

CITY OF ARMADALE

AGENDA

OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE FUNCTION ROOM, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7:00PM.

A meal will be served at 6:15 p.m.

PRESENT:

APOLOGIES:

OBSERVERS:

IN ATTENDANCE:

PUBLIC:

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time is allocated for the asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public.

Minimum time to be provided – 15 minutes (unless not required)

Policy and Management Practice EM 6 – Public Question Time has been adopted by Council to ensure the orderly conduct of Public Question time and a copy of this procedure can be found at <http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au/PolicyManual>

It is also available in the public gallery.

The public's cooperation in this regard will be appreciated.

DEPUTATION

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMEND

Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 8 August 2023 be confirmed.

ITEMS REFERRED FROM INFORMATION BULLETIN

Report on Outstanding Matters – Community Services Committee

Items referred from the Information Bulletin – Issue 13 – August 2023

If any of the items listed above require clarification or a report for a decision of Council, this item to be raised for discussion at this juncture.

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1.1 - ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT OF SUBURB-LEVEL SOCIAL PRIORITIES

WARD : ALL

FILE No. : M/438/23

DATE : 8 August 2023

REF : RM

RESPONSIBLE : Executive Director
MANAGER Community Services

In Brief:

- This report presents an update on strategies to address endorsed suburb-level Social Priorities for the past 12 months.
- Recommend that Council note the update on strategies to address endorsed suburb-level Social Priorities detailed in this report.

Tabled Items

Nil

Decision Type

- ☐ **Legislative** The decision relates to general local government legislative functions such as adopting/changing local laws, town planning schemes, rates exemptions, City policies and delegations etc.
- ☒ **Executive** The decision relates to the direction setting and oversight role of Council.
- ☐ **Quasi-judicial** The decision directly affects a person's rights or interests and requires Councillors at the time of making the decision to adhere to the principles of natural justice.

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil

Strategic Implications

Community

- 1.1 Foster and strengthen community spirit
- 1.1.3 Support the development and sustainability of a diverse range of community groups
- 1.2 Improve community wellbeing
- 1.2.2 Facilitate the alignment of service and program delivery to identified social priorities within the community
- 1.4 An inclusive and engaged community
- 1.4.2 Encourage the provision of inclusive and accessible facilities, services and programs within the community

1.4.3 Ensure the provision of culturally appropriate services and programs within the City

1.4.4 Facilitate the provision of facilities, services and programs to meet the needs of the City's current and future demographics

Legal Implications

Nil

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

ADM19 – Procurement of Good and Services

Budget/Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

Consultation

Community organisations and service providers.

BACKGROUND

Summary of the Social Priorities Approach

The City's Social Priorities approach is based on identifying the most important aspirations and issues in the City's individual suburbs through a range of data sets and community/sector engagement. The first iteration of Social Priorities was identified and endorsed in August 2019 and the overall approach is explained in the City's Community Development Strategy 2021 – 2026.

The second iteration of Social Priorities encompassing the years 2021 – 2023 were identified as follows:

- Armadale South: Connection to community and services
- Armadale North: Connection to community and services
- Camillo: Youth engagement and education
- Kelmscott West: Early years and family support
- All suburbs: Community Safety

These Social Priorities were endorsed on 14 June 2021 at the Ordinary Council Meeting (C20/6/21) resulting in the following resolution:

That Council endorse the suburb-level social priorities detailed in this report.

As explained in the City's Community Development Strategy 2021 - 2026, the City's responses to address the Social Priorities are categorised as follows:

- Advocacy
- Coordination of internal and external stakeholders
- Contract of services via Service Agreements
- Capacity building

Progress Reporting

The last progress report was presented to Council on 12 September 2022 at the Ordinary Council Meeting (C19/9/22), with Council resolving the following:

That Council:

1. *Note the update on strategies to address endorsed suburb-level Social Priorities detailed in this report.*

Reports on the progress of the Social Priorities will continue to be presented to Council annually in September. An update will continue to be provided each month to Councillors via the Councillors Information Bulletin.

Social Priorities 2023 – 2026

The third iteration of Social Priorities encompassing the years 2023 to 2026 were identified in May 2023 as follows:

Social Priority: Children, Young People & Families

Suburbs

- Armadale North and South
- Brookdale
- Camillo
- Harrisdale
- Piara Waters

Social Priority: Access to Essential Supports

Suburbs

- Armadale North and South

Social Priority: Neighbourhood and Community Connections

Suburbs

- Harrisdale
- Haynes
- Piara Waters

Social Priority: Home and Community Safety

Suburbs

- All

These Social Priorities was endorsed on 8 May 2023 (C11/5/23) at the Ordinary Council Meeting resulting in the following resolution:

That Council endorse the four suburb-level social priorities detailed in this report.

These Social Priorities will encompass the three-year timeframe from June 2023 to June 2026.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

Social Priorities 2021 – 2023

The attached tables comprise a summary of the responses for each Social Priority in the City's response categories of advocacy, capacity building, coordination of internal and external stakeholders and contract of services via Service Agreements.

With regards to the Service Agreements, \$229,300 per annum was allocated to Service Agreements in the 2022/23 financial year for organisations to deliver services to help address the Social Priorities in the nominated suburbs.

ANALYSIS

The City continues to work on addressing the 2021-2023 Social Priorities and improving the positive impact of the strategies implemented. The data provided via the contractors' reports and Officers' evaluations indicates that the individual initiatives met their objectives and resulted in sound outcomes. The intent is to focus on improving the strategies that are working well and embedding these sustainably to effect long term positive change.

This progress report comprises the formal annual update to Council, however the Community Development component of the Councillor's Information Bulletin contains monthly information pertaining to the Social Priorities. The increased funds allocated for Service Agreements has been instrumental in attracting a broader range and a higher calibre of applications.

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

1. Note the update on strategies to address approved suburb-level Social Priorities detailed in this report.
2. Request further information on strategies to address approved suburb-level Social Priorities detailed in this report.

Option 1 is recommended.

CONCLUSION

The aim of the Social Priorities approach is to effect positive change in the community based on suburb-level data, community feedback and good practice examples.

RECOMMEND

That Council note the update on strategies to address endorsed suburb-level Social Priorities detailed in this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [↓](#) Social Priorities Update Attachment 2023

2.1 - ROLEYSTONE COMMUNITY GARDEN SECURITY OPTIONS

WARD : HILLS

FILE No. : M/248/23

DATE : 10 May 2023

REF : DK/CW

RESPONSIBLE : Executive Director
MANAGER : Community Services

In Brief:

In December 2022, Council considered a referral item with respect to ongoing security issues at the Roleystone Community Garden. The decision (C34/12/22) was to request a report that included options, costs and potential funding sources of available security measures. This report addresses that item.

Recommend that Council:

- Note the contents of this report.
- Support the Roleystone Community Garden with community based initiatives, and other support consistent with the Community Gardens Policy.

Tabled Items

Nil

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Officer Interest Declaration

Nil

Strategic Implications

1.2.1 Strategic Community Plan

Objectives - Advocate for the delivery of services and programs as well as increased resources to contribute to improvements in community safety.

Corporate Business Plan 2020 – 25

1.2 Improve Community Wellbeing

1.2.4 Facilitate the delivery of health and wellbeing programs and services within the community.

1.2.5 Create opportunities for lifelong learning and building community connections.

1.3 Community Facilities Meet Community Needs

1.3.1 Ensure the equitable provision of Community Facilities throughout the City.

1.3.1.6 Encourage and support a range of alternate community facilities to support a diverse community.

1.2.4 Facilitate the delivery of health and wellbeing programs and services within the community.

Community Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2024

11.1.1.6 Support the establishment of sustainable community fresh food initiatives.

Expected outcome- Contingent on external funding, build capacity among residents by providing resources and skills to install and maintain verge gardens to provide healthy and affordable food.

Legal Implications

One of the options included in this report is fencing of the garden. The current lease agreement outlines *Section (b) (iv) not to fence of the Licensed Area*. Should the option of fencing be implemented, a lease amendment would be required.

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

The following Council policies pertain to the options under consideration, with relevant extracts included underneath:

COMD 9 – Community Garden Policy

3. *The City will not provide capital funding for the establishment of a community garden or associated facilities.*

The City will not be responsible for the ongoing costs of maintaining the garden such as power, water or insurance.

Safety:

- *The site and proposal should be compliant with Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.*
- *The site and proposal should not have any health or safety concerns.*
- *The site should have good passive surveillance.*

Accessibility:

- *The proposal should not prevent usual public access requirements.*
- *The site and proposal should be compliant with Universal Design principles.*

COMD9 Management Practice

The Incorporation is to be run by a committee that takes legal and financial responsibility for the establishment and ongoing operation of a community garden, including public liability and site insurance.

ENG 18 - CCTV and MCCTV Policy

2.2 *The CCTV and MCCTV system is installed at particular locations to detect and deter crime but is not a monitoring system.*

2.3 *The use of CCTV and MCCTV footage is restricted to approved users only in compliance with applicable CCTV legislation and/or Standards can only be viewed by Authorised Officers.*

- 2.4 *Members of the public are not permitted to view CCTV and MCCTV recordings.*
- 2.5 *Members of the public wanting to report an incident shall be directed to the Police to make a formal report. Authorised Officers may, on request by the Police, extract the relevant digital recording in order to assist the Police with their investigations.*
- 2.9 *The establishment of permanent cameras in new locations in the City is to be approved by the Chief Executive Officer via submission of the relevant Request for M/CCTV deployment form.*
- 2.11 *Following the formal written request for incident footage and the provision of the footage to the Police, the City will retain a digital copy of that footage for future use by the Police if requested.*
- 3.1 *A request to deploy MCCTV cameras in any location must first be approved by the Chief Executive Officer via submission of the relevant Request for M/CCTV deployment form.*
- 3.2 *The responsible directorate shall coordinate the MCCTV camera location program that is based on operational requirements (environmental) or historical evidence of criminal or anti-social activities, vandalism, illegal dumping, or graffiti.*

PLN 3.14 Designing Out Crime

- 4.1 *Surveillance: Surveillance is one of the most simple and effective principles of crime prevention. In this regard, when people perceive that they can be seen, they are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour and crime. Most development can be designed to have opportunities for natural surveillance whereby clear sightlines are created.*

Budget/Financial Implications

The Officers' recommendation has no budget or financial implications, however, some of the options considered in the report have costs attached. Consistent with Council policy, these costs would not be borne by the City, however are included for information.

OPTION	INITIAL COST	ONGOING COST
Supply and install fencing surrounding the garden (1.8m High black Chain-link fencing incl one personnel gate and one vehicle gate)	\$24,900	
Fixed CCTV	\$9,531.99	\$60 per month. CCTV generally is maintained not renewed and replaced at the end of life
Mobile CCTV Trailer	-	-

Consultation

1. Roleystone Community Gardens
2. Recreation Services
3. Parks Development Services
4. Property Services
5. Asset Management
6. Community Development
7. Governance Services

BACKGROUND

At the October 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM) the following Councillor item was raised as a Matter for Referral:

"That the matter of investigating security measures to support the Roleystone Community Garden (fencing and/or CCTV are desired options) be referred to the Community Services Committee".

The item was considered at the December 2022 Community Services Committee meeting with a report that outlined in broad terms considerations and security options, in addition to policy and lease implications. The Council decision (C34/12/22) was as follows:

That Council:

Request a report that includes:

- (i) *Options available to address the ongoing security issues at the Roleystone Community Garden.*
- (ii) *The estimated capital and asset renewal costs of the security options identified.*
- (iii) *Potential funding sources for the security options.*
- (iv) *A comparative analysis of security measures at other community gardens within the City.*

This report serves to provide Council with information requested in relation to recommendation C34/12/22.

The Roleystone Community Garden was established in 2018, and currently has fifteen financial members. The Roleystone Community Garden Inc. currently have the following areas under use by agreement (CS/65/17):

- Exclusive use via lease of the area for the shed
- Approx 1065m2 via licence for the purpose of a community garden

Officers met on site with representatives from the Roleystone Community Garden and they advised that they are experiencing issues with young people entering the garden and throwing fruit/produce around the garden. They note this not only ruins the harvest but could damage infrastructure and become a hazard to users. The group expressed that if this damage continues it would be detrimental to the group and could potentially lead to loss of members.

As previously advised through the Technical Services Committee meeting, the access and use of the City's data is now better informing our understanding of social behavior issues including vandalism. Recently a dashboard was presented which identified Cross Park, Roleystone as being the most frequently vandalised public toilet asset in the City.

1. Aerial View as of Feb 2023



2. Current Barrier/Structures



3. View From Oval Side of Gardens



Note: Rock retaining wall

4. Side Access



DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

City Officers met with the Roleystone Community Garden group onsite for a walk through of the premises, conducted internal engagement and conducted research to provide the following information in respect to each of the items included in the preceding report;

- (i) *Options available to address the ongoing security issues at the Roleystone Community Garden.*
- (ii) *The estimated capital and asset renewal costs of the security options identified.*
- (iii) *Potential funding sources for the security options.*
- (iv) *A comparative analysis of security measures at other community gardens within the City.*

(i) Options available to address the ongoing security issues at the Roleystone Community Garden

The following options were identified and investigated:

1. Community based safety initiatives/events, such as Street Meet and Greet Event to be conducted with the support of the Community Development Team. This option could potentially provide a broader community benefit if the group successfully form strong relationships with the areas local Youth. Discussion with the Roleystone Community Garden indicated that while they were very welcoming of young people being involved in the garden, they do not undertake proactive programs or initiatives to engage with the local youth.

The Community based safety initiatives allow a preventative approach, with minimum cost yet improving the overall community atmosphere for the Cross Park Reserve. Such initiatives could also be utilised to;

- (i) Encourage residents to meet each other and make intergenerational connections.
- (ii) Encourage residents to report instances of crime correctly to the WA Police.
- (iii) Distribute CPTED Resources and inform local residents of CPTED strategies to reduce crime.

2. Closed Circuit TV

- Fixed CCTV

The City currently has CCTV overlooking Cross Park public toilet and skate park. Additional fixed CCTV could be added to the shed and overlooking the community garden area.

- Temporary CCTV

The City has a mobile CCTV trailer that can be deployed to crime hotspots based upon WA Police statistics. The City's CCTV and MCCTV Management Practice (ENG18) provides the following in relation to deployment of the City Mobile CCTV:

- 3.1 *A request to deploy MCCTV cameras in any location must first be approved by the Chief Executive Officer via submission of the relevant Request for M/CCTV deployment form.*

3.2 *The responsible directorate shall coordinate the MCCTV camera location program that is based on operational requirements (environmental) or historical evidence of criminal or anti-social activities, vandalism, illegal dumping, or graffiti.*

3. Fencing

Officers met onsite with members of the garden group to ascertain their expectations with respect to the request for fencing. The group outlined their request, and that they would like to also use the fence as a structure to grow plants on. A 1.8m high black chainlink fencing with gates for vehicle and personal access is the preferred option expressed by the Roleystone Community Garden representatives.

4. Request Further Monitoring

It may be considered that further information with respect to data gathering be undertaken including monitoring and reporting conducted by the group to provide further details regarding the specific incidents and damages that have occurred at the site.

No further options were identified.

(ii) The estimated capital and asset renewal costs of the security options identified

Initiative	Detail	Capital/Initial Cost	Recurrent Cost
1. Community based safety initiatives/events	Conducted by Roleystone Community Garden with support from Community Development Team	Budget would be subject to event specifics	Nil
2. Closed Circuit TV - Fixed	Addition to City system	\$9,531	\$60 per month under existing City contract. CCTV generally is maintained not renewed and replaced at the end of life. CCTV has a useful life span of 15 years.
- Mobile CCTV	Use of existing City trailer	Nil	Officer time to deploy.
3. Fencing	1.8m High black Chain-link fencing incl one personnel gate and one vehicle gate	\$24,900	This type of fencing has a useful life of 30 years, with replacement set around 25 years subject to asset condition inspection feedback that is to be conducted every three years.
4. Request further monitoring	Roleystone Community Garden documents specific incidents over set period of time	Nil	Nil

(iii) Potential funding sources for the security options

Officers researched and accessed our grant finder subscription, various sources were identified. There are a range of community based grant programs available to community groups, and several specifically for community gardens. A selection of these programs are presented below, however this is not an exhaustive list.

Additionally the City offers a grant program available for community groups to access with project funding up to \$2,500.

The following sources were identified as potential funding sources to potentially support the group's funding of security options;

Bendigo Bank – Roleystone Karragullen	Community Investment Program. Applications approved by local branch.	No limit
Stronger Communities	Infrastructure Australia via local Members of Parliament	\$2500 to \$20,000
Community Gardens Grants Program	Department of Communities	Up to \$10,000
Community Investment Framework	Lotterywest	No limit
Mitre 10 Bunnings	Community Sponsorship Local in-kind sponsorships	







MANDURAH Times

'So grateful': Mandurah Community Gardens receives \$15k Lotterywest grant

Telissa Ryder | Mandurah Coastal Times
February 22, 2023 2:00AM

(iv) A comparative analysis of security measures at other community gardens within the City

Kelmscott Community Garden	<p>The existing perimeter fencing was installed prior to 2014 and was listed as a gifted asset from the previous lessee, Minister for Education.</p> <p>The Lease agreement states the following in regards to future costs involved in the asset.</p> <p>ANNEXURE B - Maintenance Schedule</p> <p><u>Maintenance that is the responsibility (but not limited to) of the tenant to undertake:</u></p> <p>1. Repairs and/or replacement of fencing;</p>	Fenced - Existing infrastructure that is maintained by group
Champion Centre	<p>Open to public.</p> 	Not fenced
Champion Lakes Residents Association	<p>Established by community group prior to transfer of asset to the City.</p> 	Partially fenced
Sienna Wood Sales Office	<p>Established by developer with local community support.</p> 	Not fenced
Madox Sales Office – Piara Waters		Not fenced

ANALYSIS

Options available to address the ongoing security issues at the Roleystone Community Garden

Options 1 - Community Based Initiatives

Given that the community surrounding the Roleystone Community Garden is geographically discrete, there could be significant improvement to current issues resulting from relationship building and engagement with the local youth, who may not understand the work undertaken and frustration with loss of harvest, and volunteer effort required to remediate. Initiatives could be developed with support from the City and the local high school. From initial discussions with the group, this is a relatively unexplored option and could be an initial starting point, before commitment to expensive capital solutions.

Option 2 – Closed Circuit TV

Mobile CCTV - it is unlikely for there to be sufficient criminal activity to warrant this location be declared a 'crime hotspot' and enable the subsequent deployment of the mobile trailer under the current policy and management practice. These trailers are specifically tailored towards high crime areas with high records of criminal activity identified by Police. Request for use of the trailer would require direct approval from the CEO in accordance with the policy.

Fixed CCTV could be considered and may provide a deterrent to ongoing nuisance activity. However, should an incident occur, the footage is only available to WA Police in response to a reported crime and, while the frustration of the group is appreciated, the severity of the reported instances may not warrant an investigative response from Police, and provides challenges if indeed the perpetrators are minors.

Option 3 - Fencing

With respect to the fencing option, there are multiple factors to be considered – as public open space, should Council support fencing; what fencing would be supported and if Council support fencing who should fund initial construction and ongoing maintenance and renewal.

When Council initially considered the request for establishing a community garden in Cross Park, the express intent was that the area not be fenced. At the September 2017 City Strategy Committee meeting when the lease was considered by Council, an amendment to include the following was supported:

“(ii) Licence to Occupy to include the following conditions:

- Existing naturally occurring vegetation within the licence area not to be removed or damaged;
- the licence area not to be fenced.”

However, while the current agreement reflects the Council decision that the area not be fenced, it does contain the following clause:

Notwithstanding paragraph (iv) above, although the Licensed Area is not to be fenced for the time being, the Parties acknowledge that there may become a need to fence the Licensed Area at some stage during the Term. If the Tenant ever wishes to fence off the Licensed Area during the Term, the Tenant shall not do so without the prior written consent of the Landlord – which consent the Landlord may withhold at its absolute discretion, and which consent will not be given without a determination being made by way of a Council resolution.

Should Council wish to implement this option, whether funded by the group or the City, a further report to Council would be required to provide determination to approve fencing and to amend the lease and licence agreement accordingly.

Another consideration with respect to the request for fencing, and the intent to use as a structure to grow plants on, is how effective that would be in mitigating criminal activity, or if a visually impermeable structure would limit passive surveillance and create opportunity for more criminal activity. While a 1.8m high chain-link fence may be an acceptable option, should the fence be covered in plant growth, it would form a visual barrier within the public open space. Additional consideration would need to be given to the structure and installation of a fence suitable to support the weight of plant material as well as the 1.8m height. There would also be access and maintenance considerations for a fence covered with plant growth. It is noted that there could be challenges along the length of the garden that is retained (see photo 3), as to achieve adequate footings for a 1.8m high fence may require the fence to be located sufficiently in from the retaining wall – where the current hedge is, or beyond.

Costs Associated with Available Options

There is an initial capital cost of the Fixed CCTV of approximately \$9,500 with an ongoing monthly service fee of \$60. The cost estimates for the preferred fencing option were \$24,900.

With the present information it is unclear that the results of the vandalism and destruction of produce exceed or balance the capital and ongoing costs of the options proposed.

With respect to any potential changes to the lease associated with the request for fencing, internal advice is that these changes can be effected utilising internal resourcing and no external costs will be incurred.

The City's Community Garden Policy (COMD9) and Management Practice states that "*The City will not provide capital funding for the establishment of a community garden or associated facilities.*" A range of grant funding opportunities exist for community groups, including specific community garden streams, some of which are only available to community based organisations and not Local Governments. The City offers support and guidance to community groups through the funding application processes if required, and some funding bodies run their own information sessions to assist. There is an active network of Community Gardens in WA for additional advice if required by Roleystone Community Garden with any grant applications.

A Comparative Analysis of Security Measures at other Community Gardens within the City

There are a number of community gardens within the City of Armadale, some developed by groups, some through developers and some created by schools. There are limited security measures at these gardens.

At Kelmscott Community Garden, the fence was pre-existing when transferred to City management. The lease for this site specifically notes that all repairs, and replacement of the fence will be at the group's responsibility.

The Champion Lakes Community Centre garden was also developed prior to transfer to the City, with a small section fenced and the balance (fruit trees) open to the public. The other community gardens are open to the public and are not restricted by a fence.

OPTIONS

1. City to support the Roleystone Community Garden with community based initiatives to engage with local youth, and monitor anti-social activity.
2. City approve installation of CCTV, at the group's expense, and under the City's CCTV contract.
3. City to consider installation of a fence, at the group's expense, with a further report to Council in accordance with the current lease clause.
4. Take no further action on this matter.

Option 1 is the preferred option.

CONCLUSION

Roleystone Community Garden has created an attractive community activity that adds to the vibrancy of the community hub at Cross Park Reserve. The small group has faced various challenges with vandals and supporting the group in providing a safe space for users is important. It is recognised that community gardens serve an important purpose as engagement hubs for social interaction, promotion of environmental improvement and food security and have the potential to achieve sound physical and mental health outcomes.

When endorsing its Community Gardens Policy, the report noted the City's role in supporting community gardens as:

- Ascertaining the most appropriate site for the garden.
- Providing Guidelines for the Establishment and Management of Community Gardens
- Assisting in building the capacity of groups

While empathetic to the issues currently facing the Roleystone Community Garden, it is recommended that support provided be consistent with the established policy and practice.

RECOMMEND

That Council:

1. **Note the contents of this report.**
2. **Support the Roleystone Community Garden with community based initiatives, and other support consistent with the Community Gardens Policy.**

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

3.1 - APPAREL OPTIONS FOR EVENTS SUCH AS NAIDOC WEEK

At the Council meeting held on 10 July 2023, Cr Keogh referred the following matter to the Community Services Committee.

That the matter of apparel options for events such as NAIDOC week be referred to the Community Services Committee

Comment from Cr Keogh

The City has done a wonderful job of promoting partnerships with local Aboriginal Elders and groups within the City of Armadale area. The NAIDOC week event in 2023 behind the Champion Centre was the best one yet.

To build upon this great success, I would like to request City Officers to explore ways in which the City can have further partnerships with local aboriginal apparel and product producers in making shirts, ties, scarfs, hats, etc that can be sold/developed for NAIDOC week for each year. Perhaps a tender process could be used in which groups submit designs/ideas for production. A different local business could then be used each year.

This could further be applied to other City events such as the Kilt Run or perhaps Australia Day, etc.

Officer Comment

The City has strong links with local Aboriginal artists, and their designs are used in various capacities at the Champion Centre and at the City's programs and events, including NAIDOC and the Armadale Artist Studio Trail exhibitions.

Working with Aboriginal designers and manufacturers to produce and sell apparel at the City's events and possibly at the Perth Hills Armadale Visitor Centre aligns with the Aboriginal and Cultural Tourism priority in the City's recently endorsed Tourism Strategy 2023-2028.

As a standalone project, this initiative will require time and resources to develop. However, it can be considered in the proposed 2023/24 schedule of activities to culminate in the launch of locally designed and produced apparel during the NAIDOC event in July 2024.

This proposed initiative demonstrates the opportunity that exists to incubate local micro businesses. With the right mentorship and networks, small businesses can grow over time to provide new local jobs.

RECOMMEND

That Council:

To be considered.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

Nil

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Nil

MEETING DECLARED CLOSED AT _____

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Social Priorities Report 2022/2023

Social Priority 1: Community Connection to Groups and Services - Armadale North and South

The social priority of Community connection to groups and services was identified to improve the accessibility and connection to services for residents to improve social outcomes.

2022/2023 Budget: \$21,100

Service Agreements: \$55,700

Total Allocation: \$76,800

Priority Area: Armadale North and South

<i>Response Category: Advocacy</i>
<u>South-East Corridor Council Alliance (SECCA) Collaborative Community Action Plan</u> The City is participating in a working group of the South-East Corridor Council Alliance (SECCA) to develop a collaborative community action plan that supports regional collaboration across the South-East Corridor. The aim is to better enable Councils and communities to respond to and leverage the benefits of the increasing cultural diversity in the region by working together and sharing resources. A forum for staff across all directorates of the four Local Government members of SECCA (Armadale, Gosnells, Canning and Victoria Park) was held on 24 November 2022 to discuss strategies to better engage Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) residents. Ideas were raised that staff can implement individually and in their teams or workplaces, as well as strategies that could be developed to share knowledge and resources across the four LGs. Over 60 staff attended, including 15 from City of Armadale. The findings from the session, and further workshops with staff of the three Councils, informed an independent consultant report that was shared with SECCA members, including consideration by the CEO's and Mayors of the SECCA members.
<i>Response Category: Coordination of Services</i>
<u>Community Service Directory</u> The City has an annual subscription to <i>My Community Directory</i> (MCD) managed by Community Information Support Services. MCD is an online community service directory available directly from www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au or via the City's website. Service Providers and Community Groups can independently upload and update their information to appear in the directory with a PDF available for community members to download. The PDF template was updated in 2023 to reflect the branding of the City of Armadale, and to provide more information about the City. Officers are promoting this resource to community groups and service providers to provide the most accurate information possible to residents. Along with this promotion, the team are looking to

trial utilising the platform for promotion of volunteer opportunities available through Armadale Volunteer Services by linking to established advertisements. A project is being considered to update and encompass service providers within the Older Persons Service Directory that was created in 2019 into a new automatically updated PDF within the directory along with the Hardship Resource Directory.

Let's Connect Armadale Expo

The City hosted the *Let's Connect Armadale Expo* on 29 March 2023 at the Armadale District Hall. Stallholders from community services organisations and volunteer involving organisations were able to connect with the approximately 250 residents who attended, with patrons learning of the vast resources and volunteer opportunities available locally. There were 75 stallholders registered from a range of industries including:

- Employment services
- Youth, children and family services
- Disability services, and access and inclusion
- Seniors services
- Emergency relief and crisis support
- Health and Wellbeing
- Volunteer Involving Organisations

Outcomes from the *Let's Connect Armadale Expo* included:

- Facilitated an increased knowledge of the community services available in Armadale and surrounds
- Linked service providers across various sectors
- Provided service providers with the opportunity to connect with residents and promote their services

Feedback was received via surveys from both service providers and attendees after the event, with 98% of attendees advising they had increased their knowledge of services available within Armadale by attending the Expo. Feedback from the stallholders was also positive, with 80% indicating they made meaningful connections with members of the community.

South East Multicultural Network

The City is a member of the South East Multicultural Network (SEMN) which meets quarterly on the third Wednesday of February, May, August and November. Members include organisations from the South East corridor and representatives from Local, State and Federal Governments. Through this network officers share knowledge of community services, offer support, exchange ideas and discuss opportunities to support multicultural communities.

Response Category: Contracting Services

Good Deed Movement

Good Deed Movement delivered free fitness classes where participants will be encouraged to connect outside of class times, engage in daily acts of kindness and bring to class essential items for people experiencing hardship. This is for the purpose of reducing inequalities in health outcomes, increasing friendships between participants, reducing isolation and loneliness and improving participants' sense of connection with their community. Online resources will also be provided for residents unable to attend classes in person.

During the service agreement period Good Deed Movement provided Yoga classes at Kelmscott Hall on Wednesdays at 7am, Jungle Body GetLow with Nic at Novelli Pavilion on Thursdays at 6.30pm and High Sweat with Mike at Creyk Park Pavilion on Saturday mornings. Over 760 individuals attended these classes across the service delivery period. Additional information is expected to be provided when the evaluation report is completed and received.

360 Health + Community

360 Health + Community provided walk-in comprehensive accredited general practice services at the Champion Centre every Tuesday morning including GP, nurse, pharmacist, Aboriginal outreach worker and Aboriginal Health Practitioner, allied health professionals when available and specialist consultations when required, for the purpose of improving health outcomes, reducing the burden of disease, and improving social and community connections for vulnerable people.

During the service agreement period 23 clinics were conducted with 235 consults with 133 unique client utilising the service. 12 referrals were made to other services, including social services, mental health, and allied health services. Outreach staff engaged with an additional 37 clients who did not receive a medical consult with the clinical team. These engagements included information requests regarding other service providers, emergency accommodation, housing information and crisis support programs. 74% of the clients attending were of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander decent, seven clients were of CaLD groups, 28 clients identified as Australian and 1 client was English. Six clients did not have ethnicity recorded. Four of the consultations included chronic disease care planning, two mental health care plans and seven Aboriginal health assessments. 10 clients reported no fixed address, or were living in their car. The location of the clinic may have influenced the group of people accessing the service, which is why 360 Health + Community would like to provide at the Champion Centre and central Armadale if successful in a 2023/2024 contract.

Gosnells Community Legal Centre

Gosnells Community Legal Centre (GCLC) provided an outreach worker to be a source of information, referral and support for vulnerable people at the Champion Centre every Tuesday morning whilst the Street Doctor clinic is in operation for the purpose of increasing awareness of community services available, simplifying access to holistic services, increasing legal services and a reduction of family violence.

During the service agreement period 31 clients were case managed through the project, 10 were experiencing Family Violence and accessed referral and facilitated support services to support them through leaving FDV. 45 referrals were made to allied community services including, but not limited to, emergency

food and bill relief services, FDV services, disability services, legal services, and financial counselling services. 76 referrals were also facilitated to Foodbank WA to support families needing regular access to low cost food. Housing insecurity and homelessness were the primary issues people were facing, and this was the largest volume of referrals and supports offered.

Feedback forms completed by clients showed 100% of clients rating GCLC services as 'Excellent', 100% of clients would refer GCLC to a friend and 85% of clients got the outcome they wanted, or partially achieved the outcome they wanted. The most significant change experienced during the project was the change in community needs during the 12 month period, from Centrecare recipients and single parents on very low income to two income families struggling financially. GCLC has received additional funding from Department of Justice, which will allow the outreach to continue on a full time basis for 12 months and expand the service to new outreach locations.

Multicultural Communities Council of WA (MCCWA)

Multicultural Communities Council of WA delivered two family fun days, and six child and parent Zumba and dance classes for the purpose of increased awareness of local support services, participation in community activities and sense of community connection amongst people with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds for themselves, their children and their families.

MCCWA delivered two Family Fun Days, the first on 17 December 2022 at the Piara Waters Pavilion and the second on 25 April 2023 at Frye Park Pavilion in Kelmscott along with six Zumba and Dance classes for both adults and children delivered from Creyk Pavilion, Kelmscott and Rossiter Pavilion, Piara Waters. The Family Fun days were attended by 1,276 people in total, the Zumba and Dance classes attracted a total of 655 participants.

The Family Fun Days which were held during school holidays, attracted a wide range of attendees by offering cultural performances, a magic show, face painting, drawing, origami workshops and art and craft for the children to be involved in. There were also activities for the whole family to participate in such as musical chairs, guess the flag and celebrity, with hundreds of prizes handed out. The aim of these events were to provide a conduit to empower local communities, particularly CaLD communities, by having different organisations attend, providing information on the services they offer.

Information packs were also given out at both the Family Fun Days and the Zumba and Dance classes which contained brochures on services relating to Domestic Violence, Aged Care Services, Early Learning, Legal Aid, Child & Family services, out-of-home care services, NDIS, local government and physical, social and mental health services in the area.

The reported outcomes from the program included:

1. Created greater community awareness and access to local support services;
2. Empowered communities to understand and feel confident about accessing local services;
3. Increased community connection among individuals & families from CaLD backgrounds so they felt part of something meaningful and gained a greater sense of belonging.

4. Helped to increase help-seeking behaviour, which will prevent the local communities, particularly CaLD communities, from the long-term impacts of physical and mental health problems.
5. Helped people create social connections.

The most significant change from the project was that people from CaLD backgrounds connected with not only different services but also small business, community and families.

With the events being accessed by not only people from the CaLD community but also the wider community, the project promoted inclusivity with the activities on offer, providing opportunities for people from CaLD communities to interact with people from other communities including the Aboriginal community.

Response Category: Capacity Building

Hardship Resource Directory

The Hardship Resource Directory provides contact information on emergency relief and support services. Finalised in December 2021, hard copies were made available in business card size and also in a larger size that meets accessibility standards. In alignment with the Homelessness Policy, staff can provide information directly to the person or make calls to services on their behalf. It includes details on organisations who can assist with:

- Emergency accommodation
- Meals, food vouchers and food parcels
- Financial assistance
- Food and clothing
- Drugs and alcohol support
- Domestic and family violence support
- Showers and laundry
- Health and wellbeing
- Housing support

Copies were provided to internal staff providing outreach services, such as Rangers and Libraries, and some external service providers including the WA Police. A reprint has been completed and copies will be available to internal staff, and all external service providers listed in the Directory. A Hardship Support Services webpage on the City's website was created where the City's Homelessness Policy, South East Metro Emergency Relief Forum (SEMERF) details and the PDF version of the Hardship Resource Directory can be found.

Very Neighbourly Organisation

The City is now a recognised Very Neighbourly Organisation with Relationships Australia. Very Neighbourly Organisations uphold and promote Relationships Australia's principles of Neighbours Every Day. Operating in Australia since 2003, Neighbours Every Day is a campaign that promotes the benefits of social connection and respectful relationships. Seven Local Governments in WA are now recognised as Very Neighbourly Organisations; City of Albany, City of Cockburn, City of South Perth, City of Kwinana, City of Subiaco, City of Wanneroo and City of Armadale.

The City intends to demonstrate its commitment to Neighbours Every Day by developing activities conducive to building trust, relationships and connection between residents in the local community.

Neighbourhood Connections Network

As a Very Neighbourly Organisation and building on the success of the Growing our Neighbourhoods initiative, the City is looking to establish an expanded Neighbourhood Connections Network consisting of Community Champions, Residents Associations, and other identified informal groups such as local Facebook groups. This group will be for passionate residents who are interested in information sharing and advocacy within the City of Armadale. It would allow for groups to nominate an elective to represent them at a meeting (virtual or face to face) where information can be shared, and groups can discuss their goals and achievements. It would be a space where groups can form relationships and join on likeminded projects. The Neighbourhood Connections Network can provide upskilling opportunities for members, as well as opening channels of communication and opportunities for members to apply for funding for Neighbour Day events in 2024.

Welcoming Cities

The City is now a member of Welcoming Cities, a national program that networks cities, communities, towns and municipalities who have grouped together and set a national standard to social, cultural, economic and civil life approaches. Welcoming Cities is an initiative of Welcoming Australia, supported by the Scanlon Foundation. The program guides local councils to support their communities by establishing a benchmark and framework through evidence based research of resources, policies and case studies. "Welcoming Cities recognises that, of all tiers of government, local councils are best placed to understand the complexity and diversity of their communities and facilitate a whole-of-community approach". Welcoming Cities have four main approaches to supporting local councils and communities:

1. Knowledge Sharing – evidence-based research
2. Partnership Development – opportunities to leverage partnerships and learn
3. Celebrating Success – providing recognition to local governments who demonstrate leading practices
4. Standard + Accreditation – setting a national standard for cultural diversity and inclusion

Over 76 councils are members, including six local governments in WA; City of Armadale, City of Cockburn, City of Canning, City of Melville, City of Stirling and Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes. The Welcoming Cities network standards and approaches are supported by Multicultural Futures and align with the Multicultural Planning Framework (Implementing the Principles of Multiculturalism Locally) suggested by the Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI).

Multicultural Advisory Group

The Multicultural Advisory Group launched in 2020 and provides a forum where representatives of multicultural communities can raise concerns and provide ideas and suggestions to the City to work towards a more inclusive and cohesive community. Membership is available for two year terms and suitable for City of Armadale residents aged 18+. The 2023 Multicultural Advisory Group includes 18 community leaders and passionate individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Grow your Knowledge

The City is committed to providing capacity building and education to assist community groups with finding funding opportunities, grant writing and successful acquittal reporting, and other general training opportunities. In the last financial year, two *Grow Your Knowledge* workshops were held with presentations on Grant Writing and Child Protection Training for Volunteer Organisations. Attendees to the Grant Writing Snapshot session learnt what funding is available for community groups, how to set appropriate project outcomes and outputs, how to measure and evaluate project impact, complete budgets and write successful acquittals. Attendees to the Child Protection Training learnt concepts, strategies and language of protective behaviours, teaching skills necessary to be able to talk to children about how to help keep them safe from abuse. 46 participants attended these workshops with 100% of participants strongly agreeing the training was effective in developing their knowledge on the topics. They also indicated an interest in further training in recruiting and retaining volunteers, marketing and social media, developing grant applications, conflict management, dealing with difficult situations and general people management.

Social Priority 2: Youth Engagement and Education - Camillo

The social priority of youth engagement and education was identified as maximising youth engagement in employment or education and can assist with addressing other social issues such as 'breaking the cycle' of welfare dependency for that young person and children they may have in the future. This is focused on the suburb of Camillo.

2022/2023 Budget: \$26,400

Service Agreements: \$55,462

Total Allocation: \$81,862

Priority Area: Camillo

Response Category: Advocacy

YACWA - Youth Networks Community of Practice

The primary aim of the Community of Practice is to facilitate networking and collaboration between leaders of the interagency networks to share best practice and engage in peer and professional learning to strengthen their networks and practice. An officer attends meetings in order to take ideas back to the Armadale Youth Network.

Armadale Youth Advisory Council

The Armadale Youth Advisory Council (AYAC) has five core members and meet fortnightly on a Monday. The AYAC have met with the Commissioner of Children and Young people to discuss their concerns with the education system, started recording a podcast and created the Growth Project which is a program aimed at young people aged 10 – 12 years old with the goal to build resilience.

Response Category: Coordination of Services

Armadale Youth Network

The Armadale Youth Network (AYN) is chaired by the City to improve and work towards optimal outcomes for young people by providing a platform for collaboration, increased information sharing, reduction in duplication and strengthened relationships between key stakeholders. As at 30 June 2023 the AYN has 229 contacts in the network with approximately 20 - 30 people regularly attending meetings. Meetings have been held in person since July 2022. The AYN was offered Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training, Cultural Awareness and ASIST as professional development opportunities.

Response Category: Contracting Services

Stephen Michael Foundation

Stephen Michael Foundation was awarded a service agreement to deliver the Nightfields Program in Term 4 2022 and Term 1 2023. Term 4 2022 had 37 young people attend at least one session, with an average of 14 attendees. In Term 1 2023, a total of 124 young people attended at least 1 session with an average of 39 attendees. Stephen Michael Foundation partnered with 54 Reasons, Headspace Armadale, Hope Community Services, Marmun Mia Mia, WA Police, The Right Track, Baseball WA and WA Cricket.

They reported that they had a higher uptake in Term 1 when there was an earlier start time of 4pm. 54 attendees identified as female and 70 identified as male. 47% identified as being from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, 7% from a CaLD background and 46% did not disclose. The majority of participants were aged between 10 and 12.

Alta-1 College – Armed for Life

Alta-1 College in their Armed for Life project delivered one mentoring and one activity session each week, to a different group of students each term, for the purpose of increasing confidence in self, positive attitude towards school, school attendance, amount of productive classroom time spent on academic tasks and decreasing unhealthy and anti-social behaviours. This program is still running so the evaluation report has not yet been submitted.

Response Category: Capacity Building

Dismantle Bike Rescue School Holiday Activity

Held on 27 and 28 September 2022 – 10:30am -12:30pm at John Dunn Challenge Park. Young people had the opportunity to attend a workshop with two Youth Workers and learn how to build, repair and maintain their bikes using new and re-used parts. Approximately 19 young people engaged with Dismantle over the two sessions.

Whereabouts Skateboarding Skate Clinics

- 20/12/2022 - Gwynne Park - (Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced)
- 13/01/2023 - Roleystone - (Beginner/Intermediate)
- 20/01/2023 - Armadale Youth Activity Area – (Advanced)

Whereabouts Skateboarding engaged approximately 30 young people over the course of three sessions at local skate parks. The aim was for the participants to safely use the skate parks, increased positive social connections between skate park users and increase awareness of the benefits of pro-social behaviours at the skate park. The participants reported feeling a stronger connection to their local community.

Humans of Armadale: My Art My Armadale

The City of Armadale, along with Centre for Stories have heard raw and authentic experiences of 23 young people within the Armadale community. With guidance from local artist Julie Fearn-Pheasant, students from Armadale Senior High School, Cecil Andrews College, Harrisdale Senior High School and Kelmscott Senior High School have had the opportunity to create a visual self-portrait using acrylic paint on canvas. Exploring themes such as individuality, identity, family, friendship, passion and nature, the students engaged in conversational interviews with Luisa Mitchells, Centre for Stories, about what it is like being a young person living in the City of Armadale.

The young people's art work and stories were then exhibited on 12 May 2023 as part of the Armadale Arts Festival where approximately 50 members of the community came to celebrate the young people.

Gwynne Park Skate Park Art Work Project

Community Services and Technical Services developed a co-design project for the Gwynne Park Skate Park Art Work. The Request for Quote was awarded to Creative Soul Sessions. Nine young people engaged in two design workshops, one skills work shop at Creative Soul Sessions studio and participated in the first week of the install of the art work. A celebration event was held at the Armadale Recreation Centre on 21 February 2023 for the young people and their families.

The young people, Creative Soul Sessions, volunteers, Hope Community Services, Headspace Armadale, Karlup Wheels In Motion Indigenous Corporation, Whereabouts Skateboarding and Councillor Gary Smith attended the opening of the art work on 11 May 2023.

Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training with Danny Ford

The Armadale Youth Network were offered Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training on 20 September 2022 hosted at the Champion Centre. Twenty-Five people attended the training. The feedback was that the training was very informative and Danny Ford was a great presenter.

See Me See You Cultural Awareness Training

Multicultural Futures presented See Me See You training on 21 March 2023 at Harrisdale Pavilion. There were 16 members of the Armadale Youth Network in attendance.

ASIST delivered by Lifeline WA

On 16 and 17 May 2023, 15 members of the Armadale Youth Network attended ASIST training that was delivered by Lifeline WA.

Nutrition in Schools (High Schools)

Public high schools within the City of Armadale can access up to \$300 to support their school nutrition or breakfast club programs. A total of five schools were successful in receiving funding, totalling \$1,500. Three additional schools were able to apply for funding in 2022/2023 due to the amendments made in the Financial Assistance Policy. This allowed schools to apply directly rather than having to go through a P & C.

Social Priority 3: Community Safety – All suburbs

The social priority of community safety was identified because areas with the City have consistently experienced high levels of crime reflected by WA Police statistics and feedback from the community and other service providers.

2022/2023 Budget: \$45,900

Service Agreements: \$56,000

Total Allocation: \$101,900

Priority Area: All suburbs

<i>Response Category: Coordination of Services</i>
<u>South East Metropolitan Emergency Relief Forum (SEMERF)</u> The forum provides a platform for service providers to come together, network and discuss challenges related to emergency relief response in the South East Metropolitan Corridor. Network meeting is held bi-monthly at the Champion Centre. The forum is attended by 20 to 30 persons per session. The City organises free professional development training for network members. For example, in 2022/2023, the City in collaboration with WA Mental Health Commission (MHC) delivered a Cultural Awareness workshop for staff working with Aboriginal people within the AOD and MH sectors. The City also delivered a Project Evaluation and Grant Writing training to members through Lotterywest.
<i>Response Category: Contracting Services</i>
<u>Alta-1 College – Shield Academy</u> Alta-1 College in their Shield Academy delivered theoretical and practical sessions to equip students with basic skills to analyse, assess, react, escape or prevent situations as quickly as possible, for the purpose of increasing awareness of personal and community safety, respect between individuals, self confidence in community, and empowering young people with knowledge, tools and skills to escape and prevent violence. This program is still running so the evaluation report has not yet been submitted. <u>Culture Care WA</u> Culture Care WA delivered adult self-defence and swimming lessons, community talks on various safety topics, and design, produce and promote a community safety education video in Mandarin and Punjabi with the purpose of increasing awareness of crime prevention and community safety within Armadale CaLD communities.

Culture Care programs addressed the specific vulnerabilities faced by non-English speaking migrants in the City. By providing them with knowledge, access to facilities, social interaction, and an understanding of community safety services, the project has enhanced their resilience to emergencies and improved their overall safety and well-being. Through 10 community safety workshops, targeted at non-English speaking migrants, individuals who were born overseas gained valuable knowledge about community safety. The workshops covered a range of topics, including emergency preparedness, food safety, fire safety, water safety and home security.

Between February and March 2023, Culture Care ran 10 swimming sessions at the Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre and 10 sessions of Self Defence for adults and children. The workshops contributed to increased social interaction among the migrant population. These individuals, who may have previously experienced social isolation due to language barriers, were provided with an opportunity to interact with each other and residents from various backgrounds. Culture Care has produced YouTube videos on the following: emergency preparedness, food safety, fire safety, water safety, home security.

A total of 352 participants attended the Culture Care sessions.



Source: Culture Care, COA -SP/SA, 2023



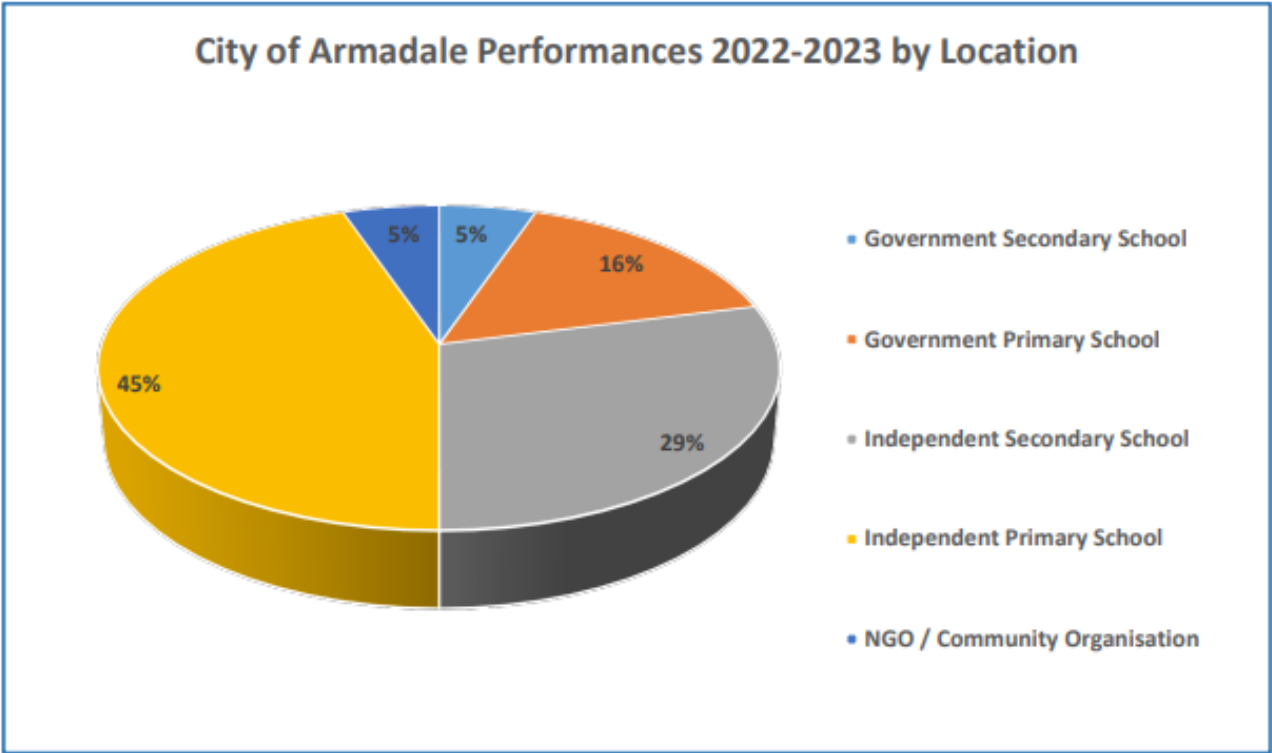
Source: Culture Care, COA -SP/SA, 2023

Constable Care Foundation

Constable Care Foundation delivered intensive forum theatre to one secondary school, and performance workshops to primary and secondary schools, public libraries and other youth venues for the purpose of increasing awareness of personal and community safety, and empowering young people to voice their concerns and ideas about personal and community safety, and health and wellbeing issues that impact them.

In the last Service Agreement 2022-2023, Constable Care Foundation delivered 77 theatre-in-education performances and workshops to 4,847 children and young people aged between 4 and 18 years in 38 visits to pre-primary, primary and secondary schools and other community venues within the City of Armadale.

Constable Care Foundation delivered performances and workshops in seven different topic areas. The largest topic category was 'Cybersafety' at 27% of all performances, followed by 'Bullying and Cyberbullying' (26%), 'Protective Behaviours' (19%), and First Aid and Emergencies(12%). 61% of all performances took place in primary schools, with the remaining 39% occurring in primary schools



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Armada Neighbourhood Watch

Armada Neighbourhood Watch (ANHW) was awarded a Service Agreement to deliver projects that will address the identified social priorities in all suburbs across the City.

ANHW worked with the City and WA Police to deliver information to promote crime prevention via a range of events, including Street Meet and Greets in locations advised by the WA Police. In the 2022/23 financial year, ANHW inserted 100 anti-theft number plates and distributed 50 bike alarms during school holidays to enhance bike safety. The organisation spent 176.4 volunteer hours in the community.

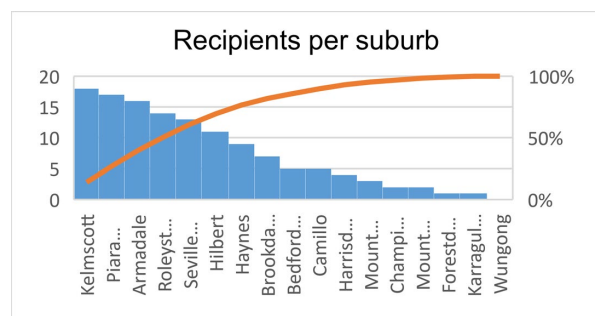
ANHW Community Engagement Activity FY 2022-2023

Date	Description of activity	Location	Number of items distributed	Hours worked
30-07-22	Anti-theft Screws event	Bunnings Armadale	50 vehicles fitted and 42 alarms	8.00 hours
01-09-22	Personal safety event	Jull Street Armadale	46 personal alarms & 40 NHW packs	6.90 hours
16-10-23	Harmony Festival	Piara Waters	Community safety resources	10.60 hours
22-10-22	Bike week Event	Hilbert	21 NHW packs	5.55 hours
05-11-22	Anti-theft Screws event	Bunnings Armadale	17 vehicles fitted	8.00 hours
12-11-22	Anti-theft Screws event	Bunnings Armadale	75 vehicles fitted	8.00 hours
18-11-22	Street Meet and Greet	Banyard Ave. Kelmscott	50 NHW packs	6.00 hours
12-01-23	Personal alarms & pamphlets distribution	Coles Stargate Kelmscott	29 personal alarms & 40 NHW packs	9.00 hours
16-01-23	Community Safety awareness	Haynes Shopping Centre	30 NHW packs	3.15 hours
16-02-23	Safety packs distribution	Haynes Shopping Centre	29 NHW packs/bin sticker etc.	2.30 hours
22-02-23	Security and Safety	Champion Drive	40 NHW packs	3.90 hours
18-03-23	Security and Safety	Roleystone IGA	115 personal alarms	14.4 hours
29-03-23	City of Armadale EXPO	Town District Hall	60 NHW packs	18.55 hours
15-04-23	Street Meet and Greet	Frye Park	50 window alarms	15.20 hours
25-05-23	Street Meet and Greet	Champion Drive Shopping	45 personal alarms	3.00 hours
01-06-23	Street Meet and Greet	Woolworths Kelmscott	35 personal alarms	6.90 hours
Total hours				176.4 hours

Response Category: Capacity Building

Security Incentive Scheme (SIS)

The Security Incentive Scheme (SIS) is designed to promote community safety by supporting local residents to voluntarily reduce the opportunity of crime. The program offers rebates on the purchase and installation of security devices to help residents improve the level of security within their home. Rebates are up to the value of \$200, or \$250 for Pensioner Concession, Health Care or WA Seniors Card Holders. The program provided rebates to over 130 households.



Growing Our Neighbourhoods Project

The City's *Growing our Neighbourhoods Community BBQ Rebate program* was launched in July 2023, and is a key part of the City's community capacity building strategy via the organisation of events/activities in local neighbourhoods. The rebate is designed to encourage neighbours to get to know their neighbours and support each other to promote a safer, healthy, connected and vibrant community. The City will provide up to \$100 in rebate to residents per event or activity.

The City of Armadale Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is the design and effective use of the built environment to reduce the opportunities of crime. In 2022/23, over 1000 copies of Home Safety Checklists have been distributed in the City of Armadale and are available in all libraries. Free business and school safety checklists were also distributed.

Social Priority 4: Early Years and Family Support – Kelmscott West

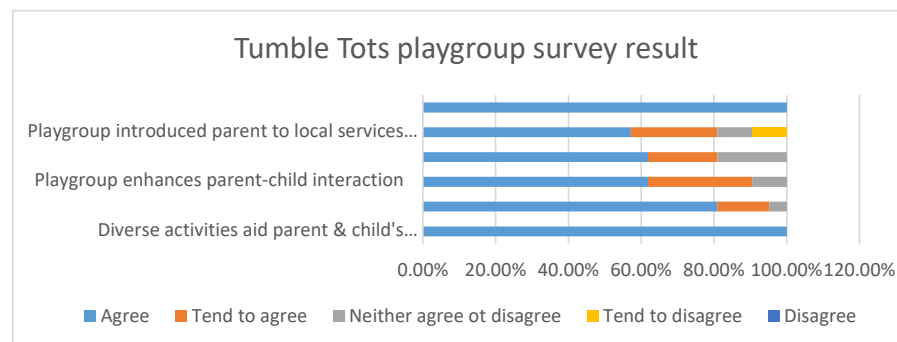
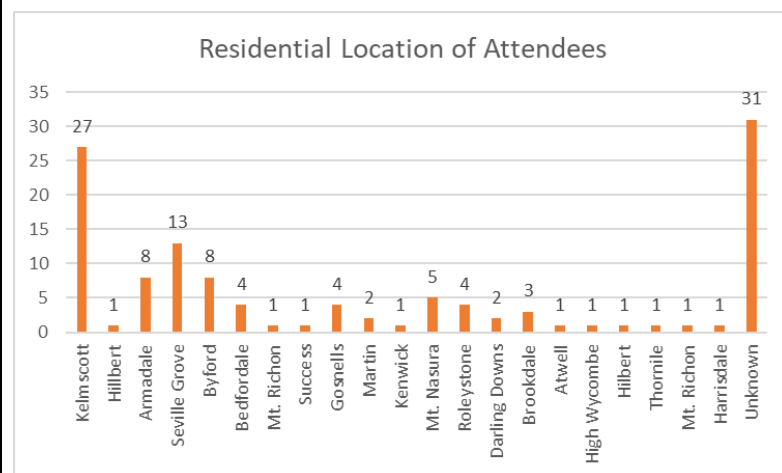
The social priority of early years and family support was identified because the data indicates that high levels of complex needs and vulnerability are experienced by families reflected by statistics from the Australian Early Development Census, Department of Communities and WA Police.

2022/2023 Budget:	\$21,100
Service Agreements:	<u>\$56,860</u>
Total Allocation:	\$77,960
Priority Area:	Kelmscott West

<i>Response Category: Advocacy</i>
<u>Communities for Children Innovation Working Group</u> City of Armadale were represented at Communicare's Communities for Children Innovation Working Group on 17 November 2022. The aim of this group is to identify trends/needs and respond to big issues facing young people (0 – 18 years) in the Armadale, Gosnells, and Serpentine-Jarrahdale region.
<i>Response Category: Coordination of Services</i>
<u>Armadale Early Years Network</u> The Armadale Early Years Network met six times in the 2022/23 year inviting guest presenters from a number of areas ranging from Health and Wellbeing to Education and Employment, providing valuable information on support and the numerous support networks for Early Years. During the year they also co-hosted an Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training with the Armadale Youth Network.
<i>Response Category: Contracting Services</i>
<u>Armadale Community Family Centre</u> Armadale Community Family Centre delivered a Tumble Tots Playgroup at Creyk Park, a Dads' Group, and She Shed workshops at the Family Centre for the purpose of increasing awareness of local support services, social connections, knowledge of strategies to support child development milestones, and parenting confidence.

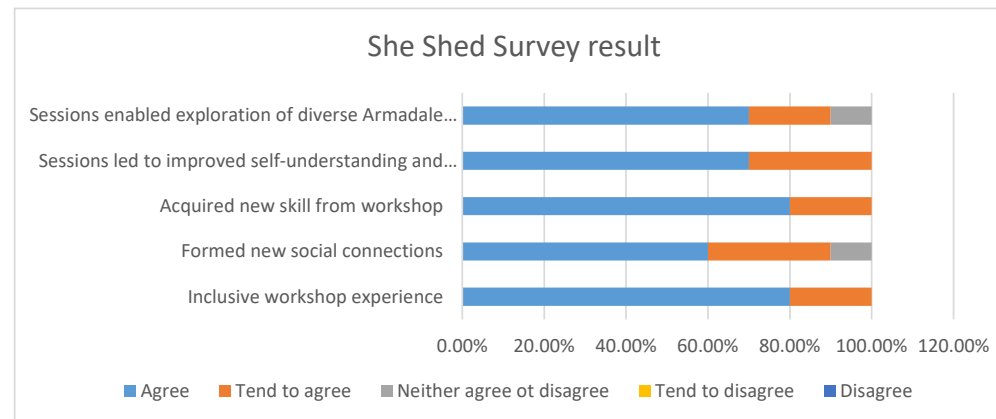
Tumble Tots

Tumble Tots was hosted at The Frye Park Pavilion, the program had a steady attendance from a range of suburbs. The most participants was from the Social Priority suburb of Kelmscott. The OT sessions, particularly the Raising Sensory Smart Kids workshop, gained significant popularity, drawing fourteen attendees.



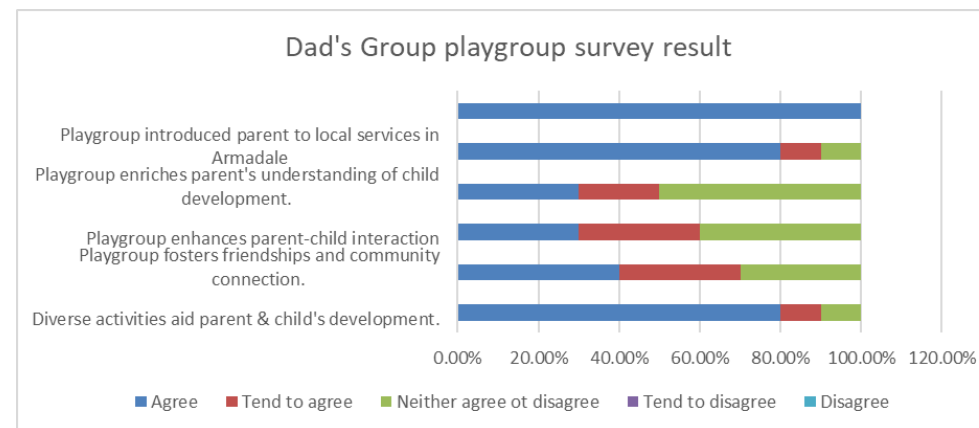
She Shed Program:

The She Shed Program allowed community members to participate in workshops around creating natural cleaning products, personal development, art and candle making. There was a crèche available for attendees to utilise, allowing the participants to engage in meaningful conversations with each other and the counsellor. During the program staff members have directed 11 individuals toward personalised sessions with the onsite counsellor.



Dad's Play Group Program:

The Dad's Play Group program was structured and delivered as a supported playgroup model. Although these sessions were promoted on social media, their commencement was sluggish. Initially, only one dad maintained consistent attendance, with the numbers gradually increasing to four participants per session by the program's conclusion. Valuable input from attendees suggested that regular attendance might be achieved by scheduling the sessions on weekends.



Response Category: Capacity Building

Nutrition in Schools Funding (Primary Schools)

Public primary schools within the City of Armadale could access up to \$300 to support their school nutrition or breakfast club programs. A total of 11 primary schools were successful in receiving funding, totaling \$3,300. Two additional schools were able to apply for funding in 2022/23 due to the amendments made in the Financial Assistance Policy. This allowed schools to apply directly rather than having to go through a P & C.

Workshops - Protective Behaviour Workshop & Trauma Informed Practice

A protective behaviours workshop to teach volunteers and parents of child-facing volunteer organisations such as clubs and playgroups how to speak with children about child safety was held in March.

In April and June a Trauma Informed Practice workshop was held providing information on how significant and chronic trauma can affect a child's developing brain and the implications this can have on behaviour and relationships throughout the lifespan.