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MAYOR'S Message



Since the last edition of City Views, we've seen the return of many popular local events which were cancelled last year due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Kambarang Festival at Bob Blackburn Reserve celebrated Aboriginal culture during the fifth season of the Noongar calendar, and around 20,000 people enjoyed the Armadale Highland Gathering with hundreds of people participating in the Perth Kilt Run. Congratulations to the volunteers from the Kelmscott Agricultural Society who brought back the much loved Kelmscott Show with huge crowds returning to enjoy the family atmosphere, including fireworks sponsored by the City of Armadale.

Local Government elections held in October saw several new faces join our team. We welcome Michael Hancock, Keyur Kamdar, Sartaj Virk, Scott Mosey, and Paul Hetherington. I sincerely thank outgoing Councillors Donna Shaw, Caroline Wielinga, Jeff Munn, Colin Campbell and Carole Frost for their

many years of contribution to the City of Armadale. Contact details for current Councillors are on the back page, so please get in touch with any ideas or concerns you might have.

We're looking forward to our popular Carols by Candlelight event in Memorial Park on 12 December and also celebrating the lead up to Christmas and summer holidays with other entertainment around the City. If you're searching for gifts and stocking up on food for the festive season, please consider shopping in the City centre and supporting local businesses. Keep up to date with 'what's on' in the City of Armadale by checking out our website.

The next couple of months will see the opening of the exciting John Dunn Challenge Park (bike park) and the new Pavilion at Creyk Park is almost complete. The new Gwynne Park Skate Park (on the corner of Townley Street and Forrest Road in Armadale) has opened to the public, just in time for the school holidays and has proven to be very popular.

If you are using the roads to head to holiday destinations, please 'drive to survive' and take time to enjoy the journey and arrive safely.

On behalf of the Councillors and staff at the City of Armadale, I wish you a very happy festive season and a prosperous New Year.

Ruth Butterfield
Mayor, City of Armadale



Christmas closure

The City of Armadale's Administration Centre will be closed from 4pm Friday 24 December 2021 until Monday 3 January 2022 – reopening on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

For all our facility hours over the holiday period visit the City's website www.armadale.wa.gov.au

COLLECTIONS OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

There is no change to waste collections in December or January as the Public Holidays fall on a Saturday.

The Armadale Landfill and Recycling Facility is closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
(Closing at noon on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.)



Around our city



Our vision for a healthy Armadale

The City recently released the Community Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2024 (CHWP), which provides a framework to contribute to improving health and wellbeing outcomes for residents to enable people to live well and experience the best possible quality of life.

The CHWP identifies strategies and actions to prevent and minimise public health risks as well as improve community health and wellbeing.

The development of the CHWP involved an extensive consultation process with over 1,000 people, 147 staff and 19 stakeholder organisations involved.

• Armadale Mayor Ruth Butterfield said
• “By working together in tandem with our
• community, I’m confident we can create
• a healthy future for all who reside or work
• within the City of Armadale.”

Download the City’s Community Health and Wellbeing Plan at www.armadale.wa.gov.au or contact the City of Armadale on 9394 5000.

New pump track

FOR FLEMATTI PARK



If you’re a fan of pump tracks then the new facility at Flematti Park, located in Brookdale, is going to hit the mark!

Stage One of the local recreational facility delivers a small but very cool clay formed pump track providing a variety of conditions for all bikes.

The pump track is surrounded by an undulating path perfect for little kids to practice riding their bike or scooter on and recently completed landscape works will provide much needed shade over the path networks once the trees establish and grow over the next few years.



Supporting amenities include a picnic shelter, seating and rubbish bin. Additional tree planting, pedestrian, and a central turf area suitable for year-round use will be completed in Stage Two of the project.

Stage One of the Flematti Park pump track cost approximately \$250,000.





What's on

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY 2022

AUSTRALIA DAY 2022

Minnawarra Park | 5pm – 9:30pm

The City of Armadale is excited to host the annual alcohol and smoke free Australia Day, with a jam-packed evening of festivities and a spectacular fireworks display.

Secure your spot early with a picnic in either Memorial or Minnowarra Parks and embrace the great community atmosphere of this family-friendly event.

With plenty of activities for all ages - carnival rides, lots of food stalls to tempt your tastebuds and a full program of live music showcasing some of our incredible local talent - this event is not to be missed!

The highlight of the evening is the spectacular fireworks to an all-Australian soundtrack broadcast by Heritage FM on 107.3 FM. And don't forget to stick around after the fireworks to see who this year's fabulous tribute act will be – it's the perfect way to round off your night!

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Memorial Park, Armadale | 6:30pm – 8pm

You're invited to join the City of Armadale in the festive spirit of the holiday season with Carols by Candlelight. This annual family-friendly Christmas event is bursting with community pride and celebration as it showcases some incredible local talent.

People of all ages and all abilities are welcome to join in on the festivities of Perth's most accessible carols event. We're once again proud to present the DADAA Accessible Viewing Area where people with disability can reserve spaces to enjoy the carols with their families. The following services will be available: accessible viewing platform with a service dog area, audio description, assistive listening, AUSLAN interpreters and braille songbooks.

With thousands joining in the festivities, Carols by Candlelight is the perfect mix of high-quality music, stunning candlelight atmosphere, and families enjoying the festive spirit in the lead up to Christmas – so come be a part of it!



COMING FEBRUARY 2022

Let's Connect ARMADALE EXPO

Armadale District Hall | 10am – 4pm

Come and get connected to services!

- Employment
- Youth, children & family
- Disability
- Seniors
- Multicultural
- Aboriginal
- Health & Wellbeing
- Emergency relief
- Library
- Recreation
- Economic Development
- Champion Centre

Everyone is welcome to attend the “Let’s Connect Armadale Expo” showcasing a range of organisations and service providers available in Armadale and surrounds.

This free expo aims to raise awareness and increase your knowledge of local services, support and information that is available across an extensive range of sectors. You can also enjoy giveaways, kid-friendly activities and entertainment for the whole family!

Engage with others in the community and learn about community services, information, support and what resources and opportunities are available.

Win cash prizes

WITH THE 2022 FOCUS PHOTO COMPETITION

We’re excited to announce that our annual photo competition opens for entries on **1 February**. Hosted by the Birtwistle Local Studies Library, FOCUS is open to all adult amateur photographers in WA.

This year’s theme, ‘Industrial Strength’, hopes to capture the industrial areas of Armadale today in two categories – photos and drone images.

The bonus category asks for scans of photos taken prior to 2000 showing any aspect of life in the Armadale region.

Visit library.armadale.wa.gov.au/competitions for more information and T&Cs.



Connecting students with local employment



Twenty-one students from across the City graduated from the **2021 Armadale Aspire Youth Career Development Program**. Now in its fourth year, the initiative increases the job-readiness of local students, broadens their horizons, and introduces them to diverse employment opportunities within our region. In a nutshell, the program is all about connecting students with employment.

Alastair Kleyn, owner and director of Alita Constructions based in the Forrestdale Business Park, is passionate about engaging with the Armadale community and its youth, and believes the City's Aspire program gives local students a sense of the business world. "The Aspire program shows students that they can live and work here and be an active member of the local community. Armadale can offer students a very good future," Alastair said.

"Over the last couple of years, it's been great to be involved with the Aspire program. Our teens are our future workforce, and as a local business, we have an obligation to show them the variety of employment opportunities available.

"Students visited one of our local construction sites at the Forrestdale Business Park. They donned high vis vests and were given a tour of the site to give them a real-world view of the industry.

"If students wanted to get a head start on a career in construction, they could get their white card online, and seek out a work experience placement. They could also contact the Construction Training

Fund for more information about school-based training, including scholarships for Certificate II in Years 11 and 12," Alastair said.

"Throughout Aspire, we gave students insights into the career opportunities available in a commercial construction company, and key staff shared their job requirements, experience, and insights."



This year's Aspire program featured partnerships between six major high schools and eight industry partners including Beaver Tree Services, Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre, Alita Constructions, Crossroads Mechanical, WA Police Force, Bean Thru, Curtin University and the Small Business Development Corporation.



Keeping fit IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS!

Have you seen the new workout signage located at 16 parks and reserves across the City?

The workouts were developed by the City's accredited fitness instructors as part of the Move Your Body Fitness Session - Pilot program. These fitness sessions were for those 60+ years and ran over three months earlier this year.

The workout signage installation and fitness sessions were made possible through a successful grant application from the Injury Matters WA 'Stay on Your Feet' program and focused on improving participants' strength and balance and raising awareness of falls and injury prevention.

The signage and outdoor exercise equipment transformed green spaces into free mini-gyms with beginner, intermediate and advanced workouts, including a warm up and cool down for everyone to enjoy.

Locations for the outdoor fitness equipment are available to view on your phone, or can be downloaded and printed. Visit the City's website armadale.wa.gov.au/outdoor-fitness-and-recreation or contact the City's Health and Wellbeing Officer on 9394 5000 for more information.



ARMADALE writers' AWARD

Winners Announced!

Over 100 writers put pen to paper for this year's Armadale Writers' Award.

The annual competition, in its fifth year, attracted entries from across Perth and the greater Western Australian region.

The winners were announced at a presentation held at the Armadale library last month and shared in a \$2,600 prize pool.

Congratulations to all this year's winners and finalists, and particularly to Amanda Beckett for her winning story 'Wadjemup'.

The winning and finalists' stories are available to view on the library website.

**WE WANT
YOUR
FEEDBACK**



GET INVOLVED AND HAVE YOUR SAY!

The City currently provides one bulk waste, two green waste and one mattress collection per year to households.

In February 2022 the City is seeking feedback from residents on how we should handle bulk waste.

The survey will be available from Monday 31 January 2022. You can provide feedback on what this service should look like in the future by visiting the City's website www.armadale.wa.gov.au



COMMUNITY CELEBRATES KAMBARANG

The Noongar season of Kambarang was celebrated during the Kambarang Festival at the City of Armadale's Bob Blackburn Reserve in Seville Grove on Tuesday 12 October.

The festival opened with a traditional welcome to country and smoking ceremony and was emceed by Samuel-Yombich Pilot-Kickett. Live entertainment was provided by musicians Rubi Joelle, Gina Williams & Guy Ghouse, and The Struggling Kings. Activities for the whole family included elders' and children's hubs, information stalls with giveaways, and a free sausage sizzle.

It was encouraging to see the growing number of people who attended the event, as it helps to broaden people's understanding of Aboriginal culture and their relationship with the land.

Kambarang is the season of birth and takes place during the months of October and November as the weather becomes warmer.



AFAC WINS BIG!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ARMADALE FITNESS AND AQUATIC CENTRE (AFAC) WHO WAS AWARDED THE MULTI-SERVICE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR FOR 2021 BY FITNESS AUSTRALIA (THE PEAK ASSOCIATION FOR THE AUSTRALIAN FITNESS INDUSTRY)!

Mayor Ruth Butterfield said the award recognises the City of Armadale's commitment to the provision of top-quality facilities to encourage the community be more active, plus AFAC's commitment to excellence. The award is also one of the most prestigious awards in the industry.

"While community attendance has been incredible, AFAC's biggest success story is one of continual commitment to improvement and going beyond 'business as usual'. The award not only recognises AFAC's high standards and professionalism, but also the multiple ways residents have been encouraged to be active, making a real and positive impact on the health and well-being of our community.

"I congratulate each and every one of our staff for delivering excellent customer service at AFAC. Their hard work has made a profound impact on the local community and it is wonderful to see AFAC's professionalism and high standards recognised by Fitness Australia," said Mayor Butterfield.

In addition to winning the Multi-service Business of the Year for 2021, AFAC was also a finalist for the Quality Accredited Business of the Year.

Active
ARMADALE
FITNESS AND
AQUATIC CENTRE





All Things SCOTTISH!

Minnawarra Park in the heart of Armadale was transformed into a wee bit of Scotland in early October when around 20,000 people enjoyed the Scottish-themed Armadale Highland Gathering and the Perth Kilt Run.

Every year, the City celebrates all things Scottish at the unique family-friendly event which attracts Scottish and non-Scottish festival goers from across the state and country. This year, the City saw our highest number of participants in the Perth Kilt Run, bringing us one step closer to vying for the world record attempt.

The event also showcased the Loch Mess Monster Upcycle Schools Challenge, the City's community arts initiative aimed at engaging local schools in a creative recycling project. We're delighted to congratulate the winners of the challenge:

Primary School Loch Mess Monster Award
Armadale Primary School

Secondary School Loch Mess Monster Award
Salvado Catholic College

The People's Choice Award
Armadale Primary School

"The Armadale Highland Gathering and the Perth Kilt Run is steered by a dedicated committee of volunteers who help to present the different areas to create the largest Scottish-themed event in Western Australia. It's terrific to see the dedication and arduous work of the volunteers rewarded by such a successful day," said Mayor Ruth Butterfield.



Play it safe this **BUSHFIRE SEASON**



The 2021 Wooroloo bushfire was a reminder to everyone living in a bushfire area that there's always the possible threat of a bushfire near you this summer. Last fire season reported 64 incidents in the Armadale region.

Remember these four simple steps - Create your bushfire plan, prepare your property, pack an emergency kit and make sure you understand the Bushfire Warnings System.

Bushfire Plan

- Develop a bushfire plan that outlines what you will do if a bushfire occurs. You can visit mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au or download the My Bushfire Plan app from the App Store or Google Play.
- During a bushfire it can be difficult to think clearly. Planning ahead will help keep you and your family safe.
- "We will wait and see" is not a bushfire plan. "We never thought it could reach us here" is not a bushfire plan.
- If your plan is to leave, make sure you leave early. Only stay if you are physically and mentally prepared to defend your property and you have all the right equipment.
- Remember to plan for your pets and/or livestock – during a bushfire they will need water, shelter and a safe place to stay.
- Practice your plan regularly with your family, write it down and make sure everyone knows where it is.

Changes to Bushfire Warnings

Western Australia has joined with other Australian states and territories to deliver nationally consistent emergency information through the Australian Warning System (AWS).

This means that you'll see new Bushfire Warning colours and icons on Emergency WA. Ensure you know the new Bushfire Warning system and what each alert level means.



ADVICE

A fire has started but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes.
Be aware and keep up to date.



WATCH AND ACT

There is a possible threat to lives or homes. **You need to leave or get ready to defend – do not wait and see.**



EMERGENCY WARNING

There is a threat to lives or homes.
You are in danger and need to take immediate action to survive.





CARING FOR YOUR STREET TREE

As part of the City's Urban Forest Strategy, the parks teams have been busy planting street trees (during the cooler months) to give them the best chance to establish before the onset of summer.

Street trees are a significant component of the City's urban forest and provide an important role in the community - to ensure leafy neighbourhoods now and in the future.

To give the new street trees the best possible start, the City will water and maintain them for at least two years after planting.

You can also help us care for the trees on your verge, both new and mature, to give them the best chance of a healthy life. Residents are encouraged to provide ongoing care by watering, mulching, improving the soil and removing weeds from around the base of the tree. This added care makes a significant difference to the tree's growth rate.

Enjoy caring for your new tree and watching it grow for years to come.

Take it to the right place

Hazardous waste doesn't belong in here!



Not all items can go in your kerbside bins.

In Armadale, we take hazardous waste to the **Armadale Landfill and Recycling Facility**.

The **Household Hazardous Waste** program accepts up to 20 kilos or litres per material type from households at no charge



Did you know?



You can dispose of up to **100 litres of paint** per visit at no charge.

Take your items to special drop off points.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

These dangerous items do not belong in any bin.

-  Batteries
-  Electronic waste
-  Fluorescent lights
-  Paint
-  Oil



Be a Great Sort! CHECK OUT OUR NEW RECYCLING HUBS

Have you seen the new recycling hubs that are conveniently placed at the City's Administration Centre, libraries and the Armadale Fitness & Aquatic Centre?

These recycling hubs will make it easier for the correct disposal of household batteries and light bulbs, printer cartridges and aerosol cans.



Welcome to our new councillors

HERON WARD



Cr Michael Hancock



Cr Emma Flynn



Cr Grant Nixon



Cr Scott Mosey

LAKE WARD



Cr Sartaj Virk



Cr Michelle Silver

MINNAWARRA WARD



Deputy Mayor
Cr Kerry Busby



Cr Gary Smith

PALOMINO WARD



Cr Paul Hetherington



Cr Melissa Northcott

RANFORD WARD



Cr Shanavas Peter



Cr Keyur Kamdar

RIVER WARD



Cr John Keogh



Mayor
Cr Ruth Butterfield

Following the Local Government elections on Saturday 16 October, five new Councillors and Mayor and Deputy Mayor were sworn in and appointed to various working committees and groups during a Council meeting held on Monday 18 October.

The City of Armadale welcomes the five new councillors as follows; Cr Michael Hancock (Heron Ward), Cr Scott Mosey (Hills Ward), Sartaj Virk (Lake Ward), Cr Paul Hetherington (Palomino Ward), Cr Keyur Kamdar (Ranford Ward). Cr Gary Smith was returned in (Minnawarra Ward); and Cr Ruth Butterfield (River Ward) – declared 9 September 2021.

Cr Ruth Butterfield was re-elected as Mayor and Cr Kerry Busby was elected as Deputy Mayor.

For further details and the election results visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au.

SPEND YOUR \$\$\$ IN YOUR COMMUNITY

With Christmas just around the corner, now is the time to spend some \$\$\$ with those who'll appreciate it most! Many smaller family-owned businesses in your local area need your financial support to continue trading and, in many cases, employ local.

ENGAGE



Like, share and comment on business social media posts to help increase their online presence.

REVIEW



Leave a positive Google or Facebook review to help boost search rankings and review scores.

PAY IT FORWARD



Consider giving a gift voucher for Father's Day, or a birthday present instead of a physical gift.

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