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Wungong/Brookdale redevelopment advances

Armadale CEO, Ray Tame, and key City staff recently participated in a planning and vision workshop for the exciting new growth area of Wungong and Brookdale. In an introduction to the forum, the CEO pointed out that the area will eventually have up to 40,000 new residents, a population almost equivalent to the City of Bunbury. "By the year 2031, the population of Forrestdale and Wungong will have increased by 65,000, which means Armadale will have more than doubled in size. This will provide the demand and support needed for our City centre's commerce and infrastructure."

The first stage of Brookdale's "rebirth" is likely to be a joint venture between the State Government's Department of Housing & Works (DHW) and leading land developer, Stockland.

Under the Armadale Redevelopment Authority's (ARA) Masterplan, the joint venture area of 311ha south of Forrest

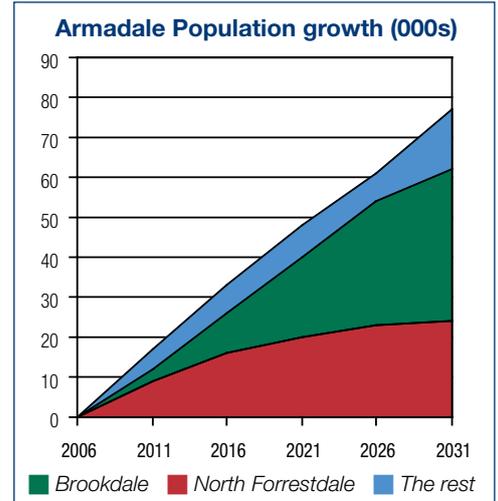
Road will potentially create nearly 3,000 lots. The Masterplan celebrates the area's natural features, including the Wungong River, and will be based on cutting edge practices in water re-use, conservation and urban design.

The workshop involved selected specialists from all over Australia and staff from DHW, City of Armadale, ARA and Stockland.

"The forum was warned that it was imperative this new growth area was created with cautious optimism. Whilst the development of the area was essential to the region's sustainability, it was important not to create a community where demand exceeds its capacity to pay."

"This is an exciting new phase in Armadale's history," Mr Tame said.

"We welcome Stockland to continue the quality work they have presented in North Forrestdale, and look forward to the first



housing lots coming on stream by the end of next year."

"The Wungong Urban Water Project is already nationally recognised through the CSIRO's 'Healthy Country' national research project."

"It will become the south-east's Ellen Brook, but be only 5 minutes from our regional centre."

"The partners involved here have an opportunity to be part of Australian (if not world) best practice in community creation."

Westfield residents 'Meat' in the Street

Westfield residents recently enjoyed a series of 'Meat in the Street' sausage sizzles with councillors and the community development team.

Four sausage sizzles took place in February and March, each at a different street in Westfield.

It was a terrific opportunity for Cr Reynolds, Cr Stewart and Cr Scidone to chat to the locals over a BBQ, and there were fun activities for the kids too.

The 'Meat in the Street' get-togethers are an informal way for residents to get to know each other and brainstorm ways to improve their community.

They follow similar community days held last year.

For further enquires, please contact the City's Community Development team on 9399 0111.



North Forrestdale Stage 2 advanced

North Forrestdale is Armadale's premier new residential area, which over the next 10-20 years will house around 20,000 people. Commencing in 2005, stage one exceeded all market expectations with strong demand for lots.

Now the second stage of this redevelopment is progressing, receiving Council approval to rezone at its meeting on Monday 19 February.

The stage two rezoning of over 100 hectares near the intersection of Nicholson and Armadale Roads to 'Urban Development zone' will help satisfy the high demand for new home sites.

The rezoning is currently with the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Alannah MacTiernan, for final approval prior to commencement of detailed structure planning, which will provide the layout of parks, schools, shops and houses.

"The development of North Forrestdale at our western gateway is an exciting new chapter in the development of the City of Armadale and is evidence of a growing confidence in Armadale's future," said Mayor Linton Reynolds.

"The rezoning of stage two will allow the creation of about 1000 additional new home sites over the next seven years to house around 2,500 new residents."

Mayor's Message



I am thrilled with the success of the lively and colourful Minnowarra Festival, and the high-calibre artworks on display as part of the Minnowarra Art Award.

It was fantastic to see the crowds enjoying the cooler weather during the two-day festival and for them to be treated to a variety of multi-cultural acts.

The many excellent artists from around the State who exhibited in the Art Award contributed towards spreading the word about what a great place Armadale is; this top quality exhibition is just one of many attractions that Armadale has to offer.

You will all by now be aware that Armadale's population is set to increase quite rapidly, especially with the developments planned in Wungong/Brookdale and North Forrestdale, and this explains the high level of building activity in our major town centres of Armadale and Kelmscott.

Residents can now be very proud of the world class facility being developed by the state government at Champion Lakes, and I'm really looking forward to the opening Regatta on Sunday April 29. It will attract canoeing, rowing and dragon boat enthusiasts from around WA so I encourage you all to get along to what promises to be another high-quality, colourful event.

Cr Linton Reynolds, AM JP
City of Armadale Mayor

Armadale's 'Battle of the Brekky School Cook Off'

In celebration of National Youth Week, the City of Armadale, in partnership with the South Metropolitan Area Health Service, organised a 'Battle of the Brekky School Cook Off' in March amongst home economics students from several local high schools.

The competing schools included Cecil Andrews SHS, Armadale SHS, Roleystone DHS, Armadale Christian College, Dale Christian College and Kelmscott SHS.

The students had to create a nutritious breakfast incorporating four challenge ingredients, and present it for judging at the Armadale City Shopping Centre on Friday 23 March. Dishes were judged on

nutrition, presentation, creativity, taste and use of challenge ingredients.

Roleystone DHS took out first prize with Cecil Andrews SHS coming second.

Well known chef, Peter Manifis, worked with the students to assist them prepare for the competition, and he also promoted careers in the hospitality industry and a healthy eating message to students.

The event was sponsored by Armadale City Shopping Centre, IGA, MLA, Vine Leaves and Alinta Gas. Prizes included restaurant vouchers, cook books and a \$200 Shopping Centre voucher for the winning team.

National Youth Week runs from 14 - 22 April.



COMMUNITY



Minnawarra Festival

Perfect autumn sunshine brought the crowds out to the 16th annual Minnawarra Festival on Saturday March 31 and Sunday April 1.

Boasting the best multicultural entertainment line up in years, festival goers were treated to performances by African, South American, Pacific Island and New Zealand groups. The highlight was the Sunday performance by the very colourful and energetic Narasirato Pan Pipers from the Solomon Islands.

The children were entertained for hours – much to their parents' delight – in the kids' zone with the Amazing Drumming Monkeys being a favourite.

The very talented up and coming young bands of the region had the park rocking on Saturday with the second annual Rock 'n Dale. The showcase was the brain-child of the Armadale Youth Advisory Committee to give young performers and bands the opportunity to play before live audiences.

Not to be outdone by the youngsters, the seniors' zone also attracted steady crowds with non-stop demonstrations of boot scooting, exercises, belly-dancing, square dancing, as well as just sitting back and relaxing to the music with a cup of tea.

Mayor Linton Reynolds was delighted by the crowd turnout.

"It is just so encouraging to see so many people out and about enjoying such a colourful – and free – community event," Cr Reynolds said.



Minnawarra Art Award

Held in conjunction with the Minnawarra Festival, the prestigious Minnawarra Art Award attracted 160 pieces of artwork from over 100 artists from across the state.

Many of the pieces were purchased by eager collectors at the exhibition opening night on Friday 23 March, with many more selling by the close of the festival on Sunday 1 April.

Curator Elisabeth Rechichi said she was delighted with this year's entries.

"We are attracting some of the state's most reputable and collectable artists, something that I am extremely proud of," Elisabeth said.

"We are thrilled to have seen the awards grow in stature over the past 11 years."

Competitors vied for the chance to share in \$18,000 worth of cash and acquisition prizes. The overall prize of \$5000 went to

Rina Franz for 'Bridges (the invisible line series)'.
Rina, from Mt Lawley, was also awarded a \$5000 commission for a three dimensional piece, provided by Stockland, for her work 'Fragments (the invisible line series)'. This is the first time this commission has been offered.

The City of Armadale's acquisition prize of \$1000 for a work priced \$650 or under went to Kerrie Bear for 'Territories and Borders', a coloured timber and veneer piece.

The City also purchased two pieces to add to its collection, both by Leslie Meaney, while the Armadale Redevelopment Authority acquired a piece by Michael Iwanoff, last year's winner, titled 'Sanctuary Secrets'.

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Artists Rina Franz, in front of her work with Alf Lay from Stockland (top), and (below), Kerrie Bear.

The Minnawarra Art Award Exhibition is presented by the City of Armadale and supported by the Armadale Redevelopment Authority and Stockland.

Careers Conference

11.30am – 7pm, Wednesday 20 June 2007

Armadale students and residents looking for careers information and advice should not miss the Armadale Careers Conference.

Following the success over the past three years of the annual Careers Expo, this year's event, organised by the City of Armadale in conjunction with employment agency Extra Edge Services, will be a conference with seminars, workshops and concurrent sessions, as well as static information displays.

The conference will feature two components; a student-focused session from 11.30am to 3pm, and a community-focused session from 4pm to 7pm.

The student session will focus specifically on the various career options available and include presentations on university, TAFE, and apprenticeships/traineeships.

The community session, open to all residents of the City of Armadale, will include information on careers, training options, career counselling and skill development workshops. It will be particularly valuable to job seekers of all ages and people looking to re-enter the workforce, as well as students.

Carey Baptist College will host this year's conference located at Wright Road in Forrestdale.

Last year's expo attracted around 1,500 students and members of the public, and this year's conference promises to be bigger than ever.

For further information please contact Megan Jones, the City's Community Development Officer for Youth, on 9399 0637.

Mary Durack Award for Young Writers

entries close Saturday 19 May 2007

The City of Armadale is calling budding writers to put pen to paper for the 29th annual Mary Durack Award for Young Writers.

It features five age categories, from Year 1 to Year 12, and cash and book prizes of up to \$120. Winners will also receive a trophy, certificates and have their names engraved on the Mary Durack Shield.

City of Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds said the awards represented an excellent way for budding young writers to indulge their passion for writing.

"The Mary Durack Awards not only recognise the literary talents of Ms Durack herself but give young writers the chance to showcase their literary prowess," Cr Reynolds said. "I'd encourage any students with an interest in writing to put

pen to paper and give the awards a shot."

Mary Durack was part of a pioneering pastoralist family in the Kimberley. She grew up there with her family and was, as a young woman in her twenties, responsible for running the station, along with her sister and the help of local Aboriginal people.

These experiences formed the basis for much of her later writing, including the long time Australian favourite – Kings in Grass Castles.

Entries in the Mary Durack Award for Young Writers should be no longer than 1500 words and must be in prose form, rather than poetry.

Entry forms are available from City of Armadale libraries. Entries close on Saturday 19 May.



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.

Scrapbooking

10am-11.30am

Friday 4 May

Westfield Library

Make a beautiful scrapbooking keepsake for your baby – bring some photos too.

Comic Books

3.45pm-4.45pm

Monday 7 May

Kelmscott Library

Create your own comic book.

Writing Novels

10.30am

Friday 25 May

Kelmscott Library

Author Anna Jacobs talks about how she writes historical sagas and modern family relationships novels.

Additive Alert

10am

Friday 1 June

Kelmscott Library

Learn about the harmful effects of additives in our food.

Armadale Library

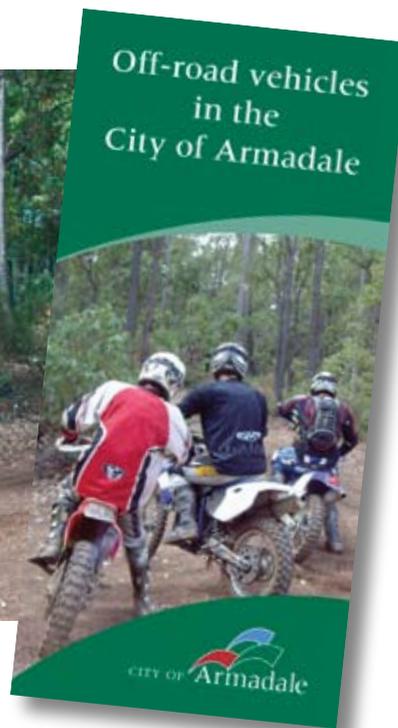
7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale
Tel: 9399 0125

Kelmscott Library

2800 Albany Highway, Kelmscott
Tel: 9390 5506

Westfield Library

76 Champion Drive, Seville Grove
Tel: 9497 2622



Off-road vehicles brochures

Off-road vehicle use in our bushland reserves is an illegal, but unfortunately persistent practice.

It damages plants, moves soils (which can result in erosion of tracks and opens up the vegetation to weed invasion) and spreads dieback.

Bushland in Lloyd Hughes Reserve in Kelmscott and Leake St wetland in Forrestdale has been targeted lately, in particular. These areas are showing visible damage to vegetation which is a huge threat to their conservation values.

The City has recently produced an off-

road vehicles brochure as one step, via education, to reduce the incidence of illegal off-road vehicle use in our reserves.

The brochure advises off-road vehicle users where they can legally use off-road vehicles and provides information about the penalties that could apply if caught. It also provides advice to the community about who they can contact with information about illegal off-road vehicle use.

For further information please contact the City's Environmental Officer, Corinne Omacini on 9399 0111.

Streamcare

Streamcare, the City of Armadale's waterways restoration project, has assisted many landowners who have waterways flowing through their property, with advice since its inception in 2002.

The assistance is one-on-one and specific to the owner's property and can include subjects such as weed control, herbicides, property planning and revegetation.

The aim of the program is to revitalize local streams and improve the habitat for native fish and wildlife through the planting of native flora, and to promote the careful use of weed control, fertilizers and pesticides by landowners.

If you have a waterway on your property and would like to be involved in this program, please contact the City's Environmental Officer, Corinne Omacini on 9399 0111.

Tree put on register

A large Eucalyptus wandoo tree within the road reserve at Wandoo Street in Mt Nasura has been placed on a register by Council in order to protect it.

By issuing a tree preservation notice, Council has ensured that any future development will need to avoid any action that might affect the long-term health of the tree.

The tree is a good specimen of the wandoo species and is valued by the surrounding residents for its appearance and its use as a nesting site for native birds.

Concerns had previously been expressed by nearby residents that if the adjacent property was developed for residential purposes the valued tree would be lost and the character of the street diminished.

Giant Reed removed from Roley Pools Reserve

A Green Corp team of young people from Mission Australia have been doing a great job removing Giant Reed from Roley Pools Reserve recently.

The Green Corps program provides training and education opportunities for young people who are interested in landcare and conservation projects.

Removing the Giant Reed is a very large job and physically demanding. It involves cutting down Giant Reed (which is like bamboo with canes up to 4m long) and then dragging it out of the creek line, to be removed from the site.

The City of Armadale's parks department removes and disposes of the piles of canes.

To ensure the Giant Reed does not re-establish, the site will be replanted with native species and maintained by the City of Armadale with the help of Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group and Friends of Roley Pools volunteers.

Front fences

While everyone likes their privacy, it is a fact that communities are safer where public streets and parks are overlooked by the windows of neighbouring houses.

You are more likely to have your house broken into if you have a high front fence because it stops passers by seeing in to your front area.

The City has controls to prevent people building walls higher than 1.2m in the front of their property unless the fences can be clearly seen through.

The City may take action if high front fences are built without approval, such as



While this looks pretty, there are no "eyes on the street".



Open fencing is more attractive and safer.

requiring the fences to be removed or modified.

Plans for new developments in the City are being looked at carefully to ensure that new buildings overlook public spaces, thus providing "eyes on the street".



Houses hidden behind walls are generally not attractive.

Useful Council Numbers

City of Armadale Administration Centre
Tel: 9399 0111
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 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.

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Generations Connect Playgroup

The first session of the Generations Connect Playgroup will meet on Wednesday 2 May, from 9.30am to 11.30am.

This new playgroup for 0 to 5 year olds and Seniors, is all about connecting the older and younger generations by playing together and doing fun activities such as storytelling and music.

The playgroup has been initiated by the City of Armadale, and supported by Playgroup WA, the Armadale Community Family Centre and the Dale Cottages.

Please contact Rebekah Milnes, Community Development Officer at the City of Armadale, on 9399 0638 for further information.

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YOUR COUNCIL

Migrant Park

A moving ceremony took place at Migrant Park in Kelmscott on Sunday February 25 at the former camp which housed hundreds of migrants who left Europe after World War 2 to rebuild their lives in Australia.

About 175 former camp residents and locals attended the unveiling of the interpretative signs, which was followed by morning tea at Kelmscott Primary school.

The City of Armadale provided \$12,000 and Lotterywest \$6,000 towards the project.

An original Nissen hut – which shows how new migrants lived in their first ‘home’ in a new country – is currently being restored for erection in the park.



Proposal to rename Westfield to **Cammillo Waters**

Council has requested the Geographic Names Committee to rename the suburb of Westfield to Cammillo Waters, following a Council resolution at its meeting on Monday 19 February 2007.

This follows an extensive consultation period after a number of Westfield residents requested in February 2005 that their suburb take on the name of the nearby Champion Lakes. Others however suggested that as Champion Lakes is reflective of a rural and recreational lifestyle, it should be identified separately.

Accordingly, the Councillors voted to retain the current boundaries of Champion Lakes as was, and instead invited Westfield residents and West Kelmscott residents to comment on a possible new name for the suburb.

City of Armadale Deputy Mayor Jeff Munn said that of the 578 submissions received, those residents of Kelmscott between Railway Avenue and Westfield Road were

generally happy with their suburb name and did not want it changed.

“As the West Kelmscott residents were already happy with their suburb name of Kelmscott and did not support changing the name or incorporating it into Westfield, Council decided to leave it as it is,” Cr Munn said.

“However as a majority of the responses from residents in the area currently known as Westfield agreed to a name change, and the majority felt that it should be Cammillo Waters, Council decided to support this request.”

“As such, Council has agreed to submit this name to the Geographic Names Committee which will make the final decision.”

Councillor Linton Reynolds and Cr Graham Wallace, who both live in the area subject to the proposal, declared an interest in the matter, as is required by the Local Government Act, and therefore, left the Chamber while the debate and vote occurred.

City of Armadale Council and Committee Meetings

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.

May 2007

Mon 7 May	7pm	Council Meeting
Mon 14 May	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 15 May	7pm	Development Services Committee
Mon 21 May	7pm	Council Meeting
Mon 28 May	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 29 May	7pm	Community Services Committee

June 2007

Tues 5 June	7pm	Council Meeting
Mon 11 June	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 12 June	7pm	Development Services Committee
Mon 18 June	7pm	Council Meeting
Mon 25 June	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 26 June	7pm	Community Services Committee

The next South East Metropolitan Regional Council (SEMRC) Meeting will be held at the City of South Perth Administration Centre, cnr Sandgate St and South Tce, South Perth at 6pm on Thursday 21 June 2007.