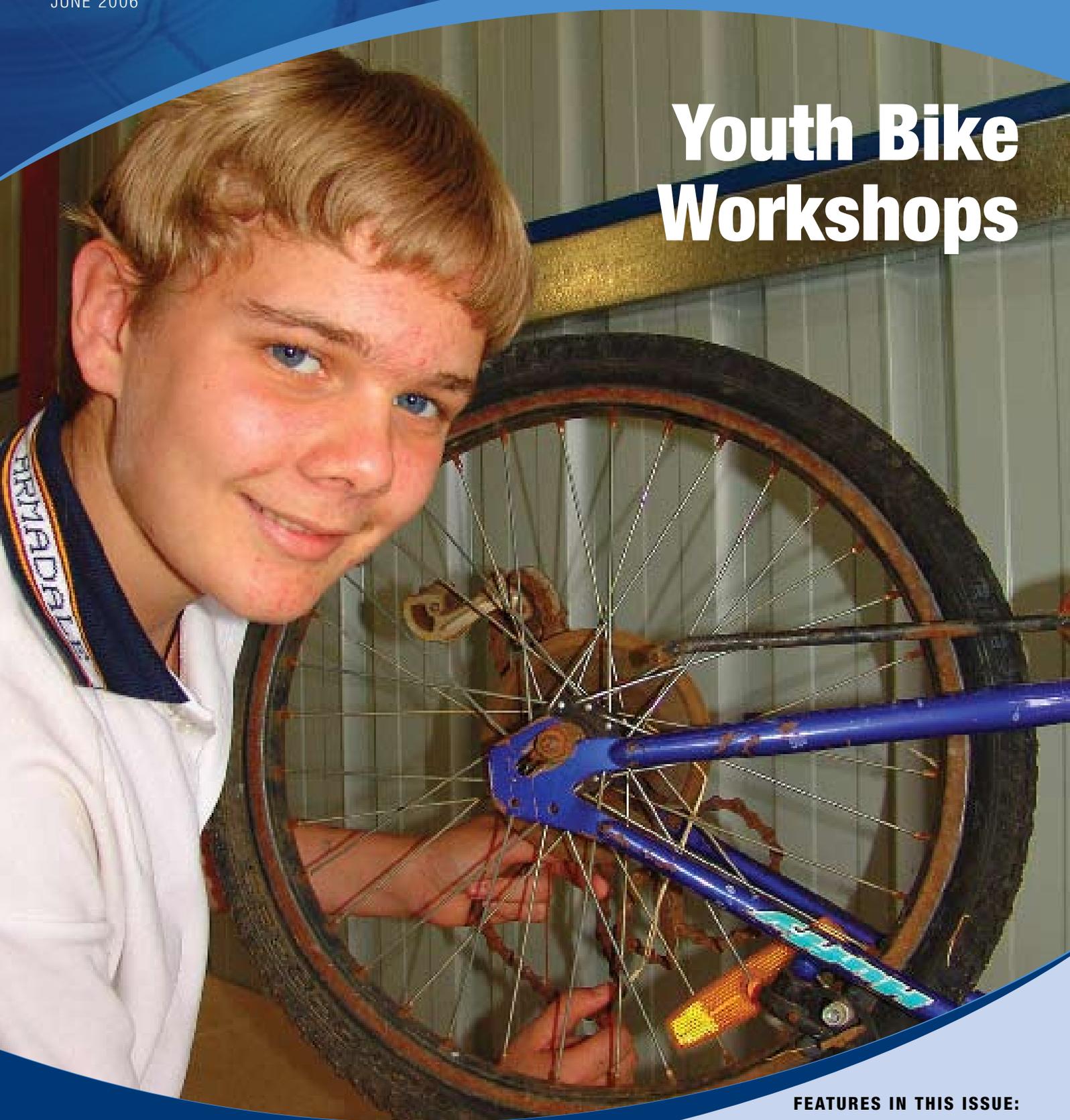


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RECREATION

It's play time at Rushton Park

Our children wasted no time in enjoying the new playground installed at Rushton Park in Kelmscott ahead of the official launch of the redeveloped park.

Within days of the playground's completion, children were swarming to the park to give it a try.

The City is delighted with the enthusiastic response from its kids and believes the upgrade of Rushton Park has resulted in its transformation into a true family destination.

The new playground is one part of a major upgrade of the former Kelmscott Pool site and foreshore area at Rushton Park.



Children enjoy the new playground at Rushton Park

The upgrade also included the redevelopment of the Canning River foreshore into quality parkland, complete with pathways, picnic tables, seating and barbecue facilities.

The old Kelmscott Pool site has been transformed, with lighting, paving and a

new gazebo as well as an upgraded grandstand, change rooms and toilets that cater to the public and local sporting clubs.

With the bulk of works now complete, the City is planning the installation of a story wall which will document the pool's history, prior to its official launch.

Let there be light

Several sporting facilities throughout the City will receive lighting improvements thanks to the City's success in securing Department of Sport and Recreation grants.

The City has received approval for four grant applications totalling \$42,000.

The City has been successful in securing \$11,000 to help replace reserve lighting at Frye Park in Kelmscott which will complement Council's contribution of \$22,000 towards the project.

In addition, Council secured a further \$15,000 from the Department of Sport and Recreation to upgrade lighting at the Armadale Bowling Club. This will accompany \$15,000 supplied by the Club and Council contributions of \$15,000 proposed for inclusion in the next draft budget.

Council was also successful in receiving \$6000 from the Department of Sport and Recreation towards the resurfacing of the Roleystone tennis courts.

The Department of Sport and Recreation also provided \$10,000 for the upgrade of lighting at William Skeet Reserve in Armadale. Council plans to contribute \$10,000 to the project from its next budget, as does the Club itself.



Bushwalkers take advantage of the great outdoors

Bushwalking

As the cooler weather settles in why not take a break from your busy schedule and spend an hour or two strolling along the City's fine walking trails? From the magnificent scenery of the Darling Scarp to the breath taking beauty of Roley Pool – there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Walking tracks in Bungendore Park, Forrestdale Lake, Churchman Bushland, Armadale Settlers Common and by the Roleystone River are popular with avid bushwalkers. Walkers can walk as far or as little as they want on these tracks. So put on your sneakers and discover the beauty of nature right here on your doorstep.

Keep an eye on the City's web site for the dates of the upcoming and ever popular Spring Family Bushwalks.



Year 8 students from Armadale High School take part in a hiking camp organised by Armadale Youth Resources

City funds community groups

The City of Armadale has contributed \$66,000 in funding to 11 community organisations to help them deliver services to the local community.

The City has offered the funding as part of its annual contributions budget. The funding comes in addition to \$610,000 worth of rate exemptions granted to community and charity organisations and still more funding handed down under the City's one-off donations and community grants initiatives.

City of Armadale Mayor, Linton Reynolds said while the City was unable to meet all funding requests on its limited budget, it sought to help community and charity organisations as much as possible.

Armadale Youth Resources, the Chaplaincy Program and Drug Arm are among the beneficiaries of the annual contributions.

Armadale Youth Resources plans to use the funds to continue providing services to young people who may be at risk of offending. The Chaplaincy Program will use its funds to provide and support individual counselling, student mentoring and positive self-esteem programs in schools in the region. While DrugArm WA will use its funds to continue operating a number of services including a sobering up centre for people under 18 years, a street outreach service, programs for at risk young people and counselling and education services.

Mayor's Message



As school holidays begin once again, I am reminded of the importance of your Council's role in helping to forge satisfying and successful life paths for our young people.

These people are after all the future of our wonderful City – a future we should all be doing our best to nurture.

And here in Armadale we're currently experiencing an excellent array of initiatives aimed at doing just that.

Leading the line up is the Armadale Technical College. We received the official sign over of funds for this exciting new facility in May.

We've also just received \$11,000 in funding towards a study into the needs of youth in the heart of Armadale. This study will pave the way for the provision of centrally-located facilities and activities especially for young people.

We have also collaborated with the PCYC and Armadale Youth Resources to offer a new Bike Workshop Program aimed at instilling a sense of pride and achievement in young people while providing them with a worthwhile after school activity.

And we're assisting Armadale Senior High School to start the new No Dole program by urging businesses to come on board and get involved.

Then there's the Council funded and coordinated Careers Expo, which aims to assist young people and their families to get the information necessary to plan for their future after high school. Armadale SHS has agreed to host the event this year.

With so many fantastic programs on the go I am confident that our young people will be given more opportunity than ever before to successfully make the transition from school to work and to be valuable members of our community.

We all wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Cr Linton Reynolds, JP
City of Armadale Mayor

Give volunteering a go

Have you got a desire to help make the world a better place? Then consider volunteering.

The City of Armadale urged residents to enjoy the benefits of volunteering, during National Volunteer Week from May 15 to 21.

The week provided the opportunity to highlight the benefits of volunteering – both to those who receive help and those who give it. In fact many volunteers say they, themselves, are the ones to benefit from volunteering their time.



History House Museum volunteers Tony Jones and Jackie White love volunteering their time to help protect the region's heritage

They love being able to help people, indulge their passion or gain experience in certain fields. And many simply enjoy the social aspects of being out and about volunteering.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the City of Armadale's Volunteer Resource Service Coordinator, Pauline Franklin on 9399 0629.



City of Armadale Library Clerk Tamara Wholey sets off to deliver library books to the home bound

4000 books

City of Armadale library staff helped home bound residents to read over 4000 books in the last year. They deliver the books to residents who find it difficult to leave the house because of their age or disability.

Members of the service simply sign up and complete a profile, which helps library staff from all three City libraries to select books appropriate to the member. Westfield Library staff then deliver the books to members each fortnight.

City of Armadale Mayor, Linton Reynolds said the service was aimed at ensuring home bound residents were not disadvantaged when it came to using the City's library services.

"Reading is often a very valuable pastime to people with mobility issues, so we take great pride in being able to help them access library books," Cr Reynolds said.

For more information contact the Westfield Library on 9497 2622.

Preserving our history

The City of Armadale laid out its vision for the future preservation of the region's history during History House Museum's recent 30th birthday celebrations.

The City plans to highlight the importance of our local history through a whole host of initiatives including the development of heritage trails and interpretative signage that will enable people to access museum-quality displays across the district.

The City also plans to increase the link between educational curriculum and current historical displays and establish digital photographic records of the City's entire historical collection.

Most importantly, the City wants to ensure its collection is housed in a safe environment so that in a hundred years time, visitors can still see and marvel at the quality of the exhibits.

During the celebrations City of Armadale Mayor, Linton Reynolds took the opportunity to pay tribute to the work of volunteers who have helped build the History House Museum and Birtwistle Local Studies Library to their current standard.

Bike Workshop

Young people will help restore old bicycles for charity as part of the Armadale Bike Workshop Program launched recently.

This exciting new initiative of Armadale Police and Citizens' Youth Club (PCYC), Armadale Youth Resources and the City of Armadale, will provide young people with the opportunity to restore old bicycles under the guidance of PCYC staff, youth workers and volunteers.

The program is an excellent way of helping young people spend their after school time in an enjoyable and productive manner while giving something back to the community. It will also give young people the opportunity to interact with adults and receive mentoring from positive role models.

Participants will be required to earn certain privileges such as a new bike seat, handlebars or tyres in order to teach them the value of work, commitment and good behaviour. This will also provide an incentive for young people to regularly attend the sessions and allow them to develop a sense of pride and accomplishment.

The program will operate from a purpose built shed at PCYC on Monday afternoons between 3pm and 6pm. Restored bicycles will be donated to local charities such as the Good Samaritans and the Women's Refuge.

Places in the workshops are limited so anyone interested should register as soon as possible by first becoming a member of PCYC. Registration is cost and obligation free.

The Australian Government Attorney General's Department is funding the initiative, under the National Community Crime Prevention Program. For more information contact Armadale PCYC Manager, Geoff Sims on 9399 5065.



Seth Wooley helps restore a bicycle

Outside the **Frame**

11am - 4pm, Thursday 10 August to Saturday 12 August 2006

Entries are pouring in from Year 11 and 12 students vying to have their artistic accomplishments showcased at this professionally curated exhibition. To be held upstairs at the City of Armadale's Administration Centre, this year's exhibition is sure to be the boldest and most exciting yet.

Outside the Frame has established itself as the region's premier high school art award, attracting entries from across the south east. Admission is free so why not come along and support our young people?

Students interested in entering the competition have until Friday 28 July to submit their artwork. Last year's artworks were incredibly imaginative and cut across a variety of mediums including paper, canvass, sculpture, print, photography and textiles.

For more information contact the City of Armadale on 9399 0148.



Above: Mayor Linton Reynolds with 2005 winning textile category artist Ashleigh Brown

Left: Sponsor Glen Baker from McDonald's with 2005 winning drawing category artist Madelaine Thompson

Below: 'Brothers' painting by Kellie Orr



City of Armadale Art Award

Centre opening hours, Thursday 10 August to Saturday 12 August 2006

The artistic talents of our younger students will be on display in the lower mall of the Armadale Shopping City as part of the City of Armadale Art Award. The exhibition will feature sculpture, drawing, painting, prints and photography produced by local Year 8, 9 and 10 students.

Students interested in entering the competition have until Friday 28 July to submit their artwork. For more information contact the City of Armadale on 9399 0148.

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!

Model masterpieces

2pm-3pm, Thursday 13 July, Kelmscott Library

School children can mix plaster of Paris and pour it into moulds before decorating their masterpieces.

Scoubidou Beading

10am-11am, Monday 17 July, Armadale Library

Kids can become part of the new craze of knotting plastic strings and beads to make novelty items and crazy critters.

Cartooning

2pm-3pm, Thursday 20 July, Westfield Library

Children can learn how to draw amazing cartoons that are sure to impress their friends.

Children's Book Week

Monday 21 August to Friday 25 August, all libraries

Special guest authors will visit all three libraries during this week to share their stories.

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

Community planting

As winter settles in, now is the time to grab a shovel and get involved in community tree planting days organised by the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group.

The Group will kick off its annual tree planting program with a frenzy of activity throughout June and July.

The community planting days are not only a fun day out for the whole family but are also a great way to teach children the importance of protecting our natural environment.

Community planting days will take place on Sunday 25 June at Palomino Reserve in Champion Lakes, on Saturday 1 July at Gooleramup Reserve in Kelmscott, on Sunday 9 July at Westfield Park Heron Reserve in Westfield, on Saturday 15 July Megisti Place in Kelmscott, on Saturday 22 July at Roley Pool in Roleystone and on Saturday 22 July at Neerigen Brook in Armadale.

Anyone wanting to lend a hand should bring a hat and gloves. Shovels, trees, morning tea and friendly advice are all provided. For more information contact Community Landcare Support Officer, Brett Kuhlmann on 0412 713 582.



Community Landcare Support Officer, Brett Kuhlmann with a delivery of trees

Protecting our waterways

The City of Armadale has adopted a new subdivision policy to help protect the region's waterways.

The policy, which is in response to community concerns about reduced water flow and dropping water levels in Armadale waterways, will now ensure future subdivision lot boundaries cross as few watercourses as possible.

Under State Government legislation, owners of land that includes a watercourse have a riparian right – that means the right to water a non-commercial garden up to two hectares in area.

With the increasing subdivision of lots containing a watercourse, many people were gaining access to the watercourse, rather than the one single owner. This had the potential to place real pressure on our waterways. The new policy will enable the City to protect waterways from this



increased demand by reducing the number of boundaries crossing watercourses and ensuring that access drives to rear properties are not created over watercourses.

Reducing greenhouse gases

The City of Armadale has helped pave the way for further greenhouse gas reductions by both adopting a new business plan and promising more funding for its innovative Switch Your Thinking Program.

The program, an initiative of the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells and the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, is aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 15 per cent by 2010, based on levels recorded in 1998/99.

Such is the success of the program that the City has pledged a further \$10,000 a year, on top of the \$10,000 it already provides.

The new three-year business plan sets out a diverse range of initiatives aimed at reducing greenhouse gases. Among these initiatives are the launch of a demonstration home showcasing sustainable living on a budget, further works on the five-star rated display village at Newhaven Estate in North Forrestdale and a new focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions among businesses and industries.

For more information contact Jason Menzies on 0432 370 671.

Composting

The City of Armadale is encouraging residents to do their bit to help the environment by composting. The City sells composting bins at cost price (\$50) and will deliver them to your door for free. Compost bins not only provide an environmentally friendly way of reducing waste, but are also highly effective at reducing your garden's need for water and fertiliser. For more information contact the City on 9399 0111.



Free pool entry for carers

Armadale Aquatic Centre is now providing free entry to carers or companions of people with a disability. The move comes in a bid to ensure people with disabilities are not disadvantaged when it comes to accessing public facilities. People with a disability will continue to receive heavily discounted entry fees.

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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Zero Waste Poster Competition

Local school children can help stamp out waste through a new art and writing competition.

Don't Waste Our Future – Picturing a Zero Waste Future, will encourage art and writing submissions for possible inclusion in a calendar.

Artwork and prose can be submitted under four categories – avoid and reduce waste, reuse and recycle, organics and littering. Entries must be two-dimensional, well researched, original and reproducible.

Entries close on Friday 25 August and should be delivered to the Armadale, Gosnells or South Perth Council Administration Centres.

The competition is an initiative of the South East Metropolitan Regional Council, of which the City of Armadale is a member. For more information contact Sarah Muirhead on 9391 6033.

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YOUR COUNCIL

It's all in a name

Residents have chosen not to rename part of Rushton Park.

Community consultation on the possible renaming of the former Kelmscott Pool site and foreshore at Rushton Park resulted in 60 responses. Of these responses, 55 called for no name change, three suggested the name 'Former Pool Site', and two made other suggestions.

Council was not surprised, having only tested the waters on request and quickly confirmed that the name Rushton Park should remain for the entire park.



Rushton Park

Westfield name change

The City of Armadale is welcoming public input into a proposal to change the name of the suburb of Westfield.

A number of Westfield residents have requested that their suburb take on the name of nearby Champion Lakes. However, others suggest that Champion Lakes is reflective of a rural and recreational lifestyle and should therefore be identified separately.

As such, Councillors voted to leave Champion Lakes as is and invite Westfield residents to comment on an alternative name for their suburb. Names such as Cammillo Park, Cammillo Waters, West Kelmscott, Groveland and Herondale have all been put forward. Residents could also request that the suburb retains its existing name.

The City will write to residents in the affected area and advertise the proposal in local papers. For more information contact Hugh Carder in the City's Planning Department on 9399 0624.

Road funding sought

The City of Armadale has joined forces with the City of Gosnells to lobby the Federal Government for funds to improve Ranford Road.

The local governments have submitted a funding application to the Federal Government's Auslink Strategic Regional Program to upgrade a section of Ranford Road between Warton Road and Tonkin Highway.

The upgrade will involve the widening of the road to a dual carriageway, thus improving traffic flow and driver safety. The balance of Ranford Road between Tonkin Highway and Lake Road should be completed within the next few years.

The project is expected to cost around \$5 million and the Cities are seeking funding for one third of the cost. The road is on the boundary of the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells and links Armadale to South Street and on to Fremantle.

City of Armadale Council and Committee Meetings

June, July and August 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.

June 2006

Mon 19 June	7pm	Ordinary Council
Mon 26 June	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 27 June	7pm	Community Services Committee

July 2006

Mon 3 July	7pm	Ordinary Council
Mon 10 July	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 11 July	7pm	Development Services Committee
Mon 17 July	7pm	Ordinary Council
Mon 24 July	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 25 July	7pm	Community Services Committee

August 2006

Tues 8 Aug (tbc)	7pm	Ordinary Council
Mon 14 Aug	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 15 Aug	7pm	Development Services Committee
Mon 21 Aug	7pm	Ordinary Council
Mon 28 Aug	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 29 Aug	7pm	Community Services Committee