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Message from your Council



Happy New Year and welcome to the first edition of the *Peninsula* for 2015!

Important Information About Local Government Reform

Moving through the festive and holiday period comes a time to reflect on 'the year that was'. It provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate milestones, to take stock and as plan for the year ahead.

For our community, elected members and Officers at the City of South Perth, the State Government Local Government Reform process has been incredibly challenging. In October 2014, the Local Government Minister Tony Simpson announced the proposed amalgamated district be named the 'City of South Park', an interim name for the proposed new local government. The areas put forward for an amalgamation include the City of South Perth, Town of Victoria Park, a portion of the City of Canning north-west of Leach Highway and that part of the City of Belmont known as Balbuk Reserve located on the eastern part of the Burswood Peninsula.

Following the Minister's announcement, electors of the City of South Perth lodged

a petition requesting a Poll (Referendum) be held on the proposed recommendation. All residents and ratepayers enrolled to vote at local government elections within the City will receive voting information via post from the WA Electoral Commission in January 2015. Voting will close on Saturday 7 February 2015.

In 2015, the City will progress and work towards the developments of key committed projects including the Manning Community Hub facility, Karawara Public Open Space Masterplan, George Burnett Leisure Centre, Mends Street Precinct and the planned redevelopments of the Old Mill Precinct.

Australia Day again promises to be one of the highlights of the calendar year for the City. It is one of those memorable events that brings together our community in a celebration of what it means to be an Australian. This year we are fortunate to have the newly appointed Governor, Kerry Sanderson in attendance. More information regarding the day's celebrations can be found on page 4.

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Sue Doherty, Mayor



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Animal Care Facility Reopened



On Wednesday 17 December 2014, Minister for Local Government Hon Tony Simpson MLA officially opened the South Perth and Victoria Park Animal Care Facility.

The project, which was funded by the City of South Perth and Town of Victoria Park as well as the Department of Local Government and Communities, had been closed from 18 March 2014 to undergo complete renovations.

The reopened facility is now capable of housing over 60 animals, which includes cats as a result of the recent introduction of the Cat Act.

The building design follows the guidelines for an Animal Care Facility as required by the RSPCA, including isolation areas for

infection, quarantine areas, assessing areas and new standards for housing of animals. Other new key features include an office and waiting room, new toilet/shower facilities and a secured unloading zone.

Quarantine Areas

The upgraded quarantine areas include separate dog and cat areas to test for diseases or infestations as soon as the animals arrive at the facility.

Housing

The dog and cat accommodations are entirely separated, both including a soundproof roof, double brick walls and ceiling fans to minimise noise and control temperatures.

Exercise Areas

There is a large dog run connected to the dog accommodation where rangers can take out dogs individually. The cat accommodation is very large, consisting of two parts – the first part open for the cat to see out of and the second enclosed for privacy and to easily refresh the food, water and litter.

Animal Care Facility,
199 Thelma Street, Como. ■



Works in Your Neighbourhood February and March

Roadworks and Pavement Rehabilitation

Works include some or all of the following: Resurfacing with Stone Mastic Asphalt, replacement of street kerbing replacement / installation of stormwater drainage structures and replacement signage and road markings.

- Lockhart St - Manning Rd to Davilak St
- Marsh Avenue – Manning Road to Parsons Avenue
- Second Avenue – Lansdowne Road to City Boundary includes raised central island at Gwenyfred Road

- Melville Parade – Comer Street to Preston Street includes additional off-street parallel parking bays
- Onslow Street – Mill Point Road to York Street
- Vista Street – Collins Street to Dyson Street

Drainage Works

- Stormwater drainage – Infrastructure Upgrades in and around Rose Avenue, South Perth.
- Stormwater drainage – Infrastructure Upgrades in and around Milson Street, South Perth.

- Stormwater drainage – Infrastructure Upgrades in and around Sulman Avenue, Salter Point.

Traffic Management

- Roundabout at the intersection of Davilak Street and Edgumbe Street ■

Join us for Aus

Citizenship Ceremony

When: 8-9.30am

Where: Big Top Tent, Sir James Mitchell Park, South Perth

The City of South Perth invites all residents to attend the special Australia Day Flag Raising and Citizenship Ceremony at Sir James Mitchell Park. The program includes:

- Arrival of the Australian Flag from Show Ski WA.
- Blessing of the Flag and Flag Raising Ceremony.
- Citizenship Ceremony attended by representatives from state and federal government and presided over by radio announcer and journalist Gerry Gannon.
- Traditional Welcome to Country and dance by the Wadumbah Dance Group.
- Presentation of the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards and the City of South Perth's Citizen of the Year Awards, acknowledging individuals and organisations who make a difference in our community.
- Presentation of the Ted Maslen Memorial University Exhibition Award for the student who achieves the highest TEE score of all year 12 students who are residents of the City of South Perth.



Great Aussie Breakfast

When: 9.30-10.30am

Where: Big Top Tent, Sir James Mitchell Park, South Perth

Cost: \$5 per person

The Great Aussie Breakfast is set to sizzle after the Citizenship Ceremony with the Rotary Clubs of Como, Mill Point and South Perth-Burswood providing breakfast on the foreshore for a small fee of \$5 that goes back into the local community.

Access to Sir James Mitchell Park is via the King Edward Street road block. Parking is available on the grounds from 7am until 10.30am, with entry off Mill Point Road (opposite Forrest Street).



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Australia Day 2015



Celebration Zone

When: 2-7.30pm

Where: Sir James Mitchell Park,
South Perth

Cost: Free

Presented by the City of South Perth and supported by Lotterywest, the Australia Day Celebration Zone returns to Sir James Mitchell Park in 2015 with an extensive programme of events for the whole family.

- More than 100,000 m² safe enclosed area
- 100 free activities for all ages from toddlers to adults
- 1km of accessible 'grass tracks' for wheelchair users, prams/strollers, the elderly etc.
- A range of food vendors

- Ample shade and picnic areas
- Free drinking water refill stations
- Free sunscreen

There are seven activity areas in the 2015 Celebration Zone:

1. Toddler and Kids Zone (1 to 12 years)
2. Kids Theatre (3+)
3. Challenge Area (6+)
4. Sports Zone (6+)
5. Art Zone (6+)
6. Adrenalin Corner (12+)
7. Rides Park (12+)

The Australia Day 2015 event is fully accessible for people with disability and there is ample ACROD parking available.



Free Event Transport Service

To facilitate access to the City of South Perth Celebration Zone, the City will be providing a free shuttle service between the George Burnett Leisure Centre (GBLC: Manning Rd, Cnr Elderfield Rd, Karawara), the City of South Perth Civic Centre (Cnr Sandgate St and South Tce, South Perth) and the event zone.

There will be a special shuttle bus for people with a disability and their companions. This small bus has a tail lift for

wheelchairs. People with disability that are unable to get to GBLC or the Civic Centre can contact our Customer Service Team for possible alternative arrangements (9474 0777).

Both GBLC and the Civic Centre are easily accessible from the Kwinana Freeway and have ample parking facilities.

- Buses will run approx. every 15 minutes back and forth between 10am and 9pm

- No buses during the fireworks (7.30pm – 8.30pm)

- Last buses from the Celebration Zone to GBLC and the Civic Centre at 9pm

For more information, visit the City's website or contact the City on 9474 0777. ■

City of South Perth

FIESTA 2015



Aria winning band 'Sheppard'

FIESTA RETURNS in 2015 to 'Transform' our City as we celebrate the City's past, present and future identity. Throughout 8 - 21 March, see illuminating public art, roving food vans dotted along our streets and temporary play areas popping up in unique spaces across the City!

New in 2015, Fiesta will partner with the Melbourne International Comedy Festival to co-present the Perth heat of the Deadly Funny Indigenous comedy competition. And all the way from Tasmania and fresh from Vivid Festival in Sydney, artist Amanda

Parer will bring her oversized glowing rabbits to the City's foreshores as part of her temporary art installation, 'Intrude'.

Festival favourite, the Angelo Street Marketplace will once again return on Sunday 8 March and will feature more stalls, stages, food, pop up bars and fashion.

For the first time in Fiesta history, the Fiesta Concert will host a double headline act featuring recent Aria winning band 'Sheppard' and iconic Australian band 'Thirsty Merc'. Sheppard freshly return from a worldwide tour after multiple

Aria nominations and will join us at Sir James Mitchell Park to perform recent hits such as 'Geronimo' and 'Let Me Down Easy'. Straight off the back of their AAA album tour, Thirsty Merc will also join us to perform all their favourites such as 'Someday Someday' and 'In the Summertime' and will showcase their acoustic hits from their recent album. The concert will take place on Saturday 21 March from 5pm and will again conclude with the spectacular Pagoda Resort and Spa fireworks display to mark the finale of this two week celebration. ■



Thanks to the generosity of City of South Perth staff and residents, the Southcare Christmas Appeal was once again a huge success, supporting families in need within the South Perth community during the festive season.

South Perth StrEATS

THE PERTH FOOD VAN group will transform the South Perth Esplanade into a bustle of daily gourmet activity! 5 days a week indulge in a selection of freshly prepared meals prepared by some of Perth's boutique new and emerging food vans. 'Like' the Perth Food Van group on facebook for your daily schedule of vans.

Dates and Times: NOW until –
Sunday 29 March
Wednesday – Sunday
11am-3pm and 5-9pm

Location: South Perth Esplanade,
South Perth ■



South Perth Senior Citizens Centre Celebrates 55 Years of Service



THIS YEAR, the South Perth Senior Citizens Centre will be beginning their 56th year of service to the local community.

The Centre provides a wide variety of recreational, cultural and social activities and a range of services that promote and assist the general health and wellbeing of the senior members of our community.

Membership is available to any resident of the City of South Perth who is 55 years or older.

Included in the activities are keep-fit classes, chess, bridge, bingo, yoga, indoor bowls,

Mah Jong, Tai Chi and dancing. Personal services available include hairdressing, podiatry and reflexology. Special events are also organised regularly throughout the year.

Included in the wide range of activities and services at the South Perth Senior Citizens Centre is an excellent library with large print books and computers with internet access.

Every Tuesday the Centre hosts a lunch where members enjoy a home-cooked 3-course lunch. Special occasions are celebrated throughout the year, each one

themed and the premises decorated to highlight the theme. There are also special guest speakers and entertainment on a regular basis.

New members are welcome and the centre's staff are always on the lookout for suggestions of new services and activities to deliver to their members and the local community.

For further information on membership or any of the South Perth Senior Citizens Centre services, please contact the Centre Supervisor on 9367 9880. ■

Meals on Wheels



THE SOUTH PERTH Senior Citizens Centre, together with a dedicated group of volunteers, coordinate Meals on Wheels deliveries for aged and disabled residents within the City of South Perth (which includes South Perth, Como, Kensington,

Karawara, Waterford, Manning and Salter Point).

Available on a short or long-term basis, meals are delivered daily, Monday to Friday, except for Public Holidays.

Meals are delivered chilled (this includes soup, main course and dessert) and on Wednesday a small fruit juice is provided free of charge. If weekend meals are required, these are delivered on Friday.

Any person residing within the City of South Perth boundaries that is aged 55 years or older or with a disability is eligible. Doctors, social workers, health professionals or families are welcome to refer clients to this service.

For further information please contact the Supervisor at South Perth Senior Citizens Centre on 9367 9880. ■



The Grass is Greener at McDougall Park Kindy



Before



After

MCDUGALL PARK Community Kindergarten was recently awarded 200 square meters of natural turf by Junior Landcare and Turf Australia in celebration of the 2014 FIFA World Cup. The donation could not have gone to a more grateful recipient. The Kindy, which is partially funded through voluntary donations, was badly in need of better ground cover in the outdoor play area where 33 pairs of little feet stampe every week.

Winning the turf was just the beginning. The award sparked plans by the Kindy Committee to make the most of the opportunity by building limestone walls to contain the grass and sandpit areas ahead of laying the turf. The Kindy could fund the cost of the limestone but the labour and equipment involved in building the walls and the laying of the turf would all need to come from volunteers.

Over just two weekends, parents, teachers, grandparents and even the kids came together to make the project happen. Equipment, skills, tools, advice and hard work were all freely and happily given. The spirit of the community was buzzing as trenches were dug, blocks were mudded and ground was cleared, levelled and topped with a green blanket of Kikuyu grass – an enormous effort.

On the Monday morning following completion, the children were amazed to see their Kindy looking so different. Teaching Assistant Lynn Mosedale said, "I have been at this Kindy for a long time and we have wanted new grass for 24 years."

Built in 1953, McDougall Kindergarten is one of only 20 community Kindys remaining in Western Australia. It is lovingly maintained, governed and developed by the teachers, the Committee and the parents. Both the Kindy itself, and this project, are great examples of what can be done when communities work together.

The Kindy's philosophy is centred on learning through active play and a lot of the day is spent exploring and interacting outside. The addition of the grass and the walls has given the Kindy a long overdue makeover and the children are benefitting immensely from the efforts and generosity of all involved.

McDougall Park Community Kindergarten would like to say "THANK YOU" to Junior Landcare and Turf Australia, and an even bigger "THANK YOU" to all those who worked hard in their spare time to make this magical project such a success. ■

A Conversation with the Kids



THE CITY OF SOUTH PERTH played host to "A Conversation with the Kids" in December 2014 – celebrating almost twenty years for youth leadership organisation Millennium Kids Inc.

City of South Perth Mayor, Sue Doherty, opened the event that drew together founding members, current youth participants from Australia and Indonesia and supporting adults to discuss current projects and also their hopes for the future.

Millennium Kids CEO, Catrina Luz-Aniere, said that it was wonderful to have so much action in the room with everyone contributing to the Conversation with the Kids.

"When we put kids around the table to have a conversation - environment, climate change, deforestation and impact on water and wildlife come up every time - and also this sense that people do care – that kids can be heard on these issues," added Ms Aniere.

Acting Commissioner for Children and Young People, Jenni Perkins attended the event and received a report from the kids on what their concerns are about their community and its environment.

For more information on Millennium Kids and how you can join the program please email info@millenniumkids.com.au ■

Plan for Your Pets This Summer

CITY OF SOUTH PERTH Rangers are urging all residents to remember their dogs and pets at this busy time of year. Whether you are staying at home or going away, it is important to have plans in place to ensure your pets have the best care possible.

If you are going away and haven't booked your dog into a kennel, organise someone to visit your house daily to feed and exercise your dog. Make sure your dog has sufficient room to move freely during the day.

It is important to keep some fresh drinking water available at all times. If you keep your pet outside, be mindful that a cool spot in the morning can turn hot by mid-afternoon. Be sure to always have a comfortable, sheltered area available that they can retreat to.

Families staying at home should also consider how their dog is affected over this busy time. Maintain regular feeding times and ensure your dog still gets plenty of exercise. With people coming and going during the day, there are plenty of opportunities for your dog to escape unnoticed.



If you are going away and taking your dog with you or leaving your dog behind and safely cared for, please make sure the contact information on your council registration and microchip is current and up to date. Without the correct contact information, it is very difficult to reunite dogs with their owners.

Please note it is a requirement under the Dog Act 1976 that your dog is

microchipped and wearing a collar with a registration tag.

By 1 November 2015, all dogs must be microchipped.

For further information or if your pet goes missing, please contact the City on 9474 0777. ■

Dispose of E-Waste for Free

DO YOU HAVE old computers, printers or electronic equipment taking up much needed space in the house? The City now offers free electronic waste drop off for all residents at the Collier Park Waste Transfer Station in Como.

Working collaboratively with Sims E-Recycling Pty Ltd as the processor, the City is now a designated collection facility. As a designated E-Waste collection facility, the City can accept all forms of E-Waste or electronic waste including any broken, obsolete or unused electronic equipment such as printer and keyboards, televisions and cabling.

Common household E-Waste contains significant amounts of valuable materials that can be recycled and reused. In addition, E-Waste can also contain hazardous substances, and some 75 per cent of toxic chemicals found in landfills can be attributed to E-Waste.

How is E-Waste recycled?

Glass: found in old computer monitors and screens

- Crushed and reprocessed for use in lead based glass products and road base

Metals: found in drives, screws and other parts

- Reprocessed into a range of metal products

Plastics: found in casings and circuit boards

- Reprocessed into electronic housing, packaging, pallets and textiles

Aluminium: found in casing and wire

- Remanufactured into various aluminium products

Gold and silver: found in circuit boards and keyboards

- Recovered for reprocessing into a variety of products

Collier Park Waste Transfer Station Opening Hours

Monday to Sunday 9am – 4.45pm
Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday and ANZAC Day. ■

Annual Report 20

Performance Highlights

The City's Annual Report 2013/2014 provides an overview of the activities and performance of the City in accordance with the Strategic Community Plan 2013-2023 and the Corporate Plan 2013-2017.

It highlights the achievements and challenges and reports on the City's performance based on six strategic directions,

Community, Environment, Housing and Land Uses, Places, Infrastructure and Transport, and Governance, Advocacy and Corporate Management.

Here you'll find a snapshot of the City's achievements from the latest Annual Report. You can download the full Annual Report 2013/2014 from the City's website.

Community

Create opportunities for an inclusive, connected, active and safe community

Animal welfare

Due to increased standards following the implementation of the Cat Act 2011, a \$663,000 upgrade of the Dog Pound began which will lead to the completion of an expanded new Animal Care Facility by December 2014. Partly funded by a grant from the Department of Local Government and Communities, the new state of the art facility that is also used by the Town of Victoria Park will be capable of housing over 60 animals. The facility will also include infection isolation, quarantine and assessment areas, as well as a new office, waiting room, toilet and shower areas, and a secured unloading zone.

Safe and well-attended events

The year's two flagship events, Australia Day and Fiesta, were successfully held. The January 2014 Australia Day celebration attracted more than 60,000 people to the City's alcohol-free 12,000 square metre Celebration Zone at Sir James Mitchell Park. For the first time, the City offered pre-arranged 'home pick-up' transportation for people with disabilities to the event. Another first for the event was the introduction of two kilometres of temporary path structures.

Bill Grayden Pavilion upgrade

This upgrade was finished in June 2014 and includes refurbished change rooms, toilets, and an upgraded kitchen. New home and away change rooms were constructed, allowing the Pavilion to now be used by men, women and children at the same time.

Environment

Enhance and develop public open spaces and manage impacts on the City's built and natural environment

Important upgrades

Supported by \$690,000 in funding, 13 projects were carried out for the Drainage Infill Program and Upgrade Program. Some of the highlights included revegetation works at a damaged Sulman Avenue embankment, as well as the duplication of a main drain that runs from Unwin Crescent to Sulman Avenue and Pepler Avenue.

Parks and power

The 2013/14 Capital Works Program for Parks and Reserves saw \$540,000 in works completed, including playground upgrades at Mackie Street, Mends Street, Marsh Avenue and Bill McGrath Reserve; path lighting at Sir James Mitchell Park; fitness equipment installations at Andrew Thompson Reserve; a new bore and pump for Challenger Reserve; and park furniture upgrades for Sir James Mitchell Park, Canavan Crescent and McDougall Park.

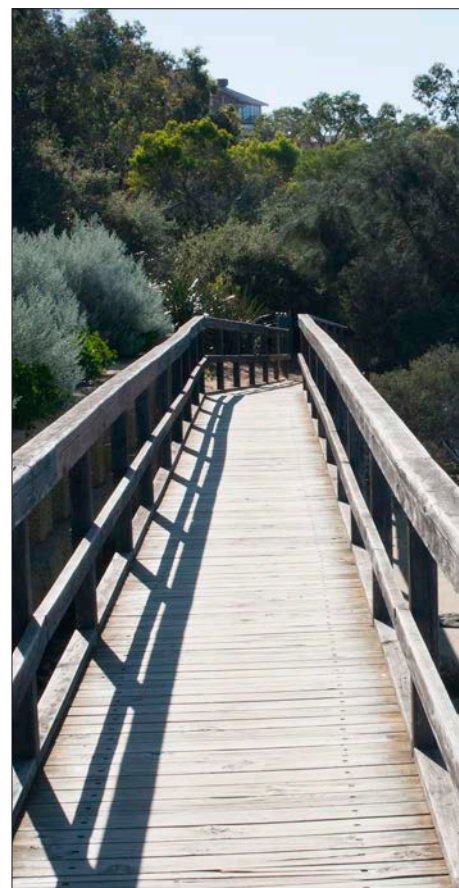
While underground power was offered to Salter Point prior to 2013/14 as part of stage five of the State Government's Underground Power Project, stage six is yet to open. The City is undertaking analysis to determine additional target areas for any future stages.

Adapting to change

A tender was awarded in June 2014 for the Sir James Mitchell Park Promenade Precinct, which will see the river wall on both sides of the Mends Street jetty replaced, and a promenade path, lighting and seating installed.

The South Perth Foreshore Strategy and Management Plan was progressed, to replace the Sir James Mitchell Park Foreshore Management Plan. The new Strategy which is being reviewed by the Swan River Trust will provide clear direction for foreshore improvements, and create accessible, inclusive and well connected spaces.

711 STREET AND RESERVE TREES WERE PLANTED IN 2013/14



2013/2014 Snapshot

Housing and Land Uses

Accommodate the needs of a diverse and growing population

Identifying local planning needs

Work began on a new Local Planning Strategy, which could form the basis of a new Town Planning Scheme. The aim of the Strategy is to meet the combined community needs of the City of South Perth, the Town of Victoria Park and the area of Canning northwest of Leach Highway following the Local Government Reform process.

Planning approvals under delegated authority:

Planning applications approved in 2013/14: 594

Planning applications approved in 2012/13: 573



93 per cent satisfaction with City parks and sporting grounds

97 per cent satisfaction with the City as a place to live

Places

Develop, plan and facilitate vibrant and sustainable community and commercial places

Manning Community Hub Redevelopment

Detailed design work continued on this redevelopment to create a 'heart' for the suburb and cater for a wide range of groups. The project involves demolition and subdivision of the site, before the new facility is developed. The new facility includes Manning Library, halls and group spaces, and new mixed commercial and residential lots. James Miller Sports Oval will also be upgraded.

The tender for the demolition of the existing structures was awarded at the May 2014 Council meeting, while a Project Management Plan has been created.

Engaging our community

The community was engaged extensively to allow the City to plan for vibrant activities and uses on and near foreshore areas and reserves. Projects included the Bike Plan 2011-2016, South Perth Foreshore Strategy and Management Plan and the Ernest Johnson Reserve Master Plan.

Managing our land

Preparations were made to sell the City's South Perth Civic Triangle Precinct land, which spans 7133 square metres and is bounded by Mends Street, Labouchere Road and Mill Point Road. In December 2013, JLL won the tender to undertake the sale of the land.

An extensive Expression of Interest international marketing campaign ran from February to May 2014, with four proposal proponents then invited to participate in a private tender process. The Council has nominated a preferred tenderer and is presently in negotiations, with the sale expected to be completed by September 2014. It is anticipated that the sale price will be in the vicinity of \$27 million.

Infrastructure and Transport

Plan and facilitate safe, efficient infrastructure and transport networks to meet the current and future needs of the community

Canning Bridge Precinct Vision

Following extensive preliminary consultation and planning in conjunction with partners the City of Melville and the West Australian Departments of Planning and Transport, concept plans continued to be refined for the Canning Bridge Precinct Vision's Draft Structure Plan. The Plan involves a heritage protection plan, studies into traffic, urban design and climate change, as well as the preparation of built form and landscape design guidelines.

Our roads and traffic

Supported by \$3.3 million in funding under the five year Road Rehabilitation Program, 15 sections of roads were resurfaced, spanning 42,826 square metres or 4.3 kilometres.

Benefiting cyclists

Additional cycling infrastructure was implemented under the Bike Plan 2011-2016, including a new cycle path connection from Davilak Street to Canning Highway to service Canning Bridge Train Station, along with a shared path at each end of Bodkin Park.

2013/14 SAW MORE THAN 1.2KM OF NEW PATHS CONSTRUCTED AND 1.6KM OF PATH REPLACEMENTS

Perth Waterfront Development

The City continued to work with the State Government to maximise opportunities for its Perth Waterfront Development, providing input relating to ferry traffic and mooring areas, and liaising with the Swan River Trust.

Governance, Advocacy and Corporate Management

Ensure that the City has the organisational capacity, advocacy and governance framework and systems to deliver the priorities identified in the Strategic Community Plan

Boosting customer service

The Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system was established, reducing the number of repeat customer contacts on single issues, and satisfactorily resolving 85 per cent of issues at the first point of contact. Community members also chose to make use of the self-service facilities on the City's website, as well as the new 'Report It' mobile phone and tablet app, which integrates directly with the CRM.

Responding to the Local Government Reform process

We continued to respond to the State Government's Local Government Reform process, with the Council resolving to adopt the joint City of South Perth and Town of Victoria Park submissions to the Local Government Advisory Board in October 2013 and March 2014.

The Council supported the amalgamation of the two local governments, together with the area of the City of Canning northwest of Leach Highway, on the condition that the Burswood Peninsula remained within the new City and there was appropriate State Government funding provided.

National Broadband Network

Infrastructure was installed for the National Broadband Network (NBN) in an area known as South Perth 02 (SP02) – which is bordered by the Swan River on the north, east and west sides, and extends to Forrest Street in the west. While the area went 'live' on 15 November 2013, its 2195 homes and businesses have until April 2015 to make the switch.

Financial Performance

\$51.03M against a budget of \$51.42M. Operating revenue was in line with budget targets whilst capital revenue fell just 1% short of budget expectations after some proposed contributions towards the construction of the Manning Men's Shed and Animal Care Facility were deferred into the 2014/15 year - these funds but will still be received, albeit later than was planned.

Operating revenue was on budget overall with the receipt of an unbudgeted \$50,000 grant towards local government reform due diligence activities and an unbudgeted gain in the value of the City's equity investment in the WALGA Local Government House Trust. Golf course green fees were 1% ahead of budget as were planning revenues ahead by 13%, whilst building license revenues for the year were 1% under budget expectations.

Total expenditure on operating items and capital projects of \$58.49M was 92% of the \$63.36M budget allocation. Operating expenditure (excluding capital expenditure) was \$47.24M against a budget target of \$50.15M with most operational areas close to budget. The difference related almost entirely to non-cash items with a significant reduction in depreciation costs after re-assessing the depreciation rates used for road, path and drainage infrastructure in line with approved asset management guidelines. The remaining difference related to the book value of assets identified for disposal in 2013/14, but deferred into the new year. Salaries and associated costs were within 1% of budget expectations at year end.

Capital projects completed represented 85% of budget expectations at 30 June 2014. At year end there was some \$1.95M of planned but incomplete capital items (unfinished works and incomplete capital revenue transactions) that are to be carried forward into the 2014/15 year.

Capital Program

94% of the value of the planned capital program was completed by 30 June with \$11.10M worth of projects being delivered. Of this, \$8.06M of assets was capitalised and the remainder was expensed (and is included in the operating expenditure figures shown above). This expenditure includes creation of new assets as well as maintenance and renewal of existing ones.

Major categories of expenditure represented in the capital program were:

- Roads, Paths & Drains \$4.79M
- Natural Environment \$0.76M
- Community Buildings \$1.08M
- Plant, Equipment & Technology \$1.43M

As detailed above, monies associated with incomplete capital infrastructure works of approximately \$1.95M in value have been carried forward into 2014/15 to complete the approved capital program. Work completed plus the carry forward component represent 100% of the planned capital program.

Financial snapshot - 2013/14

	2013/14
Operating Revenue	\$51.034M
Operating Expenditure	\$50.370M
Operating Result	\$0.665M
Capital Program Delivered (Assets Capitalised)	\$8.066M
Cash Reserves - Quarantined	\$24.319M
Cash Reserves - Discretionary	\$11.907M
Net Assets	\$569.451M

From Your Libraries

I ♥ Poetry Competition

WRITE YOUR OWN love themed haiku to win book vouchers & a double pass to attend *Poetry d'Amour* on the evening of Valentine's Day at the Japanese Gardens, Perth Zoo.

A haiku poem consists of three lines: five syllables, seven syllables and five syllables.

Entry forms available from the South Perth Libraries for the three entry categories: 12 years and under; 13 – 17 and 18 and above. **Entries close 31 January 2015.** ■

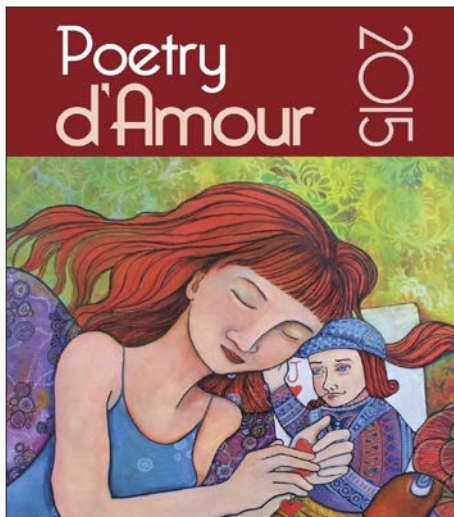
Poetry D'Amour

THIS VALENTINE'S DAY bring a picnic basket and rug to relax under the starry sky while you are thoroughly entertained by the renowned local and international poets performing their odes to love. Enjoy live music and applaud the winners of the 'I ♥ Poetry' Competition that will be announced by City of South Perth Mayor, Sue Doherty.

When: Friday 12 February 2015

Where: Japanese Gardens, Perth Zoo, South Perth

Tickets available through Trybooking. More information from www.wapoets.net.au ■



Storytime and Rhymetime



ALL STORYTIME and Rhymetime programs will resume from the week starting 2 February 2015.

Storytime

South Perth Library
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10.30am

Manning Library
Wednesdays and Fridays at 10.30am

Rhymetime

South Perth Library
Wednesdays at 9.30am and 10.30am

Manning Library
Thursdays at 10.30am

Harmony Storytime

Join us for Harmony Storytime – Stories, rhymes and songs in languages other than English and stay for some morning tea. Sessions are held in the South Perth Library Function Room at 10.30am on the following dates:

We are always looking for volunteers to read so contact the library if you would like to join us.

Lego Club

It's back! Come along and build your own Lego masterpiece and meet some new friends. Drop by the South Perth Library Function Room any time during the session – stay for a short time or for the whole session. All ages welcome.

For exact dates, please refer to the City's website ■

Poetry with Wine

THE SOUTH PERTH Libraries regularly hold author talks called Words with Wine throughout the year. Once a year this event is taken up a notch with an open mic poetry night called Poetry with Wine. We invite local professional and amateur poets to come and share their poetry with us in late February 2015. The poems must be original work and all poets must register in order to perform.

Interest can be lodged with our Events Officer via email at library-events@southperth.wa.gov.au ■

Young Writers Award

ENTRIES FOR THE 2015 City of South Perth Young Writers Award are now open. All students in Years 1-12 who live or go to school in the City of South Perth are eligible to enter.

The Award has been running since 1987 and encourages excellence in creative writing. Prizes are awarded for prose in six age categories and the most outstanding entry is awarded the Christobel Mattingley Bronze medallion. Entries are to be the entrant's own original work and can be of any length up to 1500 words.

Entry forms are available from the South Perth Libraries and will be distributed to all local schools at the start of Term 1.

Entries close 24 April 2015. ■



Neighbour

In Brief

Goodbye Graffiti

Use your smart phone to help remove graffiti that you notice in the community. Report graffiti at www.goodbyegraffiti.wa.gov.au.

Engravers free to loan

Mark your valuables with a unique identification code to assist in the recovery of your property in the event it gets lost or stolen.

Streets Alive

A community-building program that encourages neighbours to get together on their street. Great incentives and support is available. Contact the City to find out more.

Suspicious behaviour

Always remember that you can report suspicious behaviour anywhere at any time by phoning Crime stoppers 1800 333 000, Kensington Police 9474 7555, or follow the Kensington Police Team on Twitter @KensingtonPol ■

Safe Summer Fun

SUMMER TIME is fun time. It's beach time. It's party time. It's family time. It is also time to look after one another and stay safe! Create happy memories by being responsible for yourself and taking on a duty of care to look out for others.

The simple courtesy of patience or a random act of kindness can not only make someone's day, it can prevent an accident or act of aggression or violence, and in the extreme can save a life. Mostly it will ensure that residents, business and visitors to the City of South Perth can all benefit from the fun time that summertime is all about. ■

A Message from Local Police



Protecting Yourself From Handbag Theft

NO ONE WANTS to be a victim of handbag theft; however have you thought about what you can do if someone does try to steal your handbag or backpack? Whatever type of 'bag' you carry, here are some basic tips about guarding yourself from people who try to take it;

- Think about keeping it light. Some people carry handbags or backpacks that seem to have the storage capabilities of a semi trailer! It is safer and more practical to use a small bag, containing only a few items that you really need. Try to get in the habit of only taking the cash required for the outing rather than all the cash that you may have available.
- Think about keeping it tight. This includes keeping a tight grip on your

bag and keeping it close to your body. It is common for thefts of purses from handbags to happen as they sit on a seat next to their owner or are left temptingly in a shopping trolley whilst the owner surveys the shop shelves. Bags with shoulder straps are a good investment. Try to use a bag with a zip closure rather than buttons as it is quicker to make secure when required.

- Think about keeping it out of sight. A small bag with a shoulder strap is quite easy to wear under a jumper or other top while you're out walking.
- Don't forget about the car! Even if you are only leaving the car for a short time, ensure that your purse, wallet and other valuables are not on open display even if the car is locked. ■

Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers

Keep abreast of activities in your suburb by getting to know your local Neighbourhood Watch volunteers.

Currently there are vacancies for active volunteers in the areas of South Perth East, Manning and Waterford. If you live in these areas you can contact active volunteers living in:

South Perth-West

Julia Cheong: 0418 952 795

Como and Karawara

Diane Cheong: 0408 950 825

Kensington

Kevin Trent: 0417 175 004

Salter Point

John Hall: 9450 3724

Waterford

Raheel Kidwai: 0411 724 335

Neighbourhood Watch

Back to School Watch

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS are coming to an end and the 2015 school year is just around the corner. This is a busy and exciting time especially if you are going to school for the first time. For mums and dads, this time of year can be stressful with back to school preparation. There are school supplies and uniforms to buy and haircuts to be had. Shopping precincts become busy places, resulting in shopping precinct car parks becoming dangerous places.

If you are in and around shopping precinct car parks, take extra care to look around and ensure the way is clear. This moment in time could save you the inconvenience of a

damaged car or the tragedy of an injured child.

Be courteous and patient in shopping precincts, especially while people are loading their car in the bay that you are waiting for.

Have some empathy and lend a hand where you can. We want everyone to start the 2015 school year safe and well.

Adhere to 40km/h zones when the 2015 school year begins.

Slow down, drop five and stay alive. ■



Gumtree related thefts



THEFTS OCCURRING from Gumtree advertising are on the rise – particularly thefts of motor vehicles. Be aware that when using classified websites for the selling or trading of goods, you are opening yourself up to many faceless people. When dealing with prospective buyers it pays to have another adult or responsible person around to assist you in any negotiations. Be wary when allowing

test drives. It is not recommended to let anyone take the vehicle for ride without you being in it. Be aware when changing drivers during a test drive, as we have received reports of people getting into the driver's seat and driving off before the seller has time to reach the passenger seat. For motorbikes, it is suggested that you don't allow a test drive unless you are 100% of their trustworthiness. ■

Useful Contacts

Kensington Police Station: 9474 7555
8am-4pm, Monday to Friday

Police Attendance: 131 444
Emergency Only: 000

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

Report antisocial behaviour at Department of Housing properties:
1300 597 076 or go online at www.housing.wa.gov.au

Goodbye Graffiti Hotline:
1800 44 22 55
www.nhw.wa.gov.au

Visit the Neighbourhood Watch website for crime prevention information that you can put to use in your home and around your neighbourhood.

Follow the Kensington Police Team on Twitter @KensingtonPol

ewatch



ewatch is an easy way to find out what's happening in your community. Connecting with your local police and the City of South Perth helps make your neighbourhood a safer and more vibrant place to live!

City of South Perth ewatch membership is growing!

The numbers of residents and business who are now signed up to access local crime activity reporting and statistics have grown from around 50 in March 2013 to in excess of 270 in 2015. This is a great result and works toward creating greater community participation to keep the City of South Perth safer.

The ewatch program provides regular e-newsletter updates on local crime trends and statistics, safety initiatives, emerging issues and community building events.

Simply go to www.ewatch.com.au and follow the prompts. ■

Contacts



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Council Meetings are usually held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Civic Centre Council Chambers, Corner Sandgate St and South Tce, South Perth. Meetings start at 7pm.

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Monday 9.30am - 5.30pm

Tuesday - Thursday 9.30am - 7pm

Friday 9.30am - 5.30pm

Saturday 10am - 4pm

Sunday Closed

Manning Library 9474 0822

Cnr Goss Ave & Manning Rd, Manning

Email manninglib@southperth.wa.gov.au

Monday - Tuesday 9.30am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 9.30am - 7pm

Thursday - Friday 9.30am - 5.30pm

Saturday 10am - 2pm

Sunday Closed

Old Mill 9367 5788

Mill Point Road, South Perth

Tuesday - Friday 10am - 4pm

Saturday and Sunday 1pm - 4pm

South Perth Senior Citizens 9367 9880

(Meals on Wheels) Email spsc@bigpond.com

Manning Senior Citizens 9450 6273

Email manning seniors@bigpond.com

Collier Park Golf Course 9484 1666

George Burnett Leisure Centre 9474 0855

Manning Rd, Karawara

Monday - Friday 8.30am - 9pm

Saturday and Sunday 8.30am - 6pm

Safer City Program 9474 0777

Dog Pound 9474 1106

Monday - Sunday 11.30am - 12.30pm

Lost Cats: RSPCA 9209 9300

Graffiti Hotline 1800 007 774

**For all City information and enquiries,
please telephone the Information Line
on 9474 0777 or visit our website at
www.southperth.wa.gov.au**

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