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AUSSIE RULES!
THE ART OF KICKING
BEHINDS

A View From The Top
From the Regional Director

Kids say funny things sometimes. Trying to be a good parent and get my sports mad boys interested in news and current affairs, we have taken to watching the news together lately.

Last night, during the finance report, my 12 year old commented that the Hang Seng had taken a "pooning". After translating that this meant it had taken a hit, I was prompted to reflect on the statistics that we are presented with daily, the impact they have on our lives and what they mean for our quality of life.

After all, anyone genuinely affected by the Hang Seng is not waiting until the 6.30 news to find out about it and to anyone else it is largely irrelevant.

At a recent seminar I attended, a presenter posed the question "is life getting better?" Most put their hands up to say it was.

The economy has certainly grown and we are earning bigger paychecks? But are we healthy? Can we afford a house? Is family life better and are we enjoying our leisure time more? We certainly have a longer life, but is it better?

The large resource projects planned for WA will continue to kick our economy along, but will we be leading better lives?

More and more every day, our statistical focus needs to shift to a more holistic view. We must take into account social impacts so we can make more informed choices about the type of community we want into the future and how we can get there.



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STATS TALK



It's all about the 'One Percenters'...

See how the WAFL teams stack up.

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Latest WA Statistics

	WA	Australia
Population (Dec 2008)	2.2m	21.6m
CPI (annual rate, Jun 2009)	1.4% (Perth)	1.5%
Merchandise Exports* (Jul 2009)	\$6,002m	\$15,458m
Merchandise Imports* (Jul 2009)	\$2,199m	\$16,698m
Unemployment Rate** (Aug 09)	5.5%	5.8%

* Original estimates based on Australian Customs Service records. Figures are not based on a Balance of Payment basis.
** Trend data.

THE XX FACTOR

A CHILLAXED LOOK AT THE WOMEN IN... BENTLEY

Home of Curtin University's largest campus, Bentley has an interesting and diverse mix of women living in the area. Let's use the freely available 2006 Census data to see why!

As of Census night 2006, there were 8,323 persons usually resident in the State Suburb of Bentley, 4,307 (52%) female. This is slightly higher than the total proportion of females in Western Australia which sits at roughly 50%.

As far as jobs are concerned, there were more females working in the Accommodation & food services industry than in any other sector (187 female employees). Of this 187, just over half of these Bentley women were in the 20-24 year old age bracket - nothing like a fast food job to get you through your uni days!

The second most popular industry for women in Bentley was Health care & social assistance with 182 female employees, probably due to Bentley Hospital, followed by the retail industry with 181 female employees.

Interestingly, Bentley had a low proportion of women married in a registered marriage in comparison to the WA figure. Only a quarter of the women in Bentley had tied the knot, which was significantly lower than the 50% or so of females across the state who had made the commitment.

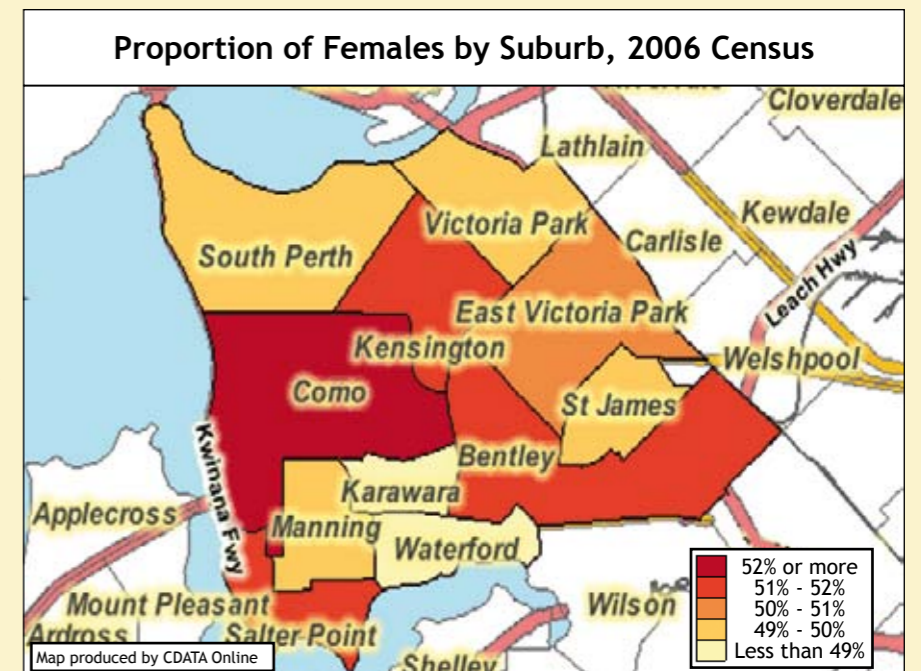
Catholicism was the most dominant religious affiliation (873 females), however the high proportion of females of the Islamic faith was most notable. Eight percent of women in Bentley recorded that they were of Islamic faith, which was much higher than the 1.3% figure for the female population of WA.

Finally, and no surprise, one fifth of the females living in this area attended a University or other tertiary institution when the 2006 Census was conducted, which was five times higher than the WA figure!



Curtin University Of Technology:
Bentley Campus

A Selection of Statistics for Bentley (sourced from Basic Community Profiles, 2006 Census)	
Number of females	4,307
Median age of females	36
Proportion of married females (15+)	25%
No. of females attending an educational institution	1,800 (42%)
Most dominant religious affiliation	Catholic (873 females)
Proportion undertaking voluntary work (15+)	17%
Proportion of females participating in the labour force (15+)	38%
Proportion of unemployed females in the labour force (15+)	10%



SITUATIONS VACANT

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN STATISTICAL INDICATORS

(cat. no. 1367.5)

In the last year, Western Australia has experienced both its lowest unemployment rate and fastest increase in unemployment since records began.

Despite worsening global financial conditions, WA continued to benefit from the resources boom until late 2008. After falling to 2.7% last September, the unemployment rate has climbed steadily, exceeding 5% for the first time in almost 5 years in May 2009.

Further jumps in June and July brought the trend rate up to 5.5%, though well below the rates for Australia (5.9%) and most OECD countries. Youth unemployment also remains below that of other Australian states and territories.

On The Dole?

The heaviest job losses in the 6 months to May occurred in mining, mining-related services and agriculture. In the May quarter, an estimated 52,000 people were directly employed in the mining industry, almost 20,000 fewer than in the November quarter 2008.

Over the same period, the numbers employed in Professional, scientific and technical services fell by 6,000. A substantial proportion of these job losses appears to be due to the contraction in the mining industry.

In October 2008, it was estimated that about 40% of people employed in Professional, scientific and technical services in WA were working in a mining support activity/operation or contracted to the mining industry.

Off The Dole?

Job gains have occurred in some industries. The 6 months to May saw a significant increase in numbers employed in Retail trade; and Health care and social assistance. These industries together accounted for a quarter of the workforce in May 2009 and about 44% of all jobs gained in the previous 6 months. Smaller job gains occurred in Public Administration and safety; and Education and training.

Rising employment in health, vocational training and social welfare services suggests the community need for such services has grown, particularly among families expe-

riencing unemployment, reduced working hours or housing disadvantage due to the global financial crisis.

Part-timers

In the 6 months to May, the proportion of part-time workers (those working less than 35 hours a week) rose from 27% to 29% while the average weekly hours worked by employees fell to 34.5 hours.

Significant increases in the proportion of part-time workers occurred in Professional, scientific and technical services; in Transport, postal and warehousing and (possibly due to normal seasonal influences) Agriculture, forestry and fishing.

Two industries with a very large component (over 50%) of part-time workers are Retail trade; and Accommodation and food services. These industries saw a small proportional increase (around 1 percentage point) in part-time jobs in the 6 months to May. However, their numerical contribution to the part-time workforce was even more significant: of the estimated 344,000 part-time workers at May 2009, about 34,000 (10%) were in Accommodation and food services while 74,000 (22%) were in Retail trade.

The increase in part-time workers did not occur across all industries. Health, welfare and community service-oriented industries saw a decrease, perhaps again reflecting the community's greater need for services during the financial downturn.

For more analysis of recent employment trends and longer-term changes in the structure of the state's employed population, see the feature article in Western Australian Statistical Indicators June 2009 (cat. no. 1367.5).



STAT-ASHES

HOW IT SHOULD BE PLAYED...

We've lost the Ashes to the Poms, can we exact revenge on the statistical playing field?

Welcome back to the Wide World of Stats. We'll be continuing our coverage of the Stat-Ashes, with the UK's Office for National Statistics (ONS) hosting the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in the fifth and final test.

Karen Dunnel, the captain for ONS won the toss (on 50% probability) against the ABS's Brian Pink and elected to bat on a flat track.

The UK's test record in a number of areas leaves much to be desired. The Brits are losing jobs at a worrying rate, with 7.8% unemployment in the latest quarter. By contrast, latest figures put Australia's jobless rate at a miserly 5.8%. What is more concerning though is the use by the British stats compilers of the term "worklessness".

If we're looking at economic growth, the Brits are getting hit for six by the global recession. Their growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is short and wide, falling for the past year or so. As usual, the Aussies are on the front foot, making a solid 0.6% annual increase in GDP on a very sticky wicket.

On the inflation front the Aussies are playing it nice and safe, bat and pad close together, with an annual CPI increase of 1.5%. The Poms weren't too shabby in this aspect of the game either, recording just a 1.8% annual increase.

One area where the Brits leave us for dead is population. At over 60 million residents, the UK makes Australia look like a small colonial outpost. In population density it gets even worse, with Australia having 2.6 people for every square kilometre, and the UK having a

staggering 252 people per square kilometre of British soil. That's a crowded slips cordon!

This means that if Michael Clarke top-edged a ball in either country, it's nearly 100 times more likely to be caught in the UK, despite the fact that Phil Tufnell lives there.

The ONS estimated that there were 211,000 persons living in the UK in 2008 who were born in South Africa, less than 0.4% of the population. Following on from these figures, those of South African heritage are grossly over-represented in the 'English' cricket team, making up a quarter at last count (Strauss, Prior, Trott).

Past players like Tony Greig and Alan Lamb helped develop this long-standing tradition, but South Africa's sporting isolation during the apartheid era may have also had something to do with this statistical anomaly.

And it looks like the Poms have pretty much banned themselves from playing sports altogether, with a meagre 10% of the population taking part in any sporting or

outdoor activity in 2005. Compare this to the 66% of Australians over 15 who had participated in physical activity in 2005-06, and you can see why we've historically dominated the English in most sports. But can you really blame them? Considering they get about two weeks of 'fine' weather each year, 10% looks like a realistic figure.

But what about the future? Well the Brits think they're on to a cricketing winner by naming most of their newborn girls Grace, no doubt after the great man, WG himself. In both WA and the UK Jack has been the most popular name for baby boys for the past 5 years running. Will there eventually be an English King Jack? WA's already got plenty of Hungry Jacks.

So there you have it, from the figures it looks like Australia is set to trounce its old rivals. After all, the statistics don't lie.



Article by: Paul Burns



WAFL-ING ON

STATS ON THE MILL

With footy fever firing up towards the business end of the season, let's tackle the issue of how our local Western Australian Football League (WAFL) teams rank on the stats ladder.

But before we can even pull on the boots we need to consider our zoning. For this article we'll assume that each team is represented by their original suburb name or the associated suburb as indicated below;

- Claremont Tigers
- East Fremantle Sharks
- East Perth Royals
- Peel Thunder (Mandurah)
- Perth Demons (Lathlain)
- South Fremantle Bulldogs
- Subiaco Lions
- Swan Districts Swans (Bassendean)
- West Perth Falcons (Joondalup)

Western Australia has a proud sporting tradition and in 2005-06 recorded a participation rate of 70.5% in sports and physical recreation, which was higher than all of the other states apart from the ACT (79.5%), according to the ABS publication, *Participation in Sports and Physical Recreation 2005-06* (cat. no. 4177.0).

The big state also recorded 50,300 Australian Rules footballers with a participation rate of 3.2%, representing 18.7% of the Australian total.

But we're here to play footy, so let's analyse the stats as a way of answering which WAFL team can break the lines and kick a winning score. The 2006 Census provides a myriad of dream-team like statistics for the Monday morning experts to ponder, with the bulk of the data available free from the ABS website, <www.abs.gov.au>.



In fact West Perth and East Perth supporters were most likely to monitor their footy stats online with 73% of households having internet access. Peel Thunder fans were least likely to be online, with internet access only available to 37% of households. Maybe Peel in the finals might inspire their fans to go online and read all about it?

It seems, on the other hand, that the Peel Thunder have all the experience in the world with a median age of 51, followed by Claremont (44) and South Fremantle (41). West Perth however is committed to a youth policy with a median age of only 32. Interestingly East Perth should have the longest playing list with a staggering 47% of its population aged between 17 and 35, followed by West Perth with 33%, while Peel had only 19%.

In terms of population density Subiaco smothered the opposition with 2,383 people per square kilometre, followed by East Fremantle with 2,161 and Claremont (1,986), while Peel Thunder recorded the lowest density with 929. No flooding there!

So who are the blue bloods of the WAFL competition? In relation to salary caps and earning capacity, Subiaco sits back comfortably in its leather chair and points to the ABS sponsored scoreboard showing a median individual income (weekly) in 2006 of \$824, followed by East Perth (\$634) and East Fremantle (\$623), while Peel was in the wooden spoon position with \$327.

From the Census we can also identify differences in each team's supporter base. For example, Swans' players should receive the most fan mail judging by the largest proportion of mail sorters residing in Bassendean.

Sharks' players were likely to spend more time at the East Fremantle social club with the highest proportion of footballers actually living in the suburb.

The Tigers may have the greatest demand for false teeth and mouthguards with Claremont having the highest proportion of dentists.

The Bulldog's bruising no-nonsense

Statistical Summary of WAFL Teams

	Proportion of households with Internet Access (%)	Median Age	Proportion of population aged from 17 to 35 (%)	Population Density	Median Income (weekly)	Proportion of Volunteers (%)
Claremont	72	44	24	1,986	\$585	27
East Fremantle	72	40	21	2,161	\$623	23
East Perth	73	33	47	1,797	\$634	15
Peel Thunder (Mandurah)	37	51	19	929	\$327	14
Perth (Lathlain)	62	39	27	1,826	\$541	17
South Fremantle	67	41	23	1,862	\$537	20
Subiaco	72	39	31	2,383	\$824	23
Swan Districts (Bassendean)	62	39	24	1,202	\$505	17
West Perth (Joondalup)	73	32	33	1,015	\$520	13

Source: 2006 Census

style of play may have resulted in South Fremantle having the highest percentage of physiotherapists and massage therapists.

The Falcons should have the biggest crowds with the highest number of ticket sellers living in the Joondalup area. The Perth Demons appear to have the muddiest jumpers with a high proportion of laundry workers in Lathlain. The Royals racked up the highest percentage of shepherds (aka livestock workers) living in the East Perth area.

But if it's a pie, hotdog, burger or chicken and chips that you're after then Rushton Park is the place to be as Mandurah has the highest proportion of kitchen hands living within the Peel zone.

We all know that a footy club is made up of more than just the players and coaches. So what about all those volunteers (trainers, runners, water boys, cheer leaders, banner makers, scoreboard attendants, siren blowers, orange cutters and boot-studders, etc) that help make the clubs what they are?

Well, we can see from the Census that Claremont has the highest percentage of volunteers (27%), followed by East Fremantle (23%) and Subiaco (23%), while West Perth had the least with 13%.

Interestingly from an orange cutting point of view you might have expected Peel to slice through the opposition, but they had a volunteer proportion of only 14%.

We can also do some further analysis of our WAFL teams by looking at *Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas, Australia* (cat no. 2033.0.55.001).

All suburbs within WA are ordered from lowest to highest SEIFA scores to create rankings. A lower rank indicates that an area is relatively disadvantaged compared to an area with a higher ranking.

So after the final siren blows we can rework the WAFL ladder based on the ABS rankings from the Index of Relative Socio-Economic Advantage and Disadvantage as follows:

WAFL Team	State Rank	State Percentile	Ladder Position*
Subiaco	896	99	2
Claremont	879	97	8
East Fremantle	858	95	7
East Perth	840	93	5
South Fremantle	782	86	1
West Perth (Joondalup)	721	80	4
Perth (Lathlain)	692	76	6
Swan Districts (Bassendean)	539	60	3
Peel Thunder (Mandurah)	70	8	9

* At end of WAFL Home & Away rounds

Will any of this statistical number crunching count on Grand Final day? Only time will tell and may the best footy team win.



Article by: Greg Hilton, Client Liaison Unit & former "Subiaco Little Leaguer".

ORIGINAL STATS

WHAT DID-WE-DO?

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has a unit specifically devoted to indigenous statistics, the National Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics (NCATSIS).

NCATSIS has offices in both Canberra and Darwin and is responsible for providing statistical leadership in the field of Indigenous statistics, including the coordination of statistical issues concerning Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

In addition, staff from the Northern Territory NCATSIS team develop and maintain close relationships with key stakeholders to understand their data needs, as well as

add value to ABS Indigenous data through analysis and dissemination.

The ABS Indigenous Community Engagement Strategy aims to provide statistical and information consultancy services and expand engagement activities.

This strategy and its associated themes are aimed at bridging the gap between the ABS and Indigenous communities, through producing culturally appropriate materials on ABS statistics and engaging with Indigenous communities, organisations and people.

The unit can be contacted on either 1800 633 216 (free call) or by email at indigenous.statistics@abs.gov.au.

Every six years the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS) is run by the ABS. For the first time children aged 0-14 years were included in the 2008 survey.

Results from the 2008 NATSISS are expected to be released in November this year.

If you can't wait till then here are some Indigenous themed questions to whet your appetite.

INDIGENOUS QUIZ: WHAT DID-THEY-DO?

1. Professional surfer and actress Ashley Cheadle appeared in what movie alongside Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey?

- a) Fools Gold
- b) House of Wax
- c) Mission Impossible 2
- d) Scooby Doo

2. Andrew McLeod currently plays for which AFL team?

- a) Port Adelaide
- b) Brisbane Lions
- c) Adelaide Crows
- d) Fremantle Dockers

3. What song did Christine Anu perform at the closing ceremony of the 2000 Sydney Olympics?

- a) My Island Home
- b) Monkey and the Turtle
- c) Last Train
- d) Sunshine on a Rainy Day

4. The Aboriginal place name suffix, -up, eg Kojonup, means?

- a) Water
- b) Place
- c) Meeting ground
- d) Hunting ground

5. NAIDOC week was celebrated from the 5th-12th July. What does NAIDOC stand for?

- a) National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee
- b) National Aboriginal and Islander Day Ongoing Celebrations
- c) National Aboriginal and Islander Delegation Of Culture
- d) National Aboriginal and Islander Deputation Of Customs

6. Indigenous basketball player Patrick Mills recently made it into the 2009 National Basketball Association draft in the United States. Which team was he drafted by?

- a) Los Angeles Lakers
- b) Portland Trailblazers
- c) Charlotte Bobcats
- d) Chicago Bulls

7. Which State/Territory has the largest Indigenous population in percentage terms?

- a) South Australia
- b) Western Australia
- c) Northern Territory
- d) Queensland

8. Which Indigenous group is identified as the traditional owners of the land in the Perth Metro Area?

- a) Noongar
- b) Ngunnawal
- c) Palawah
- d) Koori

9. What show was aired in 2001 about a group of Indigenous men as they travel through Central Australia facing a variety of challenges revolving around cars?

- a) Refill
- b) Bush Mechanics
- c) Central Australian Adventures
- d) Desert Top Gear

10. Jessica Mauboy will be going on tour with which two international acts later in the year?

- a) Rihanna, Chris Brown
- b) Black Eyed Peas, John Legend
- c) Britney Spears, Ne-Yo
- d) Beyonce, Flo Rida

Quiz Answers: Please see "Sizzling Statistics" on page 11 for the answers to the quiz

STATISTICAL NEWS

DEVELOPMENTS IN ABS STATISTICS

TableBuilder!

The powerful Census analytical product known as TableBuilder was launched on 28 August.

TableBuilder is a charged subscription, online service aimed at users with a high level of understanding of Census data concepts.

TableBuilder allows you to create your own tables of Census data by accessing all variables contained in the Census Output Record File. This includes age, education, housing, income, transport, religion, ethnicity, occupation, family composition and more for all ABS geographies.

The product is designed to provide clients with the highest degree of freedom in selecting and combining data items and the geographical areas most suited to their needs. You can access data for areas as small as a Collection District (approximately 225 households) or as large as an entire state or territory or all of Australia.

If you are interested in purchasing this powerful tool or would like additional information, please phone 1300 135 070.

Indigenous Pop Projections

Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Indigenous) population is projected to reach between 713,300 and 721,100 people in 2021, according to figures released in an ABS publication titled *Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 1991 to 2021* (cat. no. 3238.0).

WA had the third largest population of Indigenous Australians behind NSW and Queensland. The Indigenous population of WA is estimated to have increased from 49,600 people in 1991 to 71,000 people in 2006, and is projected to increase to between 92,600 and 93,600 people by 2021.

This equates to an average growth rate of around 1.85% per year between 2006 and 2021, the second lowest growth rate of all the states and territories.

Growing Up In Australia

One of the great challenges for Australia is to identify and understand the myriad of factors that influence our children's development and to

put into place the measures that can improve outcomes for future generations.

On the 3rd and 4th of December 2009 researchers and policy makers will have an ideal opportunity to discuss research and policy initiatives that have resulted from the use of data from Growing Up in Australia: The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children (LSAC).

The second LSAC research conference will be held at Rydges on Swanston in Carlton, Victoria. The conference is suited to those interested in LSAC and in longitudinal survey research more generally.

For further information about the conference and for details on how to register, please call (03) 9214 7888.

New Pensioner CPI

August 24 saw the release of the first *Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index* (PBLCI) (cat. no. 6467.0).

The PBLCI shows a 0.1% increase in prices compared with the 0.5% increase reported in the CPI for the June quarter 2009. The PBLCI showed a 0.9% increase for the March quarter 2009, compared with 0.1% increase for the CPI.

As stated in the *PBLCI Information Paper* (cat. no. 6466.0.0), released on 30 June 2009, the PBLCI will provide an alternate measure of price change to better reflect changes in living costs as they affect pensioners and other households receiving income from the government.

Further information is available in the *Information Paper: Introduction of the Pensioner Cost Living Index (PBLCI)* (cat. no. 6466.0.0).



CLIENT LIAISON

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

NAIDOC

National Aboriginal and Islander Day of Observance Committee (NAIDOC) week is an important time for Australians to recognise and acknowledge the rich history and contributions Indigenous people have given the wider community.

This year, as part of our celebrations, the WA Office was honoured by a traditional 'Welcome to Country' by Mr Kim Collard. In addition to this traditional ceremonial dances were performed by the Moorditj Dance Troupe who were accompanied by Associate Professor Richard Walley who played the didgeridoo.

The ceremony culminated in the presentation of artwork by local Noongar spiritual artist, Mr Rod Garlett to the WA Office.



Mr Kim Collard, delivering 'Welcome to Country'

Regional Spotlight

The ABS recently met with the Mid West Regional Council, the Mid West Development Commission and City of Geraldton-Greenough to progress the Regional Spotlight project on the Mid West.

A joint initiative between the ABS, the Regional Development Commissions and Department of Regional Development and Lands, the project aims to develop community indicator frameworks that will inform strategic planning and policy development across regional WA.

The first Spotlight on the Pilbara is to be launched this month, and work has commenced for both the Peel and Mid West regions. The Mid West visit provided an ideal opportunity to initiate the community consultation process and seek input into the selection of statistical indicators for the region.



HMAS Sydney memorial in Geraldton

State of the State

Established in 1993, the Government Entities Marketing Association (GEMA) is designed to provide support to government entities by assisting them to explore innovative techniques relating to sales and marketing at seminars held throughout the year.

The breakfast seminars are held at the Parmelia Hilton in Perth and encourage participants to work together to improve skills and service delivery in government and to network to develop new business relations and opportunities.

The ABS has been invited to present at the upcoming seminar in November, where Phil Smythe will deliver the 'State of the State', a statistical talk about how WA is currently tracking.

If you are interested in attending this event, contact Bodi Ledwij on 9360 5125.



Ben Oxford presenting at the last GEMA function.



ABS staff at the NAIDOC ceremony



Batavia Coast Marina, Geraldton



(L to R) Annabel Mazzella, Ben Oxford & Kristina Basell

RECENT RELEASES

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

Publication Title	ABS Catalogue Number
Western Australian Statistical Indicators, Jun 2009	1367.5
Table Builder	2065.0
Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia, 2008	3235.0
Marriages and Divorces, Australia, 2008	3310.0
Cultural Funding by Government, Australia, 2007-08	4183.0
Childhood Education and Care, Australia, June 2008	4402.0
Self-employed Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander People, 2006	4722.0.55.009
International Trade in Goods and Services, Australia, Jul 2009	5368.0
Government Financial Estimates, Australia, 2009-10	5501.0.55.001
Housing Finance, Australia, Jul 2009	5609.0
Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index, June 2009	6467.0
Household Income and Income Distribution, Australia, 2007-08	6523.0
Business Use of Information Technology, 2007-08	8129.0
Use of the Internet on Farms, Australia, 2007-08	8150.0

SIZZLING STATISTICS

Full Nests

Young people are more likely to live with their parents than in previous decades. In 2006, about one in four people aged 20-34 were living with their parents. (cat. no. 4102.0)

A Mixed Bunch

As at June 2008, one quarter of Australians (5.5 million people) were born overseas. (cat. no. 3412.0)

E-Farm?

In 2007-08, 66% of farms in Australia were using the Internet for business operations. 48% of farms in Australia used a broadband connection. (cat. no. 8150.0)

Job Hunting

1 in 10 Australians (aged 15 years and over) were out of work and looking for a job at some time during the year up to February 2009. (cat. no. 6206.0)

Show Me The Money!

Although the proportion of businesses receiving orders over the internet was relatively unchanged at 24%, the income received from internet orders rose 20% to \$81 billion. (cat. no. 8166.0)

I do / don't

There were 12,367 registered marriages and 4,718 divorces in WA during 2008. (cat. no. 3310.0)

Street Crime

Just under half (48%) of all robberies in Australia in 2008 occurred on a street or footpath, while nearly one-quarter (22%) occurred at retail premises such as malls, chemists, service stations, restaurants, and supermarkets. (cat. no. 4510.0)

Indigenous Quiz Answers

How Did-You-Do? We hope you've had a bit of fun with the quiz that was prepared by Ellyse Paton, the Indigenous Cadet in the WA office of the ABS. Thankyou also to Mr. Rod Garlett, the artist of the painting displayed behind the quiz. (1a,2c,3a,4b,5a,6b,7c,8a,9b,10d.)

New ABS Product!

TableBuilder

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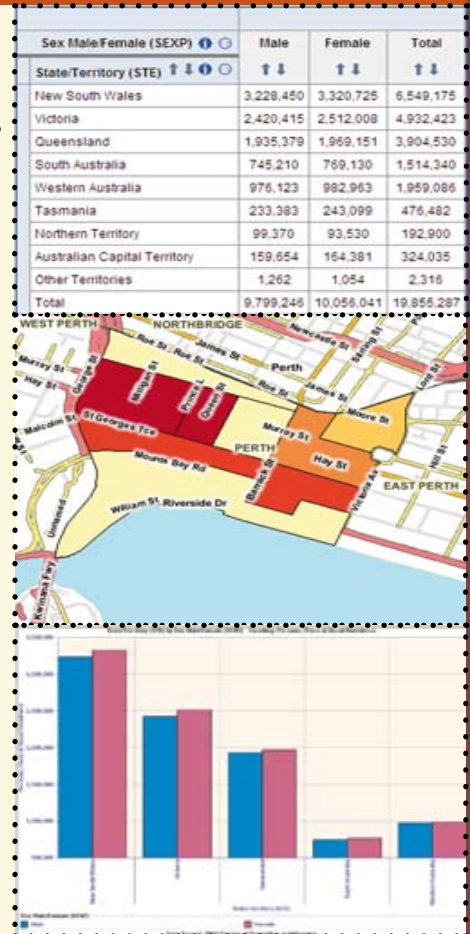
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