

# City Views

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## Australia Day fireworks extravaganza

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## CONSTRUCTION

# Champion Drive extension complete

City of Armadale Mayor, Linton Reynolds, Councillors, members of the City's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee and staff took part in a ceremony recently to formally name the newly constructed bridge on Champion Drive and declare the extension of Champion Drive to Tonkin Highway officially open.

Following a traditional smoking ceremony led by local Indigenous elder, Mort Hansen, the bridge was officially named Goolamrup, the Noongar word for Kelmscott. The bridge, which is part of the extension of Champion Drive, is of particular importance to the City's Aboriginal community as it was constructed over the Wungong River.

Armadale Mayor, Linton Reynolds declared the extension of Champion Drive to Tonkin Highway officially open before speaking of its importance in the future development of Armadale as a true regional centre.



Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds (right) and Mort Hansen at the naming of the Goolamrup Bridge on Champion Drive

"The extension will now enable traffic to gain easy access to the Kelmscott industrial area and the northern portion of the municipality," Cr Reynolds said.

"The extension of Champion Drive is vital in connecting the western suburbs of Armadale to the rest of the Perth metropolitan area via the State's expanding road network. Champion Drive was extended following the State Government's extension of the Tonkin Highway from Gosnells through to Thomas Road in Armadale in December 2005," he said.

During his speech the Mayor personally thanked the City's Civil Works and Parks staff for their tireless work on the project before inviting guests to a nearby reserve for some morning tea.

## Building boom

Figures released by the City's Building Department for the first half of the 2005/06 financial year indicate the area is heading for a boom period of commercial and residential growth.

Housing approval figures released last financial year were the highest for the last 10 years with 312 new homes and five multiple housing developments approved by Council.

However, in the current financial year to-date, the City has already approved 212 new homes and five multiple housing developments. This is a 60 per cent increase on approvals for the same period last financial year.

The number of residential lots created in 2004/05 was 1024 and for the first five months, July to November 2005, this financial year the figure is already 1191, which is equal to 55 new residential lots or one good size road of houses per week.

In the financial year to-date, the estimated value of works approved by Council is in excess of \$100 million. Developments approved during the first half of this financial year include the \$80 million expansion of Armadale Shopping City.

The increased amount of commercial and residential investment in the City is likely to have major long term benefits for the community.



## Retaining our trees

As a number of new residential communities begin to take shape the preservation of our natural environment, including the retention of mature trees, remains a priority for the City.

Whilst all developers are required by the City to provide new trees within newly created road verges, Stockland, the developer of the City's newest residential estate in North Forrestdale, has gone to great lengths to retain the natural beauty and character of the landscape through the retention and provision of mature trees.

A tree relocation program involving more than 200 melaleuca trees, ranging in height from two to eight metres is already underway in the Vertu Estate. A relocation initiative of this size has not been seen on this scale before anywhere in WA. This is in marked contrast to many other residential estates where land has been completely cleared.

Stockland also plan to plant up to three trees on the verge of each residential property in both the Vertu and Newhaven Estates in North Forrestdale. The City and the new estate developers are convinced that an ambitious street tree planting program will ensure that the new suburbs will quickly develop some of the sought after characteristics of older established suburbs.



## Fireworks a big hit

Carrying picnic baskets and rugs over 40,000 patriotic party goers descended on Minnawarra Park on Australia Day to witness the dazzling fireworks display organised by the City.

Early birds were treated to some groovy tunes from funk band Groove Tube before Armadale Mayor, Linton Reynolds took the stage and welcomed guests to the exciting event. The Mayor then introduced the City's Young Citizen of the Year, Fiona Goodbody who helped out with the official countdown. Following the fireworks Abba tribute band, Abbasolutely took the crowd for a trip down memory lane with some well know seventies hits.

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### City of Armadale newsletter

The *City Views* provides residents with information about Council policies, services, activities and community events. We welcome your articles and suggestions.

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## Mayor's Message



What better way to welcome in the New Year than with the City's Australia Day fireworks display in our much loved Minnawarra Park. This year over 40,000 people enjoyed the on stage entertainment before witnessing the dramatic fireworks display.

This special Australia Day celebration is just one of the events organised by the City throughout the year. To find out more about upcoming events and exhibitions held across the City turn to page four of this newsletter and check out our regular 'coming events' feature.

I would like to take the opportunity to update you on a number of significant road projects the City has recently completed. As a Council we spend around \$8 million each year on the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of our roads. This constitutes nearly half of our annual budget – yet this important service is often taken for granted.

The City recently opened the extension of Champion Drive to connect with Tonkin Highway. The extension of Champion Drive is particularly important to our community, for, not only will it reduce many residents' journey time by providing them with direct access to Tonkin Highway but it will also create a range of new business and employment opportunities as we continue to grow into a major regional centre. I would like to congratulate staff from our Civil Works and Parks Departments for their hard work and commitment to the project.

You may also be interested to learn that the City's Civil Works team was contracted by the State Government to assist in the upgrade and reconstruction of Armadale Road. The City was responsible for the construction of a dual carriageway along Armadale Road, between Tonkin Highway and Weld Street in Forrestdale. This project was of particular importance to the City and the broader community as we had long been petitioning the State Government for funds to upgrade the road in an effort to reduce the number of fatalities and improve road safety. I am pleased to report that the construction of the dual carriageway is now complete and all traffic lanes on the road will be opened once Main Roads complete line marking and finalise signage.

Until next time...

**Cr Linton Reynolds, JP**  
City of Armadale Mayor

## City prepares for bushfire season

The City of Armadale's Ranger Services in conjunction with Police, volunteer fire fighters, CALM and FESA will be increasing their regular patrols of isolated bush tracks and forest areas in an effort to reduce the incidence of deliberately lit fires in the hills area.

The increased patrols are just one of the activities the group has undertaken. Other activities include the preparation of extensive emergency management plans and training for all emergency services personnel. The devastating bushfire in the Perth hills area early last year has reinforced the need for collaboration between local government, agencies and residents.

The City is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the *Bushfires Act* 1954 within the City of Armadale. One of the requirements of the Act is for all residents in rural areas to have a three metre firebreak (or cleared area) immediately inside all external boundaries of their land.

City Rangers regularly conduct firebreak inspections to ensure residents comply with the Act. Individuals failing to comply with the Act could incur a \$250 on the spot fine. For more information contact the City on 9399 0111.

## COMING EVENTS

With two successful Concerts in the Park firmly under its belt the City's event season is now officially in full swing.

Meander around the art and craft stalls at one of the City's most loved community events, the Minnowarra Festival. Take the kids on a ride or two before settling down in front of the main stage to enjoy the toe tapping tunes of some of Perth's most talented performers. If exhibitions are more your style the Minnowarra Art Award will surely tickle your fancy.

### Concerts in the Park

**5pm – 8.45pm, Sunday 5 March 2006**

**5pm – 7.30pm, Sunday 19 March 2006**

The City's Concerts in the Park series continues this March against the scenic backdrop of Minnowarra Park in Armadale. So why not pack a picnic, get the family together and come on down and enjoy the fun. On Sunday 5 March picnickers will be treated to a double dose of blues when energetic blues band Stringray take centre stage at 5pm followed by John Meyer's Blues Express at 7pm. The aptly named four piece band Magic will certainly work theirs on the crowd for the fourth and final concert in the series on 19 March. Serving up a tempting array of popular Swing and Jazz hits these toe tapping tunes are just too hard to resist.



All concerts are free. For more information contact the City's Event Coordinator, Melanie Green on 9399 0148 or visit [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au) for a full program.

### Minnowarra Festival

**11am – 7pm,  
Saturday 1 April 2006**

**11am – 5pm,  
Sunday 2 April 2006**

The City's premier art and craft event, the Minnowarra Festival will bring Minnowarra Park in Armadale to life for two fabulous days of fun and frivolity.

Now in its fourteenth year, the Festival promises to entice residents and visitors with an array of craft stalls, community group displays, multicultural cuisine, amusement rides, animal displays, an Aboriginal interactive zone, children's activities and a variety of roving and main stage entertainment.

Mick and the Motivators are sure to get the crowd going when they hit the main stage from 4pm on 1 April. The band features an all star line up from 80s super groups such as V Capri, the Frames and the Jets. Playing hits from the Beatles to the Beach Boys, Elvis to Neil Diamond and Duran Duran to the Eagles – this fabulous five piece band will appeal to all ages and musical tastes.

So get along to this free family event and join in the festivities. For more information contact the City's Event Coordinator, Melanie Green on 9399 0148 or visit [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au) for a full program.



*Minnowarra Festival promises to be fun for all ages*



## ENVIRONMENT



Andrew Kennedy and Bill Guild with some recycled plant pots

## Plant pot recycling

The introduction of plastic plant pot recycling at the Hopkinson Road Landfill Site in Brookdale has been heralded a huge success with over 51 cubic metres or the equivalent of 3,400 kilograms of plastic being diverted from landfill since November 2005.

The new initiative is groundbreaking for, until recently, Grade 5 plastic, more commonly known as polypropylene, could not be recycled in this country.

In November 2005, Council entered into an agreement with the Shire of Mundaring and award winning company, Pot Recyclers, to collect plastic pots that were usually dumped at the Hopkinson Road Landfill Site. The pots are now being reprocessed locally and materials are supplied back to WA manufacturers to make new products.

Residents who would like to recycle their unwanted plant pots can do so by placing them in the yellow bins at the entrance to the Hopkinson Road Landfill Site. For more information contact the City of Armadale on 9399 0111.

## Streamcare

Since its establishment in 2002 the City of Armadale's Streamcare Program has provided landowners with valuable advice on the treatment of waterways flowing through their property.

The program aims to revitalise local streams and improve the habitat of native fish and wildlife through the planting of native flora and careful use of weed control fertilisers and pesticides by landowners.

As part of the program the City employs a part-time Streamcare Promoter who visits targeted landowners and provides them with expert technical advice on the management of their land and waterways.

Landowners who have been involved in the program to-date have been very enthusiastic, with many opting to stay



A property in Stinton Creek, Karragullen that has benefited from the City's Streamcare program

involved with the program. This year the City will target landholders along the Canning River, however, if you would like to become part of the program or receive a Streamcare Information Kit please contact the City's Environmental Officer, Corinne Gaskin on 9399 0194.

## Playing around

The City of Armadale is committed to ensuring its playgrounds are exciting and safe places for our little ones to enjoy – here's proof. Why not drop by and check out the shiny new equipment at Kuhl Park and Bernice Hargraves Reserve on Westfield Road in Westfield.

The new playgrounds are part of a City wide replacement program that aims to update tired and outdated play equipment.



The new playground in Kuhl Park

## Easter garbage and recycling collections

There will be no garbage and recycling collections on Good Friday, 14 April 2006. Scheduled pick ups will be made the following day. The Hopkinson Road Landfill Site will be also closed on Good Friday. For more information contact the City of Armadale on 9399 0111.

# Vaccinations for seniors

The City of Armadale and the Armadale Health Service will be holding Immunisation Clinics to vaccinate against Influenza, Tetanus and Invasive Pnuemococcal. The Influenza and Invasive Pnuemococcal vaccines are available free of charge to residents over the age of 65 years and to Indigenous residents over the age of 50 years whilst the Tetanus vaccine is available to all residents over 50 years of age.

All clinics will take place in March between 10.30am and 11.30am. Further details are listed below.

**Wednesday 1 March 2006**

Harold King Community Centre  
Cnr Grovelands Drive and Westfield Road, Westfield

**Wednesday 8 March 2006**

Armadale Hall  
Cnr Church Avenue and Jull Street, Armadale

**Wednesday 15 March 2006**

Evelyn Gribble Community Centre  
Ninth Road, Brookdale

**Wednesday 22 March 2006**

Kelmescott Hall  
River Road, Kelmescott

For more information contact the City's Public Health Department on 9399 0152.



Breanna Hayes, Zoe Davidson, Alanna Skinner and Drew Benson are Ripper Readers!

# Ripper readers

Year one students across the municipality are invited to join the City's Ripper Readers Club.

The Club was established in 2004 to help young children develop reading and language skills by visiting their local libraries, borrowing books and taking part in a range of activities.

Every child that joins the Ripper Readers Club will receive a goodie bag containing bookmarks, stickers and information on a range of rewards and special membership benefits.

To find out more contact the Armadale Library on 9399 0125, Kelmescott Library on 9390 5506 or Westfield Library on 9497 2622. Librarians will be visiting local primary schools early in the new year to talk to students and their teachers about the Ripper Readers Club and the benefits of library membership.

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# Calling all local businesses

The City of Armadale is looking for local businesses to take part in their annual Careers Expo.

Organised by the City of Armadale with the help of local schools, the Expo aims to assist young people and their families to plan for their future, after high school.

Businesses can participate by taking up a stall or getting involved in an activity. Local businesses who take part in the Expo will not only gain valuable exposure but will assist our young people in identifying local employment opportunities.

Last year over 2000 students attended the Expo. Local businesses interested in participating in the Expo should contact the City's Youth Officer, Megan Farr on 9399 0637. Community groups are also encouraged to attend.

# YOUR COUNCIL

## Armadale *Alive!*

*Armadale Alive!* is a publication specifically produced by Council to encourage investment in our City.

The publication provides readers with a snapshot of the City's rapid growth including the extension of the Tonkin Highway, injection of funding via the Armadale Redevelopment Authority (ARA), development of the Champion Lakes international rowing course and white water park, the staging of new residential communities at North Forrestdale and Brookdale, the establishment of the Forrestdale Business Park, the expansion of the Armadale Plaza and Armadale Shopping City, the upgrade of the Kelmscott town centre and establishment of an Australian Technical College.

*Armadale Alive!* highlights the range of residential, commercial and investment opportunities that exist within the municipality. The City of Armadale is experiencing rapid growth and estimates its population will increase from 55,000 to 85,000 over the next ten years. It is important that Council is proactive in attracting quality development and investment in the City.

*Armadale Alive!* shares with the reader the City's achievements so far, vision for the future and most importantly invites them to take part in the revitalisation of the City of Armadale. For a copy of the publication please contact the City's Public Relations Co-ordinator, Catherine Halsall on 9399 0634 or email [chalsall@armadale.wa.gov.au](mailto:chalsall@armadale.wa.gov.au)



## Community centre saved

The City of Armadale has seized the opportunity to preserve a building on a new residential estate in Wright Road, Forrestdale as a future community centre.

Council became aware of the building, which was at risk of being demolished or removed, earlier this year. Constructed over 20 years ago in stone and brick the building remains in good condition and with its 500 square metres of floor space and wide verandas is ideal for community use.

Negotiations have taken place with the owners of the house to secure it for eventual use by the City. In the interim developers will operate a sales office from the building. By retaining the homestead



*Forrestdale's future community centre*

as a community centre the City has realised significant savings compared with the cost of constructing a new building.

It is expected that residential housing will begin to take shape in North Forrestdale within the next five years. The community centre is one of a range of facilities that will be required to service the area.

## Visitors Centre

What better place to find out about the range of fun things to see and do here in Armadale than at the Armadale Visitors Centre.

After taking over the management of the Centre early this year the City has appointed Yvonne Bradfield to the position of Centre Coordinator. Yvonne has a wealth of experience in tourism and is well placed to market Armadale as a fabulous place to visit.

The City already boasts a reptile centre, koala park, cheese factory, vineyard,



*Armadale Visitors Centre Coordinator, Yvonne Bradfield is ready to promote our City*

macadamia nut farm and an array of galleries and museums. To find out more contact the Armadale Visitors Centre on 9497 3543.

### City of Armadale Council and Committee Meetings

February, March and April meeting cycles are displayed below. All meetings are held in the City of Armadale's Administration Centre, 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale and are open to the public.

#### February 2006

Mon 20 Feb	7pm	Ordinary Council
Mon 27 Feb	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 28 Feb	7pm	Community Services Committee

#### March 2006

Tues 7 Mar	7pm	Ordinary Council
Mon 13 Mar	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 14 Mar	7pm	Development Services Committee
Mon 20 Mar	7pm	Ordinary Council
Mon 27 Mar	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 28 Mar	7pm	Community Services Committee

#### April 2006

Mon 3 Apr	7pm	Ordinary Council
Mon 10 Apr	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 11 Apr	7pm	Development Services Committee
Tues 18 Apr	7pm	Ordinary Council
Mon 24 Apr	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Wed 26 Apr	7pm	Community Services Committee