Local government research exercise

Use local newspapers and the Municipal Association of Victoria internet site www.mav.asn.au to research the answers to the following questions:

a. What local government area do you live in?

b. Is your local government area a city, borough, rural city or shire?

c. Describe the special characteristics of your local government area.
   For example, you may live in a small rural shire with four small towns.

d. List the names of five special facilities and features of your municipality.
   For example, parks, schools and sporting grounds.

e. What improvements can you suggest to make your local area a better place to live?

f. Who would you contact to make those improvements?

g. Are there any further actions you can take in order to encourage the implementation
   of the improvements you have suggested?

h. How many councillors are there on your local council?
   How long is the term of office for a local councillor?

i. When were elections last held in your local government area?

j. When is the next local election due?

k. Do you think your local council is effective in making your area a good place to live?
   Give reasons for your opinion.