

# City Views

CITY OF  Armadale

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*Help keep our beautiful City clean*

## Vandalism costs you, the ratepayer, **\$200,000 every year**

In the face of a Perth-wide increase in graffiti, the City of Armadale has implemented a graffiti management policy to help keep our City clean.

The whole community suffers from these acts of vandalism. The large majority of

our residents are proud of our beautiful City and do their best to keep it clean. However, there are a small number of vandals causing senseless damage

The City works closely with police to help identify the people responsible and

we seek financial restitution where possible.

Anyone who sees graffiti should report it immediately to the Office of Crime Prevention's Goodbye Graffiti hotline on (1800) 442 255.

## Armadale Neighbourhood Watch: Car safety tips

Western Australia has among the highest rates of car theft in the country, but by taking a few simple steps, you can reduce your chances of becoming a victim of car theft.

It is now compulsory to fit an approved car immobiliser on the purchase of a vehicle. Installing an immobiliser will not only make your vehicle much harder to steal, but it will be much less attractive to thieves.



Some simple steps to protect your vehicle:

- Park your car off the street, preferably in your yard or in a locked garage
- If you need to park in the street at night, ensure you park in a well lit area
- Have the Vehicle Identification Number etched into all major windows
- Don't leave your keys in the ignition. Apart from being an invitation to potential offenders, this constitutes an offence if your vehicle is parked on a road
- Don't leave valuable items in your vehicle
- Spare keys should never be hidden on or in a vehicle
- Remove cheque books, credit cards, driver's licence and registration papers from your glove box

- Keep all doors locked while driving
- Check the rear seat of your car before getting in
- Always close all windows and lock all doors before leaving your car

Neighbourhood Watch is a series of programs aimed at making individuals aware of crime prevention initiatives and activities in and around the home.

It is about working together as a community to improve our personal safety and household security. Most importantly, it is about encouraging interaction and a sense of responsibility between neighbours and communities.

Neighbourhood Watch is about you, your local neighbourhood, the wider community and the WA Police working together to establish and maintain a safer community.



*Creyk Park has been polished to perfection*

## The Parks Team have been busy

...and this is the result. A new playground has been finished in Memorial Park and further work completed at Creyk Park.

Together with funding support from the City, the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program grant has enabled us to upgrade a large number of parks by installing new playground equipment, as well as extras like drinking fountains, walking paths, seats, shade trees and fencing.

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

## Mayor's Message



The City continues to benefit from the advocacy potential that comes from joining with other like Councils, both in WA and around the nation. The grouping of outer area local governments in WA which is supported by the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) is chaired by the City's CEO, Ray Tame.

The National Growth Areas Alliance (NGAA) has also continued to be effective representing 30 of Australia's fastest-growing Cities from metropolitan New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

As the Alliance's national chairman, I continue to advocate for funding from other levels of government to overcome identified serious shortfalls in funding for social and community infrastructure, such as recreational spaces, community centres, libraries and swimming pools. These are the very things that turn a street into a community.

The Federal Government has recognised our issues and I have been invited to represent the NGAA on the Prime Minister's Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG). The outcome has been that Growth Area Councils, including Armadale, have featured prominently in funding provided by the Federal Government, particularly in the three rounds of its Community Infrastructure Funding program.

This has delivered over \$4 million in funding to the Armadale district, a significant return on the City's \$10,000 per annum investment towards the NGAA.

Recent strong housing and investment growth in our region has defied the critics, and in August, Council issued 196 building licences for new dwellings in our area. Stage 1 of the residential land at Champion Lakes has now sold out and land sales in the Forrestdale Business Park mean that we will shortly have a higher percentage of our workforce being employed locally.

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

## Cities of Gosnells and Armadale receive more than \$70,000 in Riverbank funding

The Cities of Gosnells and Armadale have been awarded more than \$70,000 in funding through the Swan River Trust's Riverbank program on behalf of the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group (AGLG).

More than 20,000 local native seedlings will be planted in the City of Armadale at Roley Pools, Fancote Park extension and the Kelmscott fishcare site thanks to the Swan River Trust Riverbank funding.

Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds welcomed the program's support - worth over \$41,000 - for AGLG projects locally.

Aside from extensive plantings, other projects to be undertaken in the City of Armadale include fencing off 500m<sup>2</sup> of revegetation and \$20,520 worth of weed control.

## Armadale Volunteer Services – an initiative of the City of Armadale

Volunteering is a two-way relationship, which benefits both the volunteer and the community. Volunteers enhance and extend many of the City's services.

In September 2009, Council approved a volunteer policy for its volunteer army of approximately 2,500 volunteers. The intention of implementing this policy was to ensure that the rights of volunteers working for the City of Armadale are protected in the same way that award provisions protect paid staff.

Armadale Volunteer Services, an initiative of the City of Armadale, has received enquiries from over 1200 potential volunteers since its inception in 2003. The service aims to link volunteers to agencies and agencies to volunteers, by best matching the needs of both parties.

Currently Armadale Volunteer Services has over 320 positions at 115 agencies. Volunteers may choose to only volunteer one hour a month or one day a week, short or long term – we have something for everyone.



Darling Range Wildlife Shelter



Birtwistle Volunteers

### Why do people volunteer?

- Want to give something back to your community.
- Too much time on your hands.
- Want to feel useful.
- Feeling lonely or bored.
- Want to learn new skills.
- Want to meet new people.
- New to the community.
- Want to share your skills and knowledge.

### Research has shown:

- People who are involved in volunteering experience both psychological and physical benefits. In fact, a recent study demonstrated that volunteering at least two hours a week helped promote good health in the participants of the study.

- Older adult volunteers live longer than non-volunteers. Studies report that engaging in regular volunteering work increases life expectancy because social interaction improves 'quality of life'.

The economic benefits cannot be underestimated either. In 2008, the Department for Communities released the report "The Economic Value of Volunteering in Our Community". The report estimated that the contribution made by volunteering was worth \$6.6 billion and the equivalent of 146,000 full time jobs.

Community organisations can register their service free of charge with Armadale Volunteer Services.

To find out more about becoming a volunteer, or to register your organisation, contact Wendy Stanley for an obligation free chat on 9399 0629 or email [volunteering@armadale.wa.gov.au](mailto:volunteering@armadale.wa.gov.au)



Volunteering at Lifeline

# Dale Cottages celebrates 50 glorious years

*Pioneers Reunion celebrations*

The 50th anniversary of local aged care facility, Dale Cottages, was marked with a special presentation at the City of Armadale's annual Pioneers Reunion on 3 October.

Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds presented CEO Trudi Hodges with a certificate acknowledging Dale Cottages' official "Pioneer" status, giving its representatives an automatic invitation to the Pioneers Reunion each year.

The City has staged a free celebration honouring long-time residents of the region annually since 1963.

This year's event, held at Armadale Hall, attracted more than 250 senior community members and featured a sumptuous afternoon tea and a large, specially decorated Pioneers Reunion cake.

Attended by Councillors Reynolds, Ruth Butterfield, Henry Zelones, Wayne Mauger and June MacDonald, along with Federal MP for Canning, Don Randall and the Hon Helen Morton MLC, the function celebrated the contributions of people who have lived in the City of Armadale for 50 years or more.



## Churchman Brook Dam

Permanent winter sprinkler bans instigated recently by the State Government are set to boost Perth's dams, but finding solutions for water shortages are nothing new for the Armadale region.

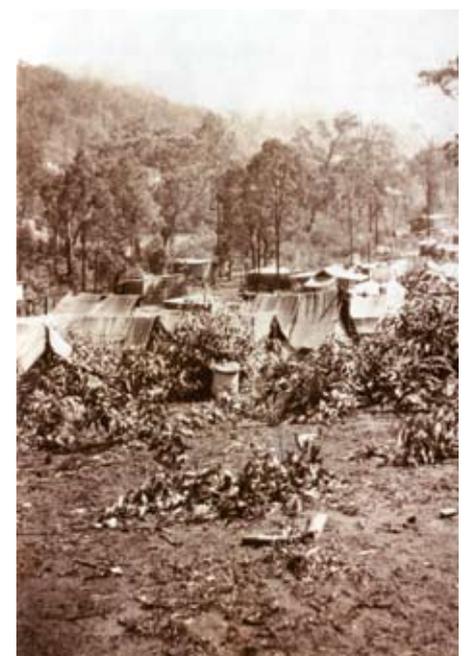
While researching the City of Armadale's official district history, researchers Jennie and Bevan Carter found that water restrictions were ordered in Perth during the summer of 1917 and by 1924, by which time construction had started on an urgently-required dam at Churchman Brook.

The West Australian of 30 April 1924 reported that "a small army of 130 men" were working on the project and had established a close-knit community. The workers built a recreation hut, equipped with books and games, and engaged in pastimes such as debating and playing football.

After overcoming problems including public criticism of the works being "undertaken without any proper specifications or investigation", according to The West, the Churchman Brook Dam was finally completed in early 1928.

It cost \$300,000 and as it only contributed an extra two million gallons a day into Perth's water supply, was deemed an expensive exercise.

However, the district's social life had been boosted by the influx of workers and families, who held dances, 'smoke socials' and concerts staged by local musicians.



*Tent City at Churchman Brook Dam, circa 1923. Image courtesy of the Birtwistle Local Studies Library*

## COMMUNITY EVENTS/LIBRARY

### Your Local Libraries

The City of Armadale libraries play host to a variety of activities this spring.

#### Ripper Readers Party

Monday 23 November  
Seville Grove Library

Jesse the Wind Wanderer will tell wonderful stories to entertain this year's ripper readers. The Mayor will then present the 2009 ripper readers with their certificates, followed by a tasty afternoon tea.

(This is an invitation only event as it is for the children who have participated in this programme throughout the year)

#### Better Beginnings Parent Workshop: Passenger Safety

Friday 27 November  
Time: 10.30-11.30am  
Seville Grove Library

This is the first of session of the smart steps Road Aware Safety Program presented by Meerilinga.

This session will look at car restraints and door safety as well as keeping your child safe and occupied while you are driving.

Bookings are essential!

#### 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

## Highland Gathering 2009

The time is here once again to get your kilts on for the 2009 Armadale Highland Gathering. Over 10,000 patrons have attended this event in the past few years, to enjoy the many activities and displays.

Non-stop entertainment will be running throughout the day, including a pipe band competition, traditional Scottish dancing and perhaps, most exciting of all, the medieval village which includes demonstrations and interactive sessions in the art of traditional Scottish combat. Watch in awe at the fighters' skills with a sword as they battle in chain mail and leather.

There will also be food and drink at the event, with both traditional Scottish meals available for those who want to get into the spirit of the day and other treats for the kids.

There are also craft and jewellery stalls to catch your eye as you wander between the areas of live entertainment.

You don't need a Scottish heritage to enjoy the festivities. It attracts people from all areas of Western Australia and is a great chance to support your local area. So head down and make the most of the excitement and atmosphere. There really is something for everyone.

The event takes place on Saturday 21 November and runs from 10am until 5pm. The event is organised and funded by the City of Armadale and is free for all patrons.



Enjoy the sights at the annual Highland Gathering

## Electronic Resources @ your Library

City of Armadale Library members have free access to a range of wonderful electronic resources including Encyclopedia Britannica Online, Health and Wellness Resource Centre and The EBSCO Research Database.

Encyclopedia Britannica Online is a wonderful resource to help students with their assignments or adults with enquiring minds. This online encyclopedia has information appropriate for differing age groups, from primary to high school year levels. Included in this resource is the use of an atlas, dictionary and thesaurus.

Health and Wellness Resource Centre provides reliable up-to-date information on diseases and conditions, diet, alternative health solutions, fitness and weight loss.



The City's new library building

It also provides the contact details for health organizations.

The EBSCO Research Database provides access to the Australian and New Zealand reference centre, a full text bibliographic database containing national and international magazines and news services.

All of these electronic resources can be accessed for free in our Armadale, Kelmscott and Seville Grove Libraries or from home via our library catalogue using your City of Armadale library card. Just visit our web page at [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au) and follow the links to the library catalogue.

# Get off the couch! Shape up at Armadale Arena

With the temperature rising and summer fast approaching, now is the time to establish your fitness routine. Gym members are seeing great results with the help of our qualified personal trainers and structured fitness classes.

There is something for everyone, even the children.

With childhood obesity on the rise, it is essential to have an active lifestyle. Armadale Arena has a children's multi-sport and fitness program. The program is aimed at creating a fun environment for children to exercise. It is run by a fully qualified personal trainer who ensures that appropriate activities keep children fit and active. The program is non-competitive and is a perfect way to build self esteem and to enhance physical development. It is also a great way for children to make new friends.

Sessions are held on Saturday mornings between 9 - 10am, during the school term. The program costs \$62 for the full 10 weeks or \$8 for a casual session.



Aqua Bubbles at the Aquatic Centre

The new Aquatic Centre opens on 1 October with the exciting new aqua inflatable. Aqua Aerobics and Star Aqua will be returning in November, along with Water Walkers.

Swimming lessons are also available for children aged from 5 - 15 years. Programs run once a week for half an hour, in line with the school term. Christmas holiday programs are also available.

For further details on joining a club, or improving your fitness, contact the Arena on 9399 5065.

## Seniors Activity Day

The event will be held on Monday 26 October between 10am and 2pm at Champion Lakes. An hourly shuttle will be departing from Armadale Arena for those who wish to attend but do not have their own transport. This event is an initiative of the City of Armadale and is free for all patrons.



Seniors Activity Day promises to be action packed

### 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: Wednesday 11 November**

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The City's war memorial. Picture courtesy of the Birtwistle Local Studies Library

## Looking Back: Sir Harry Barron unveils the war memorial in 1916

Seated in their finest clothes and shading themselves from the glare of the sun, one can only imagine how hot the good ladies and gentlemen of Armadale would get in the summer.

Here, Sir Harry Barron is seen unveiling the City's war memorial. The memorial is built of red brick, donated by Albert Cornish of the Armadale Brickworks, and it was originally erected in 1916 on land donated by Mr F Saw on the corner of 11th Avenue and 4th Road.

After the Great War an area of three acres in the town site was purchased for the memorial and a Memorial Park. Dedication took place on 26 April 1920. In July of the following year, an Avenue of Honour was created by the planting of 28 trees, each bearing a nameplate of a soldier killed in the War.

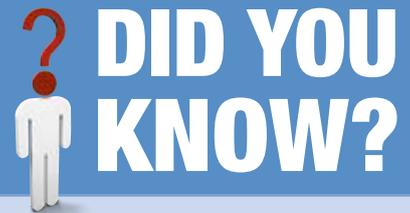
Today the Memorial is enclosed in a half circle rock wall on the top of which are mounted individual stones bearing the brass plaques that were originally sited in the Avenue of Honour.

The memorial is still standing today and in the 1950s was moved to its present location in Memorial Park on the corner of Jull St. and Orchard Avenue.

## 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.

HAROLD KING COMMUNITY CENTRE Grovelands, Camillo	ARMADALE HALL Jull Street, Armadale	EV GRIBBLE COMMUNITY CENTRE Ninth Road, Brookdale	KELMSCOTT HALL River Road, Kelmscott
Wed 4 Nov Wed 2 Dec	Wed 11 Nov Wed 9 Dec	Wed 18 Nov Wed 16 Dec	Wed 25 Nov No Clinic



For the second successive year, the City of Armadale has won Western Australian local government's most prestigious award for excellence in financial management.

### 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 2009

Mon 2 Nov	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 3 Nov	7pm	Community Services Committee
Mon 9 Nov	7pm	Council
Mon 16 Nov	7pm	Development Services Committee
Tues 17 Nov	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 23 Nov	7pm	Council

#### December 2009

Mon 7 Dec	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Mon 7 Dec	7pm	Development Services Committee
Tues 8 Dec	7pm	Community Services Committee
Tues 8 Dec	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Mon 14 Dec	7pm	Council