

City Views

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Your rates at work

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COMMUNITY

School visits

School children from the City of Armadale can visit the Council Chamber and hold a mock meeting as part of the City of Armadale's Local Government Lesson Plans program.

Coordinated by the Curator of History House Museum, local schools are welcome to book a visit and find out more about laws and the different levels of government that implement them.

The excursion takes about an hour and a half and includes:

- Visit to the City of Armadale Council Chamber
- Presentation by either a City of Armadale Councillor or staff member
- Tour of the Civic Precinct
- Visit to History House Museum
- A history of local government work sheet

Children enjoy looking at the objects and photographs from Armadale's past at History House Museum and then quizzing Councillors about local Council issues and procedures.

Year 7 students from John Wollaston Anglican Community School were recent visitors to the City and discovered fascinating historical facts about life in Armadale a century ago.

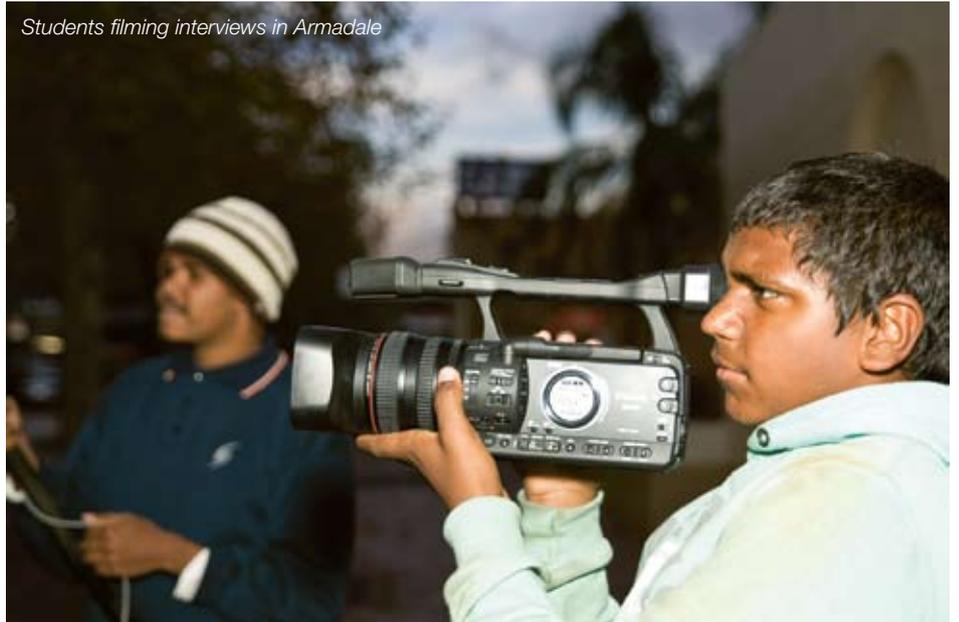
For further information or booking details, contact History House Museum on 9399 0670.

Visit the City's website www.armadale.wa.gov.au to download the Local Government Lesson Plans.



L-r: Brooke Wylie and Kate Quinlan

Students filming interviews in Armadale



International Film festival

Councillors Matt Norman and Henry Zelones recently visited the Youth Opportunities Program at the old Post Office, now the Armadale Regional Business Association ARBA offices. Pictured are students filming in Armadale.

Riverbank funding for AGLG

The valuable Canning River foreshore improvements being undertaken by Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group and community volunteers will continue thanks to recent funding from the Swan River Trust's Riverbank scheme.

The City of Armadale has received \$37,920 for works at Roley Pools in Roleystone, the Kelmescott Fishcare site and Fancote Park in Kelmescott.

The grant will go towards managing weed infestations and stabilising and rehabilitating river foreshore areas with 17,000 new seedlings.

Planting and weeding programs increase biodiversity, reduce sediment entering Canning River and improves water quality.

AGLG, which won the 2009 Keep Australia Beautiful (WA) Protection of the Environment Award, is always looking for volunteers to assist with planting days.

The next planting activity day – with free morning tea included – is on Saturday 28 August from 9am to 12pm at Roley Pools. Please contact Crystal on (0412) 713582.



Climate change partnership wins environmental award: Councils win Award for helping local businesses green bottom line

On Friday 2 July at the WA Sustainable Cities awards the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells and Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, who work together as the South East Regional Energy Group (SEREG), were recognised for their efforts to combat climate change and save on rising business costs.

Formed in 2002, SEREG aims to engage the community to help reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions by delivering a wide range of innovative projects through the award winning *Switch your thinking!* program.

Since the program's inception, SEREG and its project partners have invested more than \$1.5 million in regional actions, helping reduce greenhouse emissions by more than 330,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent.

The Switched on Business and Industry (SOBI) project, delivered as part of the *switch your thinking!* program, provided free environmental audits to over 150 small to medium businesses in the Cities of Gosnells and Armadale.

Through the federally funded SOBI project, business owners were shown how their business processes could be changed to help increase energy, water, waste and transport efficiency. Networking and skills development training was also offered to businesses to help them in their efforts to achieve environmental best practice.

Collectively 'switched on' businesses saved over \$68,000 on reduced energy, water, waste and transport costs, 460,000 kWh of Electricity and Gas, 66,000 litres of drinking water and over 440 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions in the first

Mayor's Message



Some of you may have seen the recent media reports of council rate rises that in most cases far exceed the inflation rate.

In some municipalities, the increase is expected to be up to 10 per cent, and high growth councils like ourselves are not immune – Rockingham 8.9 per cent and Gosnells 7.3 per cent.

In my last column I promised that at Armadale we were working hard to come in well below that figure. We have now finalised a budget with a more modest increase of around 5.9 per cent.

While Council has endeavoured to find ways to contain the increase, higher State Government charges for power, water and waste disposal will have a significant impact on the City's budget.

Like households, Council will be paying much more this year for utilities like power and water. Street lighting alone will cost us \$1.3 million - \$300,000 more than in 2009-10.

In addition we have the full-year effect of the higher State Government waste levy, with \$11 of the \$18 increase attributable to it. In the coming year the charge will be \$222 per household.

Unfortunately, this year's Emergency Services Levy which we are required to collect on behalf of the State Government will increase by 18%, with the average cost \$142.50, up \$21.60.

These government generated increases must either be passed on to rate-payers, or services that we are providing must be withdrawn or scaled back.

Your Council's budget is fiscally responsible, ensuring that adequate provision is being made for future replacement of our community assets, balanced with the need to provide improved services to our existing community.

Cr Linton Reynolds AM JP
City of Armadale Mayor

12-months following the implementation of the project.

The Hon. Helen Morton MLC participated in the SOBI project and was glowing in its praise.

"SOBI Auditors visited our office on more than one occasion and I was impressed by their practical, precise and personalised service," Ms Morton said.

"I believe that the real strength of the SOBI project lies in the fundamental shift in thinking by people on the ground who have participated in the project.

"Knowledge gained in the workplace has been actively applied to our home environments too," she said.

As a direct result of the project, Ms Morton and her staff now turn off lights, computers, and appliances left on stand-by every night and use less office paper.

To find out more about the *Switch your thinking!* program or learn more about saving energy, money and greenhouse gas emissions in your home or workplace, visit www.switchyourthinking.com.

YOUR RATES IN 2010/2011

How your Rates are calculated

The City of Armadale has worked hard to contain this year's rates increase to 5.9%.

The rate rise equates on average to an extra \$1.12 a week for each household.

While the City of Armadale's increase is lower than many other metropolitan area Councils, higher State Government charges for power, water and waste disposal have affected the City's budgeting for 2010-11.

The breakdown of the City of Armadale's rates rise is:

- 3.8% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) forecast for 2010-11;
- 1% growth – a limited amount to pay for new initiatives and infrastructure renewal, to lift the City's future image and capability;
- 1.1% State Government utility cost increases

The LGCI is set by the WA Local Government Association and is an index of cost movements more specific to the local government sector.

The City of Armadale adds a further 1% growth factor as part of its long term strategy to replace infrastructure, pay for new projects and be sustainable into the future.

The cost of State Government utilities including power and water will rise substantially this year.



The new library



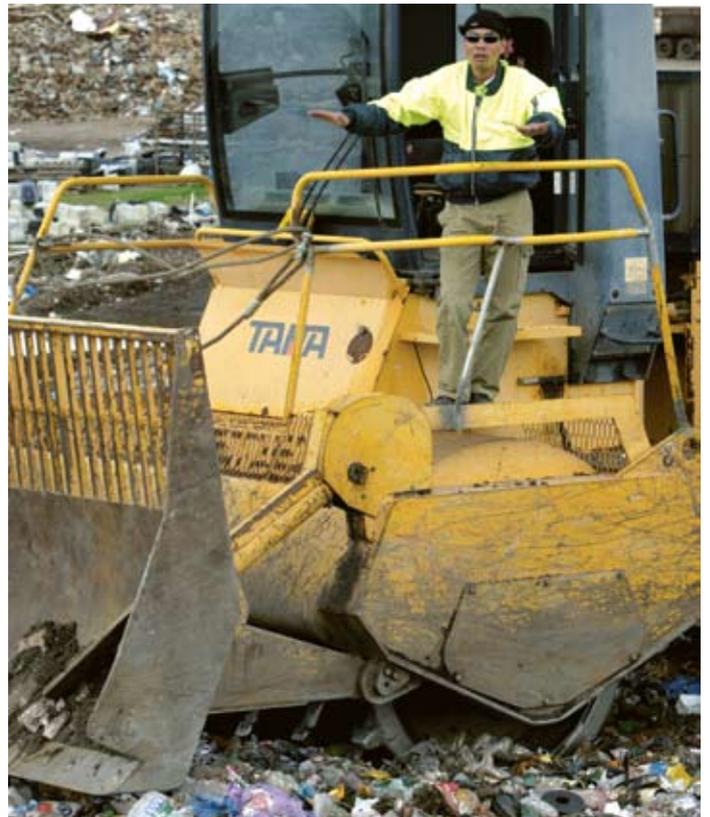
Street lighting alone will cost the City \$1.3 million – \$300,000 more than in 2009-10.

In addition, the full-year effect of the State Government's sharp increase in the waste disposal levy will increase the rubbish charge to \$222 per household, up \$18 from last year.

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) is a State Government tax on all properties, including vacant land, which raises funding for emergency services across Western Australia.

It is collected for the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) by local government.

This year the ESL has risen 18%, or an extra 42c per week for the average household.



Your rates pay for landfill facilities

YOUR RATES IN 2010/2011



Your rates are used for many essential services

Pay your rates the Smarter Way

The City of Armadale once again urges residents to use its unique and effective *Smarter Way to Pay* direct debit instalment method of paying their rates.

For many people, paying a large lump sum can be a major financial burden on the household budget.

The City's *Smarter Way to Pay* direct debit instalment system spreads rate payments over a 12-month period – at no extra cost – via direct debit on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis, from April to March.

There are no administration fees or penalty interest for ratepayers who adopt this payment method. Payments are reviewed annually in March and a password is required for security purposes

By choosing a *Smarter Way to Pay* you will be eligible to win cash prizes from the City of Armadale! Winners are selected randomly by computer draw. There are also prizes on offer for several lucky residents who pay their rates in full by Friday 24 September.

To take advantage of the *Smarter Way to Pay*, contact the City's Rates Department on 9399 0164 or visit the City of Armadale's Administration Centre at 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale to complete an application form.



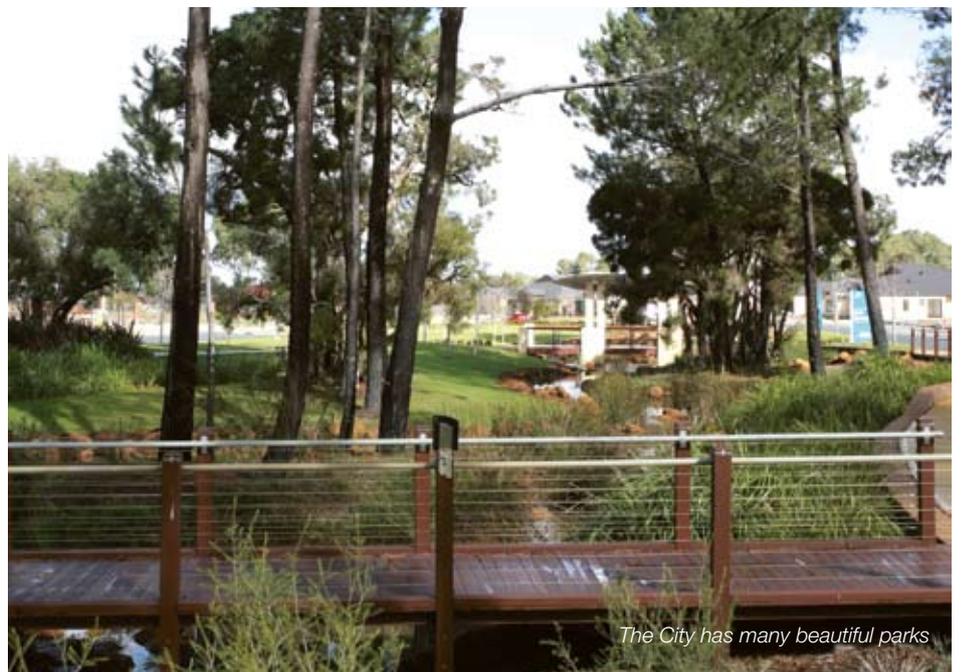
New suburbs pay the SAR

Specified Area Rates

Some areas of the City of Armadale pay an additional charge over and above the general rates paid by other households. This is known as a Specified Area Rate (SAR).

In SAR areas, residents have a higher level of amenity in the form of large expanses of Public Open Space, parks, lakes, walkways, bridges and seating etc. These amenities, which incur a higher level of servicing and cost to maintain and replace, are found in the new suburbs of Piara Waters and Harrisdale.

To be as equitable as possible, the higher than standard cost of maintaining a higher level of amenity in SAR areas is covered by those who live there. SARs also apply in our town centres and commercial and industrial areas.



The City has many beautiful parks

COMMUNITY EVENTS/LIBRARY

Your Local Libraries

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

Childrens Book Week
Saturday 28 August, 10.30am
Armadale Library

To celebrate Children's Book Week come and listen to some classic tales by Clare Stace, including 'Three Billy Goats Gruff'. Afterwards some exciting balloon animals will be created for you to take home. Bookings are essential!

World of Words
Ongoing
Seville Grove Library

The World of Words multicultural club is a social English conversation group formed by the Seville Grove Library for local residents whose first language is other than English. Under the guidance of a volunteer tutor, the club gives members the opportunity to practise their spoken English skills in a social setting while sharing experiences from their countries of origin.

To this end the library offers a range of resources and special language learning equipment for use by its members free of charge. Skills developed are reinforced through a number of social events organized by group members themselves.

The group meets every Tuesday morning from 9.30 to 12.00 in the Meeting Room at Seville Grove Library, new members are always welcome.

For further information, please contact the Branch Librarian on 9399 0800

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



Theresia now an Australian citizen



After 60 years enjoying the fresh air and lifestyle of WA, 92-year-old Kelmscott resident Theresia Krajewski has become the City of Armadale's newest Australian citizen.

On 26 July at the Armadale Council Chamber, Mrs Krajewski became one of only a handful of people aged in their 90s to make the Australian citizenship pledge.

Born in Austria, Mrs Krajewski emigrated from Holland after WWII with her husband Jack and daughter Louise, arriving in Australia on 17 August, 1950.

How You Can Avoid Food Poisoning

Food poisoning is a miserable experience, but is so easily avoided. Just following a few simple steps in the kitchen can greatly reduce the possibility of you becoming another food poisoning casualty.

Proper cooking will kill food bugs. It's especially important to make sure poultry, pork, burgers and sausages are cooked all the way through. If there is any pink meat or the juices have any pink or red in them, germs could be lurking. Check your food is steaming hot all the way through before serving.

Another essential is to avoid cross-contamination to prevent the spread of food bugs between foods and from contaminated surfaces or utensils. Keep raw meat covered and placed at the bottom of the fridge. The same chopping board should never be used for raw meat and vegetables and ready-to-eat foods.

Thorough cleaning of hands also prevents food poisoning and food needs to be kept at the right temperature. Chilled food should be kept between 0C and 5C. Storage above this range can allow germs to grow or harmful toxins to form. For further information, speak to one of our City's Environmental Health Officers on 9399 0111.

What's On

History House Museum Holiday Fun!

Adventures in Archaeology 6 October, 10am – 11:30am

Children take on the role as an archaeologist at a dig to discover what treasures are buried in their box. Activities include mapping the dig site, reconstructing an object and sketching it and dating the objects they have found at their dig. Suitable for 8-12 years. Please ring 9399 0419 or 9399 0670 for bookings.

City of Armadale Drop-n-Shop wins award

The City of Armadale's commitment to recycling initiatives, waste reduction and community education and involvement has seen its Drop-n-Shop Reuse Centre win a state-wide Sustainable Cities award.

The Drop-n-Shop took out the Waste Management and Litter Prevention category of the 2010 awards, announced by Keep Australia Beautiful WA on Friday 2 July.

The Drop-n-Shop is located at the City of Armadale Landfill & Recycling Facility in Hopkinson Road, Hillbert (formerly Brookdale) and is run by City staff and community volunteers.

It has operated since 2005, with the aim of returning useable, second-hand items to the community, rather than into landfill.

People can donate unwanted, reusable items to the not-for-profit Drop-n-Shop and after cleaning and repairing (where practicable) in the workshop, the goods are re-sold at low cost to the community.

Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds said the Sustainable Cities award recognised the great work of the Drop-n-Shop staff and the City's Waste Services department

"Since opening, the Drop-n-Shop's services have expanded to include a community workshop staffed by volunteers, educational school group tours, E-waste recycling and educational displays at local events," Cr Reynolds said.

"The City of Armadale is the first local government in the state to conduct an e-waste recycling program.

"This Keep Australia Beautiful award really highlights the achievements of our Waste Services staff and the enthusiasm of our community to reuse and recycle."

For more information about the Drop-n-Shop, or to volunteer, contact the City's Waste Services on 9399 0111.

The Drop-n-Shop is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

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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 September 2010

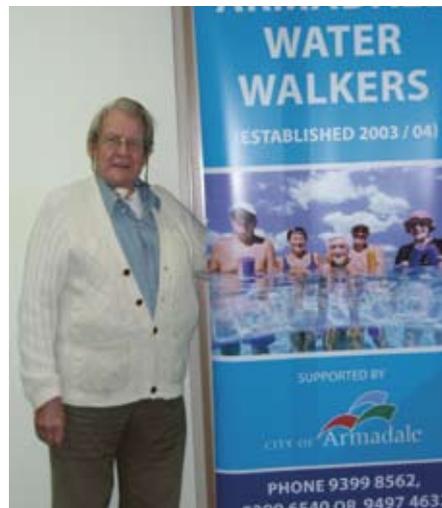
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Water Walkers



Water Walkers, supported by the City of Armadale, are looking for new members.

Please call Ian Sutherland on 9399 8562

YOUR COUNCIL

Looking back: Kelmscott Football Club c. 1912

It's footy finals time and as we look forward to That One Day in September, we also look back to 1912 to find members of the Kelmscott Football Club posing proudly with their premiership trophy.

This is the first photograph of the historic club, which was born out of a friendly rivalry between men working at the local wood mills in the 1890s.

The unique game of Australian Rules football had been devised in Victoria in 1858 and quickly became popular around the country, including in Western Australia. As the first English settlement outside of Perth, Kelmscott proved fertile territory for the exciting new sport.

Games were played on Saturdays and the first local competition thrived until it was forced to go into recess for WWII.

When the South Suburban Football Association reformed in 1946, the Kelmscott players had no jumpers to wear, so the district banded together to produce enough clothing coupons to buy wool. Club Committee member Brian



Kelmscott Football Club c. 1912. Photograph courtesy of the Birtwistle Local Studies Library

Rose, along with Mrs Hockley of Armadale, knitted the entire team their new playing kit.

On 26 April 1951, at John Dunn Oval, Kelmscott created history when it became the first football club in the state to train under flood lights, which the club and Kelmscott Agricultural Society had paid for.

Kelmscott has won a total of five premierships, with the first in 1898, its second in 1912 and further trophies in 1939, 1962 and 1979, when former West Perth player and burgeoning media star, Dennis Cometti, coached the team.

A number of Kelmscott players, including Ian Grendini, Paul Vasoli and Ray Witt have gone on to play in the WA Football League for Perth.

City of Armadale Council and Committee Meetings

September and October 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.

September 2010

Mon 6 Sept	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 7 Sept	7pm	Community Services Committee
Mon 13 Sept	7pm	Council
Mon 20 Sept	7pm	Development Services Committee
Tues 21 Sept	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 28 Sept	7pm	Council

October 2010

Mon 4 Oct	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 5 Oct	7pm	Community Services Committee
Mon 11 Oct	7pm	Council
Mon 18 Oct	7pm	Development Services Committee
Tues 19 Oct	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Mon 25 Oct	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.

HAROLD KING COMMUNITY CENTRE Grovelands, Camillo	ARMADALE HALL Jull Street, Armadale	EV GRIBBLE COMMUNITY CENTRE Ninth Road, Brookdale	KELMSCOTT HALL River Road, Kelmscott
Wed 1 Sept Wed 6 Oct	Wed 8 Sept Wed 13 Oct	Wed 15 Sept Wed 20 Oct	Wed 22 Sept Wed 27 Oct