

# Armada City News

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## Labor pledges \$80M for Armadale Road bridge

The City of Armadale has welcomed Federal Labor's commitment of \$80 million towards building the Armadale Road bridge.

Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones OAM JP, said the funding announcement was a major step forward for the Community Connect South (CCS) campaign and would benefit the Armadale, and Forrestdale business communities.

"Labor's promise of 50 per cent of the \$160 million required to build the Armadale Road bridge connecting North Lake Road with the Kwinana Freeway and Armadale Road shows it is listening to community concern about congestion," he said.

"The bridge is the critical second half of the Armadale Road project. Widening Armadale Road without building the bridge will only push congestion further into Cockburn Central."

This election, tell your local candidates for Burt to fix traffic congestion by funding the project. Visit [ccsouth.info](http://ccsouth.info) and click the 'FIX TRAFFIC' button, or send an email from the website [fundourfuture.info](http://fundourfuture.info).

## Community Calendar

### Focus Photography Exhibition

Captivating images like the one above from the inaugural Focus Photography competition *Armadale's Changing Face* are currently on display.

29 May - 26 June  
Armadale Library



### Sing with Me!

Head to Seville Grove Library and join Rebecca Flanagan as she hosts a fun, interactive session of action songs. All two year olds that attend, will receive a Sing With Me! resource pack.

Monday 20 June, 10 - 11am  
Seville Grove Library

### Gross Science

Heartbeats, blood and boogers! This science session is perfect for kids that have an interest in the human body and gross science. Suitable for children aged five to 11 years.

Thursday 7 July, 2 - 3pm  
Armadale Library

### NAIDOC Celebration Day

Celebrate the culture, history and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the City of Armadale at the annual NAIDOC Celebration Day gathering.

The all-inclusive, free community event will be held at the Champion Centre on the Bob Blackburn Oval and club rooms, Challis Road, Seville Grove.

Tuesday 5 July, 10am - 3pm

## Golf course revamp starts



A major \$1 million upgrade of the Armadale Golf Course will commence in July, bringing the 9-hole public course up to par for its regular patrons.

Funded by the City of Armadale and Golf Oracle as well as a grant of \$315,000 from the WA Department of Sport and Recreation, the upgrades include remodelling of fairways, a new irrigation system, upgrading tees and greens and improvements to facilities.

The course will close for about nine months from early July to enable all of the upgrades to be carried out simultaneously.

Members of the four clubs that operate from the course will be able to take advantage of a discount to play at other courses managed by Golf Oracle including Araluen Golf Resort, while the Armadale Golf Course is closed.

## Time for the Highland Fling



The Highland Gathering with the Perth Kilt Run is almost here and we'd like to invite your club to come along.

This quirky fun run is a world record attempt where Perth, Australia competes with Perth, Canada and Perth, Scotland for the title of the largest kilt run.

Perfect for groups of all sizes and ages – the only catch is that you have to register and then wear a kilt while you run.

You can run or walk in the 2.5km or 5km events that starts at 9am in Minnowarra Park, Armadale, on Sunday 18 September.

We'd love to see your community groups getting involved and proudly donning their club colours, so if you would like to know more please email us at [events@armadale.wa.gov.au](mailto:events@armadale.wa.gov.au).

## Council curbs rate increase

Armadale Council has resolved to reduce its advertised rate increase for 2016/17 from 3.5% to 3%.

The City's proposed rate rise can be broken down into two parts:

- 1.0% local government inflation cost factor
- 2.0% to fund key future community projects and meet the City's infrastructure renewal commitments.

For the average residential property the total rates increase will equate to about \$45 per year.

The Local Government Cost Index (LGCI), used by WA Councils, reflects costs specific to the local government sector, such as road and bridge construction, non-residential construction and street lighting.

The City was advised the estimated LGCI this year could be up to 1.5%, but decided to limit Budget allowance for this to 1%.

This compares well to State Government increases of 3% for electricity, 4.5% for Water Corporation charges and 1.5% for wages, which are all costs the Council must pay but has to absorb into its 1%.

Written submissions are invited and can be forwarded to the City of Armadale by no later than 4.45pm, Friday 17 June 2016.

## Tourism BOOST workshop

The City of Armadale is hosting a workshop with its peak tourism body, Tourism Council WA on Wednesday, 29 June.

The workshop is a brief on the Tourism BOOST program that is designed to help businesses understand opportunities to participate in the State's tourism industry. Register online at [www.visitarmadale.com.au](http://www.visitarmadale.com.au) before 22 June.

## Armadale/Thornlie train lines: July shutdown

Construction of the new Perth Stadium Station is due to be completed in 2017, in time for the Perth Stadium opening at the start of the 2018 AFL season.

Train services on the Armadale/Thornlie lines will be cancelled from the evening of Friday, 1 July through to the last service on Saturday, 9 July 2016 to facilitate works on the new station. Train replacement buses will run during the closure.

Visit the Transperth website or call the Transperth InfoLine on 13 62 13 for more information.