

## **Council condemns exorbitant increase in State landfill levies**

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## Armadale Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention schemes in existence and is used in many neighbourhoods across the world.

Armadale NHW aims to reduce the opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour in your neighbourhood by deterring would-be burglars and vandals.

Most crime can be prevented by being vigilant and taking simple precautions with home security. To minimise theft, Armadale NHW advises people to keep their car keys, handbags and other personal items out of sight of open doors and windows. Most thieves are opportunistic and only need a few seconds to grab your belongings and vanish.

Armadale NHW is chaired by Councillor June MacDonald and operates out of the District Hall. Opening times are Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 11am in the Committee room at the City of Armadale main building.

The scheme greatly values the contributions of everyone involved and is always looking for new volunteers for newsletter delivery and office based work. To find out more call 9399 3514.



## Burning Off

From 1 June to 30 September a permit to burn off on residential zoned land greater than 1,200 square metres must be obtained by making an application to Council's Health Service. This is the period when burning is most likely to cause pollution and health problems for people suffering from respiratory conditions such as asthma.

Burning off is prohibited on Sundays and public holidays and on land less than 1,200 square metres. Penalties for illegal burning include a \$250 on the spot fine, or up to \$5,000 if legal action is taken. Permits are not required to burn on rural land.

Whether or not a permit is required, burning off should not be considered unless it is absolutely essential for fire control purposes and acceptable alternatives do not exist such as:

- Mulching;
- Disposal through the City's green waste collection service each spring and autumn; or
- Transport directly to the Roleystone Green Waste Facility in Springdale Road or to Council's landfill site in Hopkinson Rd Hillbert for disposal.

Please consider your neighbours and the environment and do not burn unless it is absolutely essential to do so.



## PV+ Project Update

Total Tally Board		
Council Name	Number of participants	Total number of Kilowatts installed
Armadale	19	23.5
Gosnells	13	14
Serpentine Jarrahdale	7	7.5
Belmont	3	4
Victoria Park	6	7.5
South Perth	0	0

- The City of Armadale is leading the way in the PV+ project with 22.5 kws worth of solar systems already installed on residential roofs
- So far the project has saved 1,893 tonnes of greenhouse emissions (Calculated based on a 1kw system saving 1.5 Tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> each year for 25 years)
- Greenday Today has donated over \$5,000 to the Black Saturday bushfire appeal

Federal Government solar rebates change on 30 June. After July 1 residents who were ineligible to receive a Federal Government rebate may be eligible under the new Solar Credits Program. Businesses and community groups will also be eligible for a solar rebate.

For more information call *switch your thinking!* Project Officer Julie McMinn on 0428 917 898



## DEC to patrol smoky chimneys in Armadale

Wood heaters are one source of air pollution that the home owner can do something about. Fine smoke particles from poorly operated wood heaters can impact on our health, especially affecting people with existing respiratory problems such as asthma and emphysema.

Wood heater owners need to ensure that their wood heaters are operating correctly and only burn dry, seasoned firewood. In addition, by following these few steps and tips, you can ensure that the wood is burnt cleaner and efficiently, thus resulting in the reduction of smoke released in the air.

1. Choose a heater that is manufactured to Australian Standards AS 4013.
2. Use dry well seasoned wood. This wood produces more heat and less smoke.

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) is seeking community support and will be monitoring smokey chimneys this winter.

For more information on wood heaters and smoke please visit the DEC website [www.dec.wa.gov.au/airquality](http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/airquality) and click on 'Halt the Haze – the haze reduction initiative'.

If you are concerned about excessive smoke from your chimney, or require information, contact the City of Armadale Health Services on 9399 0111.

## Mayor's Message



As the seasons change and we enter the winter months so Council turns its attention to financial matters and the 2009/10 budget.

This year's budget will have to strike a balance between the needs of those on limited incomes versus the significant increases in Council operating costs. These increases come in the form of greatly elevated costs for electricity which will add a substantial amount to Council's bill for street lighting and the raised costs for managing our community buildings. Waste is another area where there has been a sharp increase in the levy that the state government applies to it when it enters our landfill site. These increases do not correspond with CPI and, in common with many other Councils, the City of Armadale's 2009/10 budget will reflect these rises.

Council will this year also take over responsibility for some of the parks created in the new suburbs that require a higher than normal level of service. This will require the imposition of Specific Area Rating on those suburbs.

Councillors and staff are working through the range of issues and challenges posed by these increases as part of Council's annual review of the 15 year financial plan and in preparation for the 2009/10 budget.

In the current tough economic climate it is easy to become disillusioned as anticipated projects are delayed or cancelled due to finance being harder to source. However it is comforting to know that by comparison with the rest of the world, our issues are manageable and are much smaller. The City of Armadale is well placed to ride out these tough economic times and we can all look forward to the future with confidence and energy.

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

## Waste levy increase a state tax says Armadale Mayor

City of Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds has expressed his concern over the State Budget and said that it was making it impossible for Council to keep rate increases within reasonable levels.

One example was the waste levy increase of 300 per cent, from \$7 a tonne to \$28 a tonne. Cr Reynolds has called this rise 'immoral' as it is not being used as originally intended. He said: "Each household produces a tonne of waste per year collected by Council. Some also deliver trailer loads to the disposal site.

"We still have to assess our Budget, but the average West Australian household will pay an extra \$26 per year just for this levy."

Electricity costs are also set to rise by 30 per cent from July 2009. Explaining the impact on the City, Cr Reynolds has said that the City's annual street lighting bill is more than \$600,000 per annum. This means that the City faces an increase of around \$200,000 for street lighting alone, without taking into account other electricity costs associated with more than 100 buildings.

## COMMUNITY

# Armadale residents urged to **Measure Up**

The City of Armadale is urging local residents to make and sustain healthy changes to their lifestyle, in order to reduce the incidence of chronic disease.

Did you know that an estimated 20,000 residents in the Armadale area are overweight or obese and 1,774 people have diagnosed type 2 diabetes?

The City is supporting the Measure Up campaign, a joint Australian, state and territory government initiative, by encouraging local community members to adopt healthy eating habits and increase their level of physical activity.

Simple ways Armadale residents can help protect themselves against the risk of chronic disease include visiting local parks and reserves, supporting healthy food businesses and utilising the excellent gym and exercise facilities at the City's Armadale Arena.

Measuring your waist is the easiest way to see if you are at increased risk of developing a lifestyle-related chronic illness. For most people a waist measurement of more than 94cm in men and more than 80cm in women is associated with an increased risk of chronic disease.

To find out about more ways to make and sustain healthy changes to your lifestyle, visit the Measure Up website, [www.australia.gov.au/MeasureUp](http://www.australia.gov.au/MeasureUp)

Armadale Arena, located on the corner of Townley Street and Forrest Road, is open 6am to 8.30pm Monday to Friday, 8am to 1pm Saturday and 8am to 11am on Sunday.

For more information contact the Arena on 9399 5065.

### Venue hire

Armadale Arena has rooms and courts available for hire for schools, community groups, businesses and the general public, as well as venues suitable for sports, activities, meetings and functions.

Activities currently taking place at Armadale Arena include belly dancing, roller skating, martial arts, committee meetings, Pilates, school sports, circus workshops and junior and senior team sports.

**Great membership prices from \$9.81/week\***

Discount of 20 per cent on memberships for seniors living in the City of Armadale\*

*\*terms and conditions apply*

**Sign up for 12 months with this voucher and receive a fitness training pack valued at \$150.**

Not transferable for cash. **Expires July 31 2009**



## Get a celebrity shape – go from bone idle to pop idol!

According to staff at Armadale Arena – the City of Armadale's brand new fitness centre – fit, toned, strong and flexible bodies are not just for celebrities with plenty of time and money on their hands. The average Bruce or Sheila can achieve their own celebrity-style body too, by following a regular exercise plan. The trick is to choose a workout that you enjoy and then do it regularly.

As well as a state-of-the-art gym and weights room, Armadale Arena also offers the latest in fitness classes. From classes designed to burn calories, to classes which tone individual muscle groups, Armadale Arena is able to provide a variety of activities to get a celeb-worthy shape.

Current classes on offer at the Arena include Fitball, Step Attack and Yoyalates.

**Fitball:** suitable for men and women, this class is a medium intensity workout with small weighted hand-held balls. This workout will whittle your waistline and help you shift those pounds.

**Step Attack:** again, suitable for men and women, this is a higher intensity class that will get your heart rate up and make you work those legs and butt.

**Yoyalates:** the very latest in fitness, Yoyalates is a combination of yoga and Pilates. If you're after a long, lean, super-toned celebrity body then this really is the class for you.

Armadale Arena also offers crèche facilities for children between the hours of 9am – 12 noon.

For further information on classes and opening times please contact 9399 5065.

# WAYRBA at the City of Armadale Libraries

The City of Armadale libraries are encouraging school aged borrowers to vote for, or nominate, a book for the Western Australian Young Readers Book Awards (WAYRBA).

Voters will go in to a draw to win a \$50 gift certificate donated by Collins Booksellers in Armadale.



This award is for school aged children and although it operates in all school and public libraries, this incentive is only being offered to those using the City of Armadale public libraries.

There are two book lists, one for older and one for younger readers. To place a vote you must have read books from, and be voting for, items off the chosen list. You can vote for more than one book as long as you have read it.

Voting closes on 14 August and one lucky winner will be drawn to receive the \$50 gift certificate. To be in for a chance to win you must visit the Armadale, Kelmscott, or Seville Grove libraries to place your vote or nomination.

# Champion Centre celebrates **NAIDOC Week**

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in indigenous communities, but by Australians of all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Armadale Aboriginal community.



This year's NAIDOC theme is 'Honouring Our Elders, Nurturing Our Youth' and will be held on 7 July at the Champion Centre between 10am to 4pm with a flag raising ceremony to be held at 10am.

The Champion Centre is located at 76 Champion Drive, Seville Grove, between the Seville Grove Library and the Armadale Aquatic Centre. For further information please call 9399 0820.

## Your Local Libraries

The City of Armadale libraries play host to a variety of activities this winter. As well as the usual favourites such as Ripper Readers, Seville Grove Library is hosting a diverse range of events listed below.

**Better Beginnings Parent Workshop: 30 books you must read before you are 3**  
**10-11.30am Friday 3 July**  
**Seville Grove Library**

Margaret Kett from the Better Beginnings reading program will talk about what to look for when choosing books for the baby or toddler in you life. Revisit old favourites and find new friends amongst the 30 titles.

Bookings are essential. Space is limited so please leave prams at home.

**Don Tate: The war within**  
**1-2pm Thursday 20 August**  
**Seville Grove Library**

Don Tate will be at the Library to talk about his book, a biography of his life and experiences including those as a soldier during the Vietnam war. As well as speaking about his book, he will also host a special showing of historic movie film he took in Vietnam as a young infantryman in 1969.

Bookings are essential.

For further information on events across all three City of Armadale libraries please call the numbers listed below.

**Armadale Library**

7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale  
 Tel: 9399 0125

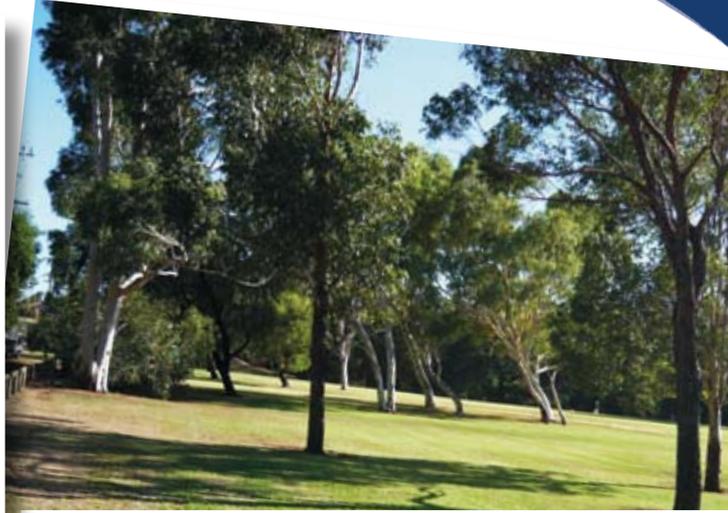
**Kelmscott Library**

2800 Albany Highway, Kelmscott  
 Tel: 9399 0810

**Seville Grove Library**

78 Champion Drive, Seville Grove  
 Tel: 9399 0800

## COMMUNITY - PARKS SPECIAL FEATURE



# City Parks Upgrade

The City of Armadale will make a \$406,500 investment towards improving existing parks and reserves, thanks to its public open space strategy (POS).

The City has earmarked \$110,000 for improvements for Memorial Park, \$195,000 for Minnowarra Park, \$76,500 for Fletcher Park and \$25,000 for Alderson Park. The Memorial Park works are in addition to those already underway.

The funds are going to pay for works ranging from lighting, disabled-access pathways, fountains and seating, to re-vegetation projects, new play equipment and landscaping.

### City's Frye park upgrade boosted by CSRFF grant

The City's planned upgrade of Frye Park in Kelmscott has been boosted by the announcement of a \$900,000 grant from the State Government's Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF).

The grant will contribute to the construction of a pavilion at Frye Park, one of the most heavily-used active sports reserves within the Armadale region. This major upgrade means City of Armadale residents will benefit from a high-class sporting facility located in the heart of Kelmscott.

Frye Park is presently home to more than 20 senior and junior soccer teams and eight senior and junior cricket teams. It is

anticipated the new multi-purpose pavilion will be regularly used both by sporting clubs and other community groups.

### Memorial plaques to be installed in City parks

Bronze memorial plaques with local heritage information will be installed in seven City of Armadale parks later this year.

Armadale Settlers Common, Bungendore Park, George Foster Reserve, John Dunn Memorial Park, Minnowarra Park, Morgan Park and Reg Williams Reserve will receive 40cm diameter plaques as part of a memorial plaques project adopted by the City in 2005.

The wording on the plaques is researched by the City's libraries and heritage staff and endorsed by the Public History Advisory Group. George Foster Reserve is named after an Armadale resident who worked for Armadale-Kelmscott local government for 45 years and Bungendore Park is named after an Aboriginal word with two meanings, 'place of gum blossom' and 'top of a hill.'

The location of the new plaques will be determined in consultation with the City's managers of Recreation Services and Parks & Reserves.

It is anticipated all seven plaques will be installed by the end of 2009.

# COMMUNITY - PARKS SPECIAL FEATURE



## Park life

Eight pieces of outdoor exercise equipment, play equipment and a barbecue have been installed at Fancote Park, Kelmscott, while an innovative mini basketball and soccer goal has gone in at Heron Reserve, in Camillo.

A large number of parks have been upgraded by installing new playground equipment and extras like drinking fountains, walking paths, seats, shade trees and fencing.

Gwynne Park, Creyk Park, Memorial Park, William Skeet Reserve, Frye Park, Cross Park, Bob Blackburn Flora Reserve, Fancote Park and Heron/Montrose Reserve will all receive upgrades by the Federal grant deadline of September 2009.

### 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

*City Views* provides residents with information about Council policies, services, activities and community events. We welcome your articles and suggestions.

**Next deadline: Friday 10 July**

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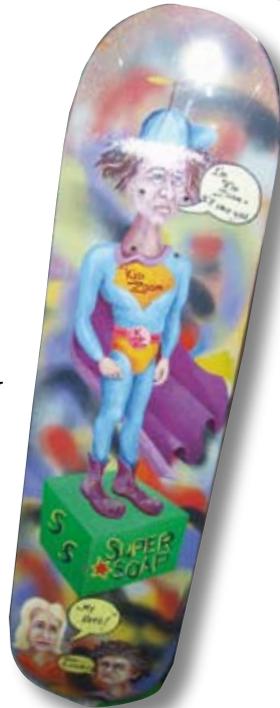
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## YOUR COUNCIL

# Skatescape art on display at Armadale Library

Distinctive examples of urban art painted on five skateboard decks were exhibited at the Armadale City Library during May and June.

The artwork, created as part of the City's 2008 Skatescape urban art project for local youth, consisted of five skateboards painted by young people, urban artist "Kid Zoom" and the City's Arts and Culture Officer.



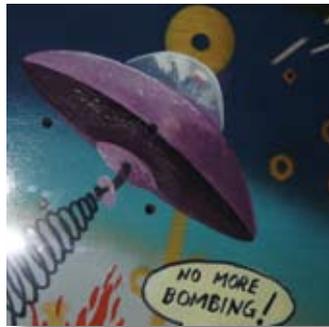
There were four very distinct styles of artwork captured on the boards: Urban Art, Contemporary Art, Street Art and Urban design.

The Skatescape display showcased the different ways a person can exhibit their urban art skills on the unusual medium of a skateboard.

As part of the Skatescape project, young people from the City of Armadale attended a series of free workshops with a professional urban artist.

After being introduced to urban art design and painting techniques, plus traditional fine art and industrial painting materials and methods, the workshop participants each produced their own unique skate deck.

Armadale Library is located adjacent to the City's Administration Centre in Orchard Avenue.



## DID YOU KNOW?



The city has issued building licenses for 778 new houses and 355 units in the past 12 months. These will accommodate more than 3,000 residents when completed.

## City of Armadale Council and Committee Meetings

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.

### July 2009

Mon 6 July	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 7 July	7pm	Community Services Committee
Mon 13 July	7pm	Council
Mon 20 July	7pm	Development Services Committee
Tues 21 July	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Mon 27 July	7pm	Council

### August 2009

Mon 3 Aug	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 4 Aug	7pm	Community Services Committee
Mon 10 Aug	7pm	Council
Mon 17 Aug	7pm	Development Services Committee
Tues 18 Aug	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Mon 24 Aug	7pm	Council

# 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 Australian Childhood Immunisation Register please bring your Medicare Card. For more information contact the City's Health Department on 9399 0111.

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Wed 1 July Wed 5 August	Wed 8 July Wed 12 August	Wed 15 July Wed 19 August	Wed 22 July Wed 26 August