

# City Views

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## Switch Your Thinking!

**The City of Armadale played host last week to the launch of the South East Regional Energy Group's (SEREG's) 'Switch Your Thinking!' programme for 2004/2005.**

Comprising the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells, as well as the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale, SEREG was established to promote the idea of sustainability and look at practical ways of reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, such as carbon dioxide, that contribute to global warming.

"Behind Switch Your Thinking! is the idea that small changes to the way we live can make a big difference to reducing the amount of greenhouse gases produced, as well as the amount of resources and energy we consume," said City Deputy Mayor Cr Jeff Munn.

"For instance, by using energy saving light bulbs, installing water saving shower-heads and being water wise in our gardens, we can save money and reduce the amount of carbon dioxide produced each year by many thousands of tonnes," he added.

Last year, as part of a Switch

Your Thinking! pilot programme, 171 households in the Kelmscott area were supplied with a 'retrofit' pack containing energy saving light bulbs, a 5-minute shower timer, an energy smart thermometer, a draught excluding door snake and an optional worm farm.

"This pilot project alone had the potential to save each householder around \$160 on their annual energy bills and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by the equivalent of 235 tonnes each year," Cr Munn noted.

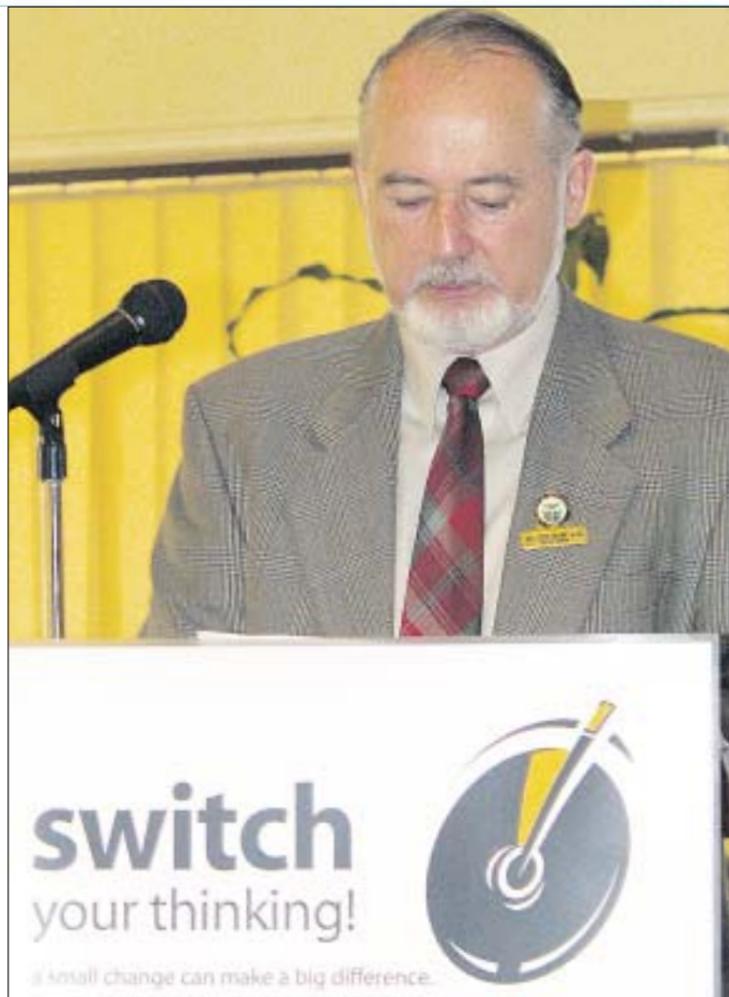
"It's an example of how small changes can have a real impact."

For 2004/2005, the 'Switch Your Thinking!' programme includes: investigating the possibility of building a 'demonstration home' to showcase sustainable design principles; an expanded 'retrofit' programme to look at how older

homes can be improved to reduce their energy running costs; and a series of 'Switched On Living' workshops to raise awareness about products and services that can be used to reduce energy consumption and save money.

Scientific evidence suggests that average temperatures are rising across the globe as a result of human activity, such as the burning of fossil fuels. This global warming is considered a threat because of its adverse impact on the environment, the potential for sea levels to rise as polar ice sheets melt, the severity of storms to increase, local weather patterns to change and fragile ecosystems to be destroyed.

For more information about the Switch Your Thinking! programme, contact Jason Menzies, Regional Greenhouse Co-ordinator, on 9391 3355.



Deputy Mayor Cr Jeff Munn at the Switch Your Thinking! programme launch.

## Two-way traffic for Third Road and Jull Street



Work on Armadale's new cinema complex continues ready for Boxing Day opening.

**With construction of Armadale's new cinema complex gathering pace ready for the planned Boxing Day opening, work is set to get underway to change Third Road, (between Commerce Avenue and Jull Street) and Jull Street, (between Third Road and Orchard Avenue), from one-way to two-way traffic.**

City Chief Executive Officer Ray Tame said, "This

will help to improve traffic flow and access to Armadale's CBD for anyone wanting to use the City's shopping and entertainment facilities."

"While there are benefits to be gained from changing Third and Jull to two-way traffic, there are no plans to allow vehicles to use the Mall area, which will remain a pedestrianised precinct," he added.

The change to two-way traffic will involve some minor widening work and

alterations to footpaths, construction of a pedestrian refuge on the bend between the cinema and the Mall, plus changes to parking arrangements.

"Work on this initial phase will be completed prior to the opening of the new multi-screen cinema complex scheduled for Boxing Day," Mr Tame noted.

For more information contact the City's Executive Director of Technical Service, Andrew Bruce, on telephone 9399 0111.

### USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

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**Residents of the City of Armadale have until November 12 to nominate an individual or group for the prestigious Australia Day Citizenship Awards that recognise the work of those who make a contribution to the social and cultural life of the City.**

City of Armadale Mayor Cr Linton Reynolds said he looks forward to a bevy of nominations before the November 12 deadline.

"There are many people involved with their community who volunteer their time and skills for a worthwhile cause," Mayor Reynolds said.

"We want to recognise their efforts and thank those who seek to make a difference or want to

excel in any endeavours they undertake.

"If you know of someone deserving recognition, then put his or her names forward," he urged.

Nominations for the Australia Day Awards are urgently sought in a number of categories, including the under 25s, the over 25s, community group or event and best environmental initiative by an individual.

"Many people deserve to be recognised for their community work and I want to see lots of nominations coming forward from residents," Mayor Reynolds said.

"Don't be shy about putting people's names forward. It can be a very effective way of

acknowledging their efforts and saying thank you," he said.

Nominations close on November 12 and nomination forms are available from the City of Armadale's offices and libraries, by calling the Chief Executive's Office on telephone number 9399 0175, or by emailing [info@armadale.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@armadale.wa.gov.au).

Last year's winners included Mr Geoffrey Landwehr of Armadale in the over-25s category, Mr Allan Kelly of Kelmscott in the under-25s category, Armadale Police Community Care in the community group category and Mr Ian Colquhoun for his outstanding environmental contribution.

## Last call for Australia Day Awards nominations

# Mayor Reynolds presents 1,000th Australian Citizenship Certificate

**Armadale resident Mrs Edna Wade, 79, has the unique distinction of being the 1,000th person to receive their Australian Citizenship certificate from City Mayor Cr Linton Reynolds.**

UK born Mrs Wade was presented with a bouquet of flowers to mark the occasion at a ceremony held in the City's Administration Centre at the end of August.

Cr Reynolds, who has served as a Councillor with the City of Armadale since 1989, performed his first Citizenship Ceremony shortly after becoming Mayor in May 2001.

"It's remarkable to think that in just three years a thousand people from within our community have become Australian citizens," he said.

"They have literally come from all over the world to make a new life here in Armadale and their commitment to their new home by taking out citizenship has been heartening."

Since becoming Mayor, Cr Reynolds has presented Citizenship Certificates to new Australians from such far-flung shores as South America, Africa, Europe, the Middle East and South East Asia. However, around 80 per cent of those receiving their citizenship, says Cr Reynolds, have come from the UK.

"That flies in the face of suggestions that people from England, Scotland and Wales are reluctant to take out citizenship and fully embrace their new country," he noted.

"That's certainly not the experience here in Armadale."

Cr Reynolds believes that becoming a citizen is important, because it demonstrates a commitment to Australia and enables the new citizen to participate fully in the democratic process.

"Citizenship brings with it certain rights and responsibilities and it shows that those choosing to become citizens have embraced our values," he said.



Mayor Cr Linton Reynolds presents Mrs Wade with her citizenship certificate.

# City acknowledges role of its pioneers

**Around 250 residents attended the 32nd Pioneers Reunion organised by the City of Armadale on Saturday 9th October.**

Armadale Mayor Cr Linton Reynolds said that the event was held each year for the City's early residents to acknowledge the contribution they have made to the growth and development of the area.

"Some of those attending the event have been associated with Armadale for over 50 years and the Reunion is very popular because it's an opportunity to catch-up with old friends, renew long standing acquaintances and share a few memories," Cr Reynolds noted.

"The pioneers helped to shape modern

Armadale and the event was a way of saying thank you for the role they have played in contributing to the quality of life we enjoy today.

"The event acknowledges the pioneers for their efforts in making our community one that is unique within the metropolitan area and a place where the simple issues such as quality of life are still important."

The Pioneers Reunion was held in Armadale Hall on Jull Street in Armadale and was open to those resident in the City for ten or more years between

the years 1900 and 1920 or resident within the area for 40 years prior to 1990, or those who had been City residents for more than 50 years.

"The Pioneers Reunion is really a celebration of achievement and it is always fascinating for me to hear from those who lived it, exactly what life was like in the City in the first half of the last century," Cr Reynolds said.

"The depth and breadth of the collective wisdom present at our Pioneer Reunions is remarkable," he added.



Around 250 pioneers attended the reunion held earlier this month.

## Events diary

For details of autumn events at the **City of Armadale's three libraries**, give your local library a call – there's always something going on!

Armadale Library (Ph 9399 0125)  
Kelmescott Library (Ph 9390 5506)  
Westfield Library (Ph 9497 2622)

**Armadale Highland Gathering and Cycle Classic – 20th November 2004, (12 noon to 7.00pm)**

The largest Scottish Gathering in WA. Experience all things Scottish, including continual main stage entertainment, Bagpipe competitions, Scottish Dancing, displays and exhibits, local and Scottish crafts, heavy events, series of cycling races, Scottish animals and food. Located at Minnowarra Park, entry is free.

The Armadale Highland Gathering is one of the highlights of the City's events calendar.

For more information contact City Events Co-ordinator Melanie Green on telephone 9399 0148.

**Carols in Minnowarra Park – 12th December 2004, (6.00pm to 8.00pm)**

Get into the Christmas spirit at our family orientated celebration. Enjoy a variety of entertainment prior to a full repertoire of all those favourite Christmas songs. Join your Community for an interactive sing-along led by a choir and Concert band. Entry is free.

For more information contact City Events Co-ordinator Melanie Green on telephone 9399 0148.

**Armadale's Australia Day Celebrations – 26th January 2004, (5.00pm to 9.45pm)**

Celebrate our country's birthday and enjoy live main-stage entertainment, a spectacular firework display, amusement rides, food and refreshments. Located at Minnowarra Park, entry is free.

For more information contact City Events Co-ordinator Melanie Green on telephone



The Armadale Highland Gathering features everything Scottish.

## Push to ensure pets can be re-united with owners

**As the November 1 deadline for registration approaches, City of Armadale dog owners are being reminded to ensure that their pets are registered and that licences are renewed on time.**

"All dogs over three months old must be registered," said City Chief Executive Officer Ray Tame.

"When dogs are registered it is much easier for our Rangers to re-

unite family pets that have strayed from their owners."

The cost of registering a dog for one year ranges from \$10 for sterilised dogs to \$30 for un-sterilised animals.

A 50 per cent discount is available for eligible pensioners and three-year licenses can be purchased that offer considerable savings over the annual fee.

Dog owners failing to register their pets

could face on-the-spot fines of up to \$100.

"You should also inform the City immediately of any changes of ownership or address," Mr Tame noted.

"This helps to minimise delays in returning stray animals to their rightful homes."

The registration period for dogs runs from 1st November to 31st October each year and registrations are available for one and three year periods.

## Crafty traders wanted for Armadale Highland Gathering

**Anyone interested in running a craft stall at the City of Armadale's hugely popular Armadale Highland Gathering during November should get their applications in soon or risk missing out.**

City Events Coordinator Melanie Green said, "Around 10,000 people attend what is one of the most anticipated events of the year."

"An emphasis on crafts and traditional skills is one of the features of the event and anyone with a craft

who would like to showcase their wares should get in contact with organisers now," she added.

The Armadale Highland Gathering is being held on Saturday, November 20 at Minnowarra Park in Armadale and also features the Armadale Highland Gathering's Criterion bike racing classic.

Stalls at the Armadale Highland Gathering cost \$38.50 for the day.

For more information about craft stalls at the event please telephone Monica on 9497 3543.

Volunteers needed to help treat dieback at Bob Blackburn Reserve

# New tactile display of Nyoongar culture launched at History House Museum

**The City of Armadale is seeking the assistance of local residents interested in helping to protect Bob Blackburn Reserve in Armadale against the threat of Dieback.**

The deadly fungus-like disease is found extensively throughout the South West of the State and has established a foothold in three small pockets of the Reserve's bushland.

A Dieback treatment session has been organised for Sunday 31st October from 9.30am to coincide with the Community Day being held at Bob Blackburn Reserve.

City of Armadale Environmental Officer Corinne Gaskin said, "While we don't know how the outbreak was introduced into the Reserve, we want to contain the disease and ensure it doesn't spread any further.

"The outbreak can be controlled if pedestrians and cyclists remain on the Reserve's paths and we inoculate the trees on the Reserve with non-toxic Phosphite.

"If you're interested in learning how to treat Dieback and willing to lend a helping hand or get involved with the Bob Blackburn Reserve Friends Group, we'd really like to hear from you," Ms Gaskin said.

Dieback kills up to 25 per cent of all native plant species in Western Australia.

For more information and to volunteer your services contact Corinne Gaskin, Environmental Officer, on telephone 9399 0111 or email [info@armadale.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@armadale.wa.gov.au)

**Armadale Mayor Cr Linton Reynolds unveiled a new display of Aboriginal history and culture last month.**

The display is on show at the City's History House Museum in Minnowarra Park and was created with the assistance of members of the local Indigenous community

who worked with artists Valerie Ah Chee and Fiona Hayward.

The new display replaces an exhibition that had remained unchanged for many years and had featured artefacts from the Kimberley region.

"The idea behind the new exhibition was to ensure that local Nyoongar culture was given prominence and

we wanted the display to reflect the history and traditions of local Aboriginal people," Cr Reynolds said.

"The best way to do that was to involve the local Nyoongar community in deciding what they would like to see in the display and how best to depict the achievements of Armadale's indigenous community," he added.

Features of the new display, which is designed to appeal to children, includes a large and tactile stone mosaic depicting the Rainbow Serpent, a storytelling area, touch baskets filled with Indigenous artefacts, and an interactive area focussing on the Nyoongar language.

Work on putting the display together started

in February 2003 and involved discussions with key Indigenous bodies – such as the Aboriginal Family Support Service and the City's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee – as well as community members.

"We also must thank Dr Rosemary van den Berg for her work in undertaking most of the

research that was needed to select appropriate material for the display," Cr Reynolds said.

History House Museum is open to the public from 10am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

The Museum is also open on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays from 1pm to 4pm.

For full details contact the Museum's Curator, Chantal Gurney-Pringle, on telephone 9399 0641.



Work to repair Minnowarra Park's bridge will get underway at the end of November

## Minnawarra Bridge work underway soon

**Work to repair the bridge across the lake in Minnowarra Park will get underway immediately after the Armadale Highland Gathering being held on Saturday, November 20.**

Currently, protective barriers run along one side of the footbridge to safeguard

one of the handrails that has twisted and threatens to destabilise the structure.

City Executive Director of Technical Services, Andrew Bruce, said the work would involve replacing the sub-structure along both handrails to pull the bridge 'back into shape.'

"The bridge is quite safe, but we have to be wary of one guard rail," he said.

"We'll also be replacing the deck planks and while work is underway the footbridge will be closed to the public," Mr Bruce confirmed.

Repair work will be completed in time to re-open the bridge for the hugely popular Australia Day celebrations being held in Minnowarra Park on Wednesday, January 26.

## Take in beauty of Roleystone River Walk

**The last in this year's free series of popular Spring Family Bushwalks, organised by the City of Armadale, will be held on Sunday, November 7.**

The Roleystone River Walk takes in the beauty of the Canning River and includes such natural features as Roley Pool, Nature's Spa, the Cascades and the Jarrah Boardwalk.

City Events Coordinator Melanie Green said the five to six kilometre walk was suitable for the whole family.

"It's an easy, flat scenic walk and if you take advantage of the discounted entry to Araluen Botanical Park available to walkers you can really make a great day of it," she said.

"My advice would be to pack a

lunch, put on the walking shoes and enjoy some fresh air at a pace to suit."

The annual series of hugely popular Spring Family Bushwalks held during September, October and November are designed to show off some of the best that Armadale's natural environment has to offer.

Anyone interested in taking part in the walk should meet at Araluen

Botanic Park's car park on Croyden Road, Roleystone at 8.30am.

Last registrations for the walk will be taken at 10.00am.

A bus will shuttle walkers from the car park to and from the walking trail.

For further information contact Melanie Green at the City of Armadale on telephone 9399 0148.

### A guide to your Ward Councillors

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**Cr H A Zelones JP**  
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**Cr P J Hart**  
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# Bedforddale centenary exhibition launched

**City Mayor Cr Linton Reynolds launched an exhibition celebrating 100 years of community life in Bedforddale on the 15th October.**

Descendants of early Bedforddale settler families attended the exhibition launch, which was held at the City's History House Museum on Minnowarra Park. The retrospective exhibition features photographs, maps and early artefacts dating back to the turn of the 20th Century.

"Bedforddale celebrates its centenary next year and we're hoping the retrospective exhibition will raise awareness of the historical significance of the year for Bedforddale's community," Cr Reynolds said.

History House Museum is planning a major exhibition on Bedforddale during 2005 to mark the centenary and wants to hear from current and past residents able to donate or loan items of historical significance to the area.

"We're looking for everything from early photographs, to household items, tools and farming implements," Cr Reynolds noted.

"It might be something as simple as a plate or a piece of cutlery," he added.

For further information on the retrospective and centenary exhibitions please contact Museum Curator Chantal Gurney-Pringle on 9399 0641.



City Mayor Cr Linton Reynolds launched the Bedforddale Retrospective Exhibition at History House Museum

## City of Armadale Council and Committee Meetings

The City of Armadale Council normally meets on the first and third Mondays of every month.

The Development Services Committee meets on the second Monday of every month.

The City Strategy Committee meets on the Tuesday immediately following the Monday meeting of the Development Services Committee.

The Technical Services Committee meets on the fourth Monday of every month.

The Community Services Committee meets on the Tuesday immediately following the Monday meeting of the Technical Services Committee.

### November 2004 Meetings

**Ordinary Council** – Monday 1st and Monday 15th November at 7.00pm

**Development Services Committee** – Monday 8th November at 7.00pm

**City Strategy Committee** – Tuesday 9th November at 7.00pm

**Technical Services Committee** – Monday 22nd November at 7.00pm

**Community Services Committee** – Tuesday 23rd November at 7.00pm

### December 2004 Meetings

**Ordinary Council** – Monday 6th and 20th December at 7.00pm

**Development Services Committee** – Monday 13th December at 7.00pm

**Technical Services Committee** – Monday 13th December at 7.00pm

**City Strategy Committee** – Tuesday 14th December at 7.00pm

**Community Services Committee** – Tuesday 14th December at 7.00pm

All meetings are held at the Council Administration Office on Orchard Avenue in Armadale and residents are welcome to attend.

## Eddie Murphy to star

**A free twilight family movie featuring Eddie Murphy in the 2003 hit comedy Daddy Day Care will be one of the main attractions on offer at the Celebrate Your Community Day being held this coming Sunday October 31st at the Bob Blackburn Reserve in Armadale.**

The free event, which is being staged from 3.00pm onwards, has been organised by the City of Armadale, with the help of local groups and residents, to help promote a sense of community identity.

City Mayor Cr Linton Reynolds said, "A pride in the place in which you live is one of the building blocks for developing vibrant, cohesive and united communities."

"Organising the Community Day has involved a lot of community input, as well as local residents coming together to plan and stage some fun filled

events that the whole family can enjoy.

"It would be great to see the local community turning out in large numbers to get together and really support the day."

Entertainment at the Community Day includes a choir from Kingsley Primary School, plus bands from John Wollaston School and the

Challis Early Childhood Education Centre.

Other attractions on offer include free train rides for the kids, karate demonstrations, rock climbing, free to touch farm animals and a T/Ball skills clinic. Refreshments will also be on sale.

Funding for the event has been provided by the State

Government's Office of the Premier and Cabinet as part of the State's 175th Anniversary of founding.

For more information about the Celebrate Your Community Day contact the City's Community Development Coordinator, Trish McCourt at the City of Armadale on telephone 9399 0630.

## New Community Directory launched

**A directory of more than 600 community groups and organisations is available from City of Armadale libraries and for download from the City's web site on [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au).**

Two thousand copies of the new directory have been printed covering everything from animal rescue groups to women's clubs.

"It's a valuable resource and the culmination of a great deal of time and effort in compiling what is a comprehensive directory," City Deputy Mayor Cr Jeff Munn said.

"But like all guides it starts to date from the moment it's printed and that's why having the directory on our web site is so valuable.

"Provided community groups keep us

informed of any changes to contact details, we can quickly update our database and make the new contact details available to the public," he added.

The directory is regarded by the City as a useful way for community groups and organisations to let people know about the services they provide and how best they can be contacted by residents.

Listing in the directory and on the City's database is free to community groups and associations.

Any community group or organisation wanting more information about the community database or directory should contact the City of Armadale on 9399 0148.