

Armadale District Hall

90 Jull Street, Armadale

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Located in the heart of the Armadale City Centre, the historic Armadale District Hall has been transformed into a modern, inviting, and open community facility with a complementary mixture of heritage and contemporary built form.

The City of Armadale's \$4.3 million conservation and extension of the facility was supported by a \$1 million grant provided through Lotterywest.

The Armadale District Hall was built in 1936 and opened on 12 December 1936. Originally used for film showings as well as leasing, the hall had been used for community and other functions leading up to the renovations.

Renovations to the existing hall included improved sound proofing and air conditioning, mechanical retractable seating, a commercial kitchen restored

to its original location, and an additional backstage area for performers.

The construction of a new Multi-purpose Hall as an additional activity space creates flexibility, enabling a range of regular smaller scale activities as well as the larger community and civic activities that link more directly to the original function of the hall, improving community access and participation.

With the upgrades completed in March 2019, Armadale District Hall will continue to be an important vibrant and active social hub for our growing City.

A new life for an old favourite

Key features of the Armadale District Hall include:

- Main Hall including newly installed mechanically retractable seating – capacity 252 people
- Gallery – capacity 50 people
- Backstage space
- Supper Room including commercial kitchen and serving area – capacity 50 people
- Multi Purpose Hall with kitchenette and concertina dividing wall for flexible use of space – capacity 190 people
- New bathrooms
- Improved layout and acoustics
- Entry foyer

For booking enquiries please contact the City of Armadale on **9394 5000** or info@armadale.wa.gov.au



This community facility provides unique spaces for significant events and performances. The Main Hall and Supper Room, with improvements to layout, acoustics, and comfort, cater for modern uses and activities with the capacity for around 300 seated patrons.



A community heritage

The Armadale District Hall was built in 1936 to the design of the prominent Western Australian architectural firm Oldham Boas and Ednie-Brown. The building was constructed to replace the existing Mechanics Institute Hall which was considered to no longer be adequate for the Town's growing needs.

Builders, J.B. Hawkins and Sons were awarded the contract for the demolition of the Mechanics Institute Hall and the construction of the new District Hall. The price tendered was £5,003. The building was to be 118 feet long by 83 feet wide, and was to accommodate up to 700 people, and facilities for the screening of motion pictures were to be incorporated into the design.

The hall was officially opened on Saturday 12 December 1936 by Lieutenant-Governor of Western Australia, Sir James Mitchell. Film showings were held on each Tuesday and on three Saturday nights each month, with the remaining Saturday night reserved for leasing for other purposes. (Source: Armadale District Hall Conservation Plan: 2001)

The Armadale District Hall was listed on the State Register of Heritage Places on 26 August 2003.



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