

City Views

CITY OF  Armadale

VOLUME 20
FEBRUARY 2009



Australia Day extravaganza

FEATURES IN THIS ISSUE:

- Help beat graffiti
- Concerts in the Park
- Minnawarra Art Award
- Free mulch
- Active Citizenship Awards

www.armadale.wa.gov.au

COMMUNITY

Good news for first home buyers

The City is hoping to speed up building approvals for first home buyers by urging builders to ensure they submit complete building applications on behalf of their clients.

A City review of the building application process found that builders submitting incomplete applications were responsible for most of the delays with building approvals.

The City will give complete building applications priority – a move that will assist all home builders, particularly first home owners who are seeking to benefit from the First Home Owners Grant.

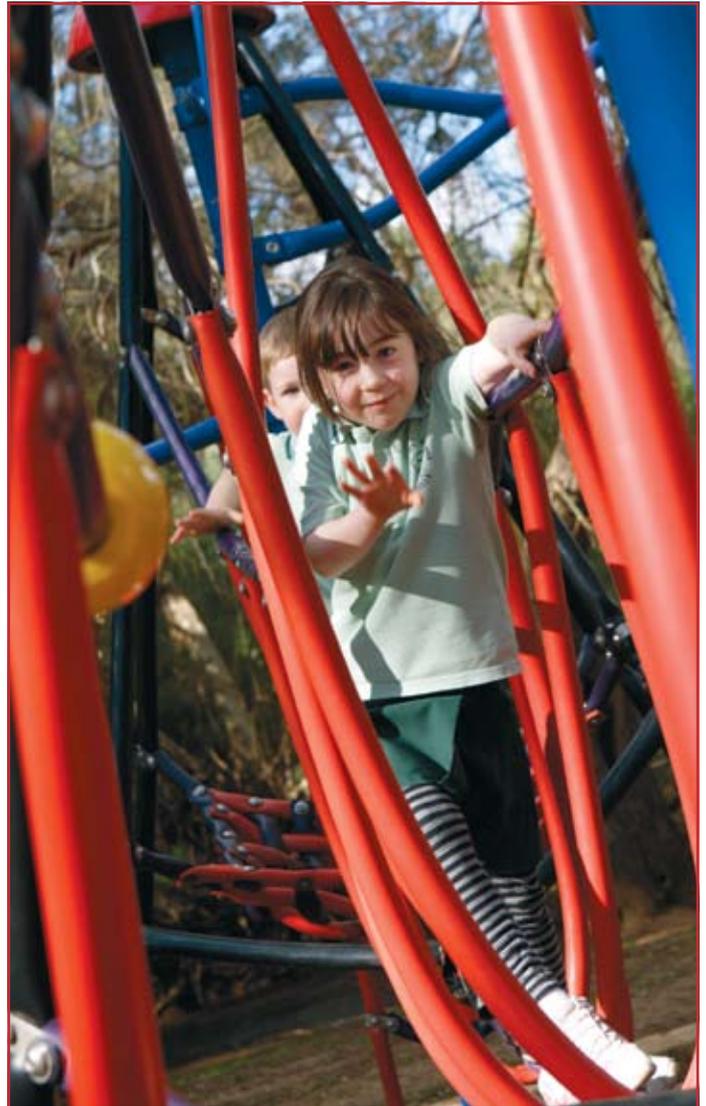


Sandra Worthington bops with Emma Whitehouse (left in pink), Lochlan Whitehouse and Hannah Bennett

Action stations at Armadale Arena

Armadale Arena is brimming with activity this summer, with a riot of events and courses on offer. Toddlers will be getting down and funky at the Arena's 'toddler bop' classes held on Monday and Wednesday mornings for parents and children aged from 18 months to five years. The classes use song, music and movement to help children develop language, coordination skills and balance.

A new Multi-sports Program is also underway at the Arena, providing kids with the skills needed to take part in a range of sports such as soccer, basketball, netball and cricket. Junior netball also kicks off during the school term. For more information contact Armadale Arena on 9399 5065.



Park upgrades spell family fun

The City's parks and reserves are in for a major facelift thanks to two funding initiatives.

The City received \$697,000 in Federal funding that will contribute to the major upgrade of Gywnne Park, Creyk Park, Memorial Park, Williams Skeet Reserve, Frye Park, Cross Park, Bob Blackburn Reserve, Fancote Park and Heron/Montrose Reserve.

These parks will receive new playground equipment and extras like water fountains, walking paths, seats, shade trees and fencing.

On top of this, the City will make major investments in Damerham Reserve, Valentine Reserve, Apex Park, Galliers Reserve, Creyk Park, Foster Reserve, William Turner Reserve and Sanctuary Lake with funds from its Public Open Space Strategy.

Help beat graffiti

You can help stamp out unsightly graffiti by reporting suspicious behaviour to the Police on 1800 44 22 55.

Last year the City was forced to spend over \$300,000 on removing graffiti and repairing acts of vandalism across the district – money that affects rates and could be spent on other projects. Areas that were targeted included Rushton, Evelyn Gribble, Morgan and Frye Parks.

The Office of Crime Prevention is offering rewards of up to \$1000 for information leading to the arrest or caution of a graffiti offender.

In a bid to tackle the problem, the City has implemented a Graffiti Management Policy to help keep the municipality clean. One of the key practices of the City's Graffiti Policy is a rapid response process involving regular monitoring of targeted graffiti sites. Research shows that prompt removal helps reduce graffiti as it diminishes the level of recognition and consequently lessens the reward achieved by offenders. So help the City of Armadale keep the City clean by reporting graffiti as soon as you see it and turning in offenders. For more information contact the City's Community Safety Officer Sarah Ratcliffe on 9399 0689.

Mayor's Message



As 2009 gets into full swing, so too does the City of Armadale's extensive program of events, activities and workshops. Even the current state of the economic climate can't stop the whirlwind of community activities happening here. We had a great showing for the Australia Day celebrations on 26 January. I love this event for the way it brings together people to celebrate what makes our City and country so special.

The City's three libraries are starting up their comprehensive range of programs for the year, with everything from Rhyme Time and Story Time sessions for babies and toddlers to special health workshops, talks and seniors' events. With the opening of the new, expanded library in Armadale later this year we will be able to significantly increase the number and range of these activities.

The revamped Armadale Arena is also in full-action mode. Aside from catering to your everyday fitness needs the Arena now offers a range of other programs including the ever popular 'toddler bop' dance classes. The case is the same at the Champion Centre where Aboriginal families can participate in programs and workshops aimed at fostering good mental and physical health.

Together these programs support and strengthen the social fabric of our community. They help keep us all fit, healthy and happy – a great way to continue in 2009. Speaking of fitness, have you walked or cycled around Champion Lakes yet? This is an experience not to be missed, especially in the cooler months of autumn and spring when the birdlife is more active.

Cr Linton Reynolds, AM JP
City of Armadale Mayor

Champion Centre offers Indigenous support

The Champion Centre is alive with activity for Aboriginal residents this year.

The Centre offers a huge choice of programs aimed at everyone from toddlers to the elderly.

Kids can have a ball at the 'Best Start' playgroup sessions while mums can ensure the best upbringing for their families by attending 'Our Mob' antenatal care, 'Keeping Our Mob Safe' safety sessions and 'Too Solid' parenting programs.

Then there are exercise programs, life skills workshops, women's support sessions, driver training and lots more.

For more information drop into the Champion Centre at 76 Champion Drive, Seville Grove or call the Centre on 9498 3631 or 9497 5246.



Champion Centre staff Colleen Sillifant, Val Swift-Otero, Edna Riley, Jodie Clarke and Nicole Allan-Hayward

COMING **EVENTS**

FOODcents workshops

**10am - 12 pm,
Thursday 26 February
to 2 April and 7 May to
11 June 2009**

Ease the pressure on your back pocket while staying healthy by attending one of two Red Cross FOODcents workshops.

Hosted by the City of Armadale and the Red Cross, each six-week course will involve weekly two hour workshops aimed at providing relevant, practical information to parents and carers regarding healthy and inexpensive food choices, menu planning and budgeting as well as advice on how to cook healthy, tasty meals.

The first FOODcents course will be held between 10am and 12pm, from Thursday 26 February to 2 April at the Armadale Community Family Centre. The second course will run between 10am and 12pm, from Thursday 7 May to 11 June at the Armadale Arena.

To book your place contact the City's Families and Children's Officer, Rebekah Milnes on 9399 0638. Numbers are limited. A free crèche is available but bookings are essential.

Mental as Anything

**4pm, Saturday
28 February 2009**

Greedy Smith and his classic Aussie rockers, Mental as Anything, will have the crowd jiving at a free event at Heron Park Estate in Harrisdale on Saturday 28 February.

Bring the kids, a chair or blanket and settle back for all the Mentals' greatest hits at Satterley's Music in the Park Concert, located in Splendid Gardens, off Harrisdale Road.

There will be rides for the children from 4pm, a support act starting at 5pm and Mental as Anything performing at 7.30pm.



Concerts in the Park

**5pm, Sunday 22 February, 8, 22 March
and 19 April 2009**

Balmy evenings relaxing in the park with a picnic and superb live music ... the City of Armadale's annual Concerts in the Park series is on again!

Music lovers of all ages are invited to attend the City's free Sunday concerts and enjoy a diverse range of musical talent performing in beautiful parklands across the region.

The 2009 Concerts in the Park kick off at 5pm on Sunday 22 February with Jay Weston performing in Armadale's Memorial Park from his repertoire of opera, classical, contemporary and light musical pieces, accompanied by Katherine Jenkins.

Blues lovers are in for a treat on Sunday 8 March when four-piece blues band Indigo Alley plays a mix of traditional and modern rock blues compositions in Minnowarra Park, while folk music lovers can kick up their heels in Kelmscott's Rushton Park on Sunday 22 March with Miles to Go – a traditional Celtic music folk band.

There will be a hip-swinging conclusion to the concert series on Sunday 19 April in Roleystone's Cross Park with the vibrant sounds of Afro-Cuban Latin band, Funkalleros. For more information visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au or contact the City on 9399 0187.

Valley of Vines

Did you know that the suburbs of Mt Richon and Mt Nasura were named after vineyards?

A fascinating exhibition 'Valley of Vines: Growing Grapes in Armadale' at the City of Armadale's History House Museum reveals the grape-growing, wine-producing heritage of our region.

Grape growing in this region started in the 1890s when Martin Jull and Dr J.M. Stewart planted more than 20,000 vines on the hills overlooking Armadale. For over 50 years local vineyards thrived, growing a wide variety of grapes and producing many different wines, ports, sherries and muscats.

While the industry almost disappeared in the second half of the 20th century, today grapes are again being grown and wine is being made throughout the district.

Visit History House Museum in Jull Street, Armadale and explore our viticultural past.

The exhibition runs until 31 March 2009. Opening hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am to 4pm, Saturday 1pm to 4pm, Sunday 9am to 3pm and public holidays 1pm to 4pm.

Minnawarra **Art Award**

**11am - 4pm,
Thursday 26 March
to Sunday
5 April 2009**

Bold and bright oil paintings, stylish sculptures, wood carvings, sketches, ceramics, digital art and jewellery from some of WA's finest artists will form a dazzling display at the 13th annual Minnawarra Art Award and Exhibition.



Residents, visitors and art lovers have the chance to admire – and purchase – these unique artworks, which will be exhibited at the City of Armadale from Thursday 26 March until Sunday 5 April.

Leading artists, both local and from across the State, will be vying for \$20,000 in cash, acquisitions and commission prizes.

Coordinated this year by renowned curator Greg White, the Minnawarra Art Award and Exhibition is the highlight of the City's cultural calendar. Entry to the public is free.



Last year's winners showcase their artworks

Minnawarra **Festival**

**Saturday 4 and
Sunday 5 April 2009**

A broad variety of art, craft, cultural attractions and musical entertainment for all ages will be showcased at the colourful Minnawarra Festival on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 April.

This ever popular City of Armadale festival – now in its 18th year – is held in beautiful Minnawarra Park and features a weekend of family fun and entertainment.

Saturday's activities focus on music and feature entertainers, music workshops for young and old and community entertainment. The main stage will host WA performers and bands throughout the day.

On Sunday, families will be out in force to see local community groups, family entertainment, music, demonstrations, craft stalls and sample tasty local produce.

Minnawarra Festival visitors can also wander across the park to the City's Administration Centre and take in the magnificent artworks on display on the final day of the Minnawarra Art Award and Exhibition.



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!

Baby Yoga

**10am - 11.30am
Friday 27 February
Seville Grove Library**

Parent and baby can go through simple yoga practices that will not only improve their health but will also enhance the special bond between parent and child.

Ripper Readers

**Starts February
Armadale, Kelmscott and Seville
Grove Libraries**

Year 1 students can join the Ripper Readers Club to receive a goody bag, special bookmark and other perks while learning to love books and reading.

Baby Rhyme Time

**Ongoing
Seville Grove and Kelmscott Libraries**

Baby Rhyme Time sessions will provide you and your baby with the chance to bounce and sing-a-long to some favourite rhymes. Mums will also learn how to entertain and educate their babies at home. Suitable for zero to 2 year olds.

Armadale Library

7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale
Tel: 9399 0125

Kelmscott Library

2800 Albany Highway, Kelmscott
Tel: 9390 5506

Seville Grove Library

78 Champion Drive, Seville Grove
Tel: 9497 2622



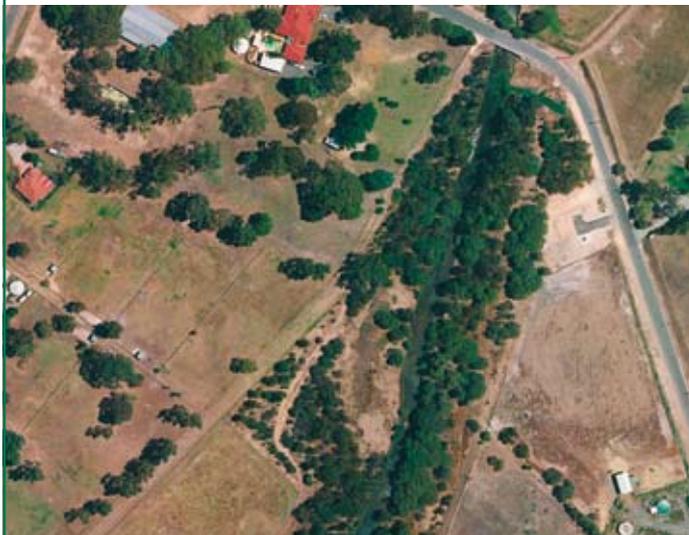
Palomino Reserve before revegetation 2003

Revegetated riverways

City of Armadale waterways are becoming blanketed in green, thanks to the efforts of City of Armadale-supported community groups.

The Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group (AGLG) has led the rehabilitation efforts, along with Friends Groups like the Palomino Reserve Catchment Group and many more. Palomino Reserve in Wungong and Derry Reserve in Mount Nasura are just two of the City's natural attractions to have experienced massive upgrades thanks to their work.

Once desolate riverbanks are now weeded and lushly vegetated with planted native trees and shrubs, which spells great news for the native wildlife in the area. Check out these before and after photographs – it's amazing to see the results achieved by environmental volunteers in just a few short years.



Palomino Reserve after revegetation 2008

Free mulch

Spruce up your gardens and help conserve water with mulch.

The City is offering free, untreated shredded green waste through the Armadale Landfill and Recycling Facility on Hopkinson Road and the Roleystone Green Waste Facility on Springdale Road.

To take advantage of the free mulch offer, residents will need to load the mulch themselves. Alternatively, they can pay to have the mulch loaded onto their own trailer.

It's also recommended that mulch users follow guidelines available at the City's website (www.armadale.wa.gov.au) to ensure the mulch is free of weed seeds.

Commercial operators can also take advantage of the free mulch offer. Alternatively, residents can bulk buy mulch from tree pruning that is free of weed seeds. This mulch is delivered to your doorstep in five or 10 cubic metre quantities.

Anyone seeking information on the mulch service can contact the City on 9399 0111.

Dispose of your recyclables for free

Have you got some recyclables that you want to get rid of? Then why not offload them at the City's Landfill and Recycling Facility on Hopkinson Road in Brookdale.

Loads must be sorted and contain only scrap metals, batteries, oil, white goods, clean cardboard, glass, bottles and aluminium cans. It is the perfect way to get rid of recyclable junk. Normal fees apply for green waste due to the cost of processing.

For more information contact City of Armadale Waste Services on 9399 0124.

Volunteers green the City

A growing army of volunteers is out in force in Armadale, fighting to keep the City green.

The City of Armadale now has 19 registered Friends Groups that volunteer to weed, tree plant and beat environmental degradation across the City.

The City's Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee recorded 183 volunteers from these groups doing nearly 5,000 hours volunteer work for the 2007/2008 reporting period.

The City of Armadale-supported Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group coordinated another 1,228 volunteers from corporate and school groups to undertake 2,986 hours of environmental projects within the City.

Anyone interested in lending a hand should contact the City of Armadale's Environmental Officer Paula Haro on 9399 0194.



Is your pool or spa legal?

Are you lucky enough to own a pool or spa? If so protect your family and friends by making sure it's properly fenced to current safety standards and registered with the City of Armadale. Regulations apply to any pool or spa that has water deeper than 300mm – even plastic blow up pools.

If you have a pool and are not sure if it's registered, or if you'd like information on State Government fencing requirements, contact the City of Armadale's Building Department on 9399 0189 or visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au

Dieback

Help stamp out the deadly plant pathogen Phytophthora Dieback by adhering to advice on new code of conduct signs in Lloyd Hughes Reserve, Bungendore Park and Armadale Settlers Common.

The new signs inform visitors about Dieback, show maps of the disease's spread throughout the reserves and give tips to help prevent further infestation.

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.

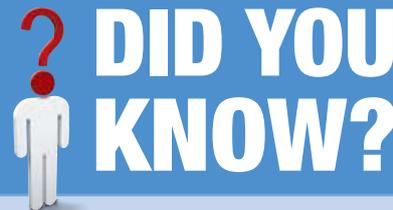
Next deadline: Monday 9 March 2009

Email: Catherine Halsall at chalsall@armadale.wa.gov.au

Tel: 9399 0634 Fax: 9399 0184

Published by the Armadale City Council, Locked Bag 2, Armadale WA 6992

This newsletter is printed on environmentally friendly paper



The City's Health Department Officers regularly inspect local food outlets and take samples of food and non-scheme water for testing. They also inspect public buildings, swimming pools, on-site sewage and effluent systems and animal-based industries to ensure residents and visitors to the region enjoy a clean, safe and low-risk environment.

Councillor Contact List

Heron Ward



Cr Linton Reynolds AM JP, Mayor
 Tel: 9390 7433



Cr Jim Stewart
 Tel: 9497 9524

Jarrah Ward



Cr Pat Hart
 Tel: 9496 1634



Cr Laurie Scidone
 Tel: 9496 0445 Fax: 9496 3445

Lake Ward



Cr Jeff Munn JP CMC Deputy Mayor Tel: 9397 1247



Cr June MacDonald
 Tel/Fax: 9399 1738

Minnawarra Ward



Cr Keith Lethbridge
 Tel: 9399 5270



Cr John Knezevich
 Tel/Fax: 9497 1638

Neerigen Ward



Cr Guenter Best
 Tel: 9399 4371 Fax: 9497 3985



Cr Bob Tizard
 Tel/Fax: 9497 3469

Palomino Ward



Cr Jim Everts
 Tel: 9399 6327 Fax: 9399 6833



Cr Wayne Mauger
 Tel: 9399 4798

River Ward



Cr Ruth Butterfield
 Tel: 9390 1459



Cr Henry Zelones JP
 Tel: 9495 4073 Fax: 9495 4838

City of Armadale
 7 Orchard Ave, Armadale
 Tel: 9399 0111 Fax: 9399 0184
www.armadale.wa.gov.au

YOUR COUNCIL

Australia Day spectacular

Armadale skies exploded with dazzling colour on Australia Day during the City of Armadale fireworks spectacular.

Around 45,000 people attended the annual event in Minnowarra Park which kicked off with performances from bands 43 Cambridge and Our Generation. After the sun went down passionate party goers were enthralled by the 25 minute fireworks extravaganza, set to a synchronised all-Australian sound track.



Active Citizenship Awards

Dedicated City of Armadale volunteers Tony Cutajar and Steve Aldersea, as well as the Armadale Red Cross Cadets, have scooped the prestigious Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards.

Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds presented the winners with framed certificates at a special ceremony hosted by the City as part of its Australia Day celebrations on Monday 26 January. The 2009 Premier's Active Citizenship Awards honour residents who have made an outstanding contribution to their local community.



Tony Cutajar shows off his Active Citizenship Award

The Armadale Red Cross Cadets, nominated in the Community Group or Event category, were recognised for their dedicated support to Armadale's most vulnerable and disadvantaged people. While Mr Cutajar, winner of the 25 years or older category, volunteers much of his time to City of Armadale projects and services, including History House Museum, the RoadWise Committee and the Disability Advisory Team.

Mr Aldersea won the City of Armadale Environmental Contribution of the Year for his tireless efforts to remove graffiti from the Armadale and Kelmscott areas and his volunteer role with the Armadale Wildflower Society.

Immunisation Clinics

Clinics are free and commence at 9am and close at 10am sharp. Community Nurses are in attendance to carry out vaccinations. Scheduled vaccinations are due for children aged 2, 4, 6, 12 and 18 months, and 4 years old. To assist the Health Insurance Commission National Register please bring your Medicare Card. For more information contact the City's Health Department on 9399 0111.

HAROLD KING COMMUNITY CENTRE Grovelands, Westfield	ARMADALE HALL Jull Street, Armadale	EV GRIBBLE COMMUNITY CENTRE Ninth Road, Brookdale	KELMSCOTT HALL River Road, Kelmscott
Wed 4 March Wed 1 April	Wed 11 March Wed 8 April	Wed 18 March Wed 15 April	Wed 25 March Wed 22 April

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 2009

Tues 3 Mar	7pm	Community Services Committee
Wed 4 Mar	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Mon 9 Mar	7pm	Council
Mon 16 Mar	7pm	Development Services Committee
Tues 17 Mar	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Mon 23 Mar	7pm	Council

April 2009

Mon 6 April	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 7 April	7pm	Community Services Committee
Tues 14 April	7pm	Council
Mon 20 April	7pm	Development Services Committee
Tues 21 April	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 28 April	7pm	Council