



Christmas Carols in Minnawarra

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City recognised for innovative planning

The City of Armadale's innovative work at North Forrestdale has received State wide acclaim at the WA Planning Institute Awards.

The North Forrestdale Structure Plan, developed by the City in conjunction with town planners Development Planning Strategies, Chappell Lambert Everett and Roberts Day Town Planning and Design, took out the prestigious Minister's Award.

It also received one of only two special commendations in the Urban Planning Achievement Award, which recognises "outstanding contribution to urban planning practice in Western Australia".

The construction of residential estates has now begun in North Forrestdale with over 20,000 people expected to settle in the area over the next 20 to 30 years.

Armadale Mayor, Linton Reynolds said one of the group's greatest tasks was to overcome the high costs of infrastructure required to establish a quality urban development.

By putting their heads together the North Forrestdale Planning Steering Group, which consists of key stakeholders, devised a Developer Contribution Plan requiring developers to contribute to a fund to pay for infrastructure.

The Plan assists individual landholders to pay for the large up-front investment required for urban infrastructure and paved the way for the North Forrestdale community to raise the benchmark in



Executive Director Development Services, Ian MacRae with the prestigious awards

housing developments, with provision for schools, wetland protection and recreational facilities.

"The Developer Contribution Plan was just one of a raft of innovative initiatives the Steering Group came up with to progress development at North Forrestdale. The key to all their work was a real focus on consultation and collaboration," Cr Reynolds said.

Uni places in Armadale

The City of Armadale is urging residents to consider enrolling in Curtin University of Technology courses offered right here in Armadale.

Curtin has more than doubled the amount of university places on offer in Armadale in just the second year of operation.

The City and the Armadale Redevelopment Authority are supporting the increase in placements by offering text book subsidies to local students.

Curtin's Centre for Regional Education operates out of Swan TAFE's campus on Commerce Avenue and offers Bachelor Degrees in Early Childhood Education,



(From left) Amy Purdy, Amy Lord, Rebecca Millard, Rachel McCain, Donna Farmer and Cam Tran recently completed their first year at Curtin Uni in Armadale. The students are pictured here with Curtin Uni Coordinator Paul Woodley (middle)

Primary Education and Arts (social work). The Centre will also offer a UniReady Course which allows those who do not have sufficient university entry qualifications to enrol in a university course.

Interested students have until 23 January next year to enrol for a course in 2007. Applications for the UniReady Course will remain open until 9 February 2007. For more information contact Megan Ellis on 1300 730 897.

Arrive Alive

The City of Armadale is promoting the safe driving message in a bid to prevent accidents during the holiday period.

As part of the Arrive Alive Campaign the City's Roadwise Committee, representatives from the City of Gosnells and an ambulance travelled the streets of Armadale before joining a convoy to the heart of Arrive Alive activities in Victoria Park.

City vehicles were among more than 30 emergency services travelling from around Perth to Victoria Park promoting the message 'have a break not a wake'. The Campaign was aimed at raising people's awareness of the dangers surrounding fatigue, drinking, speeding and unsafe vehicles.

Mayor's Message



As the festive season approaches once again and the region is filled with Christmas spirit, I'm reminded of how much we have to be thankful for here in Armadale.

The City's Carols in Minnawarra event is testimony to the wonderful community spirit that pervades when we come together in celebration of our community.

And what a lot we've got to celebrate.

We're blessed with a pristine natural environment, yet we now also boast an increasing range of excellent City facilities.

We have new quality suburbs breathing new life into the area, our educational opportunities have soared and business development and opportunity throughout the region is at an all time high.

We've got revitalised town centres transforming before our very eyes, our population is experiencing unprecedented growth and community optimism and pride is higher than ever before.

We really do have a lot to be thankful for.

As such, I'd encourage everyone this Christmas to take a little time to reflect on just how lucky we are to be living in Armadale.

With these thoughts in mind, I wish everyone a safe, happy and truly merry Christmas and New Year.

Enjoy!

Cr Linton Reynolds, AM JP
City of Armadale Mayor

Carols in Minnawarra

The spirit of Christmas was alive and well in Minnawarra Park recently as residents gathered for the City's annual Christmas Carols celebration.

The John Wollaston and Roleystone School Choirs, backed by the Armadale City Concert Band, led would be carollers through a range of contemporary numbers and traditional peace themed tunes like Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer, While Shepherds Watched and Santa Claus is Coming to Town.

Wide eyed children marvelled at the live nativity scene and were delighted when the jolly old man himself stopped by on his way to the North Pole.

The evening was characterised by a wonderfully warm community atmosphere as residents shared in the magic of Christmas.



COMMUNITY

Kelmscott heritage trail

The City of Armadale has thrown its support behind a Kelmscott community project aimed at promoting the City's early history.

A steering committee comprising representatives from the Armadale and Districts Brickworks Preservation Group, Kelmscott Residents Group, Kelmscott History Group and Councillors Henry Zelones and Ruth Butterfield aims to establish a historical trail along the banks of the Canning River between Fancote and Rushton Parks.

Interpretive signage along the trail will be used to highlight important locations and events associated with the Canning River. The trail will enable visitors and residents to appreciate the beauty of the river, the historic significance of Kelmscott and the important role Kelmscott continues to play in our community.

The committee has applied for a grant to progress the first stage of the trail.

City of Armadale staff are assisting the steering committee to determine where the trail will go while the City's Heritage Committee is providing research support.



Kelmscott residents Les Guthrie, Kim Fletcher, Colleen Fancote, Kath Coulthard, Cr Henry Zelones, Cr Ruth Butterfield and Lucy Butterfield on the picturesque banks of the Canning River, the site of the proposed heritage trail

Highland Gathering

The City of Armadale's 13th Highland Gathering was hailed an outstanding success as 7000 flocked to Minnowarra Park to join in the action.

The Criterium Cycle Classic proved an event highlight, with Eddie Hollands defending his title in a very exciting and frantic race. He took the prize from a fast finishing Scott Suckling.

The Knight School, a new exhibit in 2006, also proved extremely popular with many young lads keen to try out their sword skills.

Perennial favourites like the baby animal farm had children spellbound as did the hairy but handsome highland cattle. Large crowds also lined the heavy events arena to watch the strong men of Armadale compete.

Activities rocked on with the champions of the Pipe Band Competition, Coastal Pipe Band, leading the AC/DC tribute band 21 Guns who kept the crowd rocking non stop for two hours. The pipe band joined 21 Guns for a finale performance of a 'Long Way to the Top' leaving the crowd yelling for more. The day was brought to a close with the Lone Piper, Daryl Wilkie, on the bridge playing a haunting tune as the sun set.



Jim Currie of the Currie Park Highland Cattle Farm took part in the Highland Gathering

Roleystone revitalisation

The City of Armadale's Roleystone Revitalisation Project is well underway following the City's employment of a Community Facilities Planning Coordinator.

The Coordinator will be responsible for guiding the Project, which will transform the Cross Park area of Roleystone. The Coordinator will liaise with the Roleystone Revitalisation Steering Group and work on the finer details of the Precinct Plan.

The first major project will be the upgrade of public toilet facilities. Road upgrades in the area are already underway.

The City will then embark on a whole host of other initiatives like developing a pathways plan and planning improvements to the community hall and other community facilities. The City will also look at ways to get the local community involved in projects which could see the creation of signage and public artwork. The City's aim is to transform the precinct into a wonderful place for the whole community to enjoy.

Works will be funded by the City of Armadale and the State Government and are expected to be complete by the end of next year.

Australia Day extravaganza

**Friday 26 January 2007,
5pm – 9.45pm**

Preparations are well underway for the biggest event on the City's Event Calendar – our annual Australia Day celebrations in Minnowarra Park. Attracting over 40,000 people the event is recognised as the second biggest in the State. Slim Jim and the Phatts will kick off the on stage entertainment with their crowd pleasing cover classics. The energetic group, One Step Ahead, will then pay tribute to Ricky Martin, Elvis, The Beatles, ABBA and Van Morrison – complete with costumes. As always the highlight of this event will be the 25 minute fireworks extravaganza set to an all Australian soundtrack. Your every need will be catered for with plenty of food and drink on sale as well as parking. Come along and enjoy this fabulous family event.



Concerts in the Park

**4, 18 and 24 February, 4, 11, 18 March 2007,
5.30pm**

The City's summer Concerts in the Park series has been extended to include two additional concerts on 24 February and 11 March at the newly revamped Rushton Park in Kelmscott. Music lovers can sit back and relax on the banks of the tranquil Canning River and make the most of the City's newest feature park.

All other concerts will be held in the magnificent surrounds of Minnowarra Park. Be it country, classical, blues, folk or big band swing – all musical tastes will be catered for. The first concert of the season on 4 February will feature the very best of country music while the second on 18 February will feature the soft classical tunes of Tres Classique.

For more information visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au or call 9399 0187.



COMING EVENTS

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.

Funny Faces

**2pm–3pm,
Friday 5 January 2007
Armadale Library**

Children will enjoy using gloves and assorted craft materials to create zany faces and crazy hair dos on their glove puppets.

Spooky Skeletons

**10am–11am,
Wednesday 10 January 2007
Kelmscott Library**

Children will make some spooky skeletons using pasta and card. The challenge will be working out which bones go where!

How tall are you?

**2pm–3pm,
Thursday 18 January 2007
Westfield Library**

Children are invited to trace their body outlines on butcher's paper and then try and make it look like them!

Armadale Library

7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale
Tel: 9399 0125

Kelmscott Library

2800 Albany Highway, Kelmscott
Tel: 9390 5506

Westfield Library

76 Champion Drive, Seville Grove
Tel: 9497 2622

ENVIRONMENT

Local school children were thrilled to be part of the ABC broadcast



Fire safety

Armadale residents and school children were brought up to speed on the latest fire safety messages at an ABC broadcast from Roleystone Fire Station in October.

The broadcast aimed at spreading the word on fire safety during Fire Awareness Week. The event encouraged residents to consider the question 'should I stay or should I go?'

It urged householders to decide before the start of the bush fire season whether they would stay to defend their homes against fire or leave the home for safety reasons.

It stressed the need to be well prepared if you plan to defend your home or to go early if you plan on leaving to avoid the risk of travelling through fire.

Residents can access a whole host of information on fire safety from the FESA web site www.fesa.wa.gov.au.

Rebates for residents

Thanks to ongoing support from Solahart and Cool or Cosy the South East Regional Energy Group (SEREG) is again able to offer local residents a range of rebates on insulation, air conditioners and hot water systems.

The SEREG comprises the Cities of Armadale, Gosnells and the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale and is working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Until 31 January 2007 residents who install a 300 litre Solarhart hot water system in their homes are eligible for a \$300 rebate while those installing a 220 litre or 180 litre Solarhart system will be eligible for a \$200 rebate. Residents are only eligible for the rebates when a new Solarhart system is installed in a new home or where it replaces an existing gas or electric storage/instantaneous hot water system.

Residents who install Cool or Cosy insulation in their homes are eligible to receive a \$300 rebate through the City, while residents who top up their existing insulation are entitled to a \$200 rebate. Residents that install an energy efficient Cool or Cosy split system reverse cycle air-conditioner in their insulated home will be eligible to receive a \$100 rebate.

For more information contact Jason Menzies on 0432 370 671 or visit www.switchyourthinking.com

Street trees

Residents can help 'green' local streets by watering existing street trees and requesting the City plant more trees in specific locations.

Street trees not only look attractive but provide much needed shade in summer months.

The trend towards smaller housing lots and larger houses means trees are becoming less of a feature in backyards. That's why looking after

our existing street trees and planting more is so important.

The City is also experiencing rapid growth with a number of new subdivisions being developed, particularly in Seville Grove and North Forrestdale. Street trees will be vital in making these suburbs look attractive.

The City requires estate developers to plant street trees but once they're planted it still needs help from residents to look after them.

Residents interested in receiving a street tree should call the City of Armadale on 9399 0111 and request a street tree planting form or visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au Council staff will then assess the request and, if suitable, plant the tree during winter. Council spends \$10,000 a year on its Street Tree Planting Program in an effort to beautify the region and improve the natural environment.

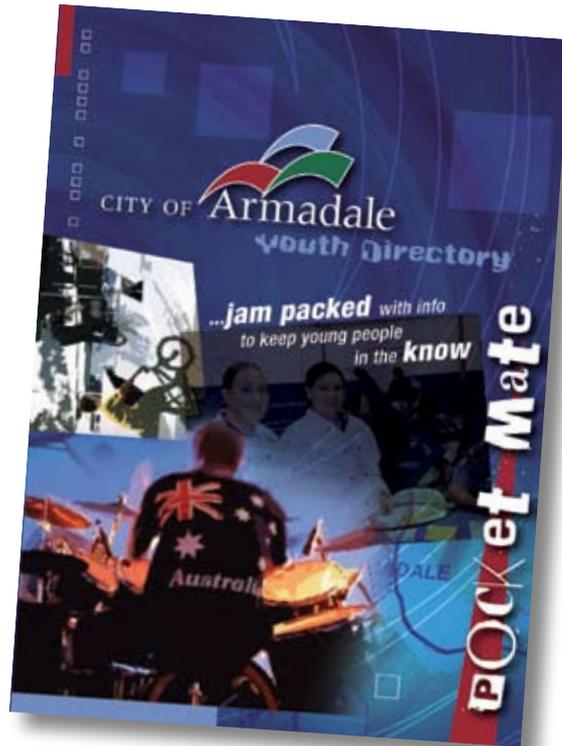
Youth Directory

Young people in Armadale now have a range of services at their fingertips thanks to the City of Armadale's new Youth Directory.

The pocket sized Directory contains the contact details of local organisations offering counselling, advice and support to young people living in the City. From employment assistance to crisis accommodation, legal advice to family planning – the directory is a one stop shop.

The Youth Directory is also jam packed with information on local hangouts such as skate parks, recreational centres and entertainment venues as well as useful web sites.

To get your copy contact the City's Youth Officer, Megan Farr on 9399 0637.



Useful Council Numbers

City of Armadale Administration Centre
Tel: 9399 0111
Fax: 9399 0184

Email: info@armadale.wa.gov.au
 Address: 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale WA 6112
 Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8.15am to 4.45pm

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.

Next deadline: 8 January 2007
 Email: Catherine Halsall at chalsall@armadale.wa.gov.au
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Puppets for loan

Local children can now pop into the Armadale Library and pick up a puppet.

The City of Armadale purchased the puppet collection in order to attract younger people into the library. Puppets are a great way of stimulating children's imaginations and can offer hours of fun. While at the library parents and children can check out the myriad of books, CDs, DVDs, videos and jig saw puzzles available for loan.

For more information contact the Armadale Library on 9399 0125.

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YOUR COUNCIL

Pioneer's Reunion

More than 200 long-time Armadale residents came together in a celebration of the region when the City of Armadale hosted its Pioneer's Reunion on October 14 at Roleystone Hall.

People who have lived in the region for more than 50 years had the opportunity to relive their most precious memories and catch up with old friends at the highly popular event.

City of Armadale Mayor, Linton Reynolds said the event once again proved an excellent way of recognising the men and women who have shaped Armadale into the vibrant City it is today.

"The reunion provides a great way of thanking our pioneers for their role in forming the Armadale of today," Cr Reynolds said.

The City of Armadale hosts the Pioneer's Reunion annually.



Pioneers cut a cake to mark the occasion



Bernie and Moreen Tognolini took part in the celebrations



Armadale Mayor, Linton Reynolds, Colin Hatfield and Kim Fletcher helped cut the cake

The next South East Metropolitan Regional Council (SEMRC) Meeting will be held in the City of Armadale's Administration Centre, 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale at 6pm on Thursday 15 February 2007.

Garbage and recycling collections

There will be no garbage or recycling collections on Christmas Day or New Years Day. If your normal collection day falls on either of these public holidays your garbage and recycling will be picked up the following day.

The Springdale Green Waste Facility in Roleystone and the Hopkinson Road Landfill Site in Brookdale will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

For more information contact the City of Armadale on 9399 0111.

City of Armadale Council and Committee Meetings

January and February 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.

January 2007		
Mon 8 Jan	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 9 Jan	7pm	Development Services Committee
Mon 15 Jan	7pm	Council Meeting
Mon 22 Jan	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 23 Jan	7pm	Community Services Committee
February 2007		
Mon 5 Feb	7pm	Council Meeting
Mon 12 Feb	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 13 Feb	7pm	Development Services Committee
Mon 19 Feb	7pm	Council Meeting
Mon 26 Feb	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 27 Feb	7pm	Community Services Committee