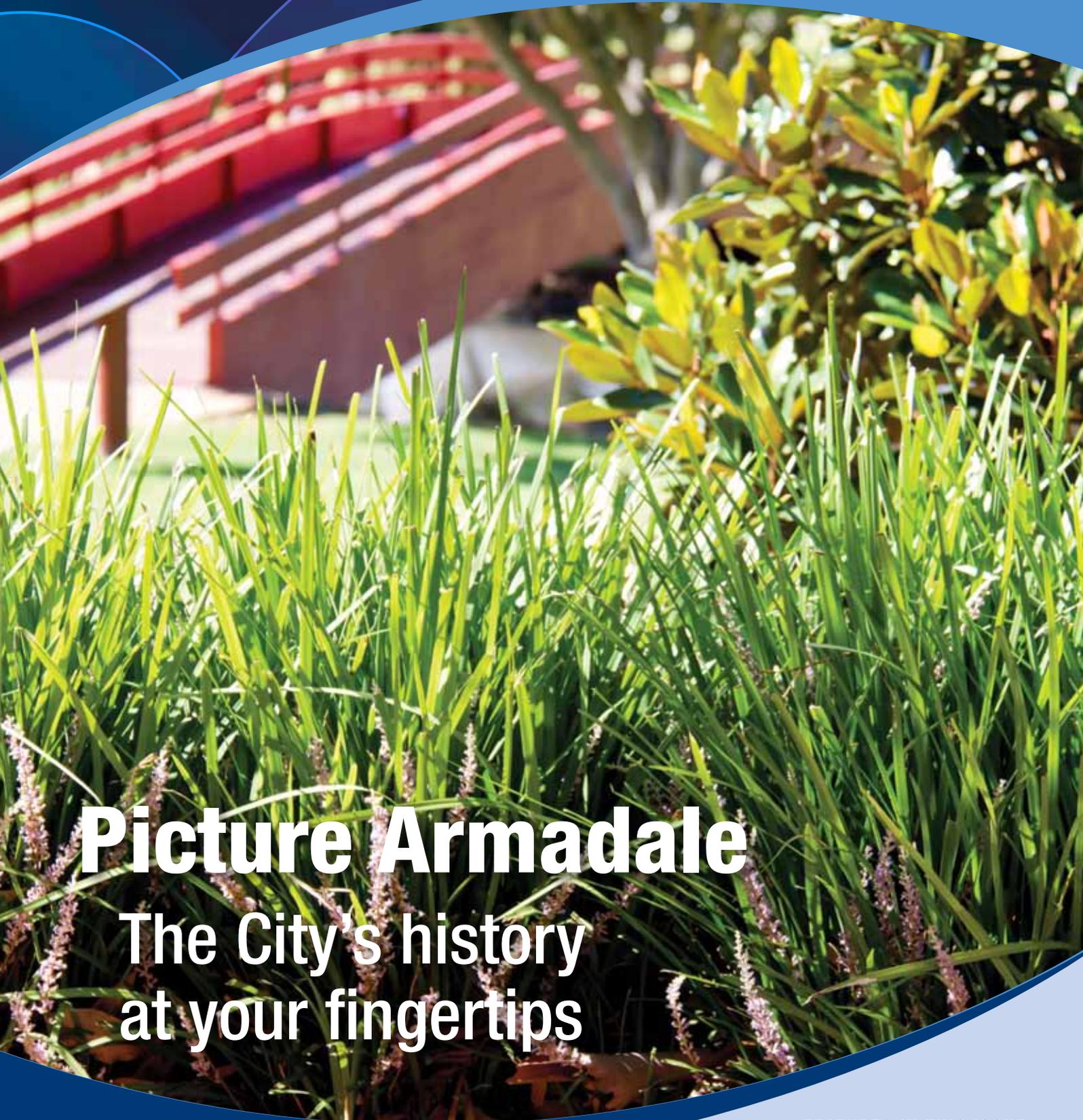


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at your fingertips

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DEVELOPMENT



Sports and community facility on the go

Construction of the City's newest sporting and community facility is about to kick off in Piara Waters on the corner of Wright and Nicholson Roads.

The new facility will include multi-purpose playing fields equipped with lighting, a

pavilion for sports and community use, an enclosed playground, a car park and cricket nets.

Comprehensive community consultation undertaken by the City has guided the design of the facility.

Funding includes:

- City of Armadale – \$1.4 million
- Development contribution from Harrisdale and Piara Waters – more than \$3 million
- Department of Sport and Recreation (CSRFF) – \$1 million



Building Act 2011 – what you need to know

The Building Act 2011 was introduced in April 2012 and has made changes to the building application process. As a homeowner, what do you need to know?

Here are the basics:

Under the new Building Act 2011 the City of Armadale or private building surveyors, registered with the State as practitioners, will be able to certify Building Code Compliance via the issue of a Certificate of Design Compliance.

An applicant will be able to present this certification, along with their building permit submission, to the City of Armadale to receive the Building Permit.

The City of Armadale will make a decision on the application within 10 business days (for certified applications).

Stage 1 – Certificate of Design Compliance

This process confirms compliance with the Building Code of Australia and associated legislation.

Stage 2 – Building Permit

This process is the final approval issued by the City acting as the Permit Authority.

Both these stages can be processed by the City's Building Surveyors via an Uncertified Application.

Alternately Stage 1 can be processed by a private Building Surveyor and Stage 2 processed by the City as a Certified Application.

For more information visit www.buildingcommission.wa.gov.au.



Outside the Frame

Art-lovers are in for a treat this September, when Outside the Frame, is on again. This annual event showcases the fantastic work being produced by talented Year 11 and 12 students from the South-East metro region.

This year's display will feature over 100 works including painting in any medium, 3D works, prints, textiles and photography/digital media.

The exhibition will be held at Armadale District Hall from Wednesday 5 September to Monday 10 September, 11am to 4pm daily.

Entry is free.

For more information call 9399 0642 or email events@armadale.wa.gov.au.

Mayor's Message

Despite the shorter days and colder weather the City of Armadale certainly hasn't slowed down for winter. There have been lots of exciting events on the calendar and several major projects are getting underway.



The 16th annual Minnowarra Art Award was held in July, with an opening night showcasing the amazing talent of the world class artists who entered, and our fabulous City. A crowd gathered in the beautiful heritage listed Armadale District Hall to see major prizes awarded to five WA artists whose work demonstrated the incredible skill we are lucky enough to have in this State. We were so pleased to bring this exhibition of local talent to our community and support local artists.

Residents of Piara Waters will soon see construction underway on the huge new sporting and community facility on the corner of Wright Road and Nicholson Road. The project, which is funded by the City, State government and the development scheme, will be a great addition to this rapidly growing area.

I'm already looking forward to the spring and summer events season and hope to see you at some of the events.

Cr Henry Zelones JP
City of Armadale Mayor

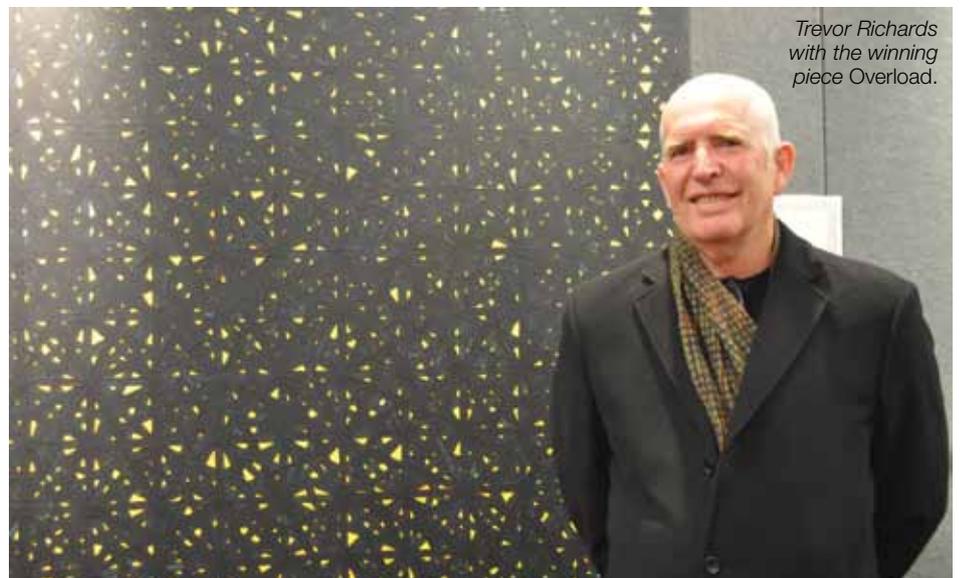
Minnawarra Art Award winners

Hundreds flocked from all around Perth to view the prestigious artworks on display as part of the Minnowarra Art Award at Armadale District Hall.

The week-long event was a huge success with many inspired and impressed by the exhibit.

This year's winner of the \$10,000 major acquisition prize was West Australian artist Trevor Richards. Andrew Nicholls took out the coveted Gerry Gauntlett Award and Perdita Phillips won the \$1,000 acquisitive prize.

The Minnowarra Art Award is the City's key community social event and is proudly supported by Stockland, Examiner Newspapers and the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority.



Trevor Richards with the winning piece Overload.

COMMUNITY

Picture Armadale

Peer into Armadale's fascinating past from the comfort of your home with Picture Armadale, the new online collection of historical images from the Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

Members of the public will be able to access more than 1,700 photographs by simply visiting the City's website and clicking on the Picture Armadale link.

Some of the images, which date as far back as the 1880s, can be downloaded or printed for private use and links can be shared on social media. In addition, people can post comments and information about individual photos.

Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones encouraged community members interested in local history to view the Picture Armadale collection and contribute to the Birtwistle Library's knowledge base.

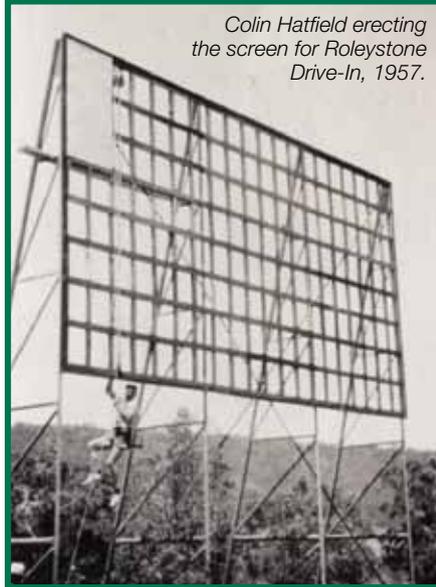
"We're very keen for more information on the pictures we already have catalogued and for more photos of the Armadale area that could be added to the Birtwistle's collection," Cr Zelones said.

"The Picture Armadale project allows people all over the world to access the images and share them with others, thereby opening up the collection to far more than just visitors to the library."

For more information, or to contribute an image or information about local history, contact Birtwistle Local Studies Library on 9399 0641.



Colin Hatfield erecting the screen for Roleystone Drive-In, 1957.



Victory Parade, 15 August 1945. Revellers celebrate victory in World War Two, leading the parade at the end of Jull Street in Bernie Hastie's touring car.



Above: Medical staff celebrate Western Australia's 150th anniversary as part of a parade along Streich Avenue, 1979.

Left: McKinlay's Bakery in Jull Street, 1916.

HBF Outdoor Fitness in Armadale



For the first time HBF will be teaming up with the City of Armadale to coordinate outdoor fitness sessions for the community.

Sessions will begin in September and run from Minnowarra Park.

The one-hour HBF Outdoor Fitness Sessions, presented by LiveLighter, will see qualified trainers from Conan Fitness provide outdoor sessions to improve cardio fitness and strength for beginners to advanced.

Wednesday 5 September – Saturday 27 October

Wednesdays: 5.30 - 6.30pm
Saturdays: 8 – 9am

For more information visit www.hbffitness.com.au

What is it?	HBF Outdoor Fitness, presented by LiveLighter
Where's it on?	Minnawarra Park (corner of Armadale Rd and Orchard Ave) Meeting point: Gazebo near Administration Centre car park
Dates and times	Every Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm Every Saturday 8 – 9am Please arrive at least 15 minutes before each session
How to get there	Bus to Armadale Rd and Church Ave Free parking at Administration Centre car park
How much?	Free for HBF Members or \$10 for non-members (\$8 per session with multiple purchase) Book online at www.hbffitness.com.au

Potential Unleashed

Local young people will learn sport, leadership and personal development skills as part of the new Ignite Basketball program coordinated by Armadale PCYC and the City of Armadale.

From 7pm to 10.30pm every Saturday young people will take part in a selection of mini-games with fun skills and drills, followed by intensive full-court competition. All program participants are provided with a bus ride home.

Once a month, mixed teams will play in a showcase tournament for the Ignite Championship with Perth Wildcats players observing the game.

The program's philosophy is to develop each person's abilities – to unleash their potential.



The hope is that many of these kids will progress through the program to become mentors themselves.

For more information or to volunteer, contact the Ignite Basketball Program Coordinator on 9399 0642.

Working for the City

The City of Armadale is the district's largest employer with nearly 50% of Council staff being local residents.

City staff are supported and encouraged to pursue opportunities to further their careers through personal development, study leave and staff training. This means they increase their skills to better serve the community.

Armadale Library Resources Librarian Kirstie Nicholson recently won the coveted Kay Poustie Scholarship, giving her the opportunity to travel overseas and explore innovative libraries in Scandinavia, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. She will bring back exciting ideas and experiences which can help us improve the City's libraries.

The City's Plant/Truck Operator, Steve Wladyka has also gained his Certificate III in Civil Construction. Steve is one of three Civil Works staff members taking part in professional development courses through the City of Armadale.

If you are interested in working in a role which impacts your community visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au for vacancies.

Improve your life today!

Numerous local residents have taken up free health and exercise programs as part of the Eat, Act, Live initiative.

Eat, Act, Live offers participants a selection of programs to improve their health, nutrition and overall well-being. Participants have the chance to get expert advice and tailor activities to suit their lifestyle needs.

All classes are free and run across various locations in the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells. To find out more contact 9399 0642 or email eatactive@armadale.wa.gov.au.



COUNCIL

Front Counter – the faces of the City

The City of Armadale has nearly 20 front counter staff members who every day strive to provide quality information to customers.

The team at the front counter assist nearly 1,500 callers and 500 visitors every week. They are the first contact for a range of enquiries including dog registrations, facility bookings, property services and rates payments.

The City's Administration Centre is open Monday to Friday, 8.15am to 4.45pm.

Visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au for more information.



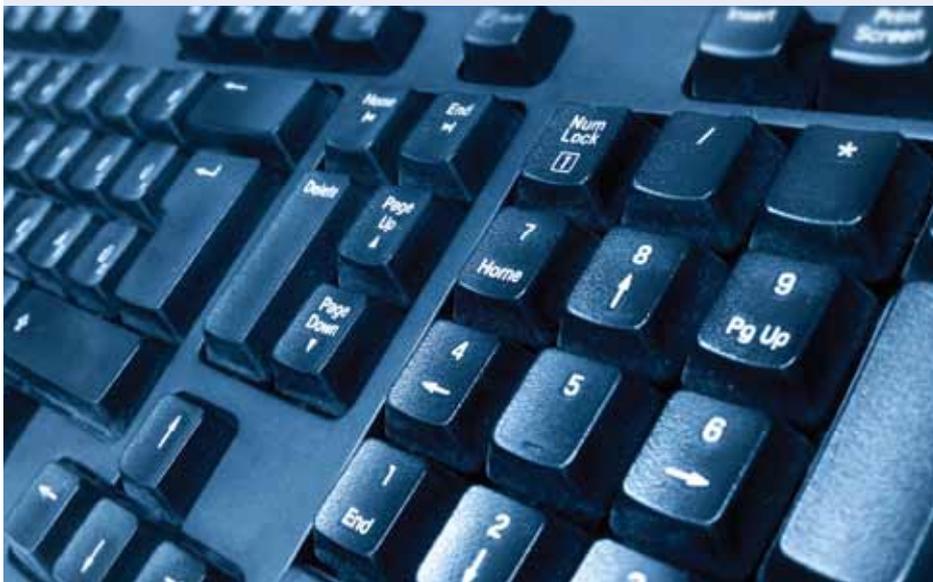
Smarter Way to Pay

Looking for a way to better manage household budgets? A *Smarter Way to Pay* is a no-fuss way to pay your Council rates over a 12 month period via direct debit, on a weekly fortnightly or monthly basis.

There is no administration or penalty interest fees for ratepayers who use *Smarter Way to Pay*.

The program aims to ease the pressure a lump sum or limited instalment payment option can cause. Payment instalments run from April to March.

To take advantage of this unique program call the City of Armadale's Rates team on 9399 0164 or pop into the Administration Centre, 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale.



Pay online

The City is constantly working towards making processes easier for residents. One way we're doing this is by making online payment options available.

Customers are now able to pay rates, infringements and Debtor accounts online.

From November 2012 customers will also be able to renew their dog registrations and download cat registration forms – all on the website.

For more information contact the City on 9399 0111.

Online dog registrations

By law dog owners are required to register their pet with the local Council once the dog is 12 weeks old. Owners who do not register their animals can face a fine of up to \$500.

Dog registration fees are:

Unsterilised dog: \$30 per year or \$75 for three years

Sterilised dog: \$10 per year or \$18 for three years. Proof of sterilisation must be provided.

Individuals on a full pension are entitled to 50% off, upon producing an appropriate pension card.

Application forms are available online and from November 2012 residents will be able to renew their dog registrations online.



ASK ARMADALE winners announced

Four lucky ratepayers received a \$500 cash prize for taking part in Ask Armadale.

The City's semi-rural lifestyle, natural landscapes and access to shopping facilities were the most valued aspects of living in the City, whilst safety and security were the biggest area for potential improvement.

The results of Ask Armadale will be used to inform the next stages of reviewing the City's current Strategic Plan and developing a Community Vision.

Keep updated by visiting the City's website.



Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones and Jeff Bullock from Roleystone

Bushfire Hazard Preparation

Tips for maintaining your property include:

- Move woodpiles and stacked timber away from the main dwelling.
- Keep grass short.
- Clean gutters and roof debris.
- Install firebreaks in accordance with Firebreak Notice, Variation to Firebreak Order or Firebreak Management Plan.
- Chemically spray firebreaks and low fuel zones.

For more information on hazard preparation for your property visit www.fesa.wa.gov.au.

Join the BRG

A Bushfire Ready Group (BRG) is a community driven program established by FESA and the City of Armadale to increase community resilience to bushfire risk.

BRGs provide neighbours the opportunity to network, share information, develop and implement strategies to reduce bushfire risk.

The program is coordinated by a trained volunteer bushfire ready facilitator and supported by local Fire Services personnel.

To find out more about your local BRG free call 1800 199 084.

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

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

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Come for a walk this spring

Now is the time to enjoy the magnificent natural beauty of the City of Armadale's renowned bushland reserves with a free Spring Bushwalk.

The walks include trails ranging in length from 2.5km to 6km. Some are one-way with a shuttle bus provided to take walkers back to their cars.

All participants are advised to wear loose comfortable clothing and enclosed shoes and to bring a water bottle, hat and sunscreen.

Settler's Common

Sunday 9 September
8.30am – noon

Bungendore Park

Sunday 23 September
8.30am – noon

Forrestdale Lake Walk

Sunday 7 October
8.30am – noon

Settler's Common, night walk

Saturday 13 October
5pm – 7.30pm

Wungong Dam

Sunday 21 October
8.30am – noon

Registrations are essential for each walk and group bookings are welcome. Call Armadale Arena on 9399 0840 to secure your place.

Winter Warmers

There are many simple, cost-effective ways to keep yourself and the house warm through the chilly winter weather.

Keep your home warm this winter by:

- Opening curtains during the day to maximise sunlight and closing them after sunset to prevent heat escaping.
- Keep the heater between 18 and 20 degrees to maximise energy efficiency.
- Avoid heating empty spaces by closing doors to rooms which are not being used.
- Rug up! Use blankets, hot water bottles and throws to stay warm and comfortable on cold winter days and nights.
- When looking to buy a new heater ensure you look at the energy ratings. Over time the savings will really make a difference.

For more energy saving tips visit www.switchyourthinking.com.

City of Armadale Council and Committee Meetings

August, 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.

August 2012

Mon 27 Aug	7pm	Council
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September 2012

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

October 2012

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

Overdrive at your local library

August will bring a digital revolution to local libraries across the City with the launch of Overdrive E-book – a program which allows users to borrow e-books.

There are thousands of adult fiction and non-fiction titles available with new books becoming downloadable regularly.

If you are a member at Seville Grove, Kelmscott or Armadale libraries you will be able to use your card to download up to five electronic items in addition to usual borrowed items.

Borrowers will be able to download their chosen books either at home or in the library using their compatible tablet or e-reader.

Ask your library staff for more details or visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au.

