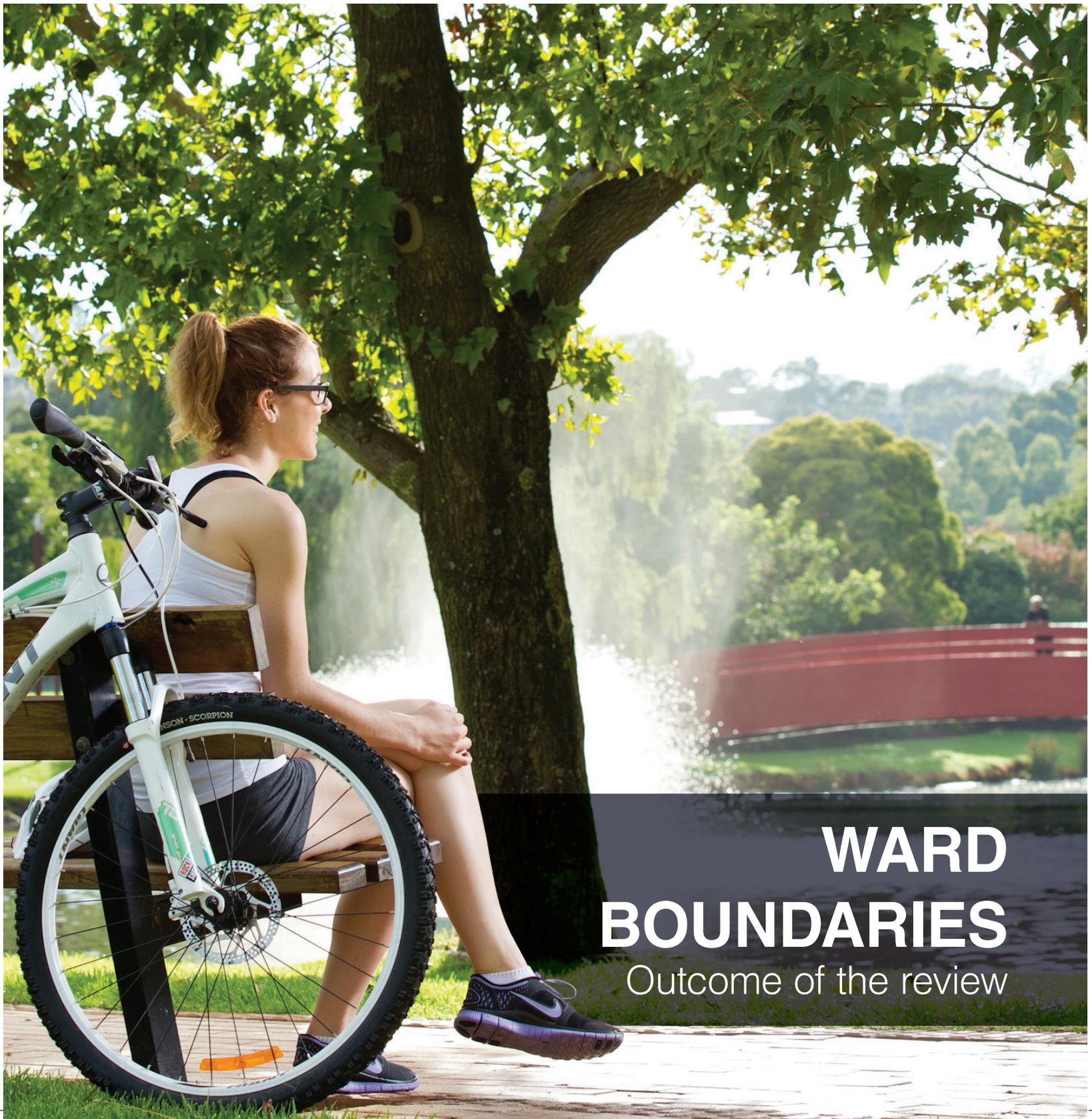


CITY VIEWS

WASTE TREATMENT
Seeking alternatives

CEO's AWARD
Public Service Medal

SAFETY
In your neighbourhood



**WARD
BOUNDARIES**
Outcome of the review



| Meeting Dates | | | |
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| Date | Month | Time | Meeting Type |
| Monday 19 | August | 7pm | Development Services Committee |
| Tuesday 20 | August | 7pm | City Strategy Committee |
| Monday 26 | August | 7pm | Council |
| Monday 2 | September | 7pm | Technical Services Committee |
| Tuesday 3 | September | 7pm | Community Services Committee |
| Monday 9 | September | 7pm | Council |
| Monday 16 | September | 7pm | Development Services Committee |
| Tuesday 17 | September | 7pm | City Strategy Committee |
| Monday 23 | September | 7pm | Council |
| Monday 7 | October | 5.30pm | Technical Services Committee |
| Monday 7 | October | 7pm | Development Services Committee |
| Tuesday 8 | October | 5.30pm | Community Services Committee |
| Tuesday 8 | October | 7pm | City Strategy Committee |
| Monday 14 | October | 7pm | Council |
| Saturday 19 | October | 8am - 6pm | Local Government Elections |
| Monday 21 | October | 7pm | Council |

Mayor's Message

Along with other Councillors and the City's Chief Executive Officer, I recently attended the 'Armadale Your Suburb, Your Voice Community Forum' at the Armadale District Hall, at the invitation of Channel 9, 6PR and WA Today.

Nearly 500 residents turned out to have their say and it was great to see so many people speaking up for their community. It was truly rewarding to see the passion we have in this great City. You can see details of some of the subjects discussed on page 4.

At the time of writing we are yet to receive details of the State Government's proposed plan for amalgamations. I hope that by the time you receive this newsletter the whole State will have been given a clear plan of the way forward. As promised we will keep you updated as we learn more about how the City is likely to be affected.

For the second time in six months I have the pleasure of congratulating the City's Chief Executive Officer, Ray Tame for a high honour. Mr Tame was recently awarded the honourable Public Service Medal for his outstanding service to local government and the community, in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. This community is very lucky to have such a highly recognised professional working for the benefit of the City and every resident. Congratulations Ray.

Cr Henry Zelones JP

Mayor



Elected Members

Heron Ward



Cr Jim Stewart
0402 769 658



Cr Donna Shaw
0430 529 723

Jarrah Ward



Cr Grant Nixon
0418 449 611



Cr Caroline Wielinga
0488 900 307

Lake Ward



Cr Jeff Munn JP CMC
9397 1247



Cr June MacDonald
9399 1738

Minnawarra Ward



Cr Kerry Busby
0419 948 866



Cr Matthew Norman
0403 130 264

Neerigen Ward



Cr Guenter Best
9399 4371



Cr Mark Geary
9498 3416

Palomino Ward



Cr Laurie Sargeson
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Cr Melissa Northcott
9399 6938

River Ward



Cr Ruth Butterfield, Deputy Mayor
9390 1459



Cr Henry Zelones JP, Mayor
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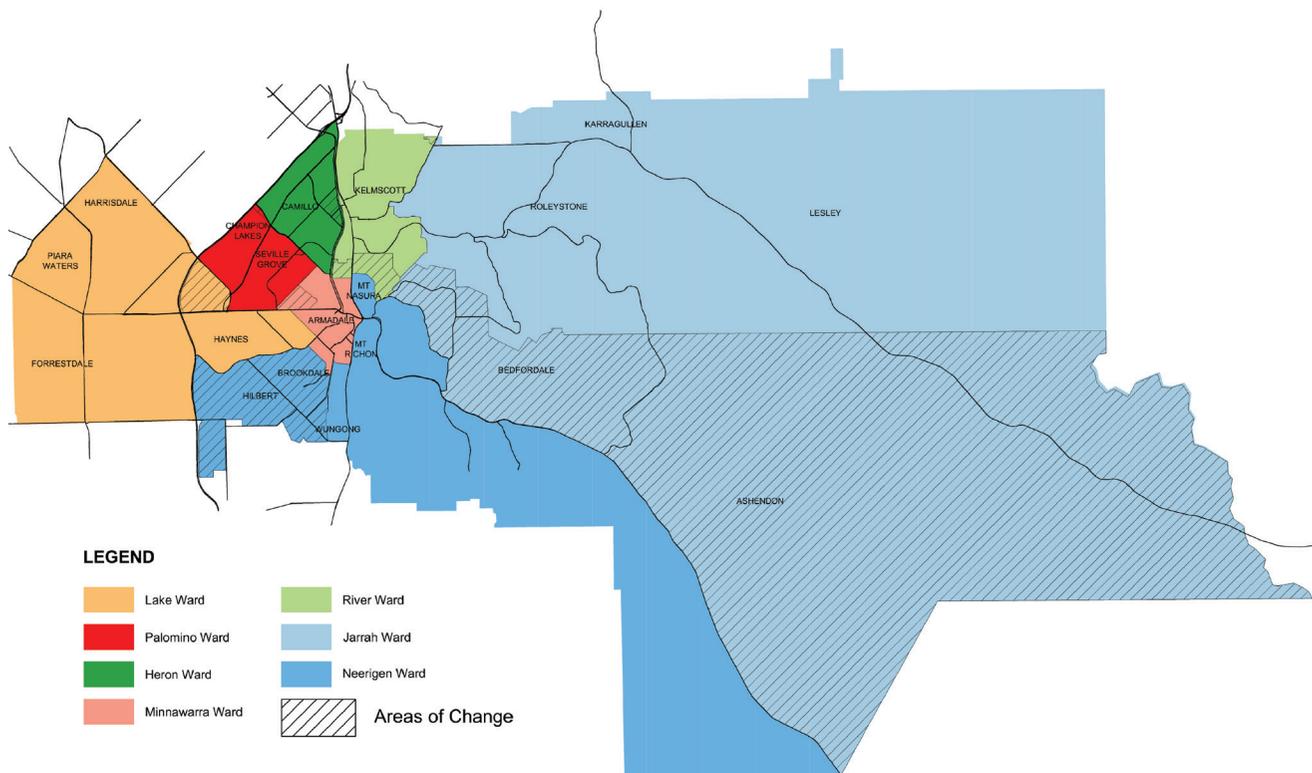
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New Ward Boundaries – Gazetted 30 June 2013



Modifications made as part of the City's Ward review

The City of Armadale has made amendments to its Councillor representation and Ward boundaries.

Check the map above to see whether your ward boundary has changed, which may have affected which Councillors will directly represent you.

Ward boundaries and the number of offices of Councillor in each ward were reviewed against the following factors:

- Ratio of Councillors to electors
- Physical and topographical features
- Demographic trends
- Economic factors
- Community of interest

Council considered a range of options including no wards, fewer wards, fewer Councillors

and modifying existing ward boundaries.

Council's decision to retain the existing seven ward model with two councillors in each ward, with several adjustments to ward boundaries, has been supported by the Minister for Local Government.

The modified boundaries provide a stable basis of local government for the Armadale community to better respond to the City's ongoing population growth.

The modification of Ward boundaries also ensures Councillor to elector ratios remain stable as the City grows.



More information on the modification of Ward boundaries is available on www.armadale.wa.gov.au



Alternative Waste Treatment

Rivers Regional Council (RRC) is currently seeking alternatives to process household rubbish, based on modern technologies incorporating composting or incineration.

It is known that these alternatives for waste treatment would be more costly than the current practice of landfill. However, even though the dollar costs are greater, the environmental benefits gained outweigh these increased costs. Local governments through a range of legislation and financial penalties, are increasingly compelled to cease using the landfill option, and to explore alternative means of treating waste.

The tenders to be advertised by RRC will seek a waste treatment service provider. The cost of the infrastructure necessary for the treatment of waste will be borne by the service provider. There will therefore be no large initial financial investment in infrastructure by the City, with this risk being accepted by the service provider.

Participating Councils will only pay a service charge in the form of a 'gate fee' at a cost per tonne of waste deposited at that facility. This provides predictability for the City and its ratepayers, with increases being determined in advance through the tender process.

The cost implication for households is estimated at this stage to be approximately \$60 per annum greater than the current waste rate charged in Armadale. This increased charge would only become applicable in 2017, but in order to minimise the impact of such a large one off increase in rates, council has resolved to apply a smaller increase over a longer period of time, with a rate increase of \$9 a year for seven years, starting from this financial year. Funds will balance out to cover costs when the new service system is implemented.

The tender is expected to be awarded by December 2013, with the new infrastructure operational by 2017.

Strategic Community Plan now available

Go to the City's website to see your new City of Armadale Strategic Community Plan 2013 – 2028.

The Plan provides a blueprint for the future direction of the City and its community members.

Inspired and driven by community input, the Strategic Community Plan will help guide the City's policies and actions as it seeks to meet the needs of the current and future population.

The Plan identifies shared community objectives and priorities, taking into account the current and expected changes in community demographics, social issues and local, national and global influences.

These values reflect what is important to the City's residents as they live, work and play in our vibrant and diverse region.

The City of Armadale Strategic Community Plan will be the roadmap ensuring Armadale remains a highly liveable, progressive and supportive City for its residents, businesses and visitors.

Copies of the Plan can also be sought during business hours from the City's Administration Building, 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale.



Make neighbourhood safety your priority

Many residents voiced their concerns about safety and security at the 'Your Suburb, Your Voice Community Forum' on Wednesday 12 June. The City of Armadale was there to listen and be a part of this important community conversation. Tackling crime is a Police matter and not one Council can deal with. However, there are things we can all do as a community to keep our homes and each other safe.

Get to Know Your Neighbours

Knowing your neighbours is a proven way of improving community safety and helping to prevent crime and reduce anti-social behaviour.

Neighbours can help each other by looking out for unusual behaviour, or keeping an eye on properties while others are at work or away.

The City can help organise a **Street Meet N Greet** with Neighbourhood Watch. This is a great way to put names to the faces around you and learn simple ways which you can all help each other, over a friendly street BBQ.

You are the eyes and ears of our community. If you see something suspicious, be good neighbours and report it.

More Information: For more information about hosting a Street Meet N Greet contact Neighbourhood Watch on 0497 675 920 or the Community Partnerships officer on 9399 0642.

Hoon behaviour

Another major concern for residents at the Community Forum was hoon activity and Off Road Vehicles (ORV).

The City considers this type of activity as anti-social behaviour, which is also illegal and can be potentially dangerous.

When ORVs are on public roads or private property the Police should be contacted (131 444).

If an ORV is used in bushland or on Council reserves people are encouraged to call our Rangers (9399 0111).

The City of Armadale Rangers respond to these calls and deal with offenders under the '**Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978**'. A fine of up to \$1000 can be issued by the Magistrates Court for this offence.

Unfortunately most of these vehicles are unlicensed and when

pursued they escape through alleyways which are difficult and unsafe to access by Ranger vehicles.

The reality is these urban trail bike riders are usually neighbours, nephews or sons of our own community. Some of you may even know who these riders are. We need to take collective responsibility for this problem. For the safety of the community please report them to the relevant authorities.

It is crucial that residents continue to report such activity every time it occurs and assist Police and the Rangers with identification of these offenders. If you know who these people are contact the Police or Ranger Services and help us keep our community safe.

Report Hoon Behaviour:
Police 131 444
Rangers 9399 0111
Crimestoppers 1800 333 000



Be prepared this winter

The City of Armadale is reminding residents to be vigilant and prepare their properties for bushfire despite the cooler winter weather.

As the cooler weather approaches many of us may become complacent and not believe bushfire is a risk. Bushfires are a risk all year around. Be vigilant and maintain your property throughout the year and keep your home and community safe.

Winter is a great time to reduce fuel loads and ensure your property is well maintained and prepared for the upcoming summer season.

Tips for maintaining your property this winter include:

- Tree pruning – remove lower branches and check power lines are clear. Use a professional contractor.
- Reduce fuel levels around the house – clear long grass, leaves, twigs and flammable shrubs.
- Ensure petrol and other flammables are safely stored, away from the main dwelling.
- Ensure your fire fighting equipment is serviced and in good working order.
- Ensure all residents are aware of your emergency evacuation plan including evacuation routes.

Join a Bushfire Ready Group

You can get some great advice and hazard reduction tips by joining your local Bushfire Ready Group.

Bushfire Ready Groups are a great networking tool and information source for residents living in bushfire prone areas.

They provide residents with a point of contact, a network of information and an emergency strategy to ensure they are prepared for bushfire season.

More Information: *For more information on Bushfire Ready Groups in the Roleystone area please contact Chris Cairns on 0417 983 019 and for the Bedforddale areas please contact Tina Alexander on 0417 871 810.*

For further hazard reduction tips visit: www.dfes.wa.gov.au

New Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers

Matthew Plowman and Gavin Fancote have been appointed as Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers for the City of Armadale.

In their roles they will work with the City on a range of duties relating to fire prevention including imposing limitations, conditions and restrictions on burning or use of certain machinery

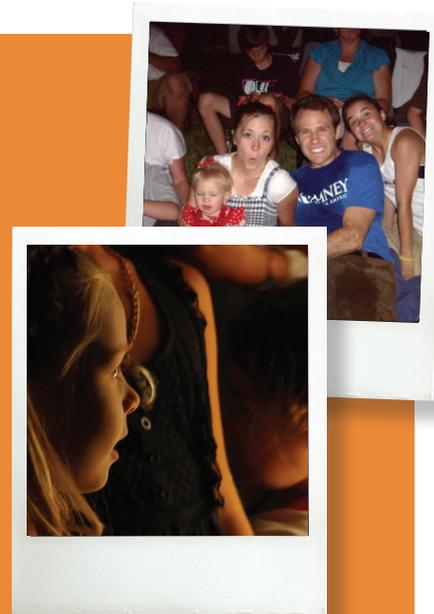
Ticketek comes to Armadale Visitor Centre

Armadale Visitor Centre is now a one stop shop to buy tickets from both Ticketek and Ticketmaster.

Ticket sales to events include concerts, sports, theatre, musicals, festivals, exhibitions, experiences and family events.

Don't miss out on tickets to major events including Justin Beiber, Taylor Swift the AFL or Rugby Union.

Contact: Armadale Visitor Centre 40 Jull Street Armadale, on 9399 0140, email visitorcentre@armadale.wa.gov.au, or visit www.visitarmadale.com.au





CEO awarded prestigious Public Service Medal

The City of Armadale's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ray Tame has been awarded the honourable Public Service Medal by the Australian Government.

Mr Tame was recognised for outstanding service and contributions to the City of Armadale and the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA).

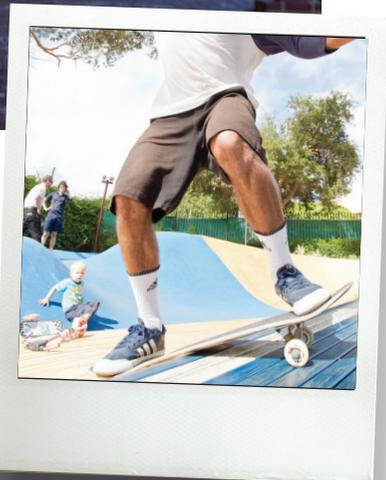
During his time as CEO, the City has achieved the following milestones:

- The extension of the Tonkin Highway to Mundijong which 'opened up' Forrestdale and Wungong for urban development.
- Assisted in the delivery of Champion Lakes Regatta Centre by the State Government.
- Forged links and networks with other urban growth areas establishing Armadale as a leader of the WA Outer-Metro Growth Councils and National Growth Alliance.
- Converting population decline to 5% growth and establishing Armadale as a Strategic Metropolitan Centre with over \$200 million in business investment over the past eight years.
- Instigated strategic planning and long-term financial planning long before it was required by the Department of Local Government.

"The greatest reward for someone in my walk of life is to drive through an urban community and observe the physical legacy of your work and the quality of life enjoyed by others as a result of your labour," said Armadale CEO Ray Tame.

"We are in a position where we can influence Government and industry decisions to bring a better way of life to the community here in the Armadale district."

"I love the work we have delivered (and continue to deliver) for Armadale, because I believe we are making a real difference," said Mr Tame.



Forrestdale Skate Park upgrade

The City has allocated \$75,000 towards the refurbishment of the Forrestdale Skate Park.

Community consultations were conducted in January with local young people participating in discussions. The feedback received assisted the City to develop draft concept plans for the area.

The planned refurbishments for the area will include a range of new skate equipment and the resurfacing of the facility.

Once the refurbishments have been completed the area is expected to become a hub of activity, engaging young people in the Forrestdale area.

So far all the old skate equipment and chain mesh fencing has been removed and the resurfacing began at the end of June.

New equipment will be installed by August 2013. This is Phase One of an anticipated two phase process.

For more information on the Forrestdale Skate Park upgrade call 9399 0642.



Read Across the Universe

Children's authors and illustrators Sam Hughes and Sean Avery will be running a special Children's Book Week event. Join them as they tell stories, talk about their work and make mini-books.

Saturday 17 August, 1.30-3pm

Armadale Library
Call 9399 0125



Outside the Frame

Showcasing the work of year 11 and 12 students from across the South East Metropolitan region the exhibition will be open to the public daily during the show.

Tuesday 20 to Sunday 25 August, 11am-4pm daily

Armadale District Hall, corner Jull Street and Church Avenue, Armadale



Technology Buddies

Every Monday until 2 October students from Kelmscott Senior High School will assist you with your technology queries. Come along and ask questions about laptops, iPads, mobile phones and even cameras. Get answers from tech-wizards on the spot.

Mondays until 2 October, 3.30-4.30pm

Armadale Library
Bookings are essential
Call 9399 0125



Games Morning

Come along and join in the games morning every Monday. This is a different, fun way to meet new people, and enjoy playing board games.

Mondays between 9.30-11.30am

Armadale Library
Call 9399 0125



Family History Research

Our experienced volunteers will help you find out the details of your family's past that you have been searching for.

Every Tuesday

Birtwistle Local Studies Library (inside Armadale Library)
Call 9399 0641



Living Well with Asthma

This Better Beginnings Parent Workshop will provide parents with accurate, up to date information and the skills and knowledge needed to effectively manage and control their child's asthma.

Friday 30 August, 10-11am

Armadale Library
Call 9399 0125



Dogs' Day Out

Treat your beloved family pet to a Dogs' Day Out full of fun activities, including an agility course, best-dressed dog competition and merchandise stalls.

Sunday 13 October, 10am-2pm

Rushton Park, Kelmscott
Call 9399 0111