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The magnificent Minnawarra Festival

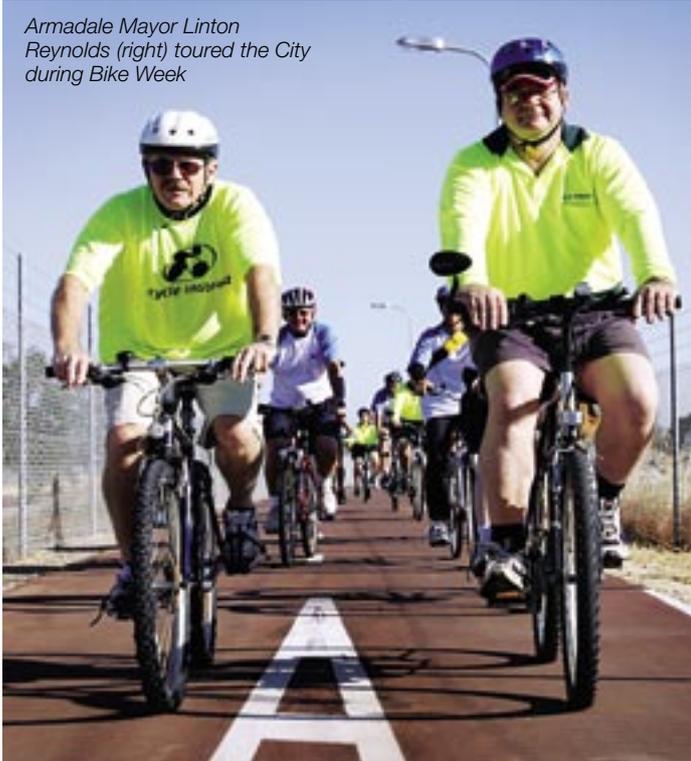
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BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds (right) toured the City during Bike Week



Bike Week bonanza

City of Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds and Councillors Pat Hart, Henry Zelones and Jeff Munn swapped their cars for their bikes last month in support of Bike Week.

The Councillors joined other government representatives on a 12km tour of the bike riding facilities available in our region.

The event proved an entertaining way of discovering first hand ways in which the City can improve facilities for bike riders – while burning off a few calories at the same time.

The City regards cycling as an excellent form of transport and aims to do what it can to encourage bike riding in Armadale.

The ride also gave the City the chance to view the shared pathway along the railway line in Gosnells. Now the City encourages the Department for Planning and Infrastructure to extend the shared path into Armadale.

City eases parking shortages

The City of Armadale is helping to ease parking shortages in the CBD by offering 145 more on-street parking bays.

The move comes in response to concerns over parking shortages caused by ING's \$80 million redevelopment of Armadale Shopping City.

In addition, ING is working to provide still more temporary parking and, with the assistance of the City, is stepping up efforts to ensure shopping car parks are not being used for all day parking.

The City is urging residents to bear with the restricted parking as the centre goes through its development stage. Once complete, the redeveloped Armadale Shopping City will boast more than 1500 parking spaces – 900 of these undercover.

The revamped shopping centre will also include an electronic schedule of train departure times and a connecting bus route so that shoppers have the option to leave their cars at home.

And then of course, there are the amazing new shopping facilities themselves – more speciality shops, larger chain stores like Target and a food court.



New look Kelmscott

The City of Armadale has paved the way for Kelmscott to boast a stylish new riverfront in the heart of the township.

Councillors recently voted to transform the 1.5km long Canning River Precinct into an attractive mix of river reserve and newly zoned urban areas.

The next step in the process is for an amendment to the rezoning to be

advertised for public comment. In the future this could result in land on both sides of the river being protected as a park, while sections of existing blocks zoned as rural will receive urban zoning.

This will create the potential for the reserve areas to be upgraded with the replanting and regeneration of the river environment as well as the provision of pathways, boardwalks,

park benches, barbecues and picnic areas.

It will also allow landholders to subdivide their land – a move which is expected to both significantly increase land values and provide a more vibrant Kelmscott town centre. However no landowners will be forced into giving up their land – they'll simply have the option to do so.

Have your say on Rushton Park

The City of Armadale wants your view on the possible renaming of a small portion of Rushton Park.

It is welcoming input into whether the new area undergoing redevelopment should retain the existing name of the overall park, or whether the redeveloped section should boast a different name.

The park is named after Cyril Rushton, who served as a Councillor between 1958 and 1966, including one year as President. Mr Rushton went on to represent the local area in State Parliament and also held a post as Deputy Premier of Western Australia.

Options for submitting new names for the redeveloped area fall under three broad categories. The names could:

- honour a prominent local identity or family
- reflect the park's location and/or function
- reflect the historical, cultural or environmental significance of the area.

Alternatively, you can recommend that the redeveloped area retain the same name as the overall park.

Submissions can be made by telephoning the City of Armadale's Recreation Department on 9399 0147, emailing info@armadale.wa.gov.au or writing to the City of Armadale, Locked Bag 2, Armadale 6992. The deadline for submissions is 15 May 2006.

Mayor's Message



Two recent events have reminded me why I truly enjoy living in the City of Armadale. The first was a community conference held last month at the Araluen Golf Resort.

Titled Active Attitudes in Armadale the conference was the brain child of the City's Community Development team who found that while it was imperative for local community groups to have access to up-to-date, quality information they could rarely afford the expensive fees that accompanied many of the conferences held in Perth.

The two day conference offered non-profit community groups an opportunity to share their experiences in delivering community based services as well as network with other likeminded individuals.

Highlights of the free conference included a presentation by community development specialist, Tim Muirhead and inspirational speeches by gold medal winning paralympian Priya Cooper and AFL footballer David Wirrpunda.

The success of the conference was a testament to the initiative and hard work of the City's Community Development staff. It was great for the City to be able to organise an event that benefited the many individuals in our community who work so hard to help others.

The community spirit I witnessed at the community conference was on show again at this year's Minnowarra Festival. Despite the cloudy conditions hundreds of families flocked to our much loved Minnowarra Park to join in the festivities. There was something for everyone to enjoy including a junior talent quest, story telling and circus workshops for kids, a battle of the bands competition for young people and plenty of arts and crafts stalls for adults to meander around. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and it was wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves.

Until next time...

Cr Linton Reynolds, JP
City of Armadale Mayor

Facilities for hire

Are you organising a wedding, party or community meeting? Are you having trouble finding a suitable venue? Then why not check out the range of facilities the City of Armadale has to offer.

From gardens and gazebos, parks and pavilions to community halls and centres – the City is sure to have a venue that meets your needs.

If you're busy planning your 'big day' then take the time to meander around the magnificent Minnowarra Park complete with its chapel, gardens, gazebo and amphitheatre.



Minnawarra Chapel

The City offers a range of facilities that cater for big or small gatherings. Community groups can hire venues at a discounted rate. For more information contact the City of Armadale on 9399 0111 or visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au

COMMUNITY

Active Attitudes in Armadale

AFL footballer David Wirrpunda, gold medal winning paralympian Priya Cooper and local successful writer/artist duo, the Dowling sisters, were just a few of the inspirational speakers to take part in the Active Attitudes in Armadale community conference held last month.

Organised by the City's Community Development staff, the two-day conference was aimed at providing local non-profit community groups and organisations with free access to top class speakers.

The conference was a first for the City of Armadale and it is believed to be the first time such an event has been organised by a local government in WA.

Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds said it was of utmost importance that non-profit community groups and government agencies had access to quality information.

"Often our community groups cannot afford to attend expensive conferences held in the City. We wanted to provide a conference open to everyone who provides community services in Armadale, for free. The success of the conference can be attributed to the initiative and efforts of the City's Community Development staff," Cr Reynolds said.

Some 80 people turned out on the first day of the conference, while the second day attracted 50 people. Feedback from participants was very positive.



Community Development staff Megan Farr (left) and Trish McCourt with AFL footballer David Wirrpunda



Gold medal winning paralympian Priya Cooper spoke during the conference

Minnawarra Festival a big hit

Minnawarra Park was a flurry of colour and activity recently as hundreds turned out to take part in the City's Minnawarra Festival.

Wide-eyed children delighted in the kaleidoscope of entertainment on offer which included a traditional Punch and Judy show and activities such as juggling, dancing and stilt walking.

Older youths pumped out energetic tunes as part of the Rock 'n' Dale battle of the bands competition before giving some of their favourite amusement rides a whirl.

Art lovers were delighted with the works on display as part of the Minnawarra Art Award while history buffs stepped back in time by visiting the Brookside historical display.

Then there was the Indigenous Interactive Zone at which Aboriginal performers showcased their musical talents.

Comedian and all-round entertainer Nick Nickolas proved particularly popular, entertaining crowds with his hilarious comedy routines.

The Minnawarra Festival was organised and funded by the City of Armadale.



Useful Council Numbers

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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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Armadale Careers Expo

**9am – 3pm,
Wednesday 21
June 2006**

The Armadale Careers Expo aims to assist young people and their families to plan for their future, after high school. Organised by the City of Armadale with the help of local schools, the Expo highlights some of the career options available to students.

Last year over 2,000 local high school students from Years 9 to 12 attended the Careers Expo. Over 31 organisations were represented at the Expo including universities such as Murdoch and Curtin, TAFE Colleges, the Australian Defence Force, AMA New Apprenticeships and the WA Police.

This year's event will include performances by local students, 'learn to earn' seminars, mock interviews and a science display courtesy of Sci-tech.

This year Armadale High School will host the Expo and the City will assist with transport. For more information contact the City's Youth Officer, Megan Farr on 9399 0637.



Brookside exhibition

Saturday 1 April to Friday 30 June 2006

Step back in time and experience Armadale's transformation first hand by viewing a historical display centred around the City's much loved Minnowarra Park.

The display, Brookside: The Story of Minnowarra Park, will be formally launched as part of Minnowarra Festival and will then take up pride of place at History House Museum until June.

The display showcases the history of the park and its surrounds with a fascinating combination of historical photographs, documents and artefacts.

For opening hours contact History House on 9399 0670.

Your Local Libraries

Did you know that over 20,000 people visit one of the City's three libraries every month? In addition to the thousands of books, CDs, DVDs and magazines on offer the libraries also boast a jam packed Calendar of Events. Check out these exciting activities for starters!

Infant Massage

10am-11am, Friday 12 May 2006, Kelmscott Library

Indulge your baby in the pleasures of massage by learning about the courses on offer at the Australian College of Healing Arts. You'll learn simple techniques to calm and still your baby and discover that massaged babies are more alert when awake, easier to soothe and sleep better.

Library and Information Week

Monday 22 May to Sunday 28 May, 2006, all libraries

Discover the full range of books, magazines, DVDs and CDs available in your local library. Learn how to access the online library catalogue, place holds and renew your items from any computer connected to the internet.

Diabetes Australia

2pm-3pm, Wednesday 24 May 2006, Armadale Library

A Diabetes Australia spokesperson will be on hand to talk about the growing problem of type two diabetes. The informative session will provide tips on avoiding the condition.

Library Crime Club

1pm-3pm, Friday 26 May 2006, Westfield Library

Learn the fascinating secrets of criminal profiling with profiler John Earley. John will discuss crimes, analyse crime scene reconstructions and allow you to practice the art and science of criminal profiling – look out CSI!

Armadale Library

7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale Tel: 9399 0125

Kelmscott Library

2800 Albany Highway, Kelmscott Tel: 9390 5506

Westfield Library

76 Champion Drive, Armadale Tel: 9497 2622

ENVIRONMENT

Clean Up Australia Day

Volunteers and school children joined forces with the City of Armadale on Clean Up Australia Day in March.

Together dozens of volunteers cleared rubbish such as plastic bags, bottles, discarded shopping trolleys and rusting bikes from numerous sites across the City.

The Armadale volunteers joined a band of 700,000 volunteers Australia-wide who together removed 9000 tonnes of rubbish from 7527 sites in a record-breaking clean up effort.



Friends of Westfield Heron Reserve

Dispose of your recyclables for free

Have you got some recyclables that you want to get rid of? Then why not offload them at the City's Landfill and Recycling Facility on Hopkinson Road in Brookdale.

Loads must be sorted and contain only scrap metals, batteries, oil, white goods, clean cardboard, glass, bottles and aluminium cans. It is the perfect way to get rid of recyclable junk.

For more information contact the City of Armadale's Waste Services Department on 9399 0124.

Weeds warning

Help make our City weed free by being on the lookout for exotic garden plants that can become troublesome weeds.

City of Armadale research shows 30 per cent of the municipality's medium sized bushland is infected by weeds – many of which have spread from domestic gardens.

In fact weeds, along with Dieback, are the biggest threat facing the City's bushland areas. Weeds can strangle native vegetation, alter habitats for native animals and disrupt waterways.

Bulb species such as freesias, sparaxis and watsonias, and creepers such as jasmine, English ivy and lantana are particularly problematic weeds that have spread from gardens within the Armadale municipality.

Beat weeds by planting native or



Local resident Kevin John with some troublesome weeds

non-invasive species in your garden and make sure exotic plants don't spread from your property. To find out more contact the City's Environmental Officer Corinne Gaskin on 9399 0111.

Register your pets

Dog owners are advised to register their dogs or face a fine of up to \$500. Under the *Dog Act 1976* it is an offence not to register dogs over the age of three months old.

Dog registration fees are \$30 per year or \$75 for three years for an unsterilised dog or \$10 per year or \$18 for three years for a sterilised dog. Registering your pets and making sure they wear identification tags will allow them to be easily identified if they are lost.

Dogs make great companions so when you're out and about do the right thing and keep to the designated doggy exercise areas. Oh and don't forget to pick up after your pooch. Dog owners who fail to do so may be fined \$40.

For more information or to register your dog contact the City of Armadale's Ranger Services Department on 9399 0111.



Capturing the romance of the past

The romance, the intrigue, the heartache and the triumphs of Armadale's yesteryear are being captured on tape and transcript as part of an oral history project currently underway at the Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

The library has enlisted the help of volunteers who have captured some 57 oral history recordings as part of the ongoing project. So far the team of volunteers has transcribed 14 of the recordings which are now available to the public.

You can access the transcribed oral histories and tapes by visiting the Birtwistle Local Studies Library which is located behind the City of Armadale Administration Centre on Orchard Avenue. The library also welcomes other long-time Armadale residents to come forward and share their stories.

For further information contact Historian/Local Studies Librarian Lorraine Pearce on 9399 0641.



(From left)
Joanne Harris,
Lorraine Pearce and
Kim Fletcher



The Birtwistle Local Studies Library (right)

Carers Forum

Are you a carer looking for some tips on juggling your often stressful lifestyle? Then why not take part in the fourth and final Carers WA Forum to be hosted by the City of Armadale.

The forum, Planning Ahead, helps bring carers up to speed on how they can better plan for their own and their dependents' future.

The forum will be held in the upstairs function room at the City of Armadale, 7 Orchard Avenue on 30 May 2006. For more information or to register contact Bonita Emsley at Carers WA on 9444 5922.

The City is committed to working to create an inclusive community that is aware of the access needs of all its members including people with disabilities – as documented in its Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2005-2009.

Volunteers wanted

The Australian Census is on the horizon once again and the Australian Bureau of Statistics is looking for assistance from Armadale residents. It's seeking residents to act in the role of information collectors. Collectors will be employed on a part-time basis from June to September to help conduct the nation's 15th national census on 8 August 2006. Individuals interested in working as a collector can log onto www.abs.gov.au/recruitment or call 1300 236 787.

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Stamping out crime

City of Armadale Councillors did their bit to help stamp out crime in the region by helping organise and run a Neighbourhood Watch display at Roleystone Shopping Centre recently.

Councillors June McDonald, Pat Hart and Laurie Scidone joined the region's new Crime Prevention Officer, Tracy Uchtman and Armadale Police staff to spread the word about the important crime prevention initiative.

They stressed that Neighbourhood Watch is about you, your local neighbourhood, the wider community and the WA Police working together to establish and maintain a safer community. Most importantly, the program is about encouraging interaction and a sense of responsibility between neighbours and communities.

For more information on the program call 9399 0286 or visit the Armadale Community Policing Office, 136 Jull Street in Armadale at any time from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.



Signing up new members at the NW trailer were (from left) Ben Bokkman, Cr Laurie Scidone, Joy Mercer, Brian Powell, Senior Sgt Tracey Urchtman and Cr June MacDonald

Is your pool legal?

Are you lucky enough to own a pool? If so protect your family and friends by making sure it's properly fenced and registered with the City of Armadale. Regulations apply to any pool that has water deeper than 300mm – even plastic blow up pools.

If you have a pool and are not sure if it's registered, or if you'd like information on State Government fencing requirements, contact the City of Armadale's Building Department on 9399 0155.



City of Armadale Council and Committee Meetings

April, May and June 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.

April 2006		
Mon 24 April	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Wed 26 April	7pm	Community Services Committee
May 2006		
Mon 1 May	7pm	Ordinary Council
Mon 8 May	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 9 May	7pm	Development Services Committee
Mon 15 May	7pm	Ordinary Council
Mon 22 May	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 23 May	7pm	Community Services Committee
June 2006		
Tues 6 June	7pm	Ordinary Council
Mon 12 June	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 13 June	7pm	Development Services Committee
Mon 19 June	7pm	Ordinary Council