

City Views

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Freestylin' at the Minnawarra Festival



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Picture courtesy of David Johannes

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Volunteering

If you can walk a dog, cook a meal or drive a car, you have what it takes to be a volunteer!

We are celebrating National Volunteer Week on 10-16 May to highlight the role of volunteers in our community and to say thank you to the more than 5 million Australians who volunteer.

The theme of the Australia-wide event is Volunteering: Now, more than ever and this is certainly true in the City of Armadale.

Volunteering is a two-way relationship, which benefits both the community and the volunteer.

Armadale Volunteer Services, which is run by the City of Armadale, currently has 320 interesting and wide-ranging positions available at 115 local agencies – are you up for the challenge?

These positions range from one-off projects, to an ongoing involvement in community-based services and activities.

You could:

- Take a dog for a walk.
- Cook up a storm.
- Drive a car – drive a bus; and at certain times of the year drive a train.
- Be a part time Nana.
- Mentor a student
- Help a senior.
- Work in retail.
- Assist in conservation or the emergency services.

To find out more about becoming a volunteer, or to register your organisation with Armadale Volunteer Services, contact Wendy for an obligation-free chat on 9399 0629 or email volunteering@armadale.wa.gov.au



Across the back from left to right: Pat Nardelli, Mal Sinclair, Neil Burbridge. Bottom row l - r: Bob Hayes, Mike Fernandes

City staff members participate in World's Greatest Shave

Four City of Armadale staff were among the thousands of Australians submitting themselves to the hairdresser's clippers in support of the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave.

City staff members Ms Mal Sinclair, Pat Nardelli, Bob Hayes and Neil Burbridge, along with Mr Nardelli's wife Cath, raised over \$2500 for the Foundation's research into blood cancer and related disorders, which affect about 10,000 Australians each year.

Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds congratulated Ms Sinclair, Mr Hayes, Mr Burbridge and the Nardellis on their fundraising efforts: "Taking the leap to have a 'No 1' shave with the clippers is a big decision, but their combined donations will make an even bigger difference to the Leukaemia Foundation's annual fundraising event."

eWatch

eWatch is an email system with regular electronic updates from Armadale Police on community crime issues within the Armadale suburbs. This is a joint initiative between the City of Armadale and the Armadale Police. eWatch information is provided to target suspicious or criminal activities in the area, to help Police locate suspects or find a missing person and to provide safety tips in response to local criminal activity

Become part of eWatch by registering on <http://tinyurl.com/eWatchArmadale>.

Alternatively, you can call the Community Development Officer of Safety on 9399 0689.

To learn more about Community Safety in the City of Armadale go to the City of Armadale website and look for community safety. (http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au/your_community/community_safety/)

We can all work together to make our district a safer place to live work and recreate.

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.

This month, *City Views* has been speaking to some of the women who work on your behalf at the City of Armadale, to find out what inspired them to work in Local Government.

**Yvonne Coyne,
Executive Director of
Community Services**

How long have you been with the City of Armadale or in Local Government?

I've been with the City of Armadale for seven years and in Local Government for nearly 12 years.

Where were you before this?

I was at the City of Cockburn. Prior to that, I was in the Community Services non-profit sector with a brief time as a community development consultant. All up, about 18 years working in the Community Services Sector.

Briefly talk me through what you do.

As Executive Director Community Services, I have overall responsibility for the entire Directorate, which covers Community Development, Community Planning, Leisure Services, Library and Heritage Services, Visitor Servicing, Rangers and Emergency Services.

What do you like about working for the CoA?

I like the fact that it's a growth Council that has diversity within its community. Armadale is a proactive Council that works collaboratively and we have a mayor who

Mayor's Message



This year we are celebrating the Year of Women in Local Government. Here at the City of Armadale, we have many women working in roles as diverse as Parks and Waste Services, to serving as Councillors and in the Executive team.

As the level of government closest to the community, your Council makes an important contribution to the nation, delivering vital infrastructure and human services. We also work towards the welfare and prosperity of all members of the Armadale community.

Given the critical role local government plays, it is absolutely vital that we remain relevant to, and in touch with, our community. To do this, we need to ensure an equitable and diverse range of people in our workforce. I believe that organisations that employ women and people from diverse backgrounds are better equipped to represent and understand their community.

The City of Armadale is a modern progressive organisation and we hope to reflect the rich diversity of our community in our workforce.

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

displays excellent leadership. We have the opportunity to be innovative with community services, in a time of change.

The City has a strong community spirit which I feel strongly about promoting. The City also has officers who genuinely want the best outcome for the community and are passionate about what they do.

Do you feel that you are making a difference?

Absolutely. Whilst it sometimes seems that things are moving slowly, the outcomes we are getting are ones to be proud of. The new Armadale Library and the Champion Centre are a couple of practical examples.

What steps do you recommend other people take, to do a similar job to you?

It is important to have a realistic approach to what is achievable. It is also important to keep the work/life balance in proportion. Always look for opportunities for additional training and development – we can always learn from others, even if it



Yvonne Coyne, Executive Director Community Services

is not what we want to do. Keep abreast with trends, political changes and policies so as to be forward thinking and finally, don't be afraid to ask questions and challenge the norm, though be pragmatic and respectful when doing so!

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2010: The Year of Women in Local Government *continued*

Jodie Clarke, Indigenous Development Coordinator

How long have you been with the City of Armadale or in Local Government?

Just over a year.

Where were you before this?

I was at Communicare – Communities for Children.

Briefly talk me through what you do.

The Champion Centre is a gathering place for Aboriginal people and for agencies working with Aboriginal families and communities. It is a one-stop shop for all services. We are local and are guided by what the people want. We are able to link people with the right service and provide the information needed. Forums for health, housing and other expos provide opportunities to open the Centre up for all services to be accessed by all ages from 0 – 99 years.

What do you like about working for the CoA?

Working in Local Government has been a new experience for me. I have learned a great deal.

Do you feel that you are making a difference?

Yes we are definitely making a difference! We have a rapidly growing facility with fast increasing attendance at



Jodie Clarke (centre) and colleagues

various activities held at the Centre. The Centre's profile and brand recognition is starting to grow too.

What steps do you recommend other people take, to do a similar job to you?

There are many routes in to similar jobs. The main thing is to be 100 per cent community focused and to be willing to listen to the whole community. It also helps to be passionate about your job.

Cr Caroline Wielinga

How long have you been with the City of Armadale or in Local Government?

5 months.

Where were you before this?

I am still at Murdoch University, originally as a research assistant and now completing a PhD.

Briefly talk me through what you do.

At the City of Armadale I am a newly elected Councillor for Jarrah Ward. Being new I spend a lot of my time asking questions, and reading, to learn about the position and Local Government in general.

What do you like about working for the Armadale community?

I have found all the people I have encountered to be competent and efficient and the City appears well run and organised.

Do you feel that you are making a difference?

Only a small one at this stage, I still have a lot to learn.

What steps do you recommend other people take, to do a similar job to you?

People just need to be involved in the community and try and be aware of the different roles different groups and organisations take in the community. Anyone who gets involved with their community makes a positive difference, in this way everyone does a job.



Councillor Caroline Wielinga

Cr Donna Shaw

How long have you been with the City of Armadale or in Local Government?

I have been at the City of Armadale since my election in 2009. However, I have worked in Local Government since 2007.

Where were you before this?

I am still a university student but also work at the City of Rockingham.

Briefly talk me through what you do.

I'm a Councillor at the City of Armadale, so I act as a representative for my local Ward and the community in Armadale as a whole. This involves listening to the community's needs and making decisions based on what is best for the future of the City of Armadale.

What do you like about working for the Armadale community?

Everyone is helpful and friendly and all seem to be motivated and passionate about making Armadale a better place.

Do you feel that you are making a difference?

If I can bring small improvements to my community then I will feel like I am making a difference.

What steps do you recommend other people take, to do a similar job to you?

I recommend that people try and learn about how Local Government works. Try and become familiar with the processes and systems so that you are equipped with the knowledge to make a difference. If you're passionate about helping the community, it should all fall into place!



Councillor Donna Shaw

Cr June MacDonald

How long have you been with the City of Armadale or in Local Government?

Nearly five Years

Where were you before this?

I am involved with numerous voluntary groups both within and outside the City of Armadale

Briefly talk me through what you do.

I have been involved for a number of years with Armadale Neighbourhood Watch. Apart from

Council meetings, a great deal of my time is spent representing numerous groups. I am a member of the Dale Cottages Board and also of the Community Advisory Council of the Armadale Health Service. I also Chair the Community Services Committee of Council.

What do you like about working for the Armadale community?

Being involved in the decision making for the City of Armadale. Until you become involved in the working of Council it is difficult to understand how the varying Acts, Town Planning Schemes and Policies meld together to help make the decisions for the City.

I enjoy meeting Councillors from other Councils and the networking opportunities this offers.

Do you feel that you are making a difference?

Yes. It is important to be involved in the decision making process, as it benefits the whole City. Not only acquiring information, but being able to share it with members of the public is the way to make a difference.

What steps do you recommend other people take, to do a similar job to you?

I would advise members of the public to attend Committee meetings to gain an insight into the working of Council. They can ask questions prior to the commencement of the Committee deliberations. By attending the meetings, people are then able to determine whether they would like to stand for Council and be part of making a difference.

Armadale Neighbourhood Watch can be contacted on 9399 3514.



Councillor June MacDonald

COMMUNITY EVENTS/LIBRARY

Your Local Libraries

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

Better Beginnings Parent Workshop: Toilet Education

Friday 30 April 10-11.30am

Seville Grove Library

Ngala will present this session, which looks at strategies to help children and families have a successful toilet training experience.

Bookings are essential!

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Friday 28 May 10-11.30am

Seville Grove Library

Join the Staff at Seville Grove Library as they host Australia's Biggest morning tea, with Tea Coffee, cake, entertainment and raffles. All funds raised go to the Cancer Council of Australia. Phone 9399 0800 for more information or to book your place.

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!

Armadale Library

Armadale Central Shopping Centre Shop 64, 10 Orchard Avenue
Tel: 9399 0125

Kelmscott Library

2800 Albany Highway, Kelmscott
Tel: 9399 0810

Seville Grove Library

78 Champion Drive, Seville Grove
Tel: 9399 0800

2010: The Year of Women in Local Government *continued*

Cr Pat Hart

How long have you been with the City of Armadale or in Local Government?

12 years.

Where were you before this?

I am a retired business woman who also does voluntary work in the community.

Briefly talk me through what you do.

I am Deputy Chair of the Development Services and Community Services Committees. I also Chair the Disability Advisory Team and act as Deputy of the SE District Planning Committee, amongst my many roles.

What do you like about working for the Armadale community?

I appreciate the opportunity to assist my community with every day issues that impact on their lives. I also enjoy having the opportunity to be part of the decision making process that will have long term positive benefits for all residents in the City of Armadale

Do you feel that you are making a difference?

There are a number of Council policies that I have either instigated, or had significant input in, that are now being used. On outside committees where I represent local government, my knowledge on various topics is



Councillor Pat Hart

acknowledged. Many requests to Council from local residents and community groups have certainly added to my community's amenity and lifestyle as a whole.

What steps do you recommend other people take, to do a similar job to you?

I encourage women in our community to consider standing as a Councillor to assist the City of Armadale in making decisions for present and future generations. It is very rewarding to have that positive experience of helping local members and organisations in our community.

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 5 May Wed 2 Junel | Wed 12 May Wed 9 June | Wed 19 May Wed 16 June | Wed 26 May Wed 23 June |

Tobacco Action Plan

Since Council adopted the Smoke Free Outdoor Areas Policy and Smoke Free Workplace Policy in 2009, 100 signs have been installed at City owned buildings and 90 no smoking signs have been put up at all the City's playgrounds.

In conjunction with adoption of the policies, the City has also adopted a Tobacco Action Plan that contains a number of other actions to be achieved over the next four years. The signs represent an important step and demonstrate the City's commitment to reducing harm caused by exposure to tobacco smoke and cigarette butt pollution.

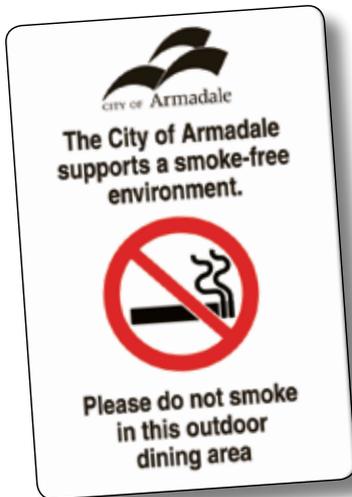
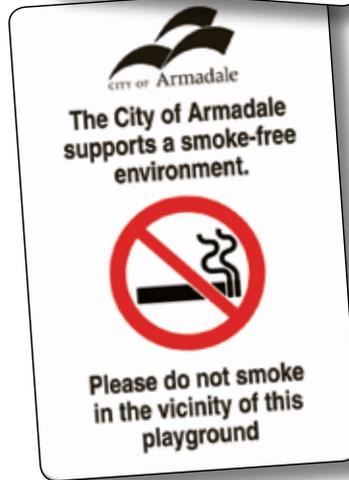
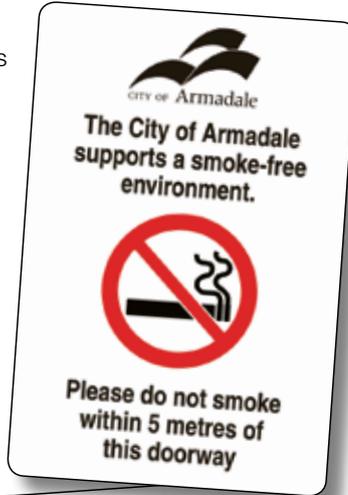
Tobacco smoking is the principal cause of preventable death in Australia, accounting for over 19,000 deaths per year, of which an average 1,500 deaths are in Western Australia.

Numerous scientific studies have also demonstrated that exposure to second hand smoke (SHS) causes or promotes a number of illnesses and diseases, including lung cancer and heart disease.

Among people aged 16 years and above in the Armadale Health District, comprising of the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells and the Shire of Serpentine-

Jarrahdale, 20 per cent are current smokers. This is the highest proportion of any health district in the South Metropolitan Area Health Service (SMAHS), as well as being higher than the state average of 16 per cent

Smoking is more prevalent in high risk population groups such as Aboriginals, where 51 per cent of males and 49 per cent of females were regular smokers throughout Australia during 2004-2005 (ABS 2006). Aboriginals represent 3.2 per cent of the population of the City of Armadale, compared to 2.7 per cent for the Armadale Health District (DOH 2006).



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River Ward



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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.

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Kelmscott Bakery and General store c 1900. Photo courtesy of the Birtwistle Local Studies Library

Looking back: Kelmscott Bakery and General Store c. 1900 - 1910

When this picture was taken sometime between 1900 and 1910, Australia had a population of 3.8 million. Today it is around 25 million. It was also in the grip of the country's worst recorded drought which lasted for five years, ending in 1903.

One wonders whether the good folk of Kelmscott, pictured here, knew that they were living through some historic times.

Australia celebrated its Federation in 1901, with the six separate colonies joining together as states to become one country.

Sir Edmund Barton was Prime Minister and Australia was only the second country in the world to give women the vote in 1902.

At this time, Kelmscott was a thriving centre, with a bakery, two blacksmiths,

the Hand Bros. Butcher Shop and a timber yard. From the early 1900s, Kelmscott shopkeepers occupied the area around Albany Highway and the railway station.

The local bakery cum general store pictured, was owned by a Mr H Menner who sold it on to a Mr RJ Pascoe. Mr Pascoe also owned the newsagency. Records show that the bakery was later sold to a man named Mercer.

These pioneering folk of Kelmscott, whose images live on in the Birtwistle Local Studies Library Archives, lived through the deaths of Queen Victoria and Mary MacKillop – soon to be Australia's first Saint, Marconi's first transatlantic radio transmission and the Wright brothers' first powered flight. Historic times indeed.

? DID YOU KNOW?

Stage 1 of the Frye Park upgrade is due for completion in May 2010. This phase has been the laying of the turf. Stage 2, consisting of construction of new club rooms, is due to commence in June 2010.

What's On

**15 – 30 May 2010 -
Minnawarra Art Award -
FREE**

Upstairs, City of Armadale Administration Building. Open daily 11am – 4pm

City of Armadale Council and Committee Meetings

May and June 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.

May 2010

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

June 2010

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| Tues 8 Jun | 7pm | Community Services Committee |
| Wed 9 Jun | 7pm | Technical Services Committee |
| Mon 14 Jun | 7pm | Council |
| Mon 21 Jun | 7pm | Development Services Committee |
| Tues 22 Jun | 7pm | City Strategy Committee |
| Mon 28 Jun | 7pm | Council |