Armadale District Hall Reopens
Mayor’s Message

It’s been a busy time for Council over the last few months – with budget meetings commencing for the next financial year and the completion of several of the City’s major projects.

The community open day at the newly completed Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre was well – attended, with queues out the door as eager community members viewed first-hand the long awaited all year round facility. The positive feedback for the Centre has been outstanding, and users have given the Centre a 5-star rating on Google. It is pleasing to see we have met the needs of our residents, and delivered a facility that is already so valued by our community.

The long awaited refurbishment of the Armadale District Hall has also been finalised and is now available for community hire – you can read more about this on page 5.

You may also have seen the recently installed wayfinding signs in and around the Armadale City Centre. Visitors to the City can now more easily navigate through the City Centre to the Perth Hills Armadale Visitor Centre, to find out what’s happening and see the range of attractions, parks and recreation facilities for the Armadale region. Join with us and support our advocacy efforts for this project by adding your voice to the campaign, visit the GAPP website www.gapp.org.au.

The Forrestdale fires in February were a stark reminder of the vulnerability created by our warm climate and abundant native bushland, which means a high risk of bushfire to the Armadale community. The DFES and Red Cross information session conducted in Piara Waters following the fire was to advise the community of the importance of preparedness for an emergency. I cannot stress enough the necessity of reducing fuel loads on your property to protect your home and family, understanding the bushfire warning systems, and having a plan for bushfires – you can read more about this on page 9.

The City is currently lobbying the Federal Government for $30M in funding to support the construction of a multipurpose regional sporting hub facility in Haynes – to accommodate a variety of sports and amenities. The City has experienced rapid population growth in the last 10 years, and with this comes greater demand for active recreation facilities for the Armadale region. Join with us and support our advocacy efforts for this project by adding your voice to the campaign, visit the GAPP website www.gapp.org.au.

Let Armadale ignite your business idea!

Ignition is an intensive, one week entrepreneurial training program for aspiring entrepreneurs, academics and corporate innovators. As part of the City’s economic development strategy to encourage entrepreneurship, the City has partnered for the first time with Curtin University for Ignition 2019, and is offering a fully funded scholarship place for:

• a person who owns or operates an existing local business
• a new start-up with an innovative business idea for Armadale
• or a City of Armadale resident

Ignition is open to anyone with a business idea, research project or early stage business venture that could become a high growth business. Passion and ambition to take ideas forward and ‘make it happen’ are highly important attributes for success at Ignition.

For more information email economicdevelopment@armadale.wa.gov.au
**Armadale Road Progress**

The Armadale Road Upgrade project will see the 6.9km section of Armadale Road from Tapper Road in Atwell to Anstey Road in Forrestdale, upgraded from two lanes to a four lane dual carriageway. The upgrade will alleviate current congestion and enhance road safety.

Taylor Road in Forrestdale will be temporarily closed, from mid-April to early June, to enable construction of the new roundabout intersection at Armadale Road.

Access to Liddelow Road at Armadale Road, in Banjup was recently restricted to enable construction of the second stage of the new roundabout intersection. Until the completed roundabout opens in late 2019, access to and from Liddelow Road will be left-in and left-out only.

With steel barriers in place and reduced lane widths to 3.2 metres, cyclists are prohibited from travelling on Armadale Road between Ghostgum Avenue and Anstey Road. This will ensure the safety of cyclists during construction. This section will remain closed to cyclists until late 2018, when new cycling and pedestrian facilities will open alongside Armadale Road.

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**Denny Avenue level crossing update**

The joint Federal and State funded project to remove the Denny Avenue level crossing is due to commence in late 2018.

In late February the Metronet team consulted with the community of Kelmscott and surrounding areas at a drop in session to learn about the project and revitalisation plans for Kelmscott. More than 100 attendees heard that the Denny Avenue level crossing would remain open during the construction of the new underpass at Davis Road and completed feedback forms with a range of comments relating to roads and train operations.

More community engagement sessions will be held throughout the year to keep the Armadale community informed during the project.

To stay up to date on the timeline for this project and check out a list of FAQs visit www.metronet.wa.gov.au/news-info/ or phone 9326 3666.

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**Armadale District Hall**

The Armadale District Hall’s recent $4.3 million refurbishment has provided another much needed community space available for hire.

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 major upgrades to the District Hall included improved soundproofing and air conditioning, mechanical retractable seating, a commercial kitchen restored to its original location, and an additional backstage area for performers.

Construction of a new multipurpose hall creates an additional space enabling a range of regular small scale activities as well as large scale community and civic activities that link directly to the original function of the hall, improving community access and participation.

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**Kelmscott Hall Redevelopment**

The redevelopment of the Kelmscott Hall is a result of the Rushton Park Master Plan, and extensive community consultation, to modernise the facility and provide for the continued use and enjoyment by the community.

The works include a new entrance reception area with River Road façade treatment, front and rear verandah, upgrades to change rooms and toilets to include internal and external access, an additional lesser hall, upgraded kitchen and equipment, flooring replacement, new air conditioning and lighting, and acoustic treatments. Installation of new lighting will accommodate the requirements for badminton, table tennis and Civic events.

To complement the refurbishment and extension of the Armadale District Hall the City relocated three mature Chinese elm trees from Abbey Road roadworks which would otherwise have seen them cut down. The 20 year old trees provide instant shade and greenery to the Jull Street frontage.

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**Thank you**

This project was made possible with the assistance of a Lotterywest grant.

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**Armadale Library Extension**

As we go to print work has commenced on the Armadale library extension. The scope of works will include areas for group study, working, and meeting, as well as two bookable rooms with equipment for audio and video recording.

Have you ever wanted to launch a podcast or kick start your YouTube career? You will soon be able to in Armadale Library’s new creative space where you can use our media rooms and professional equipment to be creative and get your work out into the world.

If neither of those are what you are after, then maybe the open group study spaces might appeal. The library will be providing more space for you to bring your own devices, talk and work with friends, and have informal meetings in a central location.

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**City Views – May 2019**

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Over 5,000 excited residents made a splash during the Community Open Day in March – all very eager to check out the new state of the art facility and sign up for membership.

The Centre buzzed throughout the day as community members enjoyed the free family event and explored the facility to view first-hand all the services available.

Following the Community Open Day, the City celebrated the official opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony and an inaugural swimming race during a VIP opening event.

City of Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones OAM, JP declared the Centre officially open along with Federal Government representative The Honourable Linda Reynolds and State Government representative, Dr Tony Buti, MLA.

Construction of the facility was made possible with the assistance of the Federal Government through a $10 million contribution from the Community Development Grants program, a $1 million grant from the State Government’s Department of Local Government, Sport and Culture, and $15 million from the City of Armadale.

Fitness should be fun and when we exercise with others it can be even more so.

We run over 100 group fitness classes per week! Whether you’re looking to tone and build muscle, stretch and increase flexibility, increase endurance with high intensity cardio, or simply socialise and have fun, we’ve got a group fitness class for you.

The timetable includes a mix of both Les Mills and freestyle programs – check it out today!

Swimming is an important life skill and the Centre’s Royal Lifesaving Society endorsed Swim School creates a fun and safe environment to learn water safety and correct swimming techniques.

Offering lessons for infants (from 6 months), pre-schoolers, school age kids and adults, the Swim School accepts enrolments all year round with lessons tailored to each individual student allowing for quick progression through levels. All Swim School instructors are AUSTSWIM or Swim Australia accredited with current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Working with Children Check qualifications.

For just $30 a fortnight our Swim School membership offers:

- 30 minute lesson per week by a qualified instructor
- Small class sizes to ensure effective teacher student relationships
- Entry for the student and one adult to enter the pool hall (7 days a week)

Enrolments are accepted for Swim School at the Centre all year round.

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The Crèche offers plenty of fun and learning activities in a safe and nurturing environment.

For just $4 you can book your child in for up to 2.5 hours per day. Please book early to avoid missing out.
OUR COMMUNITY

Spread your rates bill over the year!

Do you know about the City’s A Smarter Way to Pay direct debit payment system, that provides residents with flexible payment options when it comes to paying your rates and charges.

Pay your rates through direct debit, on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly ongoing basis from April to March.

**FAQs**

**What do I do if water is entering my property from Local Authority Infrastructure?**

This occurs when the amount of stormwater exceeds the capacity of the public drainage system and results in water discharging to undesired locations including private property. All public infrastructure is designed to operate in a range of storm events. You are unlikely to receive storm flows from the street drainage system in events less than the 1 in 100 year storm.

However if you do suspect the City’s infrastructure is discharging stormwater into your property, contact the City’s Technical Services team who will investigate the situation. For more information relating to stormwater management, visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au/subdivisional-development.

**Help keep our footpaths clear for pedestrians**

Footpaths are for the use of pedestrians and cyclists, so they can move safely and easily, and avoid traffic. This includes people using prams, wheelchairs and mobility devices.

If a footpath is obstructed by a vehicle this means pedestrians are forced onto the road which places them at risk of being struck by a vehicle, or can cause prams and mobility devices to lose balance and tip over.

To protect the safety of pedestrians, under the City of Armadale Parking Local Laws, stopping or parking on a footpath is prohibited – this includes any portion of a vehicle, trailer or caravan. This applies even if you are parked on your driveway. If a footprint crosses the driveway the path cannot be blocked, even partly, by a parked vehicle.

So be a good neighbour and do the right thing – park legally, keep footpaths clear, and ensure that visitors or tradespeople coming to your house do too.

**Get fit outdoors at Rossiter Pavilion**

Did you know Rossiter Pavilion and Playing Fields is now home to new outdoor exercise equipment, providing access to free all year round fitness for local residents?

**LOCATION:**

16 Tuberose Road, Piara Waters
See the City’s website for other locations

**Winter Burning**

During the cooler months we strongly urge residents to reduce fuel loads on their properties, to protect your home and family.

Residents are allowed to burn between 31 May and 1 October, without a burning permit but must comply with local laws. To avoid smoke pollution, avoid burning wet or green material. Please note burning is not allowed on lots under 1200 square metres in size within the City.

For further information on how to safely undertake hazard reduction burns, consult the DFES website, dfes.wa.gov.au

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Upload your entries to Facebook or Instagram, tag @PerthHillsArmadale and hashtag #PerthHillsArmadale to qualify for entry. Visit perthhillsarmdale.com.au for Terms and Conditions – competition closes 30 May 2019.

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If you observe a vehicle parked on a footpath you can contact the City on 9394 5164 and the City’s Rangers will attend as soon as possible.

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**Recycle your soft plastics**

Soft plastics, the kind that can be scrunched into a ball in your hand, do not go into your Council recycling bin – however they don’t have to end up in landfill.

These plastics can be recycled at many supermarkets through the RedCycle Program which diverts plastic bags and packaging from landfill and turns them into a resource used to manufacture new products.

Do your part to divert plastic from landfill and start collecting the following items which cannot be placed in your yellow top bin:

- Plastic shopping bags
- Bread, rice, pasta, lolly and cereal bags
- Biscuit packs (but not the trays)
- Newspaper wrap/cling wrap/bubble wrap
- Plastic shopping bags
- Frozen food bags
- Dry cleaning bags/general product packaging
- Fruit and veg bags and plastic netting
- Old green bags (reusable shopping bags)

Drop them into the REDCycle collection bins, found near the front checkout at COLES stores in Armadale, North Armadale and Kelmscott and Woolworths Stores at Armadale Central and Hartisdale.

**Try your hand at composting!**

Composting turns food scraps and garden waste into a product that can improve soil quality, conserve water, recycle nutrients and reduce the need for artificial fertilisers.

There are many ways to make compost on a scale that suits your home garden including using bins, tumblers or bays, or starting a worm farm.

For small properties try a Bokashi Bucket for your food waste. It is a small scale indoor alternative to composting that involves fermenting food wastes before burying them in the garden. This system is clean and compact and capable of treating more types of food wastes than composting.

You can also receive a discount on Compost Bins and Worm Farms by visiting switchyourthinking.com/our-projects/rewards-for-residents/

For more information pick up a copy of the Earth Carers Guide from the City Administration Centre or City libraries, or visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au/composting-and-compost-bins

**YES PLEASE**

Some of the most commonly recycled items include:

- bread bags
- biscuit packets, wrapper only
- paper goods packaging
- pasta & rice bags
- frozen food & veggie bags
- confectionery bags
- plastic bags
- old green bags
- cereal box liners

**Making new bins out of old**

Every residential property in Armadale has two bins, a rubbish bin collected weekly, and a recycling bin collected fortnightly.

The current dark green bins are being phased out. All new bin deliveries will have a black body, and general waste will have a red lid and recycling will still have a yellow lid.

The change to the colour red for general waste aligns with the Australian Standard for bin lid colours. The City has chosen the black body for the bins as they are made of up to 30% recycled plastic, recovered from old bins. Damaged bins will now be sent to our bin supplier for recycling.

**Keen to see your work in print?**

Calling on aspiring young writers in the community – put pen to paper now and enter the Armadale Young Writers’ Awards 2019.

This creative writing competition is only open to students in Years 3 to 12 who reside, or attend school in the City of Armadale.

Works must be prose only and stories should be 2000 words or less. Poetry, scripts or graphic novels will not be accepted.

Entries for the competition open on Saturday 1 June and close on Sunday 30 June.

Collect an entry form from the Armadale or Kelmscott Library or visit library.armadale.wa.gov.au

**Waste**

**What’s on youth**

**Young re-inventor of the year**

Plastic Pirates Ahoy – Register your interest now for Switch your thinking’s Young Re-inventor of the Year challenge!

Young people will solve problems and put their creativity to the test in this exciting initiative that challenges us all to reuse, repurpose and upcycle before throwing away.

The 2019 theme is Plastic Pirates Ahoy! Collect plastic loot and re-invent it into something to be treasured. Pusser’s bins of your home or school for plastic and get creative to cut waste.

Participants can win a share of $3000 in sustainability prizes including worm farms, compost bins, upcycling workshops and sustainability books.

You will also receive a $50 voucher to spend at the City of Armadale Drop ‘n’ shop when you register – and can collect recycled materials to use.

Submissions close Monday 21 October. Get your kids, community groups or school (primary, secondary, early learning centre) involved now.

For further details and to register visit switchyourthinking.com

**Outside the Frame Art Awards**

Outside the Frame Art Awards showcases some of the best contemporary artwork by young artists across Perth.

High schools that participate put forward students’ work for judging in six categories: painting, drawing, prints, sculpture, digital media/photography and textiles.

The competition encourages the artistic talents of students in years 11 and 12 with an open design brief to motivate and challenge their imagination.

If you have a budding young Monet or Da Vinci in your household – encourage their high school to participate in Outside the Frame Art Awards and have their talent showcased.

For more information on how to get your high school to participate visit the City’s website or email events@armadale.wa.gov.au
Tell us about your suburb....

Representatives from the City will be out and about in your suburb – to meet and talk with as many residents as they can as part of the annual Growing Our Community consultative initiative.

We are seeking feedback to determine two important factors about each area of the City:

- **What you think is unique and what you love about the place you live.**
- **Identify the social issues of your suburb.**

Your feedback will help us inform decision making and help find ways we can work together to **grow the happiness of your community.**

Take time to complete a quick survey, available online from early June, and if you leave your contact details you will go into a draw to **win one of four $250 fuel vouchers.**

Hard copies can be collected at the City’s Administration Centre, Armadale and Kelmscott libraries, Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre, Armadale Arena and the Harold King Community Centre.

Visit the City’s website to keep up to date with the community engagement activities happening in your suburb – we look forward to meeting you!