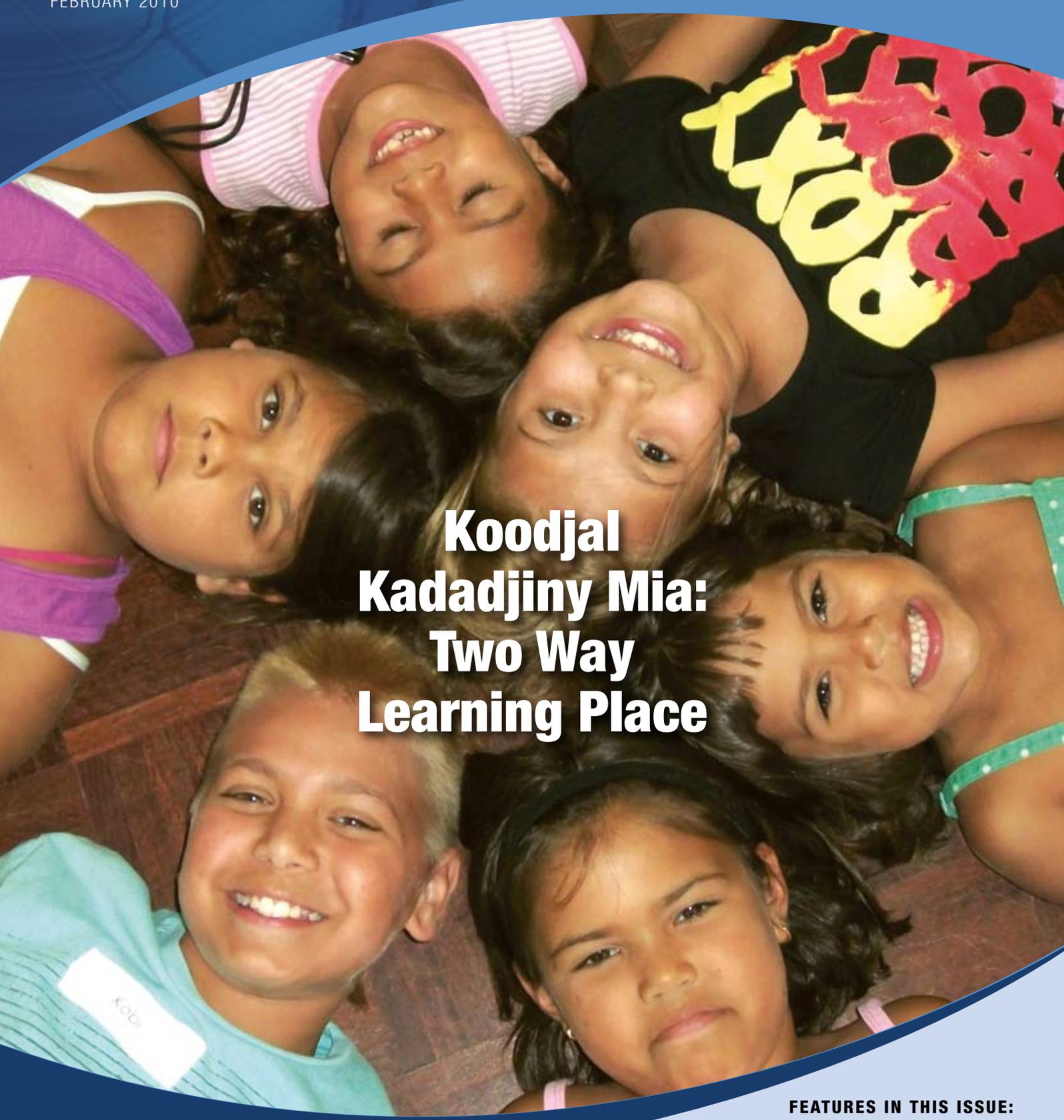


City Views

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Information on New Legislation about Graffiti Implements

New graffiti laws

As of 1 January 2010 it will be illegal in Western Australia to sell spray paint and certain marker pens or similar implements to persons under 18 years of age because these items may be used for applying graffiti.

The new laws will complement the efforts of government agencies, local governments and the community to combat graffiti vandalism by increasing existing penalties to deter offenders, and introducing new offences and penalties to prohibit the sale, and reduce availability, of graffiti implements to minors.

Under the new laws, it will be an offence for a person to sell a graffiti implement to a person under the age of 18. The penalty is a maximum fine of \$6,000 for a first offence and a maximum fine of \$12,000 for a subsequent offence.

Sellers and their employees will have to take reasonable steps to be satisfied that the purchaser is not a minor. This can be done by sighting a current driver's licence or other suitable identification.

What is a "graffiti implement"?

"Graffiti implements" are defined in Chapter 24 of the Criminal Code (WA) to mean:

- spray paint;
- a pen or marker pen, or similar implement, that:
 1. has a tip over 6mm wide; and
 2. contains a fluid that is not water soluble and can mark a surface.

Why have graffiti laws been strengthened?

The Western Australian Government is committed to adopting a range of anti-graffiti initiatives to reduce vandalism in our community. Graffiti vandalism costs the State Government, local government, business owners and the community in excess of \$25 million each year in removal costs.

What initiatives and programs are available?

A range of graffiti prevention initiatives is being developed and implemented by the State Graffiti Taskforce, through the Office of Crime Prevention. These include:

- Goodbye Graffiti hotline and website: www.goodbyegraffiti.wa.gov.au;
- Goodbye Graffiti teaching resources (downloadable on the Goodbye Graffiti website);
- Tough on Graffiti forums;
- The Juvenile Clean-up Referral Program; and
- Assistance to local governments and small business on graffiti prevention advice.

For further information, who do sellers contact?

For enquiries about the new laws please contact the Department of the Attorney General on (08) 9264 1711.

For enquiries about the State Graffiti Taskforce or Tough on Graffiti initiatives please contact the Office of Crime Prevention's Graffiti Team on (08) 9222 9733 or visit the Goodbye Graffiti website at www.goodbyegraffiti.wa.gov.au.

Champion Centre launches new programs

The Champion Centre is pleased to be offering a new selection of groups and clubs starting in February.

Funded by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) the programs include:

- **Ngala Boodja, Our Nature:** aimed at mothers and children, this program offers informative sessions on protective behaviours and early brain development, environment and culture workshops, health checks, baby and parent massage, cooking for baby and baby rhyme time.
- **Kaya Kaya, Mooditj, Nyoones, Koorlangkas, Moorts:** aimed at fathers and children, this program is an Aboriginal dads' playgroup with children aged 0 – 8 years. The group involves activities to encourage healthy living, physical activity and reinforces the Noongar language and culture.
- **Kabarli, Koorlangka, Ngala Maya, Grandma, Children, Our Place:** aimed at grandparents of all ages, this cultural playgroup will be running each Wednesday until 24 March with an arts and craft flavour.

For further information on any of these programs please contact the Champion Centre on 9399 0820 between 9am – 3pm.

2010: The Year of Women in Local Government

2010 has been designated the Year of Women in Local Government. The purpose of this is to highlight and celebrate the contribution of women to the Local Government sector and to encourage women to participate in Local Government as an employee or Elected Member.

In the next edition of City Views out in April, you can find out more about some of the women at the City of Armadale. City Views will be speaking to some of our Councillors, our Executive Director of Community Services and some of our staff members across a variety of departments.

The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government called for all Australian councils and shires to better reflect the communities they seek to represent when he officially launched the 2010 Year of Women in Local Government in Sydney in late January.

Minister Albanese said local governments, as the level closest to the community, make an important contribution to the nation, delivering vital infrastructure and human services.

“Councils understand the concerns of their communities and work towards their welfare and prosperity,” Minister Albanese said.

“Given the contribution local governments make, and the role they play, it is absolutely critical that they remain relevant to, and in touch with their communities.

“Yet, less than a third of councillors are women, 20 per cent of senior managers

Mayor's Message



2010 is well underway and Armadale continues to grow apace. CEO Ray Tame and I met with Commerce Minister Troy Buswell recently to discuss the extension of trading hours extension of trading hours over a clearly defined part of the Armadale CBD.

Mr Buswell has confirmed that both Armadale and the City of Swan will be the two key centres next in line for the 9pm weeknight trading, as well as Sunday trading. I believe that our population of 60,000 and projected strong growth over the next few years means we are well placed for extra trading hours.

Some community members have expressed opposition to the Sunday aspect of the proposed changes and the Minister was advised of this. Council supports a trading environment where shops have the capacity to open when it best suits their needs and their customers and where consumers have the opportunity to fit shopping around their increasingly complex working hours.

The City of Armadale is a modern progressive strategic centre and it is vital that it changes and grows to reflect the needs of its growing population.

Cr Linton Reynolds AM JP
City of Armadale Mayor

are women, and only seven per cent of Chief Executive Officers are women.

“In the interests of equity and democracy, there is an obvious need to redress the gender imbalance wherever it exists.”

Minister Albanese also said that there is a strong economic case for promoting women into executive and leadership roles in local government.

“Skill and staff shortages are a major concern for many local governments, particularly in regional communities.

“In addition to the number of practical steps to help increase the engagement of women in local government, the Rudd government is developing a national workforce strategy to deal with this important challenge.”

“Councils are big employers in local communities. Organisations that employ women and people from diverse backgrounds better represent and understand their community leading to better results.”



Rangers at the City of Armadale

Site 1: Parking a commercial vehicle without a permit. Fined \$3000 plus costs



The importance of

The compliance department deals with breaches of local laws, sometimes in response to complaints by members of the public.

There are three main areas of compliance within the City. These are Ranger Services, Building & Health and Planning.

Rangers enforce a variety of Acts including the Dog Act, Bushfires Act and Local Laws whilst Building and Health enforce the Local Government Act, Health Act and Local Laws. Planning matters usually involve breaches to the Planning & Development Act / Town Planning Scheme.

Examples of non compliance include:

- Unsightly property, such as storage of junk or an overgrown property
- Unauthorised development or land use, such as land filling, truck parking, motor vehicle repair, earthworks, structures
- Unauthorised signage

Non compliance costs you the ratepayer thousands of dollars every year.

Approximately \$50,000 has been spent on legal fees in the past 12 months by planning compliance only. The full costs are never recovered when fines and penalties are imposed on a defendant by the Court.

Planning has successfully prosecuted six cases in the past 12 months. Ten more are pending.

Site 2: Breach of approval, Business closed



Site 3: Storage of vehicle wrecking in a residential area. Site cleaned up under a Direction Notice



Compliance

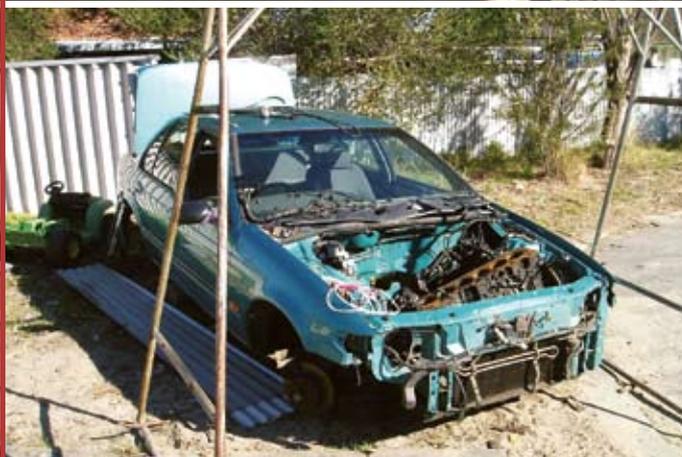
Penalties for non compliance can be severe.

One recent prosecution under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act saw Magistrates impose a fine of \$26,100 plus costs of \$1,407 for non compliance regarding a neglected building within the City.

The Court also ordered that the owner take down the neglected building within 28 days. If the owner does not comply with the order, the City can enter the land and take down the building and recover the costs.

For further information please contact the City's compliance department on 9399 0111.

Site 4: Unauthorised storage, vehicle wrecking and vehicle repair. Fined \$7000 plus costs



Site 5: Unauthorised storage in a residential area



Site 6: Unauthorised storage. Fined \$9000 plus costs





Your Local Libraries

The City of Armadale libraries play host to a variety of activities throughout the year.

Ripper Readers

All Year One students in the City of Armadale are invited to join the Ripper Readers Club. Club members will receive a bag full of goodies such as stickers, colouring in sheets, and a special bookmark to have stamped each time they visit the library. On their fifth visit they receive a gift as an incentive to keep coming to the library and on their tenth visit they receive their very own Ripper Readers Library Bag. An end of year party is a great thing for Ripper Readers to look forward to! Come on and join today!

Your Tutor

Yoututor creates an online classroom where students in years 4-12 are connected to qualified, expert tutors for one-to-one help with homework, assignments, exam preparation and study questions.

English, Maths and Science subjects are included and the service is available 4pm-8pm, Monday to Friday. Yoututor is free to City of Armadale library members. Students simply log on to the library's website and click on the link to access the program, using your library card to log in.

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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

Birtwistle volunteer, Vern Pascoe, turns 80



Vern Pascoe (centre) 80 years young on 4 January

Birtwistle volunteer, Vern Pascoe celebrated his 80th birthday on 4 January. Vern began volunteering with the Birtwistle Local Studies Library in August 2005 and throughout that time has been a reliable and hard working volunteer.

Vern's work has involved sorting and archiving the City's documents and photographs, some of which you will be familiar with as part of the 'Looking Back' series on the back cover of *City Views*.

Vern also helps with the digitising of the oral history recordings, which would cost the library thousands of dollars and which the library would be unable to afford if the work had to be outsourced.

Happy Birthday Vern and here's to many more years with you at the Birtwistle Local Studies Library!

What's On

Concerts in the Park Series

6 February – 11 April 2010, 5pm – 7pm

Music lovers of all ages are invited to attend the City's free twilight concerts this summer and enjoy a diverse range of musical talent in beautiful parkland settings across the region.

Jane Germain and the Yahoos

6 February 2010, 5pm -7pm

Memorial Park, Armadale

Bartlett Brothers

20 February 2010, 5pm – 7pm

Rushton Park, Kelmscott

Roleystone Musicians Club

7 March 2010, 5pm – 7pm

Cross Park, Roleystone

Swing Shift Big Band

11 April 2010, 5pm – 7pm

Rushton Park, Kelmscott

Minnawarra Festival

21 March 2010, 10.00am – 5.00pm

Minnawarra Park, Armadale

Armadale's premier community festival will bring Minnowarra Park to life with an array of entertainment for all the family. Attractions will include live music from Western Australian musicians, community displays and craft stalls, free children's activities, Scitech Science Roadshow, Freestyle Now (Skate and BMX demos), Aquasapiens (spare parts puppet theatre) and much, much more! FREE EVENT.

Community policing

The past few months have seen a steady increase in burglaries, where offenders have gained access through unlocked doors and windows. In some incidents, people have been at home at the time.

Residents need to be extra vigilant when at home and not get complacent with home security. If you are in the back yard, remember to check that the front of the house is secure. Put your keys, handbags or wallets away from view.

There has also been a recent spike in number plates being stolen from vehicles parked at shopping centres, train stations and residential addresses. Please check that your number plates are secured properly. There are a range of tamper proof screws on the market or you can use pop rivets.

To report anything suspicious contact Police on 131 444 or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Callers can remain anonymous.



FREE City of Armadale

CHILD CAR RESTRAINTS FIT AND CHECKING DAYS

The first Tuesday of each month the City of Armadale conducts free child car restraint checks and installations at Champion Centre 76 Champion Drive, Seville Grove, Kelmscott.

This is from 9.00am to 10.30am

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|---------------|--------------|
| 2nd March | 6th April |
| 4th May | 1st June |
| 6th July | 3rd August |
| 7th September | 5th October |
| 2nd November | 7th December |

For further information contact the Child Car Restraint Information Line on 1300 780 713 or visit www.childcarrestraints.com.au or the Risk Management Coordinator 9497 0365

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

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

Next deadline: Friday 12 March 2010

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YOUR COUNCIL



Looking back: Illawarra Orchard Mr and Mrs Price 1916

Pictured on a long ago day sometime in 1916 are Mr and Mrs Thomas Price, partners and managers of Illawarra Orchard.

In 1893, clearing and planting had commenced and the acreage under cultivation was being added to every year. Some of the Canning Mills horses and equipment were being used by mills manager, Lionel White, in the initial clearing of the property, while Edward White laid out the first 12 acres of Illawarra.

In 1899, Thomas Price was invited to manage Illawarra. At the time, he was managing a fruit tree nursery at Woodbridge, East Guilford. Price agreed to take over the management of Illawarra and went to live there with his wife later that year. Thomas also became a partner in the orchard venture. The Price family has remained at Illawarra until the present day.

Over the years, the orchard became famous for its high quality fruit, notably its award winning Granny Smith apples. The first crop of Granny Smiths was trial planted at Illawarra in 1911 and the first apples were exported in 1922.

The original homestead is still on the property, although no longer in use, while most of the old staff cottages and huts have been removed.

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, Kelmescott
Wed 3 March Wed 7 April	Wed 10 March Wed 14 April	Wed 17 March Wed 21 April	Wed 24 March Wed 28 April

DID YOU KNOW?

sy! *Switch Your Thinking* has just launched the 2009/10 *Rebates 4 Residents* project. Residents and businesses located within the City can take advantage of rebates of up to \$4000 on a range of energy saving and waterwise products and services, including Solar PV (photovoltaic) systems, Solar hot water systems, Rainwater Tanks, Window Tinting / Films and Insulation Paint. Full details of offers and Terms and Conditions can be viewed at www.switchyourthinking.com

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 2010

Tues 2 Mar	7pm	Community Services Committee
Wed 3 Mar	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Mon 8 Mar	7pm	Council
Mon 15 Mar	7pm	Development Services Committee
Tues 16 Mar	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 22 Mar	7pm	Council

April 2010

Tues 6 April	7pm	Community Services Committee
Wed 7 April	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Mon 12 April	7pm	Council
Mon 19 April	7pm	Development Services Committee
Tues 20 April	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Mon 27 April	7pm	Council