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Another Exciting Year Ahead

The Armadale district is poised to surge into another year of exciting growth and transformation of its commercial centres.

Business and government interests have a host of major projects planned, which will capitalise on the growth of the previous two years and ensure this forward momentum is maintained.

Many of these projects are now coming to realisation thanks to the extensive planning over past years by the City and the Armadale Redevelopment Authority.

Kelmscott in particular is set for a major boost in 2007 with developments to occur across the full length of its town centre including the year long upgrade of the railway station and increased landscaping of Albany Highway.

A development application is already with the ARA for land north of Denny Avenue to the Railway Station precinct. This application will result in vibrant new office and retail facilities for Kelmscott.

The highway south of the Kelmscott town centre will see office blocks developed on either side, and two storey town houses will soon adorn land north of the town centre.

In Armadale the \$60m Westzone Woolworths shopping development is now will underway. This major redevelopment will join the cinema complex in the Armadale City centre to the previous Woolworths site, adding variety, and transforming the heart of the City. The Armadale Shopping City development is also on schedule undertaking work to connect it to the Jull Street Mall.

A further shopping centre development is proposed on Armadale Road in West Armadale. Its completion will pave the way for revitalisation of the old shopping precinct in this area.

Roleystone is earmarked for positive change with the Roleystone Town Centre Revitalisation Project set to go into full swing in 2007.

The City's focus on improving the roads network will also continue, with Ranford Road a major centre of activity. With both State and Federal Government funds committed, this road will undergo a major upgrade in 2007.

All in all, the City of Armadale is looking forward to yet another exciting year in Armadale.

Better beginnings

An early literacy program involving the City of Armadale has taken out a prestigious Premier's Award.

The Better Beginnings program won the award for Excellence in Public Sector Management in the category 'Better Services for Large Organisations'.

Armadale was one of the original pilot sites for the Better Beginnings program, which started in 2004, and has remained a major partner with the State Library of WA in the program's development.

The program targets children aged zero to three years old by introducing them to the joys of reading. It builds on parent's existing knowledge and children's experiences in the home to encourage and support the vital role of parents as their child's first and most important teacher.

Armadale Community Health has also been an integral part of the program, with its community health nurses delivering toolkits to parents of every newborn in the City of Armadale over the past two years.

These toolkits include a book provided by the City of Armadale for parents to read to their babies.

The Better Beginnings program also includes features like family reading centres, the loan of outreach tool boxes containing books, puppets, felt boards and activities like Baby Rhyme Time sessions and parent workshops.

For more information on the program please contact Shirley Reilly at Westfield Library on 9497 2622.



City of Armadale Assistant Librarian Shirley Reilly, holding a Better Beginnings bag.

Uni places in Armadale

Local education institutions and businesses are looking forward to a bumper year in 2007.

New education opportunities are opening and existing centres are expanding which means both an increase in the number of students and staff, and more people using local shops and services.

Curtin University of Technology's new annexe in Armadale has 20 places available for new students, growing to 55 full-time equivalent places by 2010. The Australian Technical College, which has opened on Commerce Avenue, has places for 45 new students on its Armadale campus.

Curtin has attracted steady interest and the Australian Technical College has recorded exciting interest from both new students and business.

For more information on further education institutions:

For Curtin courses, ring 1300 730 897, www.cre.curtin.edu.au

For Swan TAFE, ring 9267 7500, www.swantafe.wa.edu.au

For ATC ring 9209 4300, www.atcperth.edu.au

Mayor's Message



Another busy year is already well underway, along with a large number of construction projects that have either commenced or are due to commence shortly. This is especially so in the Armadale and Kelmscott town centres.

These projects should peak during 2007/8, and will inevitably cause us all some inconvenience while they are underway. Council is working with the ARA and the builders and developers to minimise these disruptions.

The end result will be well worth waiting for. The transformation of the two town centres will provide an exciting range of new commercial and job opportunities. More than 1,000 undercover parking spaces are being created in Armadale to provide protection on those hot or wet days and there will be increased parking in the Kelmscott town centre.

Residents of our western suburbs will soon benefit from the removal of the residue soil left over from the construction of the rowing course. This will allow a range of new sightlines into the course and the opening up of the area to local recreational use. This world class facility and its commercial and residential development facilitated by the ARA will enhance the lifestyle and values of all surrounding residential areas.

On behalf of everyone at Council, I wish you all a safe, happy and successful year.

Cr Linton Reynolds, AM JP
City of Armadale Mayor

Australia Day

Armadale exploded into colour, excitement and sound at the City of Armadale's 14th annual Australia Day celebrations.



The highly popular event once again featured an exciting line up of activities designed to keep the whole family entertained.

Some 40,000 people flocked to the free family-friendly event in Minnowarra Park.

The fun kicked off at 5pm on Friday January 26 when Slim Jim and the Phatts entertained the crowd with their popular cover tunes.

Participants then enjoyed a traditional Noongar Welcome at 7.05pm before band One Step Ahead took the stage.

The fireworks spectacular began at 9.00pm, with flashes of brilliant colour



lighting up the City in synchrony with an Australian soundtrack.

Then One Step Ahead continued to entertain following the fireworks.

Carnival rides, glow sticks, food and beverage stands and other amusements added to the fun filled family atmosphere.



Jazz outfit Smooth will perform at Rushton Park on Saturday 24 February.

Concerts in the Park

24 February, 4, 10, 18 March, 5.30pm

The ever-popular, free annual Concerts in Park Series is filling the City of Armadale with music.

The classical tunes of Bach and Beethoven filled Minnowarra Park with sound when Classical Rhapsody performed on Sunday 18 February.

Next on the agenda is a concert at the newly upgraded Rushton Park on Saturday 24 February. Musical outfit Smooth will play in the tranquil river front surrounds.

Rushton Park will also host a concert on Saturday 10 March, featuring trio Acoustic Juice playing a song list of popular easy listening favourites.

The annual Minnowarra Blues Festival on Sunday 4 March will feature John Meyer Blues Express, returning due to popular demand, supported by the Brett Hardwick Trio. Taking place in the spectacular surrounds of Minnowarra Park the Festival will kick off at the special time of 5pm.

The finale to the 2007 series will have Minnowarra Park swinging to the sounds of Magic Dream Big Band on Sunday 18 March.

The 2007 Concerts in the Park series is presented by the new Satterley residential development Heron Park.

Due to daylight saving all concerts will start half an hour later this year at 5.30pm.

Bring a rug and picnic to the free events to really soak up the atmosphere. For the comfort of everyone, we ask concert goers not to smoke. For more information call the City's Recreation Department on 9399 0187 or www.armadale.wa.gov.au.

Minnawarra Festival

**11am - 7.30pm,
Saturday 31 March
2007**

**11am - 5pm, Sunday
1 April 2007**

The annual art and cultural spectacular, the Minnowarra Festival, is coming soon to Minnowarra Park on Saturday 31 March and Sunday 1 April.

This year's entertainment will be headlined by the international cultural music performer, Gerard Maunick. Maunick sings in English, Mauritian Creole and French, delivering a taste of blues, roots, reggae and soul.

Another great attraction of the event is always the Minnowarra Art Award featuring some exquisite pieces of art, all of which are for sale.

And following its success last year, the Armadale Youth Advisory Committee will be coordinating the Youth Space Rock 'n Dale event as young, local bands strut their stuff on Saturday March 31.

Whatever you do, don't miss out on the two days of fun and frivolity as Minnowarra Park comes to life. There's an array of activities on offer, from craft stalls, community group displays, multicultural cuisine, amusement rides, animal displays, children's activities and a wide variety of roving and main stage entertainment.

For further information, please contact the City's Recreation Department 9399 0187 or visit www.armadale.com.au.

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Last year's Minnowarra Art Award winner Michael Iwanoff, in front of his winning piece, 'Twilight Thresholding'.

Minnawarra Art Award

11am - 4pm, Saturday 24 March to Sunday 1 April 2007

Armadale's premier art exhibition, the Minnowarra Art Award showcases the work of some of WA's leading artists. A magnificent collection of artwork, all pieces in the exhibition are for sale.

Well over 120 individual pieces of art have been entered in this years Minnowarra Art Award.

The exhibition will be located on the first floor of the City of Armadale Administration Centre, Orchard Ave.

The exhibition concludes at the end of the Minnowarra Festival. The festival, now in its 16th year, attracts in excess of 25,000 visitors each year with a large number of these regular visitors to the Minnowarra Art Award.

The exhibition is open daily in the week before the Minnowarra Festival however, so you are encouraged to get in early to see it.

The prestigious Minnowarra Art Award, which began in 1997, offers artists the chance to share in \$18,000 worth of cash and acquisition prizes.

Don't miss your chance to check out the exhibition – and maybe even add your favourite piece to your collection!



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.

Paper Cranes

**3.45pm-4.45pm
Monday 12 March 2007
Kelmscott Library**

Children will hear the story of Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes being read before making their own origami crane.

Bub Hubs

**10am - 11.30am
Friday 30 March 2007
Westfield Library**

First Aid for parents with babies and young children.

Easter

**3.45pm-4.45pm
Monday 2 April 2007
Kelmscott Library**

Kids, have fun making Easter crafts, and enjoy an Easter egg hunt in the library.

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

Bungendore Park Management Committee

People who care about the environment are being invited to join the City of Armadale's Bungendore Park Management Committee.

The Bungendore Park Management Committee is a Council nominated Committee that lends a hand in the conservation and management of Bungendore Park – a large conservation reserve in Bedforddale.

The key objectives of the Bungendore Park Management Committee include:

- To protect, restore and enhance the natural bushland environment.
- To conserve indigenous plant and animal species and habitats.
- To promote awareness and understanding of the natural environment.
- To facilitate public enjoyment of the park.

Council seeks to have a broad range of interest and expertise on the Committee who can assist in achieving these objectives. The Committee meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday each month at 7.30pm.



If you have an interest in becoming a member of the Bungendore Park Management Committee, nomination forms and further information can be obtained from the City's Environmental Officer Corinne Gaskin on 9399 0194 or cgaskin@armadale.wa.gov.au

Aluminium can recycling

City of Armadale residents helped recycle a whopping 12.46 tonnes of aluminium cans during December – that's more than 847,000 cans or about five cans for each resident.

The figures represent aluminium can recycling among the member councils of the South East Metropolitan Regional Council.

Aluminium is particularly effective as a recyclable as recycled cans can be turned directly into new aluminium cans. They can be recycled over and over again.

Also, it takes far less energy to produce aluminium products from recycled aluminium, with benefits like the conservation of mineral resources, decreasing waste to landfill and reducing energy consumption from mining, transport and manufacture.

Cans collected for recycling in the yellow-topped kerbside collection are sorted from other materials at a materials recovery facility (MRF) and compressed into bales before being transported to a metal recycler.

The baled cans are melted in a furnace before the molten aluminium is poured into ingots, then sent to the can rolling mill for can sheet production. The process then starts over again.

So get in on the action – recycle your aluminium cans and do your bit to help the environment.

Garbage and recycling collections for Easter

There will be no garbage or recycling collections on Good Friday, 6 April 2007. Should your normal collection fall on this public holiday, your garbage and recycling will be picked up the following day, i.e. on Saturday 7 April.

The Easter Monday collection will resume as normal.

The Springdale Green Waste Facility and the Hopkinson Road Landfill site in Brookdale will be closed on Good Friday.

For more information contact Waste Services on 9399 0127.

Burnoff reminder

The City of Armadale is reminding residents that the lighting of fires in the open air is strictly prohibited at all times from December 1 2006 until March 31 2007 inclusive.

In 2004 the City, in accordance with the provisions of the Bush Fires Act 1954, resolved to prohibit the burning of garden refuse from December 1 to March 31 every year in a bid to prevent emergency fire callouts and complaints about smoke pollution during the summer months.

The burning of garden refuse is one of the major causes for emergency fire callouts and complaints.

People who ignore the prohibition period are committing an offence under section 24G of the Act and will face fines of up to \$3,000.

At all other times a permit to burn is required. Call Rangers Services on 9399 0111 for more information.

Biggest Book Thief in the West

Local residents have been joining in the hunt for the Biggest Book Thief in the West.

The City of Armadale's three libraries are participating in the State Library of WA's bid to rescue all overdue library books.

City of Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds said library goers simply needed to return all overdue books to be in the chance to win a \$50 book voucher courtesy of Public Libraries Australia, a signed copy of *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak and a library gift pack.

Cr Reynolds said the four-week hunt, which has run from Monday January 29 and continues until Sunday February 25, would seek to track down the most overdue book, the most travelled book and the best excuse story for an overdue book.

Winners will be announced on Friday March 2 this year.

"This fun initiative, is aimed at encouraging people to return their library books, it is based on the story from this year's chosen book – *The Book Thief* which helps show that all books are valued and worth rescuing." Cr Reynolds said.

Cr Reynolds said it was particularly important that people didn't feel too worried about returning long overdue items.

"The libraries are always pleased to have books returned so it's just a matter of handing them back," he said.

If you'd like to participate pick up an entry form from Armadale Library, Kelmescott Library or Westfield Library or download a form at www.slwa.wa.gov.au/onebook.html.

You can also choose to return books anonymously if you prefer. Please note that normal fines, fees and penalties may still apply for some items returned during the promotional period. For more details enquire at your local public library.

Bedforddale Festival

Bedforddale is preparing itself to get festive in March with a community festival on 17, 18, 24 and 25 March.

Armadale Christian College, Waterwheel Gallery and Mortgage Choice have joined forces to conduct the festival. They are inviting local cottage industries, business and producers to join artists and other local groups in celebrating Bedforddale lifestyle. The WA Society of Artists plans to have some 200 pieces of art on display.

The City of Armadale's Bungendore Park Management Committee is also planning a 'Pancakes in the Park' event, complete with guided walks and snake and reptile displays. School events and a community barbecue are also on the festival agenda.

Festivities will centre on Armadale Christian College, with further events at Waterwheel Gallery and Bungendore Park.

For more information please contact Ron Withnell at Armadale Christian College by emailing ronaldw@scea.wa.edu.au or phoning 9497 1751 or 0402 204 975.

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City of Armadale newsletter

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Forrestdale **name change**

Anticipating the rapid population growth of the suburb now known as north-west Forrestdale, the City of Armadale has decided to rename two areas in the region to cater to community requests and give the localities separate identities.

It will seek approval from the Geographical Names Committee (GNC) to call two areas in North Forrestdale Harrisdale and Piara.

Mayor Linton Reynolds said the renaming followed an extensive community consultation period.

After an advertising period inviting feedback, the City received 32 responses on the renaming, of which 28 were supportive of a name change.

“The most popular names which met GNC criteria were Harrisdale and Piara.

Harrisdale is derived from the Harris family, which was one of the first to settle in the area in around 1898 while Piara is the name for a conservation category wetland in the area and is derived from the Aboriginal word for a type of banksia that grows there.



Generally speaking, Harrisdale will include the eastern area bounded by Ranford, Warton, Nicholson and Skeet Roads while Piara, located to the west, will be bounded by Warton, Nicholson, and Armadale roads and the Jandakot Regional Park.

City of Armadale Council and Committee Meetings

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.

March 2007		
Tues 6 March	7pm	Council Meeting
Mon 12 March	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 13 March	7pm	Development Services Committee
Mon 19 March	7pm	Council Meeting
Mon 26 March	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 27 March	7pm	Community Services Committee
April 2007		
Mon 2 April	7pm	Council Meeting
Tues 10 April	7pm	Development Services Committee
Wed 11 April	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Mon 16 April	7pm	Council Meeting
Mon 23 April	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 24 April	7pm	Community Services Committee

Memorial in Migrant Park

The colourful history of Kelmscott’s Migrant Park will be preserved for posterity with the unveiling of historical artefacts and information on 25 February.

The City of Armadale and Lotterywest funded the project aimed at recognising the importance of a historic migrant camp in Kelmscott.

The City provided \$12,000 and Lotterywest \$6,000 towards interpretative signage and the placing of an original Nissen hut shelter on the site at Migrant Park.

This Park was home to more than a hundred migrants who fled their homelands after World War II and built a new life for themselves in Australia.

These people lived in huts on the Kelmscott site for months, before finding their feet and embarking on new lives here.

They lived in structures like the Nissen hut that the City is refurbishing and will soon place in the park.

The hut is thought to have been from the original camp in Migrant Park all those years ago.

It will be slightly reformed to ensure it is open and secure, yet provides shelter from the sun.

The next South East Metropolitan Regional Council (SEMRC) Meeting will be held in the City of Gosnells Administration Centre, 2120 Albany Highway, Gosnells at 6pm on Thursday 19 April 2007.