

# ARMADALE ALIVE

## Mayor's Message: Our commitment to safety and wellbeing

As the disruption caused by the spread of COVID-19 continues, our community and our businesses are feeling the distressing effects of rolling shutdowns.

I want to assure you we are doing everything we can to ensure our essential and key services remain operational at the City of Armadale – with most services transitioning to phone, online and digital platforms.

We are continuing to enact directives from the Federal and State Governments and as such, **we have unfortunately had to close all community facilities to the public, including those buildings which house administration staff, with effect from Wednesday, 25 March 2020 until further notice.** Services will still be provided to you, where ever possible, in a different way.

**Payments, enquiries and requests can be made online** via the City's website or just call our customer service staff who will still be available to assist you on 9394 5000. The City of Armadale Libraries and the Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre staff are continuing to explore a number of digital programs and opportunities for people to access. The Libraries already have a variety of online services which provide members free access to e-Books, eAudiobooks, and movies on personal devices.

The City's **general waste and recycle bin collection** dates will not change during this time.

As the response to the pandemic continues to evolve, decisions are being made in the best interests of the community and City's staff.

The world is a scary place right now. But we're all in this together and we will get through it together. Everyone has a part to play and I'd like to thank the City of Armadale community for their understanding as we undertake necessary precautions to ensure their wellbeing and safety.

**The state government has opened a COVID-19 clinic at the Armadale Kelmscott Memorial Hospital**, so our community will be able to be serviced close to home, if testing is required.

The COVID-19 emergency will test us like never before and it will take a long time before we are able to go about our 'old' lives. We all have to play our part in stopping the rapid spread of this virus by strictly following the health advice provided by the Department of Health, visit [healthywa.gov.au](http://healthywa.gov.au) or call the **Coronavirus Health Information line on 1800 020 080** for updates.

We owe our thanks to those who continue to go to work, in particular those in healthcare, emergency services and others in our community who provide essential services. Staff at the City are working hard to maintain delivery of services, whilst limiting the risk of exposure to the virus. Councillors are continuing to work and make decisions, using phone, online and digital communications.

This time of hardship will eventually come to an end. What we do today, as individuals and as a community will determine how well we emerge from this crisis. I am filled with admiration for the way that people are adapting and rising to the challenges we're all now facing. As a community we are kind and compassionate, and we look out for each other.

**We're in this together. Stay safe.**

**Cr Ruth Butterfield**  
Mayor, City of Armadale

*\*All information correct at time of printing*



### KNOW THE SIGNS OF COVID-19



SORE THROAT



FEVER



COUGHING



SHORTNESS OF BREATH

**HAVE YOU RECENTLY BEEN OVERSEAS, OR BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS RETURNED FROM OVERSEAS?  
ARE YOU FEELING UNWELL WITH FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS?**

The City of Armadale asks that you immediately seek medical advice and do not attend our facilities. We are transitioning most of our services to phone, online and digital platforms. These guidelines are in place to ensure that we can offer the safest possible environment for our community. We will continue to monitor the situation and update the above advice as guided by the Department of Health.

### SOCIAL DISTANCING

- No non-essential gatherings of more than 500 people outside or more than 100 people inside.
- All non-essential indoor gatherings of less than 100 people must have no more than one person per 4sqm. All Australians should expect their local businesses to be following this rule.
- Where possible, keep 1.5 metres between yourself and others
- Avoid non-essential travel
- Restrictions on entering aged care homes to protect older Australians
- Leaders acknowledged that these new restrictions will change the way we live and expressed deep regret for those business owners and employees who will be impacted. The goal is to reduce the spread of the virus, to flatten the curve and to save the lives of fellow Australians.
- State Premiers and Chief Ministers agreed they would give effect to these restrictions through their own legislative processes and make announcements accordingly.
- Premiers and Chief Ministers will consider further Stage 2 restrictions if social distancing measures are not adhered to.

### TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

Advice regarding **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** will change regularly. Keep up to date. Visit [health.gov.au](http://health.gov.au)



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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

All advertised and scheduled events have been cancelled or postponed – stay up to date via the City's website and Facebook page.