Armadale CITY NEWS

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Community Scorecard Results

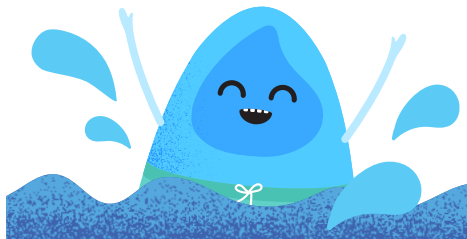
Continuing our story on the Community Scorecard results in last month's edition, the future priorities the community asked us to focus on are areas the City has already been working on. This shows previous research, which guided the City's priorities, set us on the right path and that the community still cares about the same things. These include:

Maintaining streetscapes – Our dedicated parks teams ensures our parks and reserves across the City are maintained to a high standard, including a dedicated parks team for the City Centre. Through the Urban Forest Strategy we have planted 850 trees this financial year. Residents can take advantage of our education programs and free native plants to help maintain their own streetscapes.

Value for money – We're continually reviewing operations to look for savings. This year we focused on reducing operational costs to provide a rates increase less than the metro average. In the next six months Council will be focused on reviewing our Long Term Financial Plan to see how else we can make your rates go further.

Economic development – Our advocacy and lobbying resulted in the State Government committing $86 million to build a state-of-the-art justice complex in the City of Armadale. The new complex will almost triple the number of courtrooms and accommodate around 315 police officers, a dramatic increase on the 80 officers currently working from the police station. A commitment has also been made for it to be manned 24 hours a day. The City is committed to leading development of Armadale as it grows to the full potential of a metropolitan regional centre.

Anti-social behavior & Community safety – In order to better understand these types of issues, we have recently engaged with seven individual suburbs to get the details of the concerns. Together with WA Police and other organisations we will develop community development strategies on how best the City can play a role in creating safer communities.



AFAC scoop the prize-pool

Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre (AFAC) won the Parks & Leisure Australia's Community Facility of the Year Award for WA at the recent Awards of Excellence.

The community facility award recognises facilities that demonstrate innovative features of design, development and operation. AFAC outswam close competition from the City of Rockingham for their Autumn Centre and the City of Stirling for Scarborough Beach Pool, and is now shortlisted for the National Community Facility of the Year Award which will be announced in October.

This award couldn't have been achieved without the support of our incredible community and the over 5,000 members of the Centre. We can't thank you all enough.

Kelmscott Hall reopened

The Kelmscott Hall was officially reopened after a $2.1 million refurbishment last month.

Representatives from various sporting clubs, the Kelmscott Agricultural Society, builders, architects, staff and councillors attended a small reopening ceremony, along with students from Kelmscott Primary School who held their first school assembly in the hall since its refurbishment.

The works were completed on time and on budget and included a new entrance reception area, River Road façade, front and rear veranda, upgrades to changerooms and toilets including internal and external access, an additional lesser hall, upgrades to the kitchen and equipment, floor replacement, new air conditioning and lighting to accommodate for badminton, table tennis and Civic events, and noise insulation to improve acoustics.

Armadale Library Extension

The exciting extension of Armadale Library will give residents an opportunity to develop their creative skills, undertake group study, or bring their own devices and work outside of the office.

The new area boasts two rooms with high end audio and video equipment which can also be used to record podcasts, vlogs, presentations and other videos. There are also study spaces and informal meeting areas where users can give presentations, or work collaboratively.

Training sessions will be on offer to help users become familiar with how the equipment works. The Armadale Library is located in the Armadale Shopping Centre, Orchard Avenue, Armadale. For more information contact the Library on **9394 5125.**

Ensure your voice is heard – enrol to vote

WA local government elections are held every two years on the third Saturday in October.

To be eligible to vote you must be enrolled on the State Electoral Roll for a residence within the City of Armadale, or for non-resident owners or occupiers you may also be eligible but must apply to the City by 5pm on 30 August.

To check your enrolment visit **www.elections.wa.gov.au/onlineEnrolmentSystem** or call the Western Australian Electoral Commission on **13 63 06**.

City of Armadale Council Elections will be held on Saturday 19 October.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For further information on these and other local events please visit the City's website or Facebook page.

Toy Story 4 Colouring in Competition

1 – 12 July

Armadale and Kelmscott Library

Suitable for young people aged six to 12 years.

Step into Volunteering Information Session

15 July | 9.30 – 10.30am

Evelyn Gribble Community Centre

RSVP by 11 July on 9394 5000

School holiday fun: Museum Explorers

16 – 21 July

Tuesday – Friday 10am – 4pm

Saturday and Sunday 1 – 4pm

History House Museum

Writing Dialogue with Marlish Glorie

27 July | 12.30 – 3.30pm

Armadale Library

Plastic Pirates Ahoy!

Collect plastic loot and re-invent it into something to be treasured for your chance to share in $3000 in sustainability prizes.

Registrations are open for young people aged 18 years and under to enter the Young re-inventor of the Year competition.

This year's theme is Plastic Pirates Ahoy and encourages young people to get creative to cut waste.

Entries are accepted from early years learning centres, primary schools, high schools, community groups and individuals.

Register now and you will receive a $50 City of Armadale Drop 'n' Shop voucher. Submissions close Monday 21 October.

To register visit **www.switchyourthinking.com/our-projects/young-reinventor-of-the-year/**

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