for submissions of interest is closed a report will be prepared for Council to consider the choice of members of the public for the committee and select the remaining members. It is anticipated the community section process will be confidential with all those expressing an interest listed and the administration recommending the 4 preferred candidates. A meeting start date and chair for the meeting can then be also resolved.

It is anticipated the Committee could be run along the lines of the Community Depot committee. If Council's guidance is that there is no objection to the above this matter can be progressed by administration with the aim of bringing it back to the June 2015 Ordinary meeting.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Expressions of Interest For Membership on Environmental Committee

Council is seeking expressions of interest from members of the public for membership on the Shire's Environmental Committee to assist with the implementation of the Shire's Environmental Management Strategy.

Council adopted this strategy at its February 2015 Ordinary Council meeting. As part of the development of this strategy Council resolved to form this committee and include a public membership of 4 persons.

The Environmental Advisory Committee has the following terms of reference:

- Provide advice to Council on the implementation of the environmental strategy;
- Develop relevant documents including policies, strategies, leaflets, pamphlets or booklets consistent with the environmental strategy for consideration by Council; and
- Provide advice on relevant matters referred to it by Council.

It is anticipated that the committee will meet once every 2 months commencing within 2-3 months. Any person interested in being involved is invited to submit an expression of interest detailing their relevant details and suitability for a position on this committee.

Copies of the Environmental Management Strategy are available from the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay.

The Environmental Management Strategy Plan can be downloaded from the publications section of Council's website at <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/publications.aspx>

Further information is available by contacting Graeme Bissett – Manager of Planning and Development on 9574 2258.

Submissions should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96, TOODYAY WA 6566 marked "CONFIDENTIAL – Environmental Committee," or emailed to records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Applications close at 4.00pm on 29 May 2015.

STAN SCOTT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FORUM DISCUSSION PAPER

Date of Report:	7 April 2015
Name of Applicant / Proponent/s:	Shire of Toodyay
File Reference No.:	R1.22
Author:	Corry Munson – CESM
Responsible Officer:	Stan Scott - CEO
Previously Before Council:	17 th September 2009, 29 th April 2010, 15 th July 2010 18 th November 2010, 7 th December 2011, 13 December 2011
Nature of Council's Role in the matter:	Executive
Attachments:	Nil.
Presentations:	Nil.

8.1 ACCESS AND EGRESS PROJECT

PURPOSE OF THE DISCUSSION PAPER

The purpose of this paper is to recommend that Council support an external review into the Strategic Fire Access and Emergency Egress Track project which was developed in 2009 with works beginning in 2012. The Project has completed two stages with the third stage scheduled for the current financial year. The original champion for the project, who compiled the proposal and project managed the first two stages has now moved on. This is an ideal time to step back and review the completed works and review the projected stages and budgets. The review into the past works is important to ensure that lessons are learned to produce the best possible outcomes for affected residents and the Shire in future stages.

BACKGROUND

This project was developed after a Fire Break review in September 2009, where it was broadly indicated that many of the existing subdivisions in the Shire of Toodyay were poorly designed and indeed many have little to no emergency access points for firefighters and residents. There had also been issues with maintenance and ownership of existing tracks. This firebreak review was also critical of the lack of firebreaks in the Shire Reserves.

Documents were presented to Council recommending proposed changes and setting out the requirements for the development of new tracks to help to make existing subdivisions safer for residents.

Council agreed to the proposed projects that the responsible officer Alan Knapp had developed thorough risk assessments and priority development plan. A total of five stages were identified and to date two stages have been completed.

The Shire of Toodyay was successful this financial in the application for grant funding through the National Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) for a further \$100,000 to contribute to Stage 3. NDRP also contributed funding to the first stage. With the success of this funding is the ideal time to revisit the works conducted so far to ascertain the viability of the project moving forward. The original proposed stages and budgets require an update to compensate for cost increases. We also need to compare the budgeted costs versus the actual cost from the previous stages completed to reevaluate the budgets for the remaining stages.

It is also fair to say that the works on the stages completed to date have not been completed without some issues that require urgent attention before any further stages are completed. We have received feedback from residents and brigade members who have witnessed some of the problems first hand with the completed stages. Some issues raised are:

1. Poor construction;
2. Water runoff and erosion issues;
3. No education to residents and brigade members after completion;
4. Unauthorised use by off road vehicles or 4WD's;
5. No signage on 1 stage;
6. The word "EGRESS" is confusing;
7. Regrowth / maintenance issues;
8. Putting fire fighters in the rea referred to as the dead man zone (topography during bushfires);
9. Disappointed residents with poor quality of work having to maintain poorly built tracks;
10. Funding could be better utilised through education and prevention activities;
11. Being over budget; and
12. The Shire being setup for large maintenance bills in the future due to locations of tracks (topography and poor works).

Having an external review will help validate project priorities for future stages, project management structure and what needs to be improved going forward.

CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

We need to consult with residents near the completed stages, and with local brigade members to gauge the level of understanding of the locations and intended usage of the Fire Access and Egress tracks.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

After an independent review is completed, there may be changes to the strategic plan of the Fire Access and Egress locations and priorities.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

After an independent review is completed, there may be changes to the policies surrounding the completion of each stage of Fire Access and Egress tracks.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial costs to an external consultant would be required and further investigation into cost to engage a consultant will be conducted if Council endorses the recommendation. It is anticipated that the review would cost in the order of \$20,000.

After an independent review is completed, there may be changes to the forecasted expenditure of each stage of Fire Access and Egress tracks. Given the date of the original indicative budgets and the costs of the previous stages it is reasonable to expect that the original budgets are well below actual costs in today's market.

LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

No legal or statutory implications are foreseen

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The risk of not reviewing the work is that future stages may be less effective and not represent the best value for money.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no known environmental implications for this review

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no notable social implications.

OFFICER COMMENT / DETAILS

The CESM's recommendation to Council is that no further works should be carried out on additional stages of the Strategic Fire Access and Emergency Egress Track project until an independent review is completed of the works to date and the proposed future stages.

While overall the outcomes of the project have been positive, there are opportunities to improve the project planning and management to provide better quality and value for money. This single project has been a significant capital

investment, but this has limited the resources available for other strategies such as education and mitigation projects. The financial commitment to future stages needs to be considered in terms of timing, value for money and funding for other activities, including community education and track maintenance.

FORUM DISCUSSION PAPER

Date of Report:	8 April 2014
Name of Applicant / Proponent/s:	WAYFOUND
File Reference No.:	TOU7
Author:	Stan Scott - CEO
Responsible Officer:	Audrey Bell – Manager Community Development
Previously Before Council:	February 2015 Ordinary Meeting
Nature of Council's Role in the matter:	Executive
Attachments:	1. Presentation by Wayfound; and 2. Quote.

8.2 TOURIST INFORMATION BAY – STIRLING TCE

PURPOSE OF THE DISCUSSION PAPER

The purpose of this paper is to provide Council the opportunity to discuss the proposed design for the Tourist Information Bay.

BACKGROUND

At its February 2015 Ordinary Meeting Council resolved as follows:

That Council:

- 1. Approve the appointment of Wayfound (quoted amount of \$7,000.00 GST Excl) to complete a concept plan for the Information Bay;*
- 2. Ensure that input into the design includes Elected Members, members of the Toodyay Chamber of Commerce and tourism operators; and*
- 3. Consider the final concept design at the May 2015 Ordinary Meeting of Council.*

Wayfound has now prepared and costed a design for consideration by Council.

CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

Wayfound visited Toodyay and met with key tourism staff, a representative of Tidy Towns, TTC and the Chamber of Commerce. They then walked the town and made notes, and identified references.

The Consultants returned to discuss the proposed design with the SMG. The design was then tweaked and costed.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Information Bay has been identified in the Strategic Community Plan as a major capital project.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There will need to be some policy around the maintenance of business information at the Information Bay to ensure that is accurate, current and reliable. There may need to be some policy around minimum requirements for inclusion and contributions to costs.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost of the proposed information structure is \$71,580. There will be an additional cost of around \$6,000 for concrete, stonework and brickwork to complete the design.

It is proposed that there be provision for a Wi-Fi hotspot at the information bay which will have some potential ongoing costs.

LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

There are no notable statutory issues.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The proposed information structure is relatively isolated so we will need to be alert to graffiti and vandalism. Graffiti coatings will be used on all potential target area.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

This proposal does not contain any notable environmental implications.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This proposal does not contain any notable social implications.

OFFICER COMMENT / DETAILS

The brief for the Consultant was that the Information Bay should stand out, but at the same time fit in with Toodyay's historic streetscape. The proposed design meets these requirements and will complement the historic street scape. While the structure may not be unique, neither the Consultants nor staff involved are aware of any other similar tourism structure.

The structure will display both a Shire and town map, will have a panel for activities and attractions. There will also be a panel which provides space for up to 36 tourism businesses to advertise. The advertisements will follow a standard

template which will provide for name, contact details, website, photograph, QR code and some free text. The advertising panels will also be colour coded. We will need to determine a subscription cost for advertisers. Ideally this will involve a package cost for a bundle of services which may include for example an ad in the Valley for All Seasons and Visitor Centre Membership.

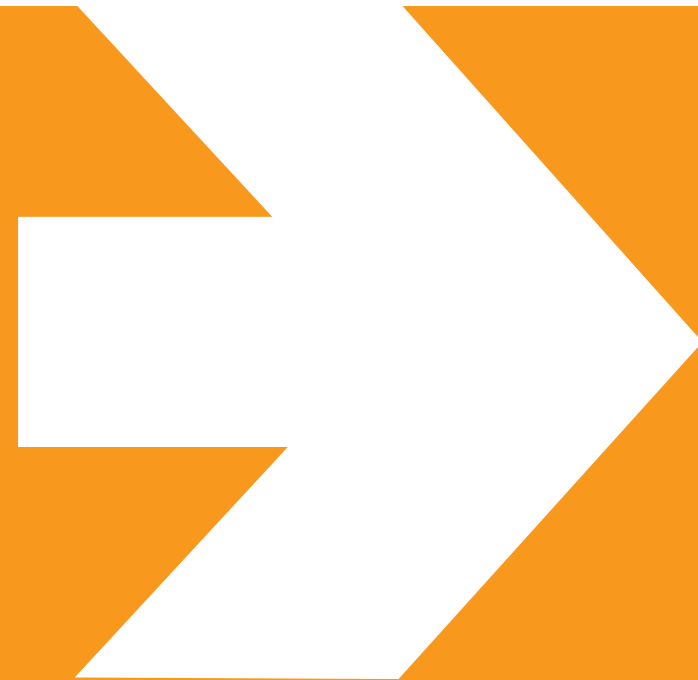
Council we be asked at the April Ordinary Meeting to approve the structure, but work will still need to be done on the maps, attractions and the final advertising template.

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information bay: structure & design concepts

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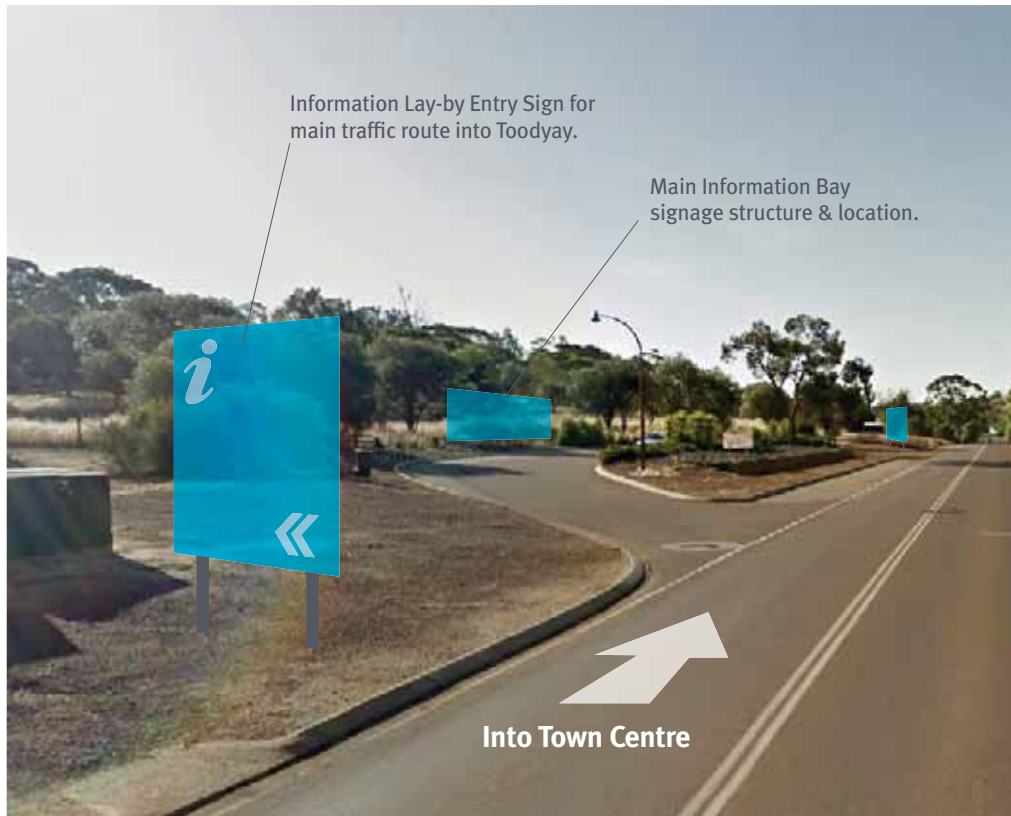


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Information Bay Signage Visualisation

Toodyay, WA

Bay Location & Proposed Signage Location



Information Bay Signage Visualisation

Toodyay, WA

Examples of other information bay structures & systems



Examples of other Australian information bay structures and systems.

Options can provide space for additional revenue generation through private advertising.



Information Bay Signage Visualisation

Toodyay, WA

Historical/architectural references of Toodyay



Common architectural features of some of the older colonial and early Federation Toodyay buildings.



Information Bay Signage Visualisation

Toodyay, WA

Typical historical architectural detailings and landscape features of Toodyay



Verandah Fretwork detailing



Bull-nosed verandahs



Ornate Victorian plasterwork detail



Toodyay Stone



Rolling countryside



Avon River

Information Bay Signage Visualisation

Toodyay, WA

Colours of Toodyay



Materials of Toodyay

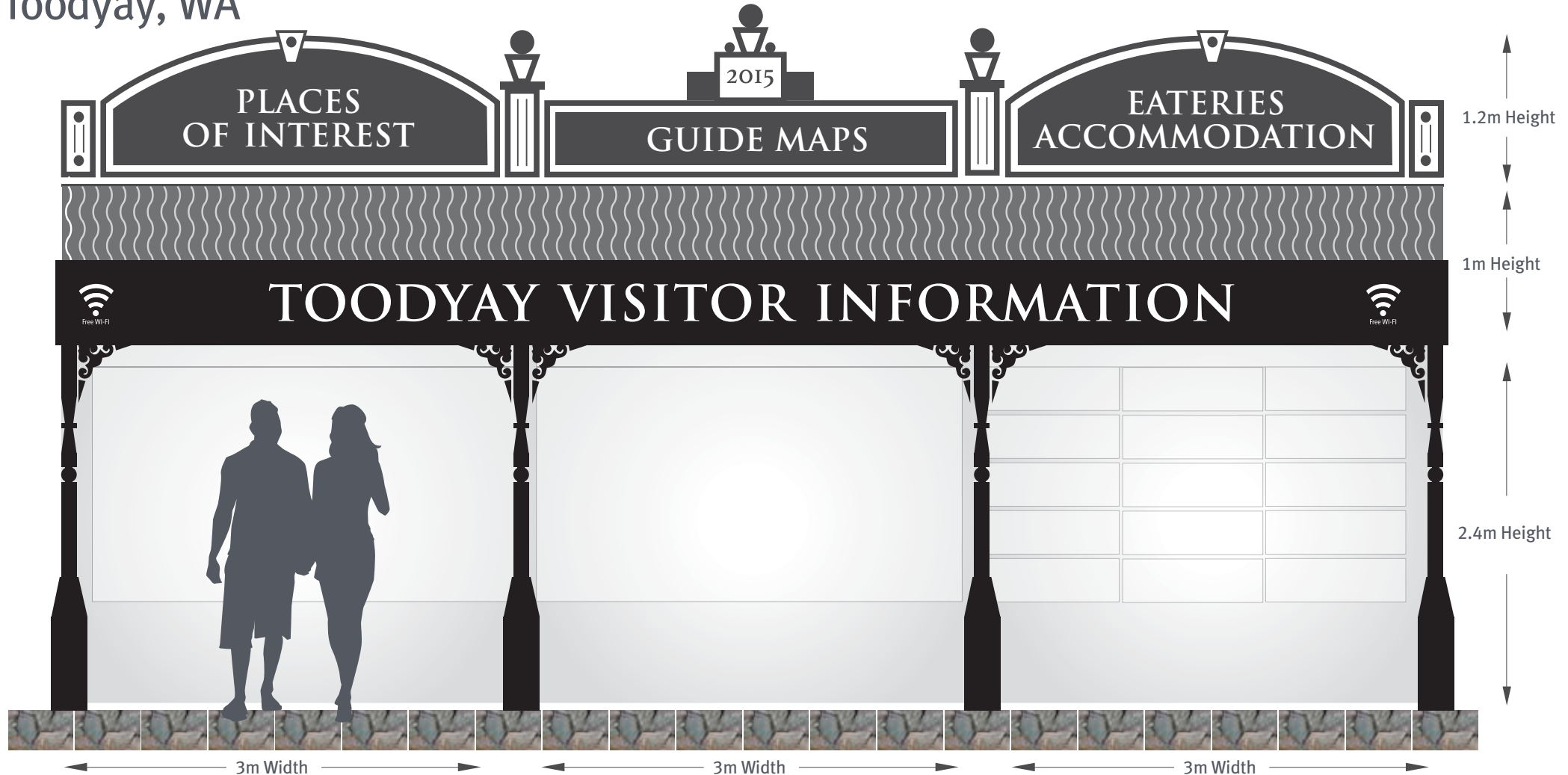


Information bay signage and structure will be designed and produced using official colours and materials of Toodyay town centre and shire.



Information Bay Signage Visualisation

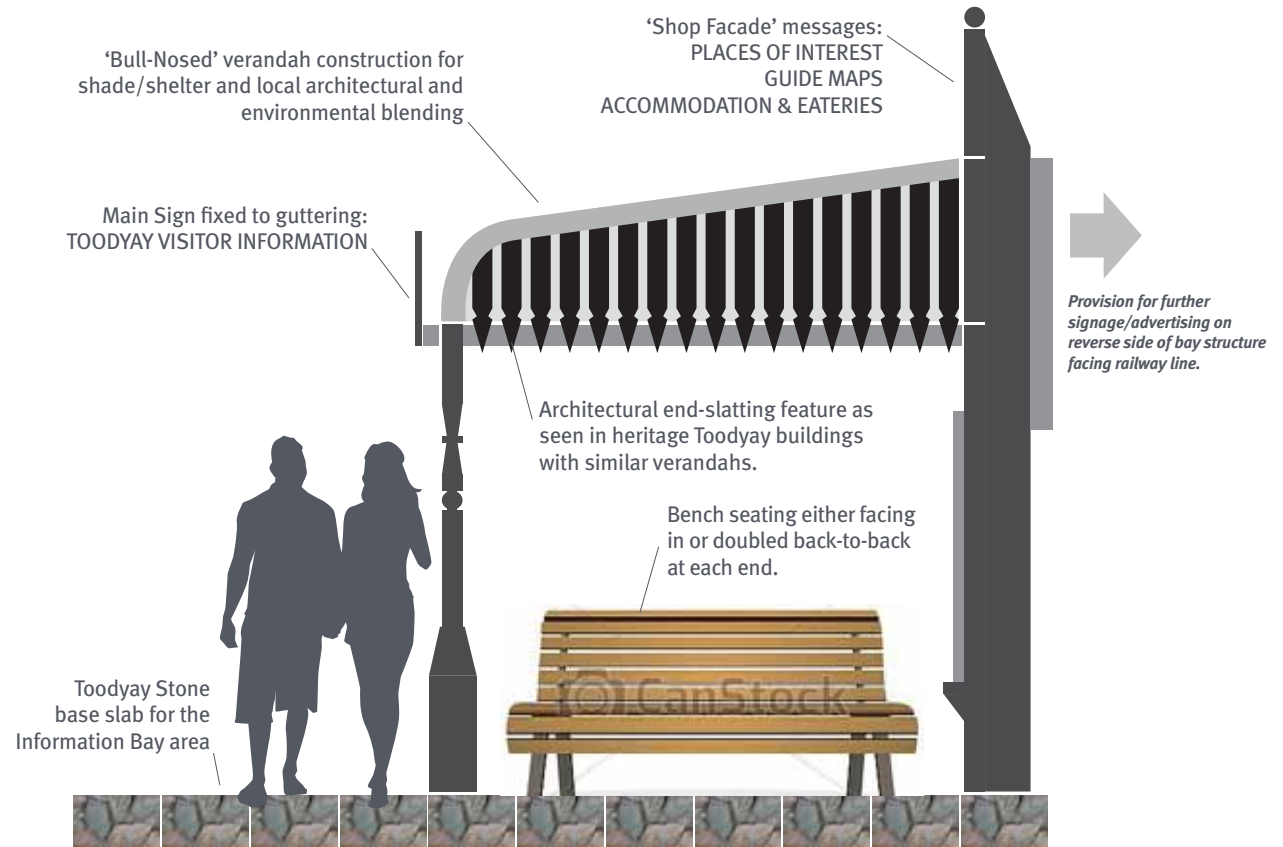
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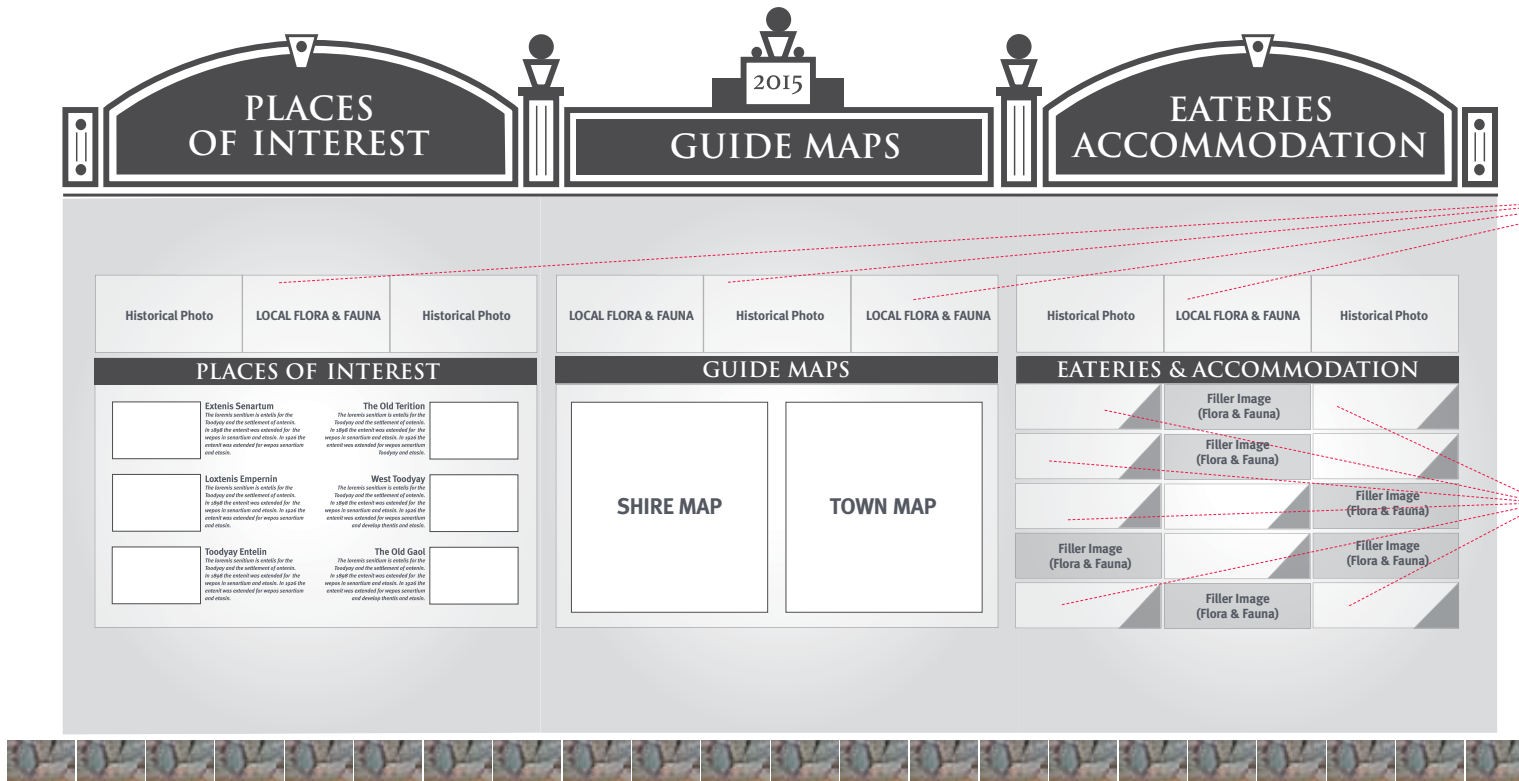
Side view of information bay area



Information Bay Signage Visualisation

Toodyay, WA

Proposed content for main fascia wall of information bay



Historical photos of Toodyay and local flora & fauna mounted underneath bull-nosed verandah on back wall.

advertisement template:

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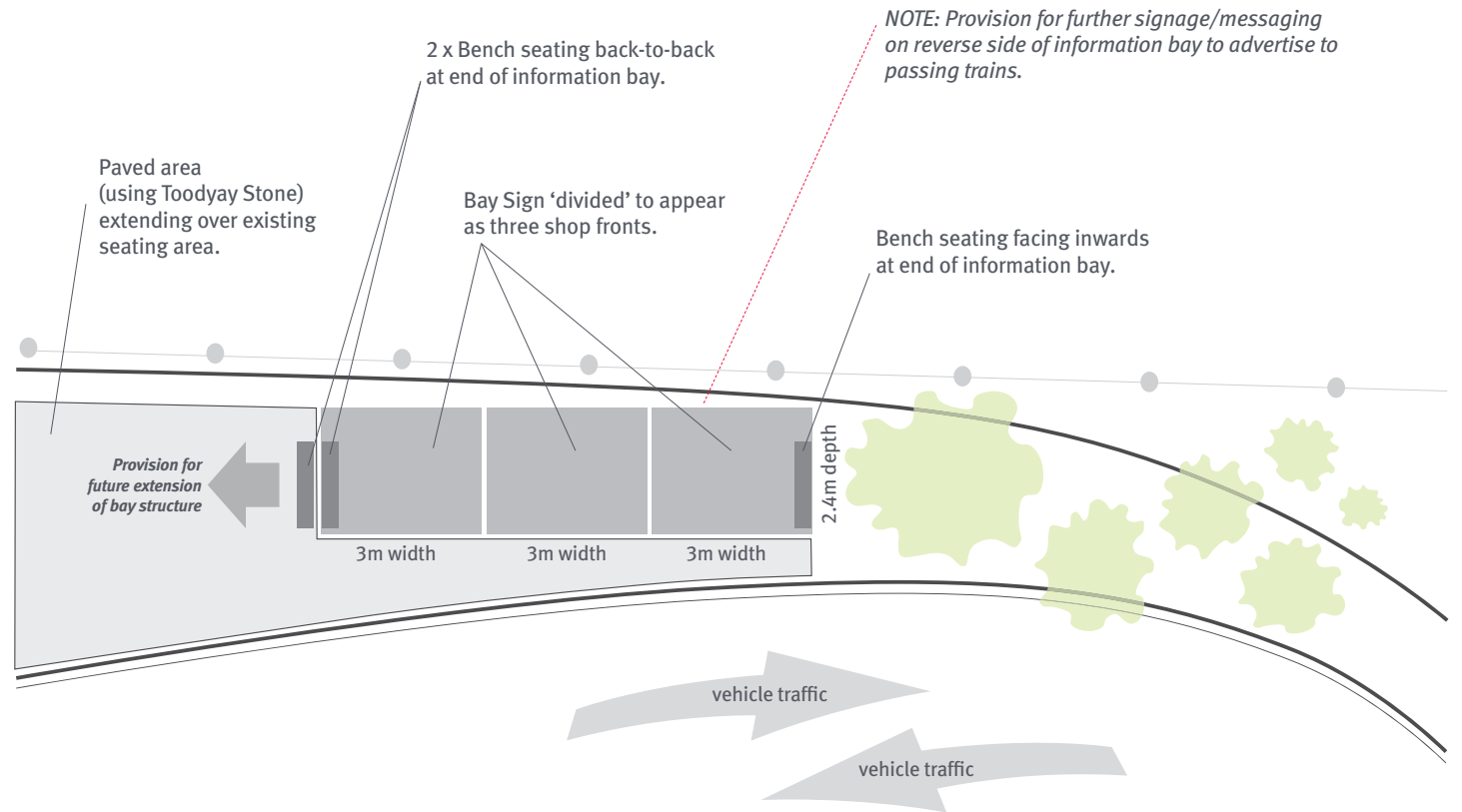
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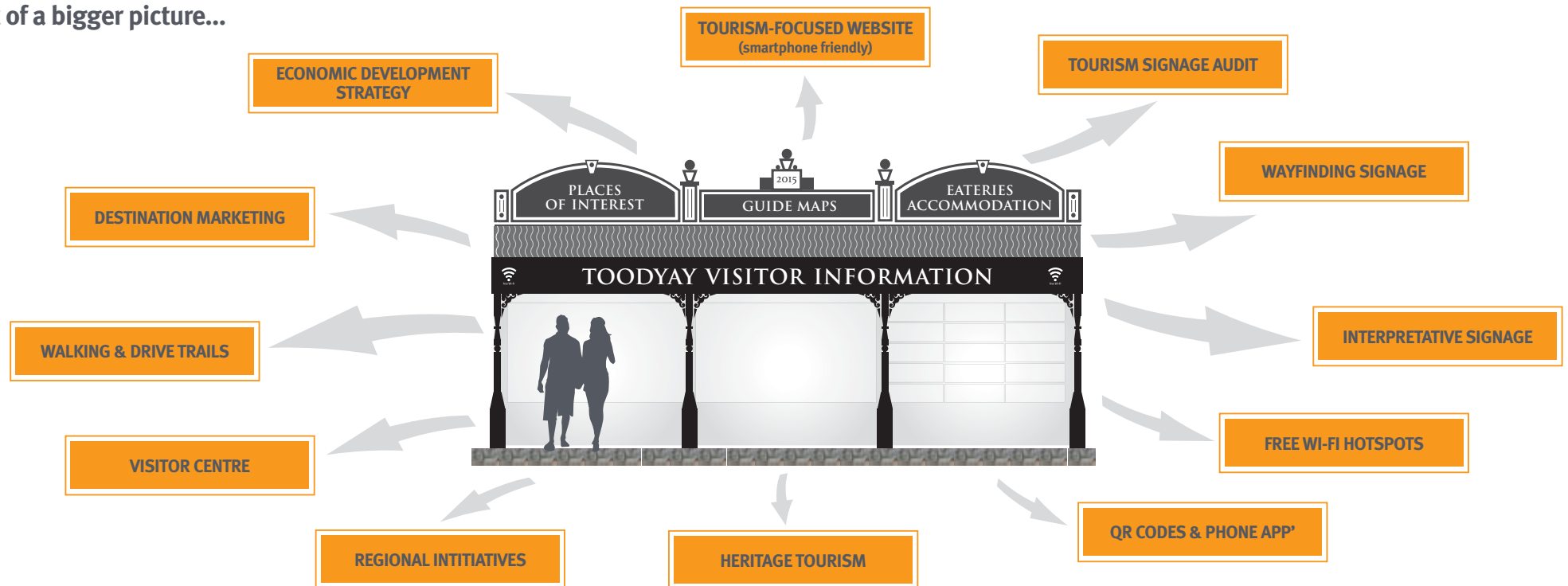
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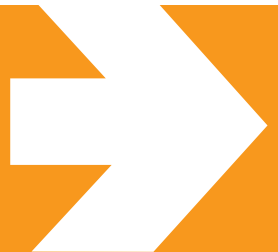
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Shire of Toodyay

PO Box 96
Toodyay WA 6566
Australia

Estimate No: 5340
Date: 30 March 2015
From: Kim D'Alton

Attention: Audrey Bell

SOT Tourist information Bay production (ESTIMATE ONLY)

Description	Qty/Hrs	Amount
project management/liaison (allowance - add'l time billed in 15 min blocks - if required)	20.00	\$ 3,200.00
design & artwork - design Toodyay Visitor Centre Signage panels	30.00	\$ 4,800.00
author's changes (allowance - add'l time billed in 15 min blocks - if required)	3.00	\$ 480.00
12m x 2.4m x 3.4m Tourist information bay built from structural steel including cast iron verandah posts, lace work, adornments, bull nose verandah and back wall including painting/powder coating (estimate only)	1.00	\$ 44,000.00
Structural drawings (estimate only)	1.00	\$ 4,400.00
Transport to site and crane hire (estimate only)	1.00	\$ 3,300.00
miscellaneous display - 3x sets Cut acrylic lettering for Tourist info bay facade (places of interest, guide maps, eateries & accomodation). 1x Facia sign (Toodyay Visitor Information) with printed vinyl with anti grafitti laminate 12m x 0.35m. 3 x 1 printed vinyl with anti grafitti laminate sign panels 3.9m x 2.2m. installation in Toodyay	1.00	\$ 11,400.00
	Total	\$ 71,580.00
	GST	\$ 7,158.00
	Total AUD Inc GST	\$ 78,738.00

Kim D'Alton
Creative Director

Acceptance

I have read, and accepted this estimate

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Order No: _____

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FORUM DISCUSSION PAPER

Date of Report: 8 April 2015

Name of Applicant / Proponent/s: INCLUSION WA

File Reference No.: LEG120

Author: Audrey Bell – Manager Community Development

Responsible Officer: Audrey Bell – Manager Community Development

Previously Before Council: n/a

Nature of Council's Role in the matter: Executive

Attachments:

1. Report from Inclusion WA;
2. Advocate 2 page spread; and
3. Toodyay Herald 2 page spread.

8.3 Inclusion WA

PURPOSE OF THE DISCUSSION PAPER

The purpose of this paper is for introducing Inclusion WA to Elected Members and to inform on the programs undertaken to date and the requirements for the future to keep the program sustainable.

BACKGROUND

In 2014 the Shire of Toodyay were advised that we were to receive a one of \$10,000 grant from the Dept. of Local Government to increase Youth participation in the community.

It was during a small informal network meeting with various community groups on Youth that through advice from the Police we were made aware that Toodyay had the highest crime stats for Youth in the Wheatbelt.

In the later part of 2014 Kristee Jolly whilst undertaking further research to make the Youth program a success was in contact with Inclusion WA to find further information on their programs for Youth.

Meetings were held between the Manger of Community Development – Audrey Bell, ESO -Kristee Jolly and Officers from Inclusion WA to find out further details on what could take place in Toodyay. Through the connections formed with Inclusion WA programs were able to take place during the January School Holidays in 2015 for one week with the majority of the funding being covered by Inclusion WA.

Final details are currently underway for the April School holidays – one week for the next round of activities.

This program although the focus for the Shire has been mainly for Youth, is inclusive of all ages and backgrounds and has been a great success. Attached for your information are details on the first program held in January as well as an excerpt from an email received from Inclusion WA on 20 March 2015.

Excerpt from 20 March 2015 from Inclusion WA:

Some communities put on holiday program based activities to make sure kids are kept busy and out of trouble during the holidays.

This program is a little different in that there are many significant long-term outcomes when we get people connected within their community:

- *The reliance of the health system decreases*
- *Their levels of satisfaction within the community increases*
- *There are genuine physical and mental health benefits from belonging to something other than their immediate family*
- *There are genuine benefits from having a valued role within the community, particularly for those that are on the fringes of society or marginalised in some way.*

You are helping the wider community to see value in including people of all backgrounds and ability levels. Clubs and groups are feeling well supported by the Shire of Toodyay as a result of this and no doubt there will be numerous long-term benefits.

With the January holiday program completed and the proposed April program, Inclusion WA has been invited up to share with Elected Members details on the Program and sustainability of the program into the future.

CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

Two informal Youth network meetings were held. CRC, Police, School, Arts and Sport groups, and the Manager of Community Development and ESO attended.

A Steering Group for the Inclusion programs has since been formed. The group has met at various times to work towards the programs, after which they have met to debrief. The Steering Group consists of – Inclusion WA, Shire, CRC, Bendigo Bank, School, Arts, Sporting Groups.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Page 12 of the Strategic Community Plan (Toodyay 2023) lists the outcomes that Council has identified to meet the aspirations for Toodyay as a liveable and thriving Shire. Youth Services has been listed as a Council activity that contributes to these outcomes.

Page 14 of the Strategic Community Plan (Toodyay 2023) states there will be a particular focus on strategic priorities over the coming years. One of these strategic priorities is "Youth."

A key action that will contribute to the strategic priority of Youth over the period of the plan is stated as being a "Youth Programme - work with youth organisations and programmes to support youth related initiatives".

Page 12 of the Corporate Business Plan lists a "Youth Program" as a strategic priority. It states that a Youth Program will be developed in one year and implemented thereafter as well as developing an alliance with Toodyay Senior High School.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This proposal does not contain any notable policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

To undertake a full years' worth of holiday programs would require extra funding.

To run holiday programs such as the ones currently undertaken funding of approx. \$20,000 would need to be secured.

Currently through budget \$2000 for Youth has been adopted. Further funds of \$5000 for Sports and Community were also adopted for the 2014/2015 budget, however for sustainability of this program into the 2015/2016 financial year further funding would be required.

Should the Shire not cover all the funds for the coming financial year, grants or funding partnerships can be explored, however with no guarantee that these will be successful, the other option could be to hold fewer holiday programs (e.g. Two programs per year (one summer and one winter) rather than four.)

LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

This proposal does not contain any notable legal and statutory implications.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

This proposal does not contain any notable risk implications.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

This proposal does not contain any notable environmental implications.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Please see details (as written under background as per excerpt from email received from Inclusion WA 20 March 2015).

OFFICER COMMENT / DETAILS

To date these holiday activities have been a great success not only for the individual community members attending but for strengthening connections with other Organisations and Community Groups working in the Shire of Toodyay.

The other benefit of this program is the strong liaison with Inclusion WA and their methodology of increasing the knowledge within the community groups to build on and undertake inclusive activities.

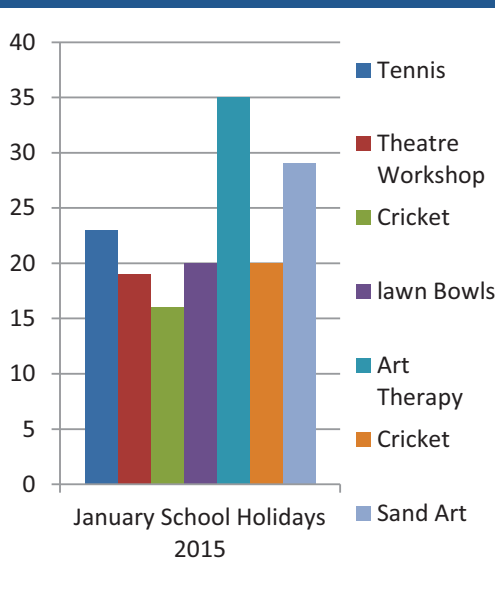
To keep this program sustainable into the future further funding is required. It is now for Council to discuss and consider for the 2015/2016 Budget.

Toodyay Inclusive Holiday Program - January



Brief Overview

- 162 attendances were recorded for the January Holiday Program
- 18.36% of participants were indigenous
- 12.24% of all participants had a disability
- 51% of participants were not currently part of a local sporting club or recreational group
- Average age was 12.75



Vision Statement

We believe in building the capacity of local sports & recreation clubs within the Shire of Toodyay through education, mentorship & hands on support. Our aim is to connect individuals to their local community and support local groups to be more inclusive and welcoming

Introduction

The first ever Toodyay Inclusive Holiday Program has been deemed a huge success by The Shire of Toodyay and the wider community. The Program, which ran throughout the last week of the January school holidays, was well attended with 162 attendances across the seven sessions of sport and recreation. Inclusion WA and The Shire of Toodyay worked in close partnership with local clubs and groups to offer the entire community an opportunity to get involved in free community based activities in Toodyay. The Program aims to bring the community together through sport

and recreation, in order to increase activity levels during school holiday periods, a time of social isolation for many local residents.

The program aims to be inclusive – to connect people of all abilities and backgrounds with local clubs and groups. Local clubs are encouraged to promote themselves to the participants and parents. In January, several participants and parents signed up as members at local clubs. This program helps to close the physical and social distances separating people and by doing this, it aims to bring everyone together and promote one welcoming, inclusive Toodyay community.

“This program is unique in that it promotes participation for not just the kids but also parents, carers and other community members. We all want to live in a well-connected, vibrant community and this initiative really promotes Toodyay as a well-connected and inclusive town”

Kristee Jolly, Shire of Toodyay



Participants

The program is aimed at the entire community, people of all ability levels and backgrounds. The individuals are encouraged to participate, volunteer and assist with the administration of the program which specifically targets members of the community who are disengaged or disconnected, amongst others.

Toodyay has the highest crime rate in the Wheatbelt and this is a direct result of a lack of opportunity for young people to engage in. This highlights the need for more activities and opportunities at a local level.

Inclusion WA is working closely with the Shire of Toodyay and has helped to build a local steering group. Their aim is to build capacity and empower local sporting clubs and recreational groups to become better connected to the Toodyay community. Moving forward this local ownership will ensure the program is sustainable and supported by community members.

Congratulations

Inclusion WA would like to congratulate all individuals and organisations who made the program possible with a special mention to the following:

- The Shire of Toodyay-special thanks to Audrey Bell & Kristee Jolly
- Toodyay Steering Group
- Tennis Club
- Theatre club
- Bowling Club
- Cricket Club
- Toodyay Community Resource Centre
- Inner Visions Outer Expressions

Feedback

The feedback received by all community service organisations, parents and participants has been of an extremely positive nature and this has resulted in numerous fantastic outcomes.

“This Program is really good at encouraging participants to firstly try out a range of new sports and recreational activities. We have had a fantastic response to the Program from the whole community, plus there have been numerous participants taking the next step and registering with local clubs” Ciara King Inclusion WA

Kristee (Shire of Toodyay) said that statistics alone suggested that the Program was really successful at providing residents with opportunities of participation and social connection during the holiday periods, a time when there is minimal offer to the wider community.

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Kristee Jolly, Shire of Toodyay

“This session has given the Community Resource Centre an opportunity showcase what we have available to the community.”

Tenielle Hughes Toodyay Community Resource Centre



Toodyay Inclusive Holiday Program - January

NEWS

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For more on the program contact Kristee Jolly at The Shire of Toodyay on 9574 2133.



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Fielding: Cricket with the Toodyay Cricket Club.

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Cricket: Riley, Mitchel and Kai prepare to field.



Tennis: Lynette from the Toodyay Tennis Club teaching participants how to hold a racket.



Hit: Tanami shows Frank her best serve.



Serve: Riley shows off a backhand stroke.



LEFT: Zoe aims for a wicket. ABOVE: Being zombies. RIGHT: Addison's pearl beads



Doing the Theatre Games caterpillar walk

Jaye lines up for a backhand return

Free activities make school holidays more fun



Nicholas bowls a beauty

Inclusive School Holiday Program Kristee Jolly

THE FIRST Toodyay Inclusive Holiday Program was a big success with 162 people taking part in seven sessions of sport and recreation in the final week of the January school holidays.

Community organisation Inclusion WA and the Shire of Toodyay joined local clubs and groups to offer the free community-based activities.

The program aimed to offer a range of school holiday activities, which can be a socially isolating time for many people.

It connects people of all abilities and backgrounds with local groups to help bring them closer together and feel welcome in the community.

"The program is really good at encouraging people to try new sports and recreational activities," Inclusion WA's Ciara King said. "We had a fantastic response from the whole community – many participants took the next step by joining local clubs."

Toodyay Shire Executive Support Officer Kristee Jolly said it was great to see

enthusiastic participants joining local clubs. "This program has been great at bringing our entire community together," she said.

More than 18 percent of participants were indigenous and more than 12 percent had a disability.

About half didn't belong to clubs or groups, showing the program helped connect people not linked to local community activities.

"This program is unique because it promotes participation not just for kids but also parents, carers and others," Ms Jolly said.

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The Toodyay Inclusive Holiday Program returns for the April school holidays and is open to everyone. For more information, please call Ms Jolly on 9574 2133.

FORUM DISCUSSION PAPER

Date of Report:	8 April 2015
Name of Applicant / Proponent/s:	WALGA
File Reference No.:	WAL2
Author:	STAN SCOTT - CEO
Responsible Officer:	STAN SCOTT - CEO
Previously Before Council:	N/A.
Nature of Council's Role in the matter:	Advocacy.
Attachments:	1. WALGA – Notice of AGM and call for motions.

8.4 WALGA AGM

PURPOSE OF THE DISCUSSION PAPER

The purpose of this paper is to advise Elected Members of the process for having matters considered by the WALGA AGM

BACKGROUND

Each year at its AGM WALGA debates matters of importance to the Local Government Sector. The WALGA paper provides guidance on the types of matters that are suitable for consideration by the AGM as opposed to being dealt with through Zones and the State Council.

The WALGA AGM may be attended for free by Elected Members whether or not they attend the Convention. Each Local Government nominates two voting delegates who vote on behalf of the Shire at the AGM.

CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

There are no notable consultation implications.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The AGM allows the sector to debate policy and strategy.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This proposal does not contain any notable policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This proposal does not contain any notable financial implications.

LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

This proposal does not contain any notable statutory implications.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

This proposal does not contain any notable risk implications.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

This proposal does not contain any notable environmental implications.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This proposal does not contain any notable social implications.

OFFICER COMMENT / DETAILS

The administration has not identified any matters that would give rise to a motion at the AGM. The closing date for motions is Monday 8 June 2015. For the Shire of Toodyay to be able to prepare a motion for consideration, it would need to be adopted by Council at the May Ordinary Meeting of Council.

CONCLUSION / RECOMMENDATION

If any elected member wishes to raise a matter for consideration by the WALGA AGM details of the issue and the motion will need to be provided to the CEO by 14 May 2015 at the latest.

SHIRE OF TOODYAY
Record Number: ICR 31826
2 - APR 2015
Officer / Dept: EXECSEC
File Number: WALI



Notice
of
Annual General Meeting
and
Procedural Information
for Submission of Motions

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Wednesday, 5 August 2015

Deadline for Agenda Items

(Close of Business)

Monday 8 June 2015

2015 Local Government Convention

General Information

The 2015 Local Government Convention will be held at the *Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre (PCEC)* from 5 August to 7 August 2015. The tentative schedule for the Convention is as follows:

<u>Wednesday 5 August</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>FINISH</u>
Special State and Local Government Forum	8.30 am	12.30 pm
Collection of Voting Keypads	10.00 am	1.30 pm
Honour Recipients Luncheon	12 Noon	1.00 pm
WA Local Government Association AGM opening (including Honours Awards Presentations)	1.30 pm	5.30 pm
Convention & Trade Exhibition Welcome Reception	5.30 pm	7.00 pm
<u>Thursday 6 August</u>		
ALGWA Breakfast	7.00 am	8.30 am
Opening and Convention Sessions	9:00 am	5.30 pm
Sundowner	5.30 pm	7.00 pm
Mayors & President Reception – Government House (by Prior invitation)	6.00 pm	7.30 pm
<u>Friday 7 August</u>		
Convention Breakfast with Justin Langer	7:30 am	8:45 am
Convention Sessions	9:00 am	4.30 pm
Convention Gala Dinner	7:00 pm	11.30 pm

Further details are contained in the registration brochure which will be distributed to all Local Governments in May.

WALGA Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for the Western Australian Local Government Association will be held from 1:30 pm to 5.30 pm on Wednesday 5 August 2015. This event should be attended by delegates from all Member Local Governments.

Cost for attending the Annual General Meeting

Attendance at the Annual General Meeting is **free of charge** to all Member Local Governments; lunch is not provided. All Convention delegates must register their attendance in advance. Registration for the Welcome Reception that evening must also be notified in advance.

Submission of Motions

Member Local Governments are hereby invited to submit motions for inclusion on the Agenda for consideration at the 2015 Annual General Meeting. Motions should be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer of WALGA.

The closing date for submission of motions is COB **Monday, 8 June 2015**. *Please note that any motions proposing alterations or amendments to the Constitution of the WA Local Government Association must be received by COB **Friday, 15 May 2015** in order to satisfy the 60 day constitutional notification requirements.*


The following guidelines should be followed by Members in the formulation of motions:

- Motions should focus on policy matters rather than issues which could be dealt with by the WALGA State Council with minimal delay.
- Due regard should be given to the relevance of the motion to the total membership and to Local Government in general. Some motions are of a localised or regional interest and might be better handled through other forums.
- Due regard should be given to the timeliness of the motion – will it still be relevant come the Local Government Convention or would it be better handled immediately by the Association?
- The likely political impact of the motion should be carefully considered.
- Due regard should be given to the educational value to Members – i.e. does awareness need to be raised on the particular matter?
- The potential media interest of the subject matter should be considered.
- Annual General Meeting motions submitted by Member Local Governments must be accompanied by fully researched and documented supporting comment.

Enquiries relating to the preparation or submission of motions should be directed to Ana Fernandez, Executive Officer Governance on 9213 2013 or via email afernandez@walga.asn.au.

Emergency Motions

No motion shall be accepted for debate at the Annual General Meeting after the closing date unless the Association President determines that it is of an urgent nature, sufficient to warrant immediate debate, and delegates resolve accordingly at the meeting. Please refer to the Conference Standing Orders for details.



Mayor Troy Pickard
President



Ricky Burges
Chief Executive Officer

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FORUM DISCUSSION PAPER

Date of Report: 9 April 2015
Name of Applicant / Proponent/s: ALGA
File Reference No.: M18.6
Author: Stan Scott - CEO
Responsible Officer: Stan Scott - CEO
Previously Before Council: N/A
Nature of Council's Role in the matter: Advocacy
Attachments: 1. ALGA – Call for Motions.

8.5 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

PURPOSE OF THE DISCUSSION PAPER

The purpose of this paper is to provide the opportunity for Council to suggest motions for the National general assembly of local Government.

BACKGROUND

Cr Dow is attending the national General Assembly of Local Government. This item provides the opportunity for Elected Members to consider that national issues that will be debated at the assembly.

CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

The resolutions from the assembly will help guide ALGA in its engagement with the Commonwealth.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Federal Government has released 4 issues papers in the lead up to the development of a Green Paper, and then a White Paper on the reform of federation.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no notable policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The reform of the federation may influence how Federal Grants such as Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) and Roads to Recovery Grants are distributed.

LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

There are no notable statutory implications.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There will be opportunities for formal engagement processes as reform proposals are developed, so there are no significant risk implications at this stage.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

This proposal does not contain any notable environmental implications.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This proposal does not contain any notable social implications.

OFFICER COMMENT / DETAILS

The Objectives and Terms of Reference from Issues Paper 1 are as follows:

Objectives

The Commonwealth Government has committed to produce, working with the States and Territories, a White Paper on the Reform of the Federation. The White Paper will seek to clarify roles and responsibilities to ensure that, as far as possible, the States and Territories are sovereign in their own sphere. The objective will be to:

- *reduce and end, as far as possible, the waste, duplication and second guessing between different levels of government;*
- *achieve a more efficient and effective federation, and in so doing, improve national productivity;*
- *make interacting with government simpler for citizens;*
- *ensure our federal system:*
 - a. *is better understood and valued by Australians (and the case for reform supported);*
 - b. *has clearer allocation of roles and responsibilities;*
 - c. *enhances governments' autonomy, flexibility and political accountability; and*
 - d. *supports Australia's economic growth and international competitiveness.*

Issues to be considered

Within the existing constitutional framework, consideration will be given to:

- *the practicalities of limiting Commonwealth policies and funding to core national interest matters, as typified by the matters in section 51 of the Constitution;*
- *reducing or, if appropriate, eliminating overlap between Local, State and Commonwealth responsibility or involvement in the delivery and funding of public programmes;*
- *achieving agreement between State and Commonwealth governments about their distinct and mutually exclusive responsibilities and subsequent funding sources for associated programmes; and*
- *achieving equity and sustainability in the funding of any programmes that are deemed to be the responsibility of more than one level of government.*

Consistent with this, the White Paper will present the Commonwealth Government's position in relation to:

- *the values and goals that should underpin the Federation so it becomes more efficient and drives national productivity;*
- *principles and criteria to be applied when allocating roles and responsibilities between different levels of government, such as:*
 - a. subsidiarity, whereby responsibility lies with the lowest level of government possible, allowing flexible approaches to improving outcomes,*
 - b. equity, efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery, including a specific focus on service delivery in the regions,*
 - c. 'national interest' considerations, so that where it is appropriate, a national approach is adopted in preference to diversity across jurisdictions,*
 - d. accountability for performance in delivering outcomes, but without imposing unnecessary reporting burdens and overly prescriptive controls,*
 - e. durability (that is, the allocation of roles and responsibilities should be appropriate for the long-term), and*
 - f. fiscal sustainability at both Commonwealth and State levels;*
- *practical application of these principles in the allocation of roles and responsibilities in the areas of health, education, housing and homelessness (Issues Papers will be produced on these areas) and other areas within scope, to a lesser degree, including transport infrastructure, Indigenous affairs, justice, disability, welfare services, settlement services, family and parental support, disaster recovery, environmental regulation, adult and community education and youth transitions;*

- *how to address the issue of State governments raising insufficient revenues from their own sources to finance their spending responsibilities;*
- *the most appropriate approach for ensuring that horizontal fiscal equalisation does not result in individual jurisdictions being disadvantaged in terms of the quality of services they can deliver to their citizens, noting that this principle needs to be implemented in a way that avoids creating disincentives for them to improve their own revenue generation or to make the reforms necessary to improve the operation of their economies;*
- *effectiveness and governance of the current Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations, including the appropriateness of associated requirements in respect of inputs, outputs and outcomes;*
- *improvements to the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) operations so it is a strategic, consultative and co-operative decision-making forum, including for facilitating mutual recognition (as opposed to harmonisation) of State and Territory regulation; and*
- *performance reporting, transparency and data arrangements.*

The Federation White Paper will be closely aligned with the White Paper on the Reform of Australia's Tax System. The White Paper will also draw on any relevant findings and recommendations of the Commission of Audit and other White Papers and review processes currently underway.

Issues Paper 5 – COAG and Federal Relations had the following to say about Local Government:

3.4 The situation for local governments

Australia's Federation today comprises 566 local governing bodies.¹ The States and the Northern Territory² provide the legislative framework in which local government operates, and oversee its operations in their respective jurisdictions.

While local governments differ in many ways — such as the scope and scale of their functions, as well as their size, economic and geographic characteristics — they face similar problems to State and Territory governments in terms of having own-source revenue that does not fully meet their expenditure needs.

Local governments across Australia have a variety of roles and functions and deliver a wide range of services. They have legislative and regulatory functions that are defined in State and Northern Territory statutes, enabling them to make

¹ According to the *2010-11 Local Government National Report* (Commonwealth of Australia, Canberra, 2013, p. 3), there were 566 local governing bodies in 2010-11, including 556 local governments and 10 declared local governing bodies (which includes five Indigenous local governing bodies, and other bodies such as Lord Howe Island).

² There are no local governments in the Australian Capital Territory.

and enforce local laws. They are also responsible for land-use, town planning, environmental planning and development approvals within their jurisdiction.

The four largest shares of local government expenditure are in the following areas:

- *transport and communication (including road construction and maintenance, parking, rail and air transport, community transport and communication technology);*
- *housing and community amenities (including housing and community development, water supply, household garbage and sanitation, sewerage and street lighting);*
- *general public services (including administrative functions such as executive, legislative and financial affairs); and*
- *recreation and culture (including public halls, swimming pools, national parks and wildlife, libraries, museums and art galleries).³*

There is considerable variability among States and Territories in the roles and responsibilities of local governments. For example:

- *sewerage and water supply services are a local government function in Tasmania, rural New South Wales and outside south-east Queensland, but a State responsibility elsewhere;*
- *a large number of local governments in Victoria provide some welfare services, especially aged care, on behalf of the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments;*
- *local governments in Western Australia and Queensland are required to maintain a larger network of local roads than other States and Territories; and*
- *the Brisbane City Council provides urban public transport services, which are a State responsibility elsewhere.⁴*

Local government revenue comes from three main sources. The first two sources - taxation (property rates) and user charges - represent own-source revenue. The third source is grants from other levels of government. A fourth source, categorised as 'miscellaneous' by the ABS, consists of revenue raised through the likes of investment interest, dividend interest, income from public enterprises and fines.

³ Productivity Commission, *Assessing Local Government Revenue Raising Capacity*, Research Report, Canberra, 2008, p. 18.

⁴ Productivity Commission, *Assessing Local Government Revenue Raising Capacity*, p. 19.

Local government own-source revenue represents about 85 per cent of total local government revenue, aggregated at the national level.⁵ Property rates, and fees and charges account for the majority of own-source revenue, with property rates the only source of tax available to local governments. However, their combined share has decreased over time, reflecting growth in other own-source revenues, such as developer charges and fines.

Grants represent about 15 per cent of total local government revenue, although the level of grants differs significantly across councils. A quarter of councils receive 44 per cent or more of their revenue from grants, while ten per cent of councils receive at least 58 per cent of their revenue from grants.⁶ The Commonwealth and the States and Territories each contribute roughly half of all intergovernmental grants to local governments. Total grants per capita in rural areas are usually significantly higher than in urban areas.⁷

The Commonwealth provides two types of grant to local government: financial assistance grants and specific purpose payments. In 1974, the Commonwealth began providing untied financial assistance grants to local government, paid through the States and Territories under section 96 of the Constitution. Since the first Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act was passed in 1987, these grants have been referred to as financial assistance grants to local government. These grants are paid to local government through the States and Territories and are distributed among the States and Territories on the basis of population. The amount of the grants was increased after 1992 when separate tied Commonwealth funding for local roads, distributed among the States and Territories in shares reflecting their local roads task, was rolled into the financial assistance grants. Local government grants commissions in each State and the Northern Territory determine the distribution of these funds amongst their local governments in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995.

The Commonwealth uses specific purpose payments to provide direct funding to local governments for local roads and infrastructure (for example, the Roads to Recovery programme), child care programmes, and disability and other services administered by local governments. As local governments are not a signatory to the IGAFRR, Commonwealth financial assistance to local governments is provided outside of the IGAFRR framework.

The States and Territories provide grants to local governments for specific purposes or services, including reimbursements for rate concessions. States and Territories also provide contract payments to local governments to carry out some

⁵ Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Government Finance Statistics 2012-13*, cat. no. 5512.0 and Secretariat calculations.

⁶ Productivity Commission, *Assessing Local Government Revenue Raising Capacity*, p. XXIII.

⁷ Commonwealth of Australia, *2010-11 Local Government National Report*, p. 6.

State and Territory functions, which is a form of user charging for local government.

As local governments are creatures of State and Territory governments and deliver services that would otherwise be delivered by them, the Australia's Future Tax System Review stated that:

It may be more appropriate for State governments, rather than the Australian Government, to be responsible for ensuring that local governments have access to enough revenue – including through untied financial assistance – to provide local services. The ability of the States to fund untied financial assistance is contingent on the States themselves having access to sustainable tax revenue.⁸

As the Federation and Tax White Papers concurrently consider the expenditure responsibilities and revenue raising of each level of government, the revenue and expenditure base of local government will need to be considered in light of any wider changes to federal financial arrangements.

Question 3.6: What, if any, unnecessary duplication and overlap occurs in roles and responsibilities between local governments and other levels of government?

Question 3.7: What should be the division of roles and responsibilities between local governments and other levels of government? In what areas is a shared role warranted?

Question 3.8: What, if any, reforms are required to the revenue-raising powers and other revenue sources of local government?

⁸ Commonwealth of Australia, *Australia's Future Tax System*, 'Report to the Treasurer', p. 696.

The Australian Constitution is silent on Local Government. The requirement to have a system of Local Government is set out in the State Constitution.

The language in the issues paper would call into question the distribution of commonwealth funds directly to Local Government, and Local Government funding could become a fix for State budgets.

CONCLUSION / RECOMMENDATION

There are larger and better resourced Local Governments than Toodyay that will develop motions to frame the debate. At this stage it is sufficient that Council is aware of the review.



AUSTRALIAN LOCAL
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**National General Assembly of Local
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14 -17 June 2015

Call for Motions

**'Closest to the Community:
Local Government in the Federation'
Discussion Paper**

February 2015

Preamble

The 2015 NGA is being held at an important time, not only for local government, but the Commonwealth, states and territories and the Australian people. It is a time when the Commonwealth Government has invited all interested parties to consider potential reform of the Federation and of taxation.

While the Government recognises that the current Federation has given rise to '... a vibrant democracy, a strong economy and a cohesive society that millions of migrants have chosen to join', it also suggests that over time, it has '... increased the overlap of roles and responsibilities between spheres of government and reduced accountability to voters, created duplication and blame-shifting'. The Prime Minister has frequently alluded to this problem, and has established a White Paper process on the Reform of the Federation, and a White Paper on Taxation to address these issues.

The White Paper on the Reform of the Federation will '... seek to clarify roles and responsibilities to ensure that, as far as possible, the States and Territories are sovereign in their own sphere, so that voters know who is responsible for what'.

The Prime Minister in his Sir Henry Parkes Commemorative Dinner address at Tenterfield on 25 October 2014 said that '... the Government is determined to make the case for change'. But he also acknowledged that consensus is required for rethinking the conventions about which level of government is responsible for the delivery of a particular service, or the revenue measures to which particular levels of government should have access. He said, '...Without a measure of consensus, any change requiring legislation is unlikely to secure parliamentary passage and the whole exercise could turn out to be futile'. He went on to say, '...Without an element of consensus, any change that's actually achieved could be reversed at the earliest opportunity and therefore hardly worth doing'.

Local government is an essential part of the Australian system of government. Local governments are democratically elected and provide for the 'good governance'¹ of local communities throughout Australia. As part of that role, councils provide crucial local planning, services, programs and infrastructure including local roads, community halls, sports, cultural and recreation facilities that underpin the life of every local community throughout Australia. In this way local government is indeed the level of government that is 'closest to the community'.

It is therefore an important partner and stakeholder in the development of a national consensus on any reform proposal and should help shape this debate and make its contribution to the White Paper process. The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has had input to these papers, and in consultation with state and territory local government associations has made submissions on relevant matters. ALGA also intends to make substantial submissions to the Green Papers expected to be released on the Federation and Taxation during this process and encourages all councils to become actively involved in this process.

The NGA debate on motions and associated discussions will help to inform the ALGA Board in formulating these submissions.

¹ See objects of state and territory Local Government Acts.

How Can Councils Submit Motions

The National General Assembly of Local Government is an important opportunity for you and your council to influence the national policy agenda.

To assist you and your council to identify motions that address the theme of the NGA the ALGA Secretariat has prepared this short discussion paper. You are encouraged to read all of the sections of the Paper, but are not expected to respond to every question contained in them. Your motion/s can address one or all of the issues identified in the discussion paper.

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and then debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must follow the following principles:

1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally;
2. Be consistent with the themes of the Assembly
3. Complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association;
4. propose a clear action and outcome, and
5. not be advanced on behalf of external third parties which may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of local government.

Motions should generally be in a form that seek the NGA's support for a particular action or policy change, at the Federal level which will assist local governments to meet local community needs. For example: That this National General Assembly call on the Federal Government to restore indexation to local government financial assistance grants.

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA Website at: www.alga.asn.au. All motions require among other things: a contact officer; a clear national objective; a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and endorsement of your council. Motions should be received by ALGA no later than 11:59pm on Friday 17 April 2015, electronically in the prescribed format.

All motions submitted will be reviewed by the National General Assembly Committee as well as by State and Territory Local Government Associations to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers. When reviewing motions, the Committee considers the importance and relevance of the issue to local government. Please note that motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued. Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state/territory local government association, and will not be included in the Business Papers.

For more information, please contact the Director, National Events on (02) 6122 9400.

Introduction

During the 2013 Federal election campaign the Coalition announced their intention to produce a White Paper on the Reform of the Federation if they were to win Government. In addition, the Coalition promised to produce a White Paper on Taxation.

As a result, on 28 June 2014 the Commonwealth Government released the Terms of Reference for a White Paper on the Reform of the Federation. These can be found at <https://federation.dpmc.gov.au/>. At the time of writing the Terms of Reference for the White Paper on Taxation were not publicly available.

The Federation White Paper process will include the release of a Green Paper which will canvas options for reform in the latter part of 2015, and ultimately the White Paper which will outline '...a clear, well defined and timely policy platform', during the lead up to the next Federal election.

The Commonwealth has released five issues papers to engage interested parties on some of the key issues that will be considered in the White Paper Process. These are:

Issues Paper 1 - A Federation for Our Future

Issues Paper 2 - Roles and Responsibilities in Housing and Homelessness

Issues Paper 3 - Roles and Responsibilities in Health

Issues Paper 4 - Roles and Responsibilities in Education

Issues Paper 5 - COAG and Federal Financial Relations

Copies can be found at: <https://federation.dpmc.gov.au/issues-papers>

A separate Discussion Paper on Taxation is expected to be released in the coming weeks.

This National General Assembly (NGA) provides an important opportunity for local government to debate issues and options for reform, as well as to develop a national position ahead of the White Paper on the Reform of the Federation and White Paper on Taxation.

Councils and NGA delegates are strongly encouraged to read these discussion papers prior to submitting motion for this year's NGA.

Local Government in the Federation

Local government in Australia pre-dates Federation. The City of Adelaide was established in 1840, the first local government in the extensive network which exists today.

The formation of the early municipal authorities built on local initiatives inspired by local citizens who recognised and acted on the need for the provision of local services and infrastructure which were not being provided by colonial administrations. Typically, the municipal authority provided traditional property services such as local roads, waste management and through these services (waste, waste water and sewerage) environmental health services to meet local needs. Over time local authorities began to provide utilities and services such as electricity and gas. Gradually colonial administrations / states began to aggregate and regulate local networks such as electricity and take them over. In addition, over time, states began to prescribe local services that should be provided locally by the

municipal government including the provision of regulatory services, planning and other services.

Arguably this was just the beginning of some 'blurring' of roles, responsibilities and accountability between the existing two levels of governments in Australia. It also, inevitably, led to the significant debates about funding responsibilities. The evolution of the roles and responsibilities between states and local government is an important part of the story of how government institutions evolved to meet the emerging needs and demands of Australians. On 1 January 1901 our current Federal system was formalised.

As Commonwealth and state relations evolved, local government continued to operate at the local level. In the 1970s both the Whitlam and Fraser Governments, supported the need for the rapid expansion of government services, including municipal services in local communities. In addition, there was a recognition of the need for Commonwealth/states services to be delivered locally and the Commonwealth forged a direct relationship with local government through the provision of funds to local government.

The Fraser Government formalised support by establishing the system of Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs). Local government received a guaranteed share of Personal Income Tax through the *Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act 1976*. Under the Act the amount of local government's share was to rise to 2%. The Hawke Government scrapped that approach and, after an inquiry in 1985, introduced a new Act at the same time as maintaining the system of FAGs.

FAGs aimed to facilitate Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation (HFE) and support the national provision of local government services. Commonwealth responsibility to maintain funding to local government (in this broad sense) was reconfirmed during the negotiation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in 1999. The concept of the Commonwealth funding (part funding) local services nationally was taken further with the advent of the highly successful and much need Roads to Recovery program (R2R) in 2000.

White Paper Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the White Paper on the Reform of the Federation set out four overarching questions for investigation. These are:

- What are the practicalities of limiting policy and funding to core national interest matters, as typified by the matters in section 51 of the Constitution?
- How can overlap between Local, State and Commonwealth responsibilities or involvement in the delivery and funding of public programs be reduced or, if appropriate be eliminated?
- How can we achieve agreement between States and Commonwealth Governments about their distinct and mutually exclusive responsibilities and subsequent funding sources for associated programs?
- How can we achieve equity and sustainability in the funding of any programmes that are deemed to be the responsibility of more than one level of government.

These four questions are the starting point for the national debate and for councils to consider in the development of NGA motions.

The challenge of this NGA can be considered at two levels:

- 1. identify and propose potential reform of the Federation, including funding relationships, that will improve the operation of the Federation and improve government service delivery to the Australian people, and*
- 2. from a Local Government perspective, propose reforms that should occur to strengthen Local Government, and / or, if there are reforms to Commonwealth and state relations by shifting roles and responsibilities, how can any adverse impacts on Local Government and local communities be addressed.*

Principles and criteria to be applied when allocating roles and responsibilities between different levels of government

The White Paper on the Reform of the Federation will consider principles and criteria to be applied when allocating roles and responsibilities between different levels of government. They can be considered ‘design principles’ for designing, or re-designing, our Federation. The White Paper’s Terms of Reference set out six principles:

- accountability for performance in delivering outcomes;
- subsidiarity;
- national interest considerations;
- equity, efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery;
- durability; and
- fiscal sustainability.

It is important to note that this list extends the list of four principles agreed at the Special Premiers’ Conferences in 1990 and 1991 as part of a previous attempt to reform our Federation. The four principles agreed at that time were nationhood, subsidiarity, structural efficiency and accountability. The focus on structural efficiency was borne out in the New Federalism agenda given expression in the National Competition Policy.

The first Issues Paper provides detailed descriptions of each principle and importantly it suggests that it is important to realise that these principles will often be in conflict, and in choosing between different policy options, governments will necessarily need to consider the trade-offs between them.

It poses the following questions:

- Are these the right principles? Are there additional principles that should be considered?
- How should these principles be prioritised?
- What are the likely trade-offs between the principles that need to be considered?

Motions are invited on whether these principles are the right principles. For example a motion in the following form:

That this NGA supports (or does not support some or all of) the following six principles and criteria as outlined in Issues Paper No 1 to be applied when allocating roles and responsibilities between different levels of government

- ***accountability for performance in delivering outcomes;***
- ***subsidiarity;***
- ***national interest considerations;***
- ***equity, efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery;***
- ***durability; and***
- ***fiscal sustainability.***

Motions are invited on specific examples on how these principle and criteria should be applied to specific services that are directly relevant to Local Government.

White Paper Issues Papers

Issues Paper Number 1, A Federation for Our Future (September 2014) begins with a discussion of the Federation from 1 January 1901 and goes on to discuss the evolution of the Federation including the Constitutional basis of the allocation of roles and responsibilities between the Commonwealth and the states and territories. Over time, the paper suggests, roles and responsibilities for service provision between the Commonwealth and state boundaries became blurred.

The second, third and fourth Issues Paper are related to specific portfolios. These include: housing and homelessness; health; and education. The final Issues Paper deals with COAG and Federal Financial Relations.

The Issues Papers only briefly touch on local government with little discussion of the evolution of the current Commonwealth, state and local government relationship.

In light of this, a series of questions arise about Local Government's responsibilities including what is Local Government's current role in these areas, what the role should be and how it should be funded.

Housing and Homelessness

Which level of government should be responsible for housing policy?

If more than one, how should roles and responsibilities in particular policy funding and delivery, be shared between governments and how should cost shifting between governments be avoided?

Which level of government should be responsible for funding public housing?

Which level of government, if any, should be responsible for the delivery of public housing?

Which level of government if any should be responsible for the regulation of public housing?

Which levels of government should be responsible for policy, funding, delivery and regulation to address homelessness?

What are the roles and responsibilities of local government in housing and homelessness?

Who should fund that role?

If there are changes in roles and responsibilities in relation to housing and or homelessness between levels of government, in particular between the Commonwealth and states/territories, what measures should be taken to stop cost shifting to local government?

Which level of government should be responsible for health and or education policy?

Which level of government should be responsible for funding health and education services?

If more than one, how should roles and responsibilities in particular policy funding and delivery, be shared between governments and how can cost shifting between governments be avoided?

Which level of government, if any, should be responsible for the delivery of health and or education?

Which level of government if any should be responsible for the regulation of health or education?

What are the roles and responsibilities of local government in health and or education?

Who should fund that role?

If there are changes in roles and responsibilities in relation to housing and or homelessness between levels of government, in particular between the Commonwealth and states/territories, what measures should be taken to stop cost shifting to local government?

Further Context for Consideration

Outcomes of 2014 NGA

In response to the release of the National Commission of Audit Report (2014) and the 2014 - 15 Federal Budget decision to freeze the indexation of Financial Assistance Grants (outlined below), the 2014 NGA resolved:

Delegates of the 2014 National General Assembly, in recognition of the vital importance of the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) to local government for the provision of equitable levels of local government services to all Australian communities, unanimously call on the Commonwealth Government to:

- *restore indexation of Financial Assistance Grants in line with CPI and population growth immediately,*

- *reject Recommendation 22 of the National Commission of Audit in which the Commission recommends that tied grants to local government cease, and to the extent that programs are identified as priorities, local and state government provide them to the communities they serve.*

Further Delegates also resolved that:

- *It is imperative that the Commonwealth consult with local government, the states and territories and local communities in the development of the White Paper on Reform of the Federation and the White Paper on Taxation; that the Government's White Papers must genuinely reflect the wishes of the Australian people; and that future Federal-state and local financial relationship arrangements must ensure long term sustainable distribution of taxation revenues between the levels of government that are commensurate with the roles and responsibilities of each level government in our modern Federation.*

2014 National Commission of Audit

On 1 May 2014 the National Commission of Audit released its Phase 1 and 2 reports. The audit was established in October 2013 and asked, inter alia; "... assess the current split of roles and responsibilities between and within the Commonwealth government and State and Territory governments, including areas of duplication."

The two reports made 86 recommendations – 64 in its Phase 1 Report which dealt predominantly with roles and responsibilities and improving the sustainability of the nation's finances, and a further 22 recommendations in its Phase 2 Report which mostly addressed public sector performance and accountability as well as infrastructure. Many of these recommendations may be of interest to those engaged in the broad issue of Commonwealth-state relations. They may also have implications for local government. However there are some specific recommendations that go directly to the heart of Commonwealth-local government relations, and state and local government relations.

The approach taken by the 2014 Commission is similar to that of the 1996 National Commission of Audit with its central theme being that the Commonwealth has a narrow range of responsibilities (essentially outlined in Section 51 of the Constitution), and that the States have residual powers and therefore are responsible for most service delivery including health, education and ultimately local government. In stark terms the Commission proposed to sever the direct funding relationship between the Commonwealth and local government.

Recognising the degree of vertical fiscal imbalance within the Federation the 2014 Commission proposed in Recommendation 22 (Phase 2 Report) that: '... States have access to the personal income tax system so that they are in a better position to fund their own priorities. This will include support for local government.' They further conclude that in this situation, the need for separate tied funding from the Commonwealth will diminish. The Commission recommends that '... tied grants to local government cease, and to the extent that programmes are identified as priorities, local or State governments provide them to the communities they service.'

Recommendation 5 (Phase 2 Report) advances the same model for infrastructure funding: '... the States are responsible for infrastructure and should determine their own priorities'. Noting that implementing the Commission's recommendations will take time (i.e. states to

obtain access to additional revenue through personal income tax), the Commission recommends that a range of infrastructure funding, including the Identified Roads Component of FAGs and Nation Building Funds i.e. Roads to Recovery grants, be consolidated into a single pool.

In releasing the Audit Report the Treasurer explained that there were some Commission recommendations that the Government would accept, and would inform the preparation of the 2014 - 15 Federal budget, there would be some recommendations that the Government would reject and that there were some recommendations that would be considered in the context of the White Paper on Reform of the Federation and the White Paper on Taxation.

On 13 May 2014 the Commonwealth brought down the 2014 - 15 Federal Budget and provided a brief response to the Commission of Audit indicating that payments to local government would be considered in the Federation White Paper.

2014 - 15 Federal Budget

In the 2014 - 15 Federal Budget the Government committed to provide \$2.2867 billion in Financial Assistance Grants to Local Government (FAGs). However, the Government also announced it would pause the indexation of FAGs for the next three years.

Local Government Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) are a Commonwealth Specific Purpose payment to local government paid through the states and Northern Territory Government. Payments are made to councils by jurisdictional Treasurers on the advice of state and territory Local Government Grants Commissions under the provisions of *the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*.

The objects of the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* enable the Commonwealth Parliament to provide assistance to the states for the purposes of improving:

- (a) the financial capacity of local governing bodies;
- (b) the capacity of local governing bodies to provide their residents with an equitable level of services;
- (c) the certainty of funding for local governing bodies;
- (d) the efficiency and effectiveness of local governing bodies; and
- (e) the provision by local governing bodies of services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Freezing of FAG's will reduce Commonwealth expenditures (and grants to councils) by more than \$925 million over the forward estimates.

The freezing of FAGs indexation means that the aggregate level of FAGs will be permanently reduced by 13 per cent, unless there is a future government decision to restore this base with a catch-up payment.

Councils are invited to submit motions to address either these developments, and or that build on the 2014 resolution of the NGA.

Note:

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All motions require among other things: a contact officer; a clear national objective; a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and endorsement of your council.

Motions should be received by ALGA no later than 11:59pm Friday 17 April 2015, electronically in the prescribed format.

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

PROJECT NAME	SUB-PROJECT	PROJECT DETAILS	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PRIORITY Due Date
Integrated Plan Reporting (IPR) [Strategic Planning]	Workforce Development Plan	Funding to develop best practice WDP.	CEO to liaise with Marg regarding Funding.	MCS	May 2015.
	Corporate Business Plan	Review 2016/17	On schedule to be reviewed.	CEO	May 2016
	Strategic Community Plan – Review	Review 2016/17	Coordinate with LPS Review	CEO	May 2015.
	Long-Term Financial Development Plan	Present to Council once reviewed by SMG – Forward to DLGC for Assets Grant	Ongoing. OML states that this requires completion.	MCS	
	Economic Development	Review after 4 years.	EDP Completed. Adopted by Council Resolution 368/12/14.	CEO	March 2019.
	Environment Strategy	Environment Committee Report required to be written for Council.	Adopted by Council	MPD	April 2015
	Asset Management Plan (Forward Works Program)	Completed - Currently getting all land & buildings entered into ROMANS Asset Management System – Land & Buildings revalued & assessed. Waiting on Asset Rationalisation Plan from Building Department; Building Data being uploaded into ROMAN; Working on infrastructure due to Fair Valued 2015; ROMAN road data requires updating; Create own in-house asset management plan using available resources. Send Narelle and Michelle to Romans Training so that they can get reports from ROMANS that will contain information for MCS to get financials done.	Toodyay selected as participant in National Asset Framework and Asset Condition and Rating project. Note: On Cherie's OML it says "AMP For Review?". Notes on this OML are stated below.	MWS/MPD MCS	
Recreation Strategic Planning	Recreation Precinct Master Plan	SGL preparing supporting documents to the Master Plan. Steering Committee – no result from Dec 2014 Council Mtg.	Note: Council adopted the DRAFT Sport and Recreation Precinct Master Plan in August 2014 subject to conditions.	CEO	March 2015

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Rate Review	Changing Method of Valuation of Land	Desktop audit almost complete.	Further mapping is required.	MCS/CEO	2014/2015 yr
Office Space Project	Internal Office Space Administration Building	Ongoing	Project deferred until funds available.	CEO	2015/2016
Visitor Centre	Accreditation	Ongoing	MCD to liaise with ATC – come to March Forum – bring Council up to date on process.	MCD	
AROC Funding	AROC Housing Initiative - Aged Persons Accommodation	Butterly MOU required by the Department.	FAA sent back following signing.	CEO	
Acquisitions / Proposed Sale of Shire –owned land	16 Toodyay Street – 18 April 2013 OCM	This property is on the market	In progress. No offer yet forthcoming.	CEO /Graeme Bissett	
	Federation Square Project (Post Office Building) – 18 April 2013 OCM	Plans completed. Contract drafted.	Final contract expected any day now.	CEO /Graeme Bissett	
Community Info	Information Bay Project	Plans to be done up.	Consultant Hired.	MCD	May 2015 OCM
Local Laws	Cat Local Law	Cat Local Law discussion paper to be prepared for community consultation by the CEO	As per December 2014 Resolution.	CEO	
	Extractive Industries	Ongoing.	Under review by the Local Laws Advisory Committee	CEO	Aug 2015
	BFB Model Local Law	On hold pending State Government Review of Emergency Services Legislation	Bush Fire Operating Procedures adopted by Council. Establishment /Operation of Bush Fire Brigades Policy adopted by Council resolution 358/12/14.	CEO	
	Penalties Units Local Law.	On hold	Local Laws Committee working	CEO	

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			through their list.		
Local Laws	Animals, Environment and Nuisance Local Law	On hold	Local Laws Committee to work through their list over time. Current priority is Extractive Industry.	CEO	
	Bee-keeping				
	Health Local Law				
	Waste Management				
	Health Series "A"				
	Directional Signage				
	Other				
Council Buildings	Connor's Cottage	Ongoing	Refer to Asset Management Planning	CEO/MPD	
	Harper Street Depot	Ongoing	Refer to Asset Management Planning	MPD/MWS	
	Memorial Hall	Ongoing	Refer to Asset Management Planning	MPD	
	Community Depot	Funding approved.	Refer to Community Depot	MPD/MWS/MCD	
	Parks and Gardens Depot	Ongoing	Refer to Asset Management Planning	MPD/MWS	
	Other Buildings	Ongoing	Refer to Asset Management Planning	MPD	
	Showground Land		Refer to Asset Management Planning	MPD	
Community Depot	Sheds x 7	Grant received for sheds & toilet	Graeme to arrange building of sheds & toilets – project to be tendered?	Audrey	March 2015 OCM
	Access? Ramp	Buildings to be tendered? Constructed by?	Graeme to oversee	Audrey	
	Toilet - Graeme	Toilet to be constructed by?	Graeme to oversee – tender/quote?	Audrey	
	Driveway & Carpark	Works staff to undertake driveway & carpark?	Les to oversee	Audrey	
Policy Review	Review of Policy Manual	Alter the Policy Manual into Departmental Sections. Review in line with NDP.	CEO to contact Margie to discuss funding and How HR Policies will be handled in the policy manual.	CEO	April 2015 forum
	Copyright Policy	This was a Council Meeting	Anticipate March 2015 – merging of	CEO	March 2015

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		Outcome following discussion regarding Copyright on 175th Committee Material	creative commons information.		OCM
	Awards Policy	CEO will look at this. EA to provide copy to CEO of the Premier's Australia Day Awards	CEO to revise	CEO/MCD	April 2015
Anzac Memorial Services	Memorial Park Project	Build up land so there is more standing room.	Discussed in September 2014.	MWS	2015/2016 budget
Council Resolutions yet to be carried out – not needing to go back to Council	293/09/14 Community Consultation Meetings in Morangup	That Council holds 2 Community Consultation meetings per year in Morangup, one in April and one in October commencing April 2015.	Meeting booked for 18 April 2015. Community Questions and submissions invited.	EA	18 April 2015.

