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INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Government of Western Australia
Office of Crime Prevention



Mr Michael Wood
Town of Vincent
PO Box 82
LEEDERVILLE WA 6902

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Dear Michael,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of our recent Antisocial Behaviour Symposium.

Feedback from the delegates has confirmed the benefit of a symposium of this nature, and the usefulness of the information that was provided.

Without your help, this symposium would not have been as successful as it was. Your contribution towards addressing this important issue is truly appreciated.

I have enclosed a Certificate of Appreciation. Once again, thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Murray
DIRECTOR



Office of
Crime Prevention

The Office of
Crime Prevention

takes pleasure in awarding this
Certificate of Appreciation
to

Mr Michael Wood
Town of Vincent

in recognition of support given to
Antisocial Behaviour Symposium

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Wendy Murray'.

Wendy Murray

DIRECTOR

27th March 2009

*Preventing crime
is everybody's
business*



Government of Western Australia
Department of Water



looking after all our water needs

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PO Box 82
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Attn: Jeremy Van Den Bok

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Dear Mr Van Den Bok

I would like to thank you for your council's efforts in completing a water conservation plan for the Department of Water. We have now completed an assessment of all the plans.

The intent of the water conservation plans was to provide a tool that would assist local governments in maintaining public open space under conditions of decreasing water availability. The POS-Sum software used in the process was a pilot project for the metropolitan local governments.

In general, our assessment of the plans has indicated that many local governments, including yours, have been very proactive and are committed to water conservation.

Your local government's water usage appears to be within the allocation limit, but this is dependent on the accuracy of the means used to measure use. If there have been any licence anomalies identified during this water conservation planning process, you are encouraged to contact the Swan Avon Region office of the Department of Water.

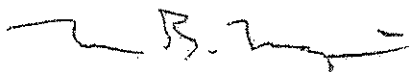
We encourage you to continue implementing the plan and have attached a reporting template incorporating your actions for you to monitor and report on your progress.

Should you consider applying for an increase in water allocation, you must discuss with the region office the issue of water availability. The reporting template will be a means for you to demonstrate that you have explored opportunities to source new water requirements within the existing licensed allocation.

Thank you again for your participation in the water conservation planning process.

Should you have any further questions, please contact us at waterefficiency@water.wa.gov.au

Yours sincerely



Leon English
Manager
Water Recycling and Efficiency

7.15.2009

Cc: John Giorgi

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Note: Information from the DoW licence database as at: *5th March 2008*



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1. Summary of assets

		Total number of licences:	1
Total number of sites:	59	No. of meters:	
Total licenced area (ha)	83.21	Total licenced allocation (kL)	629175
Total irrigated area (ha)	87.83	Total usage 07/08 (kL)	622136
Irrigated area data quality index	2.1	Usage data quality index	3.1
Area usage (kL/ha)	7083	Area usage % over / under	-1.1

Summary information for each licence

Licence no.	Resource	No. of sites	No. of meters	Licenced area (ha)	Licenced allocation (kL)	% over / under allocation
I08326	Perth, Town of Vincent, Perth - Superficial	59		83.21	629175	-1.1

2. Future water demand

Demand for groundwater over the next five years is going to:

Increase by how much ... (kL), equal to (ha) irrigated.

Reason for increase

Decrease by how much (kL), equal to (ha) irrigated.

Reason for decrease

Stay the same



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3. Major issues

Major issues listed in priority order include:

1. Do not have an accurate measurement of water use.
2. An accurate assessment of irrigated area is needed.
3. Around 10% of irrigation systems require an overhaul.
4. More accurate irrigation scheduling is required to ensure efficiency of water use. Some soil moisture monitoring is undertaken but will require a program and further training.
5. No centralised control systems for measuring and monitoring water consumption.
6. Lack of control over some leased premises - this requires monitoring and documentation.
7. Any cut back in water use will require community consultation.
8. Need to assess and address Hyde Park environmental issues.
9. Lack of resources (staff) to achieve the outcomes of the WCP
10. Some acid sulphate soils (Banks Reserve & Hyde Park) needs monitoring
11. Some areas do not have a water licence.
12. Turf matt layer compaction is reducing water infiltration.
13. Weeds (particularly Parramatta grass) become a problem with decreased water and increased use.



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4. Water conservation objectives

Groundwater conservation objectives for the next five years include:

1. To measure the annual volume of groundwater being used to irrigated turf/gardens in the Town of Vincent and compare this with the licenced allocation – achieve this by 2017.
2. To measure accurately the total irrigated turf and garden areas within the Town of Vincent and compare this with the licenced irrigated area – achieve this by June 2008.
3. To have more control over the scheduling of irrigation to improve water and labour efficiencies – achieve this by 2012.
4. Review the Town of Vincent's Public Open Space (POS) with the intention of applying watering categorising all parks and reserves to assess the potential for saving water by hydrozoning within parks and by improving the performance of irrigation systems – achieve this by 2010.
5. Establish a monitoring program for environmentally sensitive areas such as Hyde Park and Banks Reserve to include the monitoring of static bore levels, wetland and vegetation condition and water quality – achieve this by 2010.
6. To educate and inform the Council and the community of the Town of Vincent's Water conservation plan – achieve this by December 2008.



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Actions to achieve targets

Action	Timeline
Link category allocation to water budgeting for example, apply water to category allocation and monitor use on a monthly basis using flow meters.	Within 12 months
Investigate the opportunity to Hydrozone areas within all parks and reserves.	Within 12 months



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Actions to achieve targets

Action	Timeline
Complete audits across category 1 reserves to identify poor performing systems and establish a priority maintenance and system replacement program in order to achieve a DU of >75% (ie CU of >85%).	Within 12 months
Complete audits across all remaining categories to identify poor performing systems and establish a priority maintenance and system replacement program in order to achieve a CU of 85%.	Within 3 years



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6. Water conservation strategies – LGA-wide strategies

6.1 Water budgeting

Summary water budget information for all sites and licences combined

Total number of sites:	59	Total number of licences:	1
Total licenced area (ha)	83.21	Total licenced allocation (kL)	629175
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Area usage (kL/ha)	7083	Area usage % over / under	-1.1
No. of meters:		Total metered area (ha):	

Targets for water budget strategy for all sites and licences combined

Irrigated area (ha) to:	Water use (kL) to:
Area usage (kL/ha)	No. of additional meters:
Area data quality index to:	Usage data quality index to:

Actions to achieve targets

Action	Timeline
Map all irrigated area using GIS >1:2000 for all 25 leased and active reserves	Within 6 months
Verify with the Department of Water that all current and future flow meters fit their approval requirements.	Immediately
Install flow meters on all active reserves	Within 5 years
To complete the roll-out of flow meters across all bores in the Town of Vincent.	Within 10 years



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6.2 Park zoning *ie.* zoning parks by usage and water consumption

Number of parks and targets for park zoning

Total number of sites:	59	Additional parks where zoning to be introduced:
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Actions to achieve targets

Action	Timeline
Link category allocation to water budgeting for example, apply water to category allocation and monitor use on a monthly basis using flow meters.	Within 12 months
Apply categories to all POS across the Town of Vincent; complete this in conjunction with determining accurate irrigated turf areas.	Within 12 months



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6.3 Irrigation scheduling

How scheduling decisions are made

<p>How do you decide how much to apply?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation system precipitation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Historical averages</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Visual assessment</p> <p>Other:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>How do you decide how long to run systems?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation system precipitation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Historical averages</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Visual assessment</p> <p>Other:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
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Actions to achieve targets

Action	Timeline
Review the scheduling of irrigation and consider the use of irrigation budgeting to monitor water use across category 1 parks on a monthly basis.	Immediately
Town of Vincent irrigation staff to use a moisture probes to monitor soil moisture content.	Immediately
Apply irrigation budgeting across all remaining categories.	Within 3 years
Use station run times to estimate water use across category 1 parks.	Immediately



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6.4 Maintenance

Frequency of maintenance decisions

Central control fault	System checks	System audits

Number of parks and targets for maintenance

Total number of sites:	59	Additional parks where zoning to be introduced:
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Actions to achieve targets

Action	Timeline
To identify a suitable centralised control system for the Town of Vincent.	Within 3 years
To have all category 1 parks connected to the centralised control system.	Within 5 years
To have all category 2 parks connected to the centralised control system.	Within 10 years



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6.5 Design guidelines

Do we have park development design guidelines?

If yes, this is a brief description of our design guidelines

Actions to achieve targets

Action	Timeline
Develop irrigation system and park water conservation design policies for the establishment or redevelopment of new turf/garden areas.	Within 2 years



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6.6 Alternative water supplies

Do we have a procedure for investigating alternative water supplies?

No

If yes, this is a brief description of our procedure for investigating alternative water supplies.

Actions to achieve targets

Action	Timeline



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6.7 Communication and capacity building

Do we have a communications plan to inform the community about our WCP initiatives?

No

Do we have a competency-based training strategy for staff?

No

If yes to either, the following is a brief description of our procedures.

Actions to achieve targets

Action	Timeline
Develop a communication plan for informing the community on the Water Conservation achievements of Town of Vincent.	Within 12 months



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6.8 Other strategies

The following is a description of other WCP strategies and initiatives.

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Actions to achieve targets

Action	Timeline
The Town of Vincent develops a monitoring program for environmentally sensitive sites. Monitoring will include water quality, static bore water levels and vegetation condition.	Within 12 months

Vincent		Progress against target*					
The objectives and strategies below have been extracted from your water conservation plan. We recommend that you review this spreadsheet for accuracy and amend if necessary.		Time frame given	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
LGA wide strategies							
Licensed area (ha)							
Licensed allocation (KL)							
Water usage (KL/ha)							
Water conservation objectives							
1. To measure the annual volume of groundwater being used to irrigate turf/gardens in the Town of Vincent and compare this with the licensed allocation – achieve this by 2017.		2017					
2. To measure accurately the total irrigated turf and garden areas within the Town of Vincent and compare this with the licensed irrigated area – achieve this by June 2008.		1/06/2008					
3. To have more control over the scheduling of irrigation to improve water and labour efficiencies – achieve this by 2012.		2012					
4. Review the Town of Vincent's Public Open Space (POS) with the intention of applying watering categorising all parks and reserves to assess the potential for saving water by hydrozoning within parks and by improving the performance of irrigation systems – achieve this by 2010.		2010					
5. Establish a monitoring program for environmentally sensitive areas such as Hyde Park and Banks Reserve to include the monitoring of static bore levels, wetland and vegetation condition and water quality – achieve this by 2010.		2010					
6. To educate and inform the Council and the community of the Town of Vincent's Water conservation plan – achieve this by December 2008.		1/12/2008					
Hydrozone Ecozone Strategy Action							
Link category allocation to water budgeting for example, apply water to category allocation and monitor use on a monthly basis using flow meters.		Within 12 months					
Investigate the opportunity to Hydrozone areas within all parks and reserves.		Within 12 months					
Irrigation System Performance Strategy Action							
Complete audits across category 1 reserves to identify poor performing systems and establish a priority maintenance and system replacement program in order to achieve a DU of >75% (i.e. CU of >85%).		Within 12 months					
Complete audits across all remaining categories to identify poor performing systems and establish a priority maintenance and system replacement program in order to achieve a CU of 85%.		Within 3 years					
Water Budgeting Strategy Action							
Map all irrigated area using GIS >1:2000 for all 25 leased and active reserves		Within 6 months					
Verify with the Department of Water that all current and future flow meters fit their approval requirements.		Immediately					
Install flow meters on all active reserves		Within 5 years					
To complete the roll-out of flow meters across all bores in the Town of Vincent.		Within 10 years					
Communications strategy Action							
Develop a communication plan for informing the community on the Water Conservation achievements of Town of Vincent.		Within 12 months					
Park Zone Strategy Action							
Link category allocation to water budgeting for example, apply water to category allocation and monitor use on a monthly basis using flow meters.		Within 12 months					
Apply categories to all POS across the Town of Vincent; complete this in conjunction with determining accurate irrigated turf areas.		Within 12 months					
Irrigation scheduling strategy Action							
Review the scheduling of irrigation and consider the use of irrigation budgeting to monitor water use across category 1 parks on a monthly basis.		Immediately					
Town of Vincent irrigation staff to use a moisture probes to monitor soil moisture content.		Immediately					
Apply irrigation budgeting across all remaining categories.		Within 3 years					
Use station run times to estimate water use across category 1 parks.		Immediately					
Irrigation maintenance strategy Action							
To identify a suitable centralised control system for the Town of Vincent.		Within 3 years					
To have all category 1 parks connected to the centralised control system.		Within 5 years					
To have all category 2 parks connected to the centralised control system.		Within 10 years					
Park develop guidelines strategy Action							
Develop irrigation system and park water conservation design policies for the establishment or redevelopment of new turf/garden areas.		Within 2 years					
Other strategy Action							
The Town of Vincent develops a monitoring program for environmentally sensitive sites. Monitoring will include water quality, static bore water levels and vegetation condition.		Within 12 months					
Alternative water supplies							



* Please discuss your progress towards achieving your objectives and strategies. If you have not meet your target, please provide reasons why.



Dear Nick, Councilors
and all involved in
the 'Careers Lunch' last
Friday— Thank you so
much for a delightful lunch,
and lovely entertainment
and prizes we are very
grateful. God Bless You all.
Mrs Katherine & Teresa.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lyn Oliver

Sent: Thursday, 14 May 2009 8:54 AM

To: Au, Hoving

Subject: RE: Researching the History of Your House Workshops - Archive Form

Hi Hoving

Thanks so much for organising yesterday's workshop. It was such a thrill to hold the original 1936 blueprints and typed pages of architectural details with hand written alterations of my home. I'm looking forward to reading the notes more thoroughly once they are copied and continuing the story.

The heritage team at TOV do a terrific job and deserve much more credit, resources and back up by the TOV Council leadership. Your efforts to encourage the retention of the TOV's physical character should be highly commended.

Please, please keep up the work so we can keep our lovely homes and streetscapes intact in the TOV.

Kind regards
Lyn Oliver



Minister for Environment; Youth

Your Ref:

Our Ref: MINE1311/09

Mayor Nick Catania
Mayor Town of Vincent
PO Box 82
LEEDERVILLE WA 6902

Dear Mayor Catania

CHANGES TO THE LANDFILL LEVY

I am writing to inform you that I have requested the Waste Authority to recommend increasing the existing levies on inert and putrescible waste by 300% as of 1 July 2009. The increase will mean that the rate for putrescible landfills will increase from \$7 to \$28 per tonne and the rate for inert landfills will increase from \$3 to \$12 per cubic metre.

This is a necessary step in order to reduce waste going to landfill and support increased rates of recycling, particularly in the construction and demolition sector. As you would be aware, higher landfill levies in other states are associated with better performance in reducing waste to landfill, and increasing recycling of construction and demolition waste.

The changes provide for prudent environmental and economic outcomes. To ensure that priority waste management actions continue to be supported, the Waste Authority will continue to receive funding consistent with existing revenue from landfill levies.

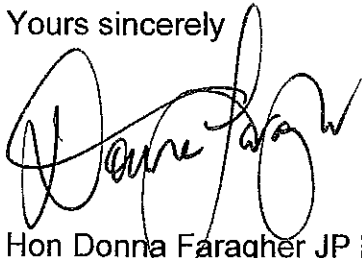
Additional funds raised by the increases in the landfill levies will be used to fund other activities of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), beyond those relating to waste management. This approach is consistent with that in place in a number of other Australian jurisdictions.

To strongly deter illegal dumping, I am also proposing a new offence under the Environmental Protection Act to significantly increase the penalties for illegal dumping. As you may be aware, fines for illegal dumping are currently limited to a maximum of \$1000 under the Litter Act in instances where there are no emissions from the dumping to support the offence of pollution under the Environmental Protection Act.

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I consider this an important issue for Western Australia and would appreciate your assistance in progressing these changes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna Faragher', written in a cursive style.

Hon Donna Faragher JP MLC
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; YOUT

18 MAY 2009



**Deputy Premier of Western Australia
Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs**

Our Ref: 4-62394

Mr Robert Boardman
18 Nottinghill Street
JOONDALUP WA 6027

Dear Mr Boardman

I am pleased to advise that Cabinet has endorsed your appointment as a Member to the Local Health Authorities Analytical Committee (the Committee) for the period ending 19 October 2011.

Copies of the *Appointment Instrument* and *Cabinet Decision Sheet* have been sent to Mr Trevor Chapman, Secretary of the Committee.

Ms Ricky Burges, Chief Executive Officer of the Western Australian Local Government Association, has also been notified of your appointment.

Thank you for your contribution to this important area of health.

Yours sincerely

Dr Kim Hames MLA
DEPUTY PREMIER
MINISTER FOR HEALTH

30 APR 2009

**SAFER VINCENT CRIME PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP (SVCPP) MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD ON 1 APRIL 2009 AT 17.30 HOURS
IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE**

1 CR HELEN DORAN-WU – CHAIRPERSON

OFFICIALLY OPENED THE MEETING AT 5.35 PM

PRESENT:

Helen Doran-Wu – Councillor
Sally Lake – Councillor
Izzi Messina – Councillor
Ray Stevenson – Community Representative
Helen Pemberton – Community Representative
Sharan Kraemer – Community Representative
Betty Kraemer – Community Representative
Chris Parry – Community Representative
Jim MacLean – Manager Ranger Services and Community Safety
Michael Wood – Town of Vincent, Coordinator Safer Vincent
Christine Bailey – Town of Vincent, Minute Taker

1. APOLOGIES:

Mike Green – Snr Sergeant, Officer in Charge, Wembley Police
Roger Beer – Inspector, Officer in Charge, Perth Police
Allan Wilder-Bass – Community Representative
Suresh Rajan – Community Representative

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 Confirmation of minutes 4 March 2009

The minutes were unanimously accepted as being a true and correct record.

Moved: Councillor Izzi Messina **Seconded:** Sharan Kraemer
CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Letter sent to Jim Dagostino on behalf of SVCPP

Michael Wood said a letter was set to Jim Dagostino thanking him for his involvement on the partnership, and that a copy of the letter is attached to the minutes.

4.2 Snr Sgt OIC Mike Green to advise of outcome of meeting with Sgt Mark Tobiassen and the people from the police intelligence division.

Due to OIC Snr Sgt Mike Green apology this agenda item will be carried over to the next SVCPP meeting.

ACTION: Item 4.2 to be carried over to next meeting.

**No objections
CARRIED**

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Correspondence In; Nil

5.2 Correspondence Out;

5.2.1 Formal response to SVCPP actions in response to residents concerns at 'Rialto Terrace'

Michael Wood reported that there has been no response so far to this out going letter.

5.2.2 Letter sent to Jim Dagostino on behalf of SVCPP

As discussed in at item 4.1 of these minutes.

6. SAFER VINCENT CRIME PREVENTION PROJECTS FOR 2008/2009

6.1 Safer Vincent Logo Competition

Michael Wood outlined details of the proposed Safer Vincent logo competition. The logo competition engaging local school children was originally suggested by the Mayor. All schools within the Town are eligible. Michael Wood received advice to set up the guidelines of the logo competition using the WA school curriculum frame work. Michael Wood proposed a participation prize as incentive for each participating school to submit a minimum of 20 entries. Michael Wood said that the guidelines will be easy to follow and that the SVCPP could judge the entries. Michael Wood also said that the winning entry would then be given to a designer to be refined. Michael Wood stated the Mayor also indicated that the YMCA HQ be included in the competition.

Helen suggested making the first prize \$50, second prize \$30 and third prize \$20.

Jim MacLean said once the logo entries are submitted they become the property of the Town of Vincent.

Councillor Sally Lake suggested making sure the competition guidelines cover copy right and suggested that Leederville School be included in the competition. Councillor Sally Lake said that a project like this makes schools and residents aware that the Town is interested in the community.

Councillor Helen Doran-Wu suggested stipulating year/grades 4 to 7 only be eligible to enter the Safer Vincent Logo Competition. Councillor Helen Doran-Wu and Sharon Kraemer said that older children who may be as risk of committing crime are probably not going to get involved, but to look at younger age group who have not yet become involved in crime. Then the children who are contributing to the competition are probably going to take pride in the town that they live and socialise in.

Councillor Izzi Messina suggested having space for student name, school, year etc on the entry form. Councillor Izzi Messina reiterated the aim to develop with a logo designed by the children who live in the town. The logo also needs to be recognised by that demographic.

Chris Parry said that an older children's logo would be more relevant to drink driving etc. Chris Parry said that he received a school newsletter recently and more than half of the content was safety messages and indicated that this competition will gives school children more to think about as far as their safety is concerned.

Bett Kraemer said that the logo competition is a good thing and it will make children more aware of their safety. Bett Kraemer said that there are over 60 different post codes on each of the Towns school roles, which means there are a lot of children who do not live within the Town attending Town of Vincent schools. Bett Kraemer also said mentioned that the Town is appealing for people for Vincent Vision, which could be a suitable project for older children.

Michael Wood suggested holding an urban art competition for the older children/young people within the Town and this maybe a good future project for SVCPP to develop.

Motion sought: the SVCPP endorsement to proceed/ proceed with changes on Safer Vincent Logo project as per proposed guidelines (tabled prior to meeting), with a view to involve youth demographic in the future (to be determined and as opportunity arises.

This Safer Vincent Logo Competition was acknowledged and approved as it stands.

**No Objection
CARRIED**

6.2 Communication Priority Project- design of a range of Community fliers for 'Safer Vincent'

Michael Wood has been working with three other local councils and WA Police to develop a community safety tool box. Michael Wood reported that current Town's flyers are very out dated and that this new project is looking at updating these flyers. The benefit of combining this project with the other councils is to get a better proposal for the community safety tool box. Michael Wood indicated that the cost would be around \$20,000 which would equate to about \$5,000 for each council involved.

Councillor Izzi Messina asked if the \$20,000 was just to develop the project or to have them printed as well?

Michael Wood said that it is about \$5,000 for each council printed and that each council will have their own and the community safety tool box will be identifiable to each council.

Councillor Helen Doran-Wu asked if business security would be included?

Michael Wood said that there are some aspects of business security included, but said that business security can be looked at being added in the future. Michael Wood said that the community safety tool box will have to go to council to be approved

Councillor Izzi Messina asked if 2000 community safety tool boxes being printed would be enough.

Michael Wood stated that in his experience 2000 would be more than enough as a lot of the information goes out of date quickly and there could be more printed as required.

Jim MacLean indicated that reprinting costs are often less than the original and that names, phone numbers go out of date and changes can be made for reprinting. Jim MacLean also said that the community safety tool box would be specific to the Town.

Councillor Sally Lake asked if individual pages can be printed if required, and Chris Parry asked if the community safety tool box will be available electronically.

Michael Wood said that yes these where stipulations made when the proposal went to the designer.

Councillor Sally Lake said that a folder hold a lots of information, but thinks that a fridge magnet is easier.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Vincent Accord Update

Michael Wood reported that the Vincent Accord is proceeding very well and that attendance at the meetings is increasing. Michael Wood said that a flyer is in the process of being handed out to resident within the areas surrounding the licensed premises. This flyer is in the form of fridge magnet called 'Vincent Liquor Accord – Your Guide'. Michael Wood also said that at the Vincent Accord meeting. WA Police reported that crime across the board had decreased and there were a number of positive indications with no major incidences reported with Town licensed premises recently.

Councillor Sally Lake asked about the 'Vincent Liquor Accord – Your Guide' fridge magnet and what information was included on this also if they have gone out to residents?

Michael Wood said that the 'Vincent Liquor Accord – Your Guide' fridge magnet has contact details for all emergency services and also space to include licensed premises contact details. Michael Wood said that licensees will be distributing the guide fridge magnet via a number of ways, including a letter drop, through the Towns library and they will also be available at the Towns Administration building.

Councillor Helen Doran-Wu asked how the 'Vincent Liquor Accord – Your Guide' fridge magnet is going to be demonstrated to have been distributed by licensed premises.

Jim MacLean said that the licensees will take responsibility for this and there has to be a trust factor, it should become obvious very quickly if the 'Vincent Liquor Accord – Your Guide' fridge magnet has been distributed.

7.2 Party Bus Working Group Update

Michael Wood stated that it is taking time to get the Code of Conduct and registration signed by the Party Bus Companies but he is confident that by the end of the next meeting most of the Party Bus Companies will have signed. Michael Wood stated that some of the bus companies have identified other lay-over areas, that were originally discounted by bus companies. He and Jim MacLean are going to investigate additional areas and these will be presented at the next Party Bus meeting to be held in approximately two weeks time.

7.3 Western Central Local Emergency Management Committee Update

Jim MacLean reported at the WC LEMC on the 1 April 2009 the WC LEMC consists of eight local governments and that all local governments have their own risk management issues. The Arrangements have been setup as a generic document and that each local government can then make them specific for their own needs. Jim MacLean said that the Town chairs the WC LEMC meetings at present but is looking to pass this on to another council once the Arrangements are adopted. Jim MacLean also reported that the Arrangements meet the guidelines and hoping for council receive and adopt the Arrangements at the next council meeting. Jim MacLean said that Council adopted the recovery plan about eight months ago. Jim MacLean said that agencies already have their own recovery plans which are not included within these Arrangements, the Arrangements are only for local government. Jim MacLean said that it has taken about three years to get the Arrangements to this stage and WC LEMC is very keen to get the Arrangements put into place. Jim MacLean indicated that the need to develop another will not be required for at least another 10 years. Jim MacLean stated that local government is charged with ensuring the Arrangements are prepared and adopted by council, the preparation and completion of the Arrangements consists of all agencies who attend the WC LEMC meeting.

Councillor Izzi Messina asked if the Town has done most of the work in putting the Arrangements together?

Jim MacLean stated that the WC LEMC has done the work as a collective. Jim MacLean said that once the Arrangements are adopted any changes can be posted on the Information Bulletin.

8. AROUND THE TABLE

Helen Pemberton said that where the street has been upgraded at the corner of Lake and Forbes there is often a car parked there and this cuts down the visibility for turning traffic.

Jim MacLean said the Town was in process of resolving this with Main Roads.

Councillor Sally Lake said that she sometimes gets calls in the middle of the night by residents and wants to make sure that people call police rather than councillors. Councillor Sally Lake would like to have included in the community tool box information and relevant contact phone numbers and also information to encourage the residents to contact these numbers rather than the councillors.

Councillor Helen Doran-Wu suggested this information be included on the Towns website to advise residents that they need to contact the police 131 444 phone number so that these incidents are recorded.

Jim MacLean said as a whole, residents don't call the police because they know police will not attend, but he said residents still need to call the police 131 444 phone number.

Helen Pemberton said that it should be stressed to residents that by calling the 131 444 phone number and reporting all incidents they are helping police. Helen Pemberton said that because there is so much serious crime residents may think that their incident is not be important to police.

Councillor Izzi Messina said that when he replies to a residents email or call he advises that they need to call police and also explains why it is important.

Jim MacLean suggested that there could be an article included in the Towns newsletter on this subject – stating that all crime needs to be reported to the 131 444 phone number and reasons why.

Councillor Sally Lake said she has had an email about people street walking and that it is not being reported to police.

Helen Pemberton said that there has been a couple who have been parking outside her place two or three days a week she has not reported this to police as she has not seen them breaking the law.

Jim MacLean said that Helen Pemberton needs to call the 131 444 phone number to report this activity.

Bett Kraemer said last Sunday 29th March was Neighbourhood Day, so she and her husband invited her neighbours to meet at the local park they had about 40 people attend. Bett Kraemer said that everyone had a really great time and they all got know their immediate neighbours. Councillor Helen Doran-Wu suggested that this could be reported in the Towns newsletter.

Councillor Sally Lake said that the Town is very good with cleaning off graffiti promptly but recently she has noticed a lot of graffiti on the canvas awning at a business on Fitzgerald Street. Councillor Izzi Messina said that he will talk to the business about the graffiti and its removal.

ACTION: Next Celebrating S.V, column in the Town newsletter to include article on importance of reporting crime/suspicious behaviour to police and reasons why.

8. Close of meeting

The meeting was closed at 6.50 pm

Next Meeting: 6th May 2009

IB06 Report On Certified Practicing Accountants (CPA) 2009 International Public Sector Convention – Sydney New South Wales

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council RECEIVES the report of the Director Corporate Services' attendance at the CPA International Public Sector Convention held in Sydney, New South Wales from 18 to 20 March 2009.

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To provide Council with information on the Director Corporate Services' attendance at the CPA International Public Sector Convention held in Sydney, New South Wales from 18 to 20 March 2009.

BACKGROUND:

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 2 December 2008, Council gave approval for the Director Corporate Services to attend the CPA International Public Sector Convention to be held in Sydney, New South Wales on 18 to 20 March 2009 at an estimated cost of \$3,754.

DETAILS:

The CPA International Public Sector Convention was held between 18 and 20 March 2009 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The theme for the convention was "*Discover a World of Insight and Solutions*".

The convention was attended by over 800 national and international delegates.

There were a number of prominent international and national key note speakers. These were as follows:

1. *Public Sector 2020 – International Challenges and Opportunities*
- *The Hon. Alexander Downer*

The challenges facing government and business today require a concerted approach that transcends national boundaries. In the face of globalism and free trade, climate change, terrorism and economic shift, the old insular views of government are becoming a thing of the past.

Australia's involvement in these international issues is increasingly important due to their potential impact upon our banking, infrastructure, agriculture, mining and education industries. What challenges lie on the horizon on the international stage and can Australia become a key driver for international cooperation.

Alexander Downer was at the forefront of Australian Foreign Policy from 1996 to 2007 and significantly enhanced Australia's position in the global community. His address referenced his personal experiences, his observation of the situation so far and the outlook for the future.

His thoughts on the influence of China in the global economy and its connection with Australia, made it a particularly interesting session.

2. *Mao's Last Dancer*
- Li Cunxin; Author

Li Cunxin is a remarkable man with a remarkable story. Li was born into Mao Zedong's communist China and at the age of 10 was selected to train in Madam Mao's Beijing Dance Academy. Li hated dancing, but fear of returning to an utterly poverty-stricken life kept him going. His astounding determination drove him to become one of the greatest dancers in the world. After his retirement from dancing, he turned his hand to investments and is now a successful stockbroker for a leading US company.

In his moving presentation, Li revealed his inspirational life story as told in the book "*Mao's Last Dancer*" which was published in 2003. It quickly rose to number one on the Australian best-seller list and has won several prestigious literary awards.

This was an inspiring address to see what could be achieved against adversity. A chance selection has led him from extreme poverty to being a world leader in both the fields he has entered.

3. *Defence Force Recruiting – facing a new age of recruitment and retention challenges*
- Commodore Timothy Barrett; Director-General, Defence Force Recruiting

Defence Force Recruiting is one of the most innovative and successful recruiting organisations in the country. Despite fierce competition in a job market starved of skills, Defence Force Recruiting is heading for one of its best recruitment results in a decade. In his presentation, Commodore Barrett, provided insight into how today's public sector can react innovatively to a new age of recruitment challenges.

Podcasts and video shorts, ADF-hosted online war simulation games and successful gap year programs are only part of the innovative recruitment arsenal that has effectively attracted and retained a new generation of defence force personnel. These initiatives have allowed Defence Force Recruiting to effectively target Generation Y and attract greater numbers of women to the Australian Defence Force.

This was a very interesting session, especially the initiatives being used to attract personnel into the Defence Force.

4. *Is it really a man's world? A look at the changing role of women in government*
- Natasha Stott Despoja; former Democrat Senator for South Australia

As the longest standing Democrats Senator, Natasha Stott Despoja has broken the barriers in Australian politics. The Adelaide-born Senator has for many years been a strong advocate for the status of women and her address provided an insight into the role that she thought women will play in shaping the future of the public sector.

5. *Part 1 – Insights into the future global economy*
- Michael Pascoe; Finance and Economic Commentator

Michael Pascoe is one of Australia's most respected and experienced finance and economics commentators with more than three decades in newspaper, radio, television and on-line journalism. Perhaps best known for his 18 years as the Nine Network's Finance Editor.

With the current economic climate labelled as the 'global financial crisis' and so much talk about recession, many are questioning whether Australia's relative resilience will stand up against increasing international pressures. What will the global economy look like in the years to come and what will be the impact on Australia's future growth?

His session was very topical and very entertaining, providing an excellent insight as to Australia's position in the world economy.

The Director Corporate Services attended the following Concurrent Sessions:

- 1 *Operation Sunlight – enhancing budget transparency – Kathryn Campbell CPA, General Manager, Financial Management Group, Department of Finance and Deregulation.*

This session outlined the Australian Government's Operation Sunlight policy agenda including:

- Tightening the outcomes and output framework;
- Changing budget papers to improve readability and usefulness;
- Improving the transparency of estimates;
- Expanding the reach of budget reporting; and
- Related measures to improve transparency and management of resources.

Kathryn also discussed the progress with implementation and areas of future focus.

- 2 *Exploring the evolution of on-line services – opportunities for the public sector – Amanda Finnis; Manager eServices, Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development, VIC.*

More than 70% of Australian's are now online. Many public sector departments have embraced the web but what strategies are in place to optimise the user's web experience?

In this session, a variety of topics were explored:

- Improving satisfaction when dealing with government online;
- What should the user be able to achieve online?
- Personalisation features – the possibilities for public sector sites;
- Exploring new Web 2.0 techniques – blogging, IM, discussion forums, wikis and more; and
- Integrating web tools into your organisation's strategy.

- 3 *Case Study: Local Government reform and the impact on financial management and reporting – David Dobbs; Director Performance and Reporting Local Government Reform, Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation, QLD.*

The reform of local government in Queensland includes a number of dimensions.

This session discussed the reforms associated with performance evaluation and reporting within local government in Queensland. This included the implementation of the national frameworks for assessing financial sustainability, asset planning and management and financial planning and reporting. It also explored current challenges in local government associated with sustainability, growth management and capacity building.

This session was particularly relevant given the current position of Local Government reform in Western Australia.

- 4 *Financial reporting for the public sector – Tim Youngberry FCPA – First Assistant Secretary Financial Reporting and Cash Management, Department of Finance and Deregulation*

Financial reporting is one of the keystones of good corporate governance. Capturing the right financial information to make effective business decisions is critical to success.

This session provided an in-depth analysis of current and future trends in government financial reporting.

5 *Leading through times of change – Rhonda Wheatley FCPA; CFO, State Library of NSW*

If change is the only constant, then dealing with change and implementing proactive change should be in the repertoire of all managers. Good leaders know how to guide teams and organisations through change most effectively and how to create excitement and motivation around the change.

The session examined:

- The types of organisational change and the situations they best suit;
- Harnessing organisational strategy in driving change;
- Adopting leadership styles and techniques that best suit different change situations; and
- Understanding the types of change resistance and how to overcome them.

This speaker was also a General Manager of Norfolk Island and provided excellent examples of bringing in change to an organisation loaded in history and with a culture of being reluctant to change.

6 *Budget management systems and strategies for government – Denis Rosenfeld CPA; Finance Manager (Budget Control), Department of Sustainability and Environment, VIC*

Government agencies, particularly those in the inner budget sector, often face unique and complex information management and forecasting needs.

These needs reflect the fact that government entities are both typically tied to a fixed level of funding and at the same time need to account for and manage available resources in the context of an ever changing basket of policy and budget funding decisions over time.

This address demonstrated how contemporary systems and approaches can be used effectively to meet these needs and provide management with clear, meaningful and strategically orientated reports to support timely management and effective forecasting.

7 *Maximising the value of sustainability reporting – Phil Hughes; Principal Consultant – Sustainability and Water Management, Halcrow Pacific*

Leading public sector agencies, local governments and companies are increasingly undertaking sustainability reporting as part of good governance and sound business management. However, working out what and how to report on environmental, social and economic performance can be a major challenge for any organisation.

This session identified how an organisation can maximise the value of sustainability reporting and better integrate sustainability into corporate strategy, management systems and operational processes.

8 *How to effectively communicate financials to management – Kevin Riley CPA; Managing Director, Riley and Riley*

For today's accountants, frequent communication with high-level staff has become a critical skill to master. Using case studies and examples, this session explored key factors that can contribute to more effective communication of financials to management. Areas that were covered included:

- What challenges are faced when engaging senior level staff and how can they be overcome?
- Reporting useful information – what needs to be reported?
- How should the financial information be presented?
- Tools and methods for developing a language that everyone can understand;
- Improving financial literacy – a tool for more effective communication.

- 9 *From WorkChoices to Forward with Fairness – achieving compliance and staying on top of changes in industrial relations and employment law – Michael Byrnes, Workplace Relations, Employment and Safety, Clayton Utz*

The Labor Government intends that Australia's new industrial relations system will commence from 1 January 2010. The transition to "Forward with Fairness" will take place in stages.

This session dealt with the series of reforms leading up to 2010. In the face of significant reform, the importance of staying up to date has never been so crucial.

Topics included:

- National employment standards;
- Changes to unfair dismissal;
- Award modernisation;
- Enterprise bargaining and good faith bargaining; and
- The role of Fair Work Australia.

CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

N/A.

LEGAL/POLICY:

Council's Policy 4.1.15 – *"Conferences & Training – Attendance, Representation, Travel & Accommodation Expenses and Related Matters" Clause 5 – States:*

"5. Reports

5.1 Following attendance at State conferences, congresses, study tours and any seminars, forums, workshops of two (2) days or more duration, the attendees shall submit an individual or composite report to the Council (to be included in the Information Bulletin) within thirty days of their return to Perth, for the Council's information and records. The report shall include a summary of the event's proceedings, major points of interest to the Town and any recommendation, including as to whether attendance at similar conferences in the future is warranted.

5.2 All Conference Papers are the property of the Town and a copy is also to be placed in the Town's Library so that they are accessible by the public.

The Director Corporate Services Contract of Employment entitles the Director Corporate Services to attend one inter-state conference per annum.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

In accordance with the Plan for the Future – Strategic Plan 2009 – 2014 – Objective 4.2.2 – *"Improve employee performance, recognition and reward."*

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATION:

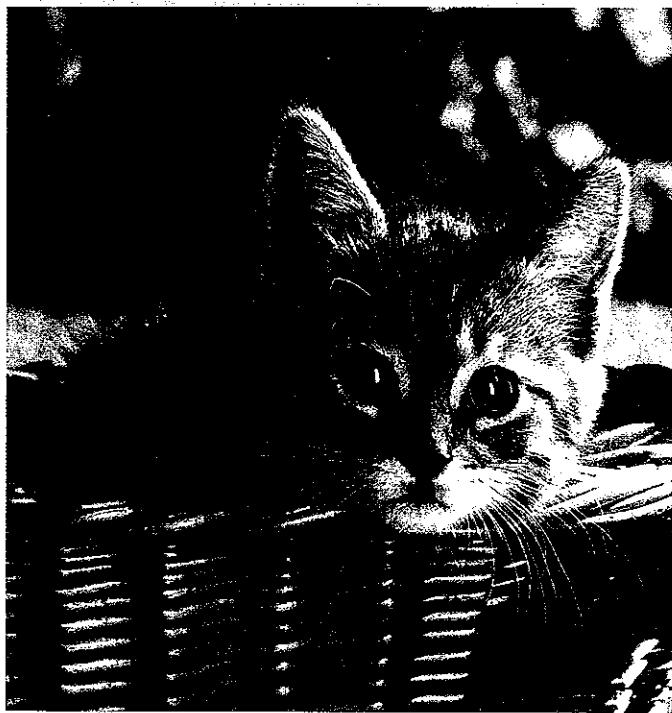
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FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

N/A.

COMMENTS:

The attendance by the Director Corporate Services at the CPA International Public Sector Convention held in Sydney, New South Wales from 18 to 20 March 2009 provided valuable insight to the current and future trends in Public Sector Finance, together with excellent networking conditions.



TO
Mr Nick Catania and all
the councillors who
gave us such a lovely
time, and made us feel
appreciated
...it was purr-fect!

If you see someone
without a smile
give them one of yours
!!

not forgetting
Da Vinci Ristorante
for the lovely food
and excellent service.

Best Wishes

Patricia (Lopez)