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# New Armadale Library to open in CBD

The Armadale Library is set to relocate to new premises in the Armadale Central Shopping Centre in late 2008, boasting modern facilities, close to shops with excellent access for users.

City of Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds said the library relocation was an exciting development for local residents.

“With a floor area of approximately 1,100sqm, the new library will be more than double the size of the existing library, which is over 30-years-old and already too small for the region’s fast growing population,” Cr Reynolds said.

Council CEO Ray Tame said City staff had been negotiating the arrangement for some months after a proposal to house the library in a new education centre near the Armadale railway station fell through.

“Our library service desperately needs to expand and this is the first of several major projects lined up for 2008 to 2011,” Mr Tame said.

“We called public registration of interest and our negotiations have been aided by independent commercial advisors.”

“The immediate future of the library is now secure and we are very happy with the commercial aspects of the arrangement.”

Located in the shopping centre currently under construction in

Orchard Avenue the new Armadale library will offer easy access to both pedestrians and drivers, with an under-cover car park at the Centre.

Library users will also benefit from the convenience of close-by specialty shops, a major supermarket and discount department store and a food court also housed within the centre. The Birtwistle Local Studies Library, presently located in the Minnowarra Precinct in Jull Street, will also move to the new building.

Mayor Reynolds said there has been an increasing trend both in Australia and overseas to co-locate libraries in shopping centres.

“This new facility will be spacious, well-equipped and most importantly, easily accessible within the Armadale CBD. Council investigated a number of options and this represents a fantastic opportunity that can be delivered in a reasonable timeframe.”

“Several years ago we relocated Kelmscott Library to a commercial building for a five year period and soon we will be looking at the next exciting step for that Library.”

It is anticipated the new Armadale Library will open in December 2008.

## Em, Wippa & Tim swing into Armadale

Armadale had the mixed blessing of winning a recent 92.9 radio competition to find ‘Perth’s Dodgiest Town (in a good way)’.

Listeners of the *Em, Wippa & Tim* breakfast show had to nominate suburbs deserving of the tongue-in-cheek award.

But it all turned out well and Armadale’s Mayor Linton Reynolds welcomed the opportunity for the program to broadcast live from Memorial Park on Friday 26 October.

It was a fun morning and a great opportunity for the radio station’s listeners throughout the Perth metropolitan region to hear about the quirky and wonderful things about Armadale.

The 3-hour show concluded with Em, Wippa and Tim presenting Mayor Reynolds with a Fish of Hope statue (still to find a permanent home) and a certificate commemorating the morning.



## Election results

Five sitting Councillors were re-elected and two new Councillors elected in the City of Armadale's local government elections on Saturday 20 October – Keith Lethbridge was elected as Councillor in the Minnowarra Ward and Wayne Mauger for the Palomino Ward.

Councillors re-elected to serve another term include Linton Reynolds in the Heron Ward, Jeff Munn in the Lake Ward, Henry Zelones in the River Ward and Bob Tizard in Neerigen Ward. Pat Hart was re-elected unopposed for the Jarrah Ward.

All seven Councillors were elected for four-year terms, which expire on 15 October 2011.

Cr Reynolds was returned unanimously as Mayor at the first meeting of the new Council, which saw the swearing in of the new Councillors. Cr Munn was re-elected as Deputy Mayor.

Fifteen candidates contested the election, which was conducted by the WA Electoral Commission on behalf of the City of Armadale.

Former Councillors Alison Cominelli retired at the end of her term whilst Graham Wallace was unsuccessful in the Palomino Ward.

Cr Reynolds said the results of the election showed strong support for the sitting Councillors who decided to run again, as five of the six seeking re-election were successful.

"Despite the very well funded and very personal campaign run by small, single interest groups, the results speak for themselves," Cr Reynolds said.

For further details on the election results just follow the link:  
[http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au/your\\_council/council\\_elections/election\\_results/](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au/your_council/council_elections/election_results/)

## Mayor's Message



First of all may I say I am privileged to have again been asked by my colleagues to lead the team for the next two years. I look forward to the continued support of my fellow Councillors as we work together to meet the needs of the community at a time of rapid change and revitalisation.

The results of Armadale's October poll clearly showed strong support for sitting Councillors and was affirmation that the community is behind the direction the Council has been taking. With the election now behind us, it is time to refocus on the priorities that lay ahead of us.

These priorities include such exciting projects as the first stage of the Aquatic Centre revamp already underway with the tiling of the pool now being done.

The \$8 million upgrade of Ranford Road to a dual-carriageway has commenced, and is expected to be substantially completed by the middle of next year. This is a jointly funded project in conjunction with the City of Gosnells, State and Federal governments, bringing significant safety and access benefits to the people of Armadale upon completion.

A number of security projects in our town centres are also to occur in the next 12 months as we work with local police and community groups to preserve community amenity and safety.

I welcome our two new Councillors, as we all look forward to continuing to work on the key projects identified in the City's 15 Year Financial plan.

**Cr Linton Reynolds, AM JP**  
**City of Armadale Mayor**

## Armadale Aquatic Centre

The Armadale Aquatic Centre has opened for the 2007/2008 summer season, although unfortunately the renovation work on the 50 metre pool has not been completed in time for the start of the season.

All other water areas are available to users. The children's pools were upgraded last year and the 25 metre pool is ready and coincides with the popular Learn to Swim program.

Mayor Linton Reynolds said that the delays could not be avoided.

"Everyone has been working as quickly as possible to have the 50 metre pool open but regrettably a combination of inclement weather, and shortages of labour and materials in the construction industry, have contributed to the delays," Cr Reynolds said.

"The City is currently considering offering a discount to people who purchase a season pass due to the delay in renovation works."

A brochure detailing the opening times, prices and programs at the Centre can be downloaded from the City's website at [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au)

For more information call the Aquatic Centre direct on 9399 6966 or the City's Recreation Department on 9399 0187.

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# Big Draw on Jull Street

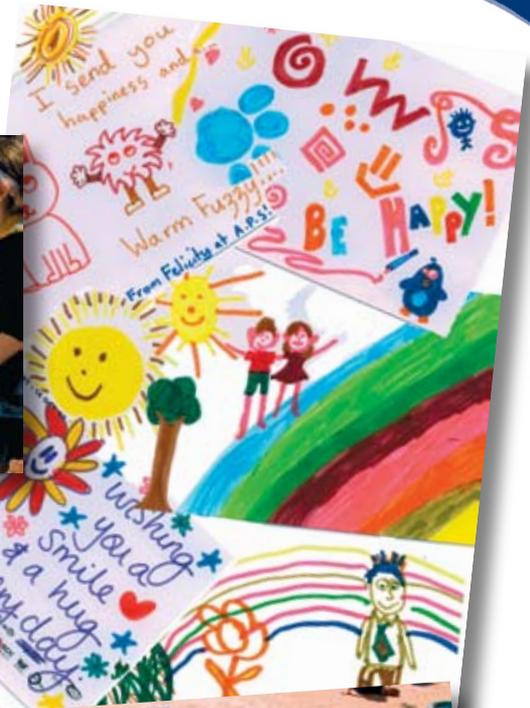
Colour, creativity, canvas and chalk turned Jull Street Mall into a kaleidoscope of activity recently, as artists, students and community members took part in The Big Draw.

Held to coincide with the national and international celebration of Artopia, The Big Draw in Jull Street Mall attracted many passers-by eager to contribute their art and ideas on life in Armadale.

Volunteer artists armed with pencils, canvas and easels encouraged people to try drawing, while Armadale Primary School students helped pedestrians create a 'wall of people' on a 20m-long canvas.

Coloured chalk pavement drawings sprang to life courtesy of Roleystone District High School students and children from Armadale Christian College and Dale Christian School also participated in the day's activities.

A large number of colourful postcards and get well greetings produced by local school children at The Big Draw were later sent to patients at Princess Margaret Children's Hospital.



The success of The Big Draw highlights the significant role Jull Street Mall plays in promoting the area's cultural identity and expression, according to City of Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds.

"It is very heartening to see such a significant civic space used and enjoyed so enthusiastically," Cr Reynolds said.

The Big Draw on Jull Street was proudly supported by Rainier Gallery Café and the City of Armadale.

## Summer Skate Series

**12noon - 5pm, Saturday 1 December 2007**

Skate boarders can show off their talents at the Summer Skate Series competition at Forrestdale Skate Park on December 1 from 12noon to 5pm.

Skaters can vie for the skating crown in this YMCA event in four different age divisions – under 12, under 15, girls only, and an open category.

The division winners will then have the opportunity to challenge skaters from other areas for the overall prize at a grand final on February 9 at the YMCA headquarters.

Three judges will oversee the competition and an MC will provide music and commentate.

This smoke, drug and alcohol free event is sponsored by Healthway.

## A family journey

A display of artwork and writing by local children who entered a recent competition to write about or draw their family as part of Children's Week will be on display at the City's libraries before being archived for posterity.

The entries received in the competition are a valuable contribution to Armadale's heritage and the children's depictions of family will be archived at the Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

The winning entries will be on displayed at the City of Armadale libraries for on the following dates:

Armadale Library, 29 October – 12 November

Westfield Library, 12 November – 26 November

Kelmscott Library, 26 November – 10 December



# Highland Gathering

**12noon-7pm, Saturday 17 November 2007**

There will be kilts and bagpipes galore as the perennially popular Highland Gathering kicks up its heels in Minnowarra Park.

Come along and join in the fun as Scots of all ages celebrate their Celtic ancestry with a festival of Scottish highland and country dancing, a pipe band competition, traditional sports including tossing the caber and Scottish sweet treats to enjoy.

The annual Highland Gathering will also feature the Armadale Classic Criterion Cycle Race, free children's activities and train rides, food outlets and a licensed bar – for a celebratory ale to toast the haggis!



# Carols in Minnowarra

**6.30pm to 8.30pm, Sunday 9 December 2007**

Rejoice in the spirit of Christmas at the City of Armadale's annual carol-singing celebration in Minnowarra Park. Join the angelic voices of local school choirs in singing a selection of traditional and modern carols at this much-loved community event.

Bring a picnic tea, a rug and make an evening of it! There will be family fun and games, with some great prizes to win, while a visit from the jolly man in red, Father Christmas, will have the kids wide-eyed.

For more information visit [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au)

## 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.

### Christmas Craft

3.45pm – 4.45pm  
Monday 12 November 2007

#### Kelmscott Library

Listen to Christmas stories from far off lands and make a snow globe to take home.

### Visiting Author

10am – 11.30am  
Friday 23 November 2007

#### Kelmscott Library

Award-winning author Estelle Blackburn talks about her latest book, *The End of Innocence*.

### Family Christmas Party

5.30pm – 7pm  
Friday 7 December 2007

#### Armadale Library

See entertainer Jonathon De Hadleigh perform "Roger Ridiculous and His Amazing Mad Rat and Wombat Christmas Circus", with a visit from Santa and lolly bags for the children. Bookings essential, phone 9399 0125.

#### 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

## COMMUNITY



# Pioneers share memories at 45th reunion

Long-standing Armadale residents shared laughs and a lifetime of memories at the 45th annual Pioneers Reunion hosted by the City of Armadale on October 13.

Around 220 people who have lived in the area for more than 50 years came together for a celebration afternoon tea at Armadale Hall, along with Mayor Linton Reynolds and other councillors.

The highly popular event, which has been held every year since 1963, was a heartfelt thankyou to the pioneering men and women who helped create the dynamic City of Armadale we know today, according to Mayor Linton Reynolds.

"The City of Armadale is delighted to recognise the men and women who have made such wonderful contributions to the growth and development of our community," Cr Reynolds said.

"The Pioneers Reunion also offers an opportunity for our long-time residents to catch up with old friends they may not see very often."

History was certainly in the air at the 2007 Pioneers Reunion, with special guest and author Bevan Carter in attendance to meet guests. Bevan and his wife Jennie Carter have been commissioned by the City of Armadale to write a new book on the district's history.

The Carters are keen to speak with people who have lived and worked in the Armadale region for many years, and to gather photographs and other materials for their book.

Bevan and Jennie Carter can be contacted at [wa.research@gmail.com](mailto:wa.research@gmail.com)

### Public presentation by historical authors Bevan and Jennie Carter 2pm to 3.30pm Thursday 29 November

Are you fascinated by Armadale's historic past? Have you or your family lived in the Armadale region for generations?

Come along to a City of Armadale public presentation by authors Jennie and Bevan Carter, who are gathering information for a new history of the Armadale District and hear about this exciting project.

Jennie and Bevan will summarise the research methodology for the book, timelines and suggested chapter outlines at the presentation.

They will also invite individuals or groups with interesting information about Armadale's history to make contact with them – this material could be written or oral accounts about a specific era or subject, photographs and other memorabilia.

For further information about the public presentation contact the City of Armadale's Historian/Local Studies Librarian Lorraine Pearce on 9399 0641 or email [info@armadale.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@armadale.wa.gov.au)

## National recognition for **age friendly workplace initiative**

The City's 'Promoting an age friendly workplace' initiative was short-listed at the recent Australian Human Resources Institute (AHRI) awards in Melbourne.

One of six finalists in the Innovation category, the City of Armadale was acknowledged for achieving excellence in people management.

Recognition at the national awards was a significant achievement, Chief Executive Officer, Ray Tame, said.

"Councils are like any other employer. We

are in a competition to keep the staff we have trained and invested in."

"The City has an ongoing commitment to best practice and being nominated as a finalist in these awards is a credit to our HR team," Mr Tame said.

"The 'Promoting an age friendly workplace' policy, developed by our Human Resources Department, is designed to address current and future shortages of skilled labour and to establish a balanced, age-diverse workforce at the City."

"Mature age employees maintain a wealth of experience and corporate knowledge in our organisation."

The new initiative contains five strategies to attract and retain workers of all age groups, which a special focus on mature age workers.

These include work/life balance initiatives such as flexible working hours arrangements, opportunities for job share, part-time work, phased-in retirement, retraining and providing assistance with effective retirement planning.

# Plans to switch your thinking

A City of Armadale initiative to trial energy-efficient street lighting is a key project in the 2007-08 **switch your thinking!** campaign, which aims to substantially reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions.

Working with the City of Gosnells and Serpentine-Jarrahdale Shire as the South East Regional Energy Group (SEREG), the City of Armadale is committed to combating global warming through the promotion of efficient energy and water use and waste reduction.

City of Armadale Councillor Pat Hart, the Chair of SEREG, said Councils were working closely with all sectors of the regional community to reduce local greenhouse gases by 15 per cent by 2010.

"The **switch your thinking!** campaign is the vehicle we are using to achieve this goal," Cr Hart said.

"Last financial year **switch your thinking!** Councils and our community saved a

**switch**  
your thinking!

a small change can make a big difference.



combined total of over 45,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions – the equivalent of taking some 10,000 cars off the road for a year.

"Over 5,000 residents were involved with **switch your thinking!** initiatives in 2006/07, visiting the award-winning Green House in Maddington, and WA's first 5-star rated display village at Stockland's Newhaven Estate in North Forrestdale."

Among the projects for the 2007/8 **switch your thinking!** campaign, launched on October 5, are the City of Armadale's trial of energy-efficient street lighting technology, the Green Light Schools Fundraiser, Great Gardens workshops, the **switch your thinking!** Rebate Scheme and the innovative Switched on Business & Industry program.

For more information on the 2007/08 **switch your thinking!** campaign visit the website [www.switchyourthinking.com](http://www.switchyourthinking.com)

## Councillor Contact List

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### Jarrahdale Ward



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### Lake Ward



**Cr Jeff Munn JP CMC**  
**Deputy Mayor** Tel: 9390 6018



**Cr June MacDonald**  
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### Minnawarra Ward



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**Cr Bob Tizard**  
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### Palomino Ward



**Cr Jim Everts**  
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**Cr Wayne Mauger**  
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### River Ward



**Cr Ruth Butterfield**  
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**Cr Henry Zelones JP**  
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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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## Armadale libraries to extend opening hours

Armadale, Westfield and Kelmscott libraries will extend their opening hours overall from Monday December 3.

The libraries will open half an hour earlier, and Armadale will offer an afternoon service on Saturdays for the first time.

Westfield will now be open on Wednesdays.

The new opening hours will be:

### Armadale

9am – 8pm, Monday to Friday  
9am – 4pm, Saturday

### Kelmscott and Westfield

9am – 6pm, Monday to Friday  
9am – 12noon, Saturday

# COMMUNITY

## Gold Plate Awards

Two of the best restaurants in our region were short-listed in this year's prestigious Gold Plate Awards.

The Manse in Armadale was short-listed in two categories - Unlicensed Dining, and Excellence in Health; whilst Roleys on the Ridge in Roleystone was a finalist in the Licensed Casual Dining – City/Metro category.

City of Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds said that the whole community was proud to see two restaurants of outstanding quality in our region recognised in the coveted Gold Plate awards.

"The Gold Plate awards are very competitive so Roleys and the Manse are to be congratulated - it is a wonderful achievement just to be short-listed for a Gold Plate," Cr Reynolds said.

"Roleys did extremely well to be named a finalist given that this in their first year in the competition."

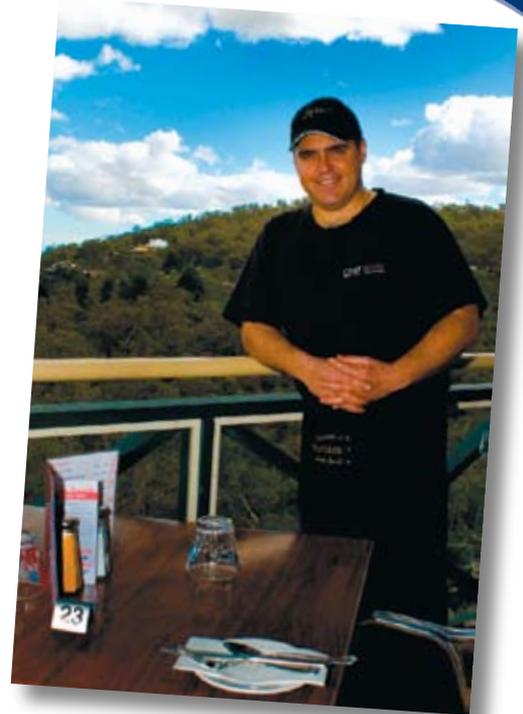
"The Manse is a previous Gold Plate Award winner, and has in fact, been a finalist every year for the past ten years."

The winners were announced at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Monday October 29.

This year is the 40th year for the Gold Plate Awards to be presented and 2007 saw a marked increase in entries in most categories.

The Gold Plate Awards are organised by the Catering Institute of Australia (W.A.) and are judged by independent and anonymous judges.

- The Manse Restaurant  
31 Church Ave, Armadale  
Ph: 9399 6078
- Roleys on the Ridge  
3-1 Soldiers Rd Roleystone  
Ph: 9496 0666



*Chef Brad Richards at Roleys on the Ridge.  
Photo: Andrew Romano, Digital Shutter Speed*



*Cr Bob Tizard with the Manse chefs Clare Nebe and Gary Smith*

## Community art workshops

Community artist Lesley King will work with Roleystone residents to create a unique public art project at the Roleystone Hall.

The first of several design workshops to involve the community will be held at the Combined Schools Fair on Saturday 24 November and at the Roleystone Shopping Centre on Saturday 1 December.

From the workshops images will emerge that reflect the unique natural environment, history and lifestyle of Roleystone. These images will then be adapted into artwork made out of steel, mosaics, clay tiles and cement render to decorate the Hall.

The project is anticipated to be completed in March 2008. For more information please contact Lesley King on 9474 9006.

### City of Armadale Council and Committee Meetings

November and December 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.

#### November 2007

Mon 12 Nov	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 13 Nov	7pm	Development Services Committee
Mon 19 Nov	7pm	Council Meeting
Mon 26 Nov	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 27 Nov	7pm	Community Services Committee

#### December 2007

Mon 3 Dec	7pm	Council Meeting
Mon 10 Dec	7pm	City Strategy & Technical Services Committee
Tues 11 Dec	7pm	Development Services & Community Services Committee
Mon 17 Dec	7pm	Council Meeting

**The next South East Metropolitan Regional Council (SEMRC) Meeting will be held at the City of South Perth Civic Centre, Corner of Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth at 6pm on Thursday 13 December 2007.**