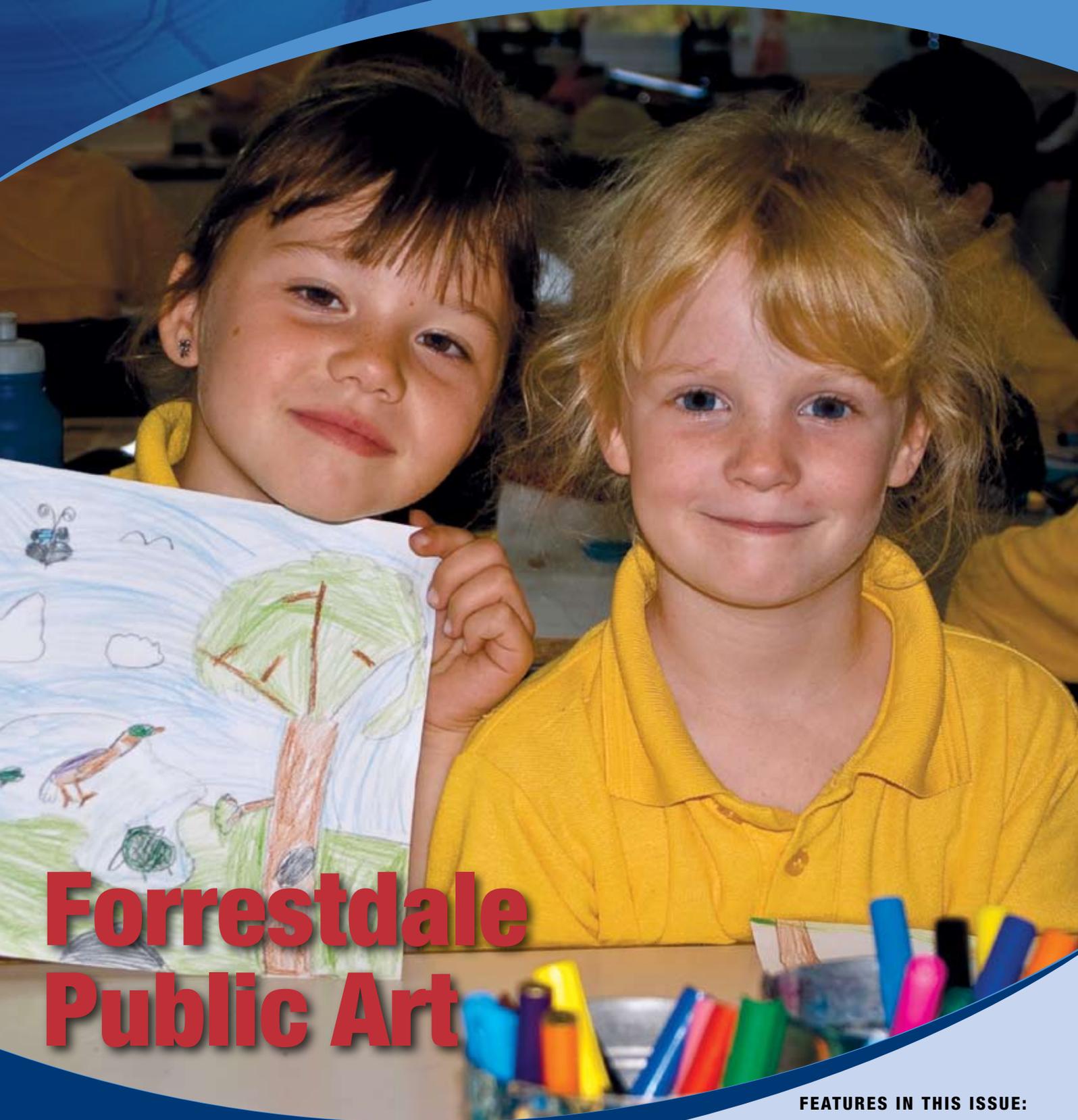


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## STRATEGIC

# City pushes for funding

The City of Armadale is continuing to lead the drive to attract more local government funding through State and Commonwealth support.

City Chief Executive Officer, Ray Tame, heads the Outer Metropolitan Growth Councils Group in WA and Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds is the spokesman for the National Growth Areas Alliance.

These groups have been established to encourage change and lobby governments for more support for the country's fastest growing urban municipalities.

Armadale is one of a handful of municipalities across the country experiencing or anticipating unprecedented growth. While this has created benefits for the community, it is putting extra pressure on Council to not only maintain existing infrastructure but also to provide new infrastructure.

Through the Outer Metropolitan Group and the National Growth Areas Alliance, the City aims to compel the State and Federal Government to recognise the issues its facing and devise solutions to ensure new suburbs are sustainable.

## Students aid **skills shortage**

An innovative new training academy based in the City of Armadale will provide young people with a pathway into Western Australia's growing civil construction industry.

The Ertech Construction Academy, located at Stockland's Newhaven Estate in Forrestdale, will offer Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to achieve a nationally-recognised certificate

qualification in civil infrastructure through a combination of training and workplace experience while still attending high school.

Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds welcomed the establishment of the Academy.

"The Armadale region is experiencing rapid population and industry growth and this is a fantastic opportunity to train our youth while contributing to the economic and social sustainability of the City of Armadale," Cr Reynolds said.

The Academy, founded by Ertech Ltd, is the first of its kind in WA and will help overcome the State's critical skills shortage in construction.

The first intake of 14 teenagers enrolled in March, with students being drawn from local schools and the Clontarf Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation which helps better the lives of indigenous male youths.

All Academy activities are supervised by Swan TAFE on land provided free by Stockland, enabling students to experience simulated site conditions in all aspects of the safe operation of a large construction plant.

The Ertech Academy was officially opened in Forrestdale last month, with special guests Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds and Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan.



## Building boom continues

Armadale continues to boom, despite house building figures dropping in other areas.

The City of Armadale's latest figures show the number of building licences issued for single dwellings approved in Armadale this year so far is 571, compared with 472 for the comparable period in 2006-07 – a rise of 21 per cent.

In addition, the City has issued 272 grouped building licences for the 10 months compared with 133 for the same period last year – up a huge 105 per cent.

City of Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds said the figures were great news for Armadale residents and those who were investing in the growth of the commercial sector.

"While building rates are dropping in other areas Armadale continues to lure residents looking to build a home here," Cr Reynolds said.

"I think people are seeing the rate of growth here in Armadale – the major changes like the revamped City centre – and are realising what an attractive place it is to live.

"In the past it was hard to get a decent coffee in the City centre, now there are so many places it's hard to know which one to choose. People are starting to realise just how much we've got to offer here," Cr Reynolds said.

## Demographic info online

Demographic information about your local community can now be easily accessed from the City's website [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au)

The City's new online Community Demographic Profile allows users to access local community characteristics, understand how they have changed over time and how they compare to other areas.

The Profile utilises official data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Census of Population and Housing from 2006, 2001, 1996 and 1991 for the entire local government area and smaller areas within it.

The Profile is an excellent research tool for residents, students, community groups, organisations, business and investors. The Profile will also inform Council decision making and enable the City to secure investment in services and infrastructure. Located under 'Your Community' at [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au) the profile includes a step-by-step guide to using the site.

## Mayor's Message



Have you experienced the Armadale CBD recently? It is vibrant and bustling, with new shops, cafes and major developments on the go, attracting local residents and those from outside the area, all keen to experience the "new" Armadale.

The exciting changes taking place mirror what is happening throughout the entire municipality. City statistics show significant increases for the number of building licences issued for houses and grouped dwellings in the last year.

Clearly we are experiencing a period of unprecedented growth and this is likely to continue for some years to come.

Of course with a building boom comes the issue of skilled construction workers.

These are in short supply throughout WA, but a new civil construction training academy locally based in Forrestdale will give local Year 11 and 12 students a career path into this industry.

The Ertech Construction Academy combines on-site training with study so that kids can finish their high school education with a nationally-recognised qualification.

This academy will complement the Australian Technical College campus already established in Commerce Avenue, Armadale, which combines Year 11 and 12 education with on-the-job training in the building and construction trades.

These institutions provide wonderful training and future employment opportunities for young people in the City of Armadale.

Hopefully we will see the first Academy and ATC graduates helping build new subdivisions and homes around Armadale in a few years' time!

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

## National Volunteers Week

Radio Lollipop volunteers from Armadale-Kelmscott Memorial Hospital were delighted when a potential recruit approached them at the City of Armadale's National Volunteer Week event in May. The theme of this year's function was to promote and recruit volunteers.

More than 100 local residents flocked to Armadale Hall for the event, which featured tunes from volunteer musical duo Tony & Mel, the John Calvin Christian School Band and a number of guest speakers including Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds.

During the event some volunteers jumped up to speak in an impromptu fashion, telling the audience how much they enjoyed their community volunteering roles.

Armadale Councillors Guenter Best and June MacDonald attended, while Melissa Northcott, the Chairperson of the City's



*Radio Lollipop ladies from AK Memorial Hospital with a potential volunteer*

Youth Advisory Committee, spoke about her volunteering experiences.

Anyone, no matter what their age, ability, skills or experience, can become a volunteer. For more information about volunteering within the City of Armadale, contact the Armadale Volunteer Resource Service on 9399 0629.

## COMMUNITY

# Family fun

A jumping castle, face painting, pony rides and cuddly farm animals were a hit with children attending Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup's recent family fun day.

The Playgroup received a community grant from the City of Armadale so it could host the event for its pre-school members and their families.

Dozens of children patted guinea pigs and rabbits, had their faces daubed with paint, jumped on the bouncy castle and took part in art and craft activities at the fun day.

City of Armadale community grants are designed to assist local not-for-profit groups with projects which benefit community members.

The funding can be used for a range of projects including organising community



events, purchasing equipment, staging workshops or printing information leaflets and brochures.

Grants of up to \$1000 are open to all not-for-profit organisations such as sporting, welfare, arts, youth, seniors and ethnic groups from the Armadale region.

Applications for the first round of 2008-09 City of Armadale grants close on Friday 29 August. Visit [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au) for more information.

# Forrestdale public art

Enthusiastic Forrestdale school children and community members are working with the City of Armadale to design and develop public artworks for their suburb.

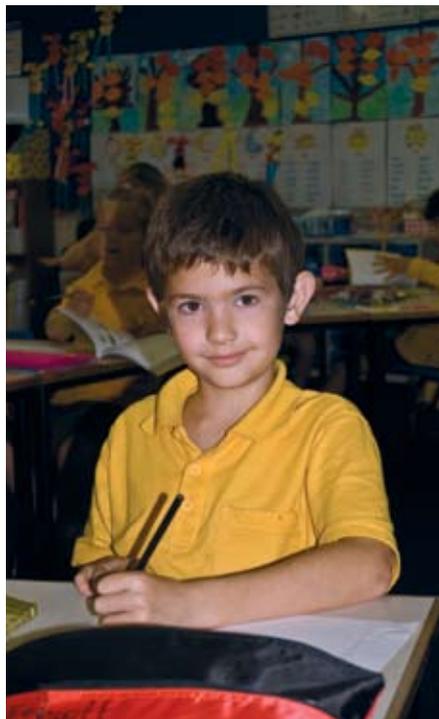
A series of community workshops have been held as part of the City's Forrestdale Placemarking Project to produce ideas for the artworks.

Environmental themes, particularly focusing on Forrestdale Lake, have been popular with residents, who have also expressed a desire for the art pieces to be educational.

Students from Forrestdale Primary School, who took part in design workshops during May, enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about the environmental significance of Forrestdale Lake and produced highly creative drawings, poems and stories for the Placemarking Project.

These and other workshop contributions will provide the reference material for the artwork designs, which will then be vetted by the Forrestdale Community Management Committee before art making begins.

The final artworks are likely to be installed during November in prominent locations such as the Forrestdale Hall, Weld Street pedestrian walkway, Forrestdale Lake viewing platform (presently in design stage by the Department of Environment and Conservation) and Lot 451, an area of land between the Forrestdale Hall car park and Armadale Road.



*Jett Fencott contributed to the art project*

# Indigenous driver training

An Indigenous Driver Training Program will be run from the Champion Centre in the City of Armadale, following a successful State Government grant application.

The program, aimed at local Indigenous youth, is a joint initiative between the City and Armadale Aboriginal Police Liaison Officers.

The City of Armadale Indigenous Community Development Team recently secured a \$5000 grant from Community Justice Services (CJS) to conduct the driver training program at the Champion Centre in Seville Grove.

As part of the program, local youth will be able to obtain Learner's Permits and participate in defensive driving courses and hazard perception tests. The project aims to support young people as they work towards obtaining their driver's licence.

# Outside the Frame

**11am – 4pm, Thursday 21 August to Saturday 23 August 2008**

Entries are pouring in from Year 11 and 12 students vying for the chance to showcase their artistic endeavours as part of the region's premier high school art award, Outside the Frame.

Last year's exhibition featured a magnificent mix of works in the categories of painting, drawing, prints, sculpture, textiles and photography.

This year's exhibition promises to be the most imaginative and most impressive collection of artworks yet.

Artworks entered as part of Outside the Frame will be part of a professionally curated exhibition coordinated and funded by the City of Armadale. The free exhibition will be open to the public on the dates listed above, and will be held upstairs at the City of Armadale's Administration Centre, 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale.

Students interested in entering the competition have until 1 August to submit their work. For more information contact the City of Armadale on 9399 0187.



*Cr Jeff Munn with Emma Itzstein*



*Judges with a winning entry*

## 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.

### Origami flowers

**3.45pm – 4.45pm, Monday 30 June  
Kelmscott Library**

Primary school-aged children in the Kids Craft Club will enjoy learning about origami as they make paper flowers.

### First Aid for Children

**10am – 11.30am, Friday 4 July  
Westfield Library**

Parents and carers are invited to attend this Better Beginnings Parent Workshop on choking, burns and poisoning.

### Scary Spiders

**2pm – 3pm, Wednesday 9 July  
Westfield Library**

Kids will love being freaked out as they make scary, squashy spiders as part of the School Holidays Program.

### Wild Animal Tracks

**10.30am – 11.30am,  
Wednesday 16 July  
Armadale Library**

School Holiday fun continues for kids, who can make fun animal footprint stamps to press onto a wild animal mural.

#### Armadale Library

7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale  
Tel: 9399 0125

#### Kelmscott Library

2800 Albany Highway, Kelmscott  
Tel: 9390 5506

#### Westfield Library

78 Champion Drive, Seville Grove  
Tel: 9497 2622

# Framed

**Armadale Central Shopping Centre opening hours, Thursday 21 August to Saturday 23 August 2008**

The artistic talents of local students in Year 8, 9 and 10 will be on show at Armadale Central Shopping Centre this August. 2008 sees a revamp of the exhibition with a new name, venue and categories. The bold and exciting artworks are sure to entice shoppers to stop and take a peek.

Framed is organised and funded by the City of Armadale and is open to all students living within the City. Students interested in entering the competition have until 1 August to submit their artwork. For more information contact the City of Armadale on 9399 0187.



## Community planting

Tens of thousands of seedlings will soon be planted in City of Armadale reserves and river foreshores as part of an important Community Landcare Rehabilitation Program. And you can be a part of it!

Community groups, schools and individuals are all encouraged to become involved in the Landcare effort. Volunteers are needed to help plant the seedlings throughout winter, as soon as sufficient rain has fallen.

The City of Armadale has received grants from the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program and the Swan River Trust – Riverbank Fund to restore our local

foreshores and reserves through weed control and the planting of native dry land seedlings and in-stream sedges and rushes.

Planting days are being held throughout June with City of Armadale schools, including John Wollaston Anglican Community School and the Armadale Education Support Centre.

Individuals and community groups can find out more about the Landcare Program, or register for upcoming volunteer planting days, with the City's Community River Restoration Officer Matt Grimbley on 9399 0643 or [mgrimbley@armadale.wa.gov.au](mailto:mgrimbley@armadale.wa.gov.au)

## Save \$s and the environment!

Rebates for City of Armadale residents who buy energy efficient products such as insulation or solar panels have been extended until 30 June 2008.

Switch Your Thinking! residential rebates are available for Solahart hot water systems, Choice Electric 1kW Grid Power PV photo voltaic systems (solar panels) and Cool or Cosy insulation, air conditioners and window tinting.

The SYT! rebate for solar panels is available on top of State or Federal Government subsidies, reducing your total out-of-pocket expenses to just \$3,500.

The Switch Your Thinking! program is an initiative of the South East Regional Energy Group and the City of Armadale.

For more rebate information visit [www.switchyourthinking.com](http://www.switchyourthinking.com)

## Switched on businesses

The City of Armadale is looking for local businesses to participate in an exciting new project designed to reduce costs, increase profits and improve sustainability.

The Switched on Business and Industry (SOBI) project is being piloted by the South East Regional Energy Group and its partners, including the City of Armadale.

Funded by a \$222,000 AusIndustry grant from the Federal Government, the SOBI project is aimed at City of Armadale small businesses with fewer than 20 full-time employees.

Participating businesses receive a baseline audit from professional consultants to identify their industry-specific operations and economic and environmental impact, specifically addressing the key issues of energy, water, chemicals and waste.

A confidential report is prepared with detailed recommendations to help businesses reduce their energy and water usage and associated operating costs by 10-30 per cent. A follow-up audit and report 12 months later will show any change that occurs and make further recommendations.

A series of SOBI training workshops will be held later this year to assist businesses implement their own auditing procedures. Businesses participating in the SOBI project will receive free consultancy services worth over \$2000 – but you have to be quick to become involved!

Audits will be conducted in June/July, so register your interest today by visiting [www.switchyourthinking.com](http://www.switchyourthinking.com)





# Cubbies, Coins, Coughs...

What was it like growing up in the City of Armadale last century? A fascinating new exhibition at the City's History House Museum will give visitors an insight into the lives of past generations.

The exhibition, entitled 'Cubbies, Coins, Coughs and the Classroom', highlights items from the museum collection illustrating the experiences of local

*Volunteer Carole Cockeram with a rag doll handmade in the 1960s*

children compared with the youth of today. The key themes of the exhibition are school, playing, health and work.

The 'Cubbies, Coins, Coughs and the Classroom' exhibition is open to the public until September. Admission is by donation. The City of Armadale's History House Museum is located in the Minnowarra Historic Precinct, adjacent to the Council Administration Centre in Orchard Avenue, Armadale. For museum opening hours go to [www.armadale.wa.gov.au/tourism](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au/tourism) or call 9399 0670.

## Useful Council Numbers

### City of Armadale Administration Centre

**Tel:** 9399 0111  
**Fax:** 9399 0184  
 Email: [info@armadale.wa.gov.au](mailto: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.

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## Christmas in July

Break out the Santa hats for Christmas in July at the City of Armadale's Westfield Library!

This free seniors-only event will be held on Wednesday 23 July from 9.30am to 11.30am and will feature a performance from the Arvosi singing group. A delightfully Christmassy morning tea will be provided but numbers are limited. Seniors can book their place by calling Westfield Library on 9497 2622.

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## Roleystone revitalised

Roleystone Hall is undergoing a transformation, with decorative mosaics and hand-painted tile panels on the newly-rendered Jarrah Road exterior among many noticeable building improvements. The works currently underway are part of the wider Roleystone Revitalisation Project, funded by the City of Armadale and the State Government. The Roleystone Hall is an important community meeting hub and its major refurbishment will give the building a different look, as well as improve its functionality.

Local residents and hall users will benefit from the new features, including a paved alfresco area, access ramps, air conditioning and the conversion of the old bar/servery area into an accessible toilet and change room. The hall is also undergoing roof repairs and lighting and landscaping of the general surrounds. Works are expected to be complete by the end of July, weather permitting.

## Armadale Arena

For fun and fitness in your local area, why not visit Armadale Arena?

The City of Armadale has recently resumed management of Armadale Arena, which is centrally located on the corner of Townley Street and Forrest Road. The centre offers a range of programs including sports competitions such as netball and soccer, a fully-equipped gym and group fitness sessions.

Armadale Arena has gym and group fitness memberships starting from \$9.80 per week (conditions apply). Call 9399 5065 for more information.

## Online tutoring

School students in the City of Armadale can now receive free tutoring help online at the library or at home, through an innovative new service.

The 'yoututor' learning service is available through City of Armadale libraries and provides students from Years 4 to 12 with expert tutoring help in English, Mathematics, Science, Assignment Research and Study Skills over the internet.

To access the service, library members simply log onto the City of Armadale's website [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au) between 4pm and 8pm, Monday to Friday, go to the Libraries page and follow the 'yoututor' links.

Students connect to a qualified, expert tutor, in a secure, one-to-one, chat room-style classroom. All of the tutors are qualified, trained in online teaching techniques, and have a current 'Working with Children' check.

The free online tutoring service is funded by the City of Armadale through its libraries. To access 'yoututor', students must be members of a City of Armadale library – Armadale, Kelmescott or Westfield. For more information contact Armadale Library on 9399 0125.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Of the taxes collected by the three levels of government your local Council collects a mere 3 per cent. The State Government collect 15 per cent while the Federal government collect a whopping 82 per cent of tax 'cake'. In other words, of the total \$15,361 taxes per person we pay each year, \$12,565 goes to the Federal Government, the State Government take \$2,346 and local government is left with just \$450.

## 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 2008		
Mon 23 June	7pm	Council
July 2008		
Mon 7 July	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 8 July	7pm	Community Services Committee
Mon 14 July	7pm	Council
Mon 21 July	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 22 July	7pm	Development Services Committee
Mon 28 July	7pm	Council
August 2008		
Mon 4 Aug	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 5 Aug	7pm	Community Services Committee
Mon 11 Aug	7pm	Council
Mon 18 Aug	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 19 Aug	7pm	Development Services Committee
Mon 25 Aug	7pm	Council