

# CITY VIEWS

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*Ensure you vote*

HITACHI  
*At Forrestdale Business Park*

AMALGAMATIONS  
*LG Reform update*



## ANNUAL BUDGET

Your rates at work



Meeting Dates				
Date	Month	Time	Meeting Type	
Monday 14	October	7pm	Council	
Saturday 19	October	6pm	Local Government Election Count	
Monday 21	October	7pm	Council	
Monday 4	November	7pm	Technical Services Committee	
Tuesday 5	November	7pm	Community Services Committee	
Monday 11	November	7pm	Council	
Monday 18	November	7pm	Development Services Committee	
Tuesday 19	November	7pm	City Strategy Committee	
Monday 25	November	7pm	Council	
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Tuesday 3	December	7pm	Community Services Committee	
Monday 9	December	7pm	Development Services Committee	
Tuesday 10	December	7pm	City Strategy Committee	
Monday 16	December	7pm	Council	

# Mayor's Message

*The State Government finally announced their preferred model of Local Government and for our community the suggestion is an amalgamated City of Armadale and Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire. The resulting Council would be responsible for an enormous area of land, and house well over 130,000 residents in coming years. This is not the outcome either Armadale or Serpentine Jarrahdale had sought, both organisations felt we could continue to service our communities to a high standard without changes to boundaries.*

The announcement seemed to make it clear that maintaining the status quo will not be an option and that falling in with the Government's preferred boundary changes will be the only way to avoid being forced to do so. This has meant that the two organisations have had to begin discussions to at least consider how we might approach a merger and ensure the best possible outcomes for our communities.

Before the deadline in early October we will have to decide whether to submit separate or combined submissions to the proposal. After these are reviewed it will be July 2014 before we're informed of how exactly amalgamations will be carried out and what the process will be.

We will continue to keep the community informed as we learn more.

As always there's a couple of items I'd especially like to draw your attention to in this issue. On page 2 you'll find details of the Annual Budget that provides for the services and facilities you'll need this year and into the future. While on page 4 you'll find a reminder to cast your vote in your local elections. It is even more important than usual to get involved and have your say since the coming years, and the changes they are likely to see, will be some of the most momentous in the City's history.

**Cr Henry Zelones JP**

Mayor



## Elected Members

Heron Ward	
	<b>Cr Jim Stewart</b> 0402 769 658
	<b>Cr Donna Shaw</b> 0430 529 723
Jarrah Ward	
	<b>Cr Grant Nixon</b> 0418 449 611
	<b>Cr Caroline Wielinga</b> 0488 900 307
Lake Ward	
	<b>Cr Jeff Munn JP CMC</b> 9397 1247
	<b>Cr June MacDonald</b> 9399 1738
Minnawarra Ward	
	<b>Cr Kerry Busby</b> 0419 948 866
	<b>Cr Matthew Norman</b> 0403 130 264
Neerigen Ward	
	<b>Cr Guenter Best</b> 9399 4371
	<b>Cr Mark Geary</b> 9498 3416
Palomino Ward	
	<b>Cr Laurie Sargeson</b> 9399 4002
	<b>Cr Melissa Northcott</b> 9399 6938
River Ward	
	<b>Cr Ruth Butterfield, Deputy Mayor</b> 9390 1459
	<b>Cr Henry Zelones JP, Mayor</b> 9495 4838

Useful Council Numbers	<a href="http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au">www.armadale.wa.gov.au</a>
<p><b>City of Armadale Administration Centre</b>  <b>7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale WA 6112</b>                      Ph: <b>9399 0111</b>                      Fax: 9399 0184                      Email: <b>info@armadale.wa.gov.au</b></p>	<p><b>City of Armadale Newsletter</b>                      City Views provides residents with information about Council policies, services, activities and community events. All information correct at time of printing.                      Published by the City of Armadale  <b>Locked Bag 2, Armadale WA 6992</b></p>



# Your rates at work

*Your local government rates allow the City to continue to deliver the services, facilities and growth the community expects from a Strategic Metropolitan Regional Centre.*

The 2013 - 2014 rates include an increase of 6.2%.

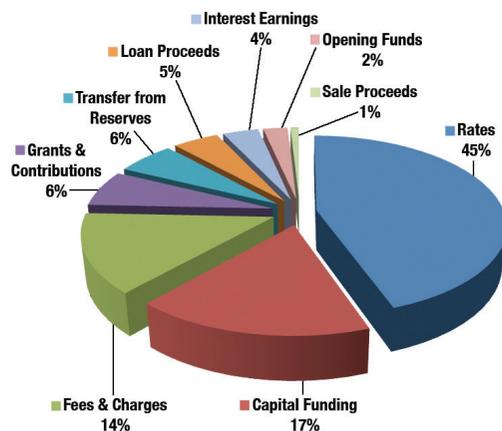
- An average increase in the cost of goods and services that the City provides of 3.2%, and
- A further 3% to meet the cost of growth, new initiatives and asset renewal.

The 3% growth based rate increase is in direct response to the City's population growth. Population growth drives demand for more services and facilities which in turn results in increased costs.

## Major Projects

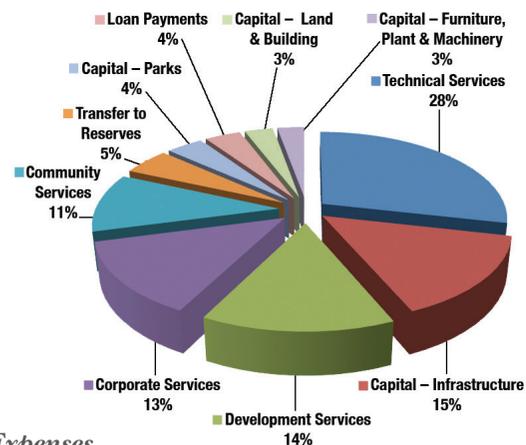
Some of the major projects to be delivered to the community this financial year include:

- Completion of the Piara Waters (North) Community and Sporting Facility. The total project cost is over \$5.8 million, with funding from the development contribution scheme, the City of Armadale and Department of Sport and Recreation.
- Construction of the landmark City building on Orchard Avenue. This multi-storey office complex will house State government organisations in the Armadale CBD and is anticipated to cost up to \$20 million.
- Completion of Ranford Road extension between Armadale Road and Lake Road, costing \$2.5 million.
- Completion of the upgrade of Rowley Road between Nicholson Road and Wolfe Road, costing \$3.8 million.



Revenue

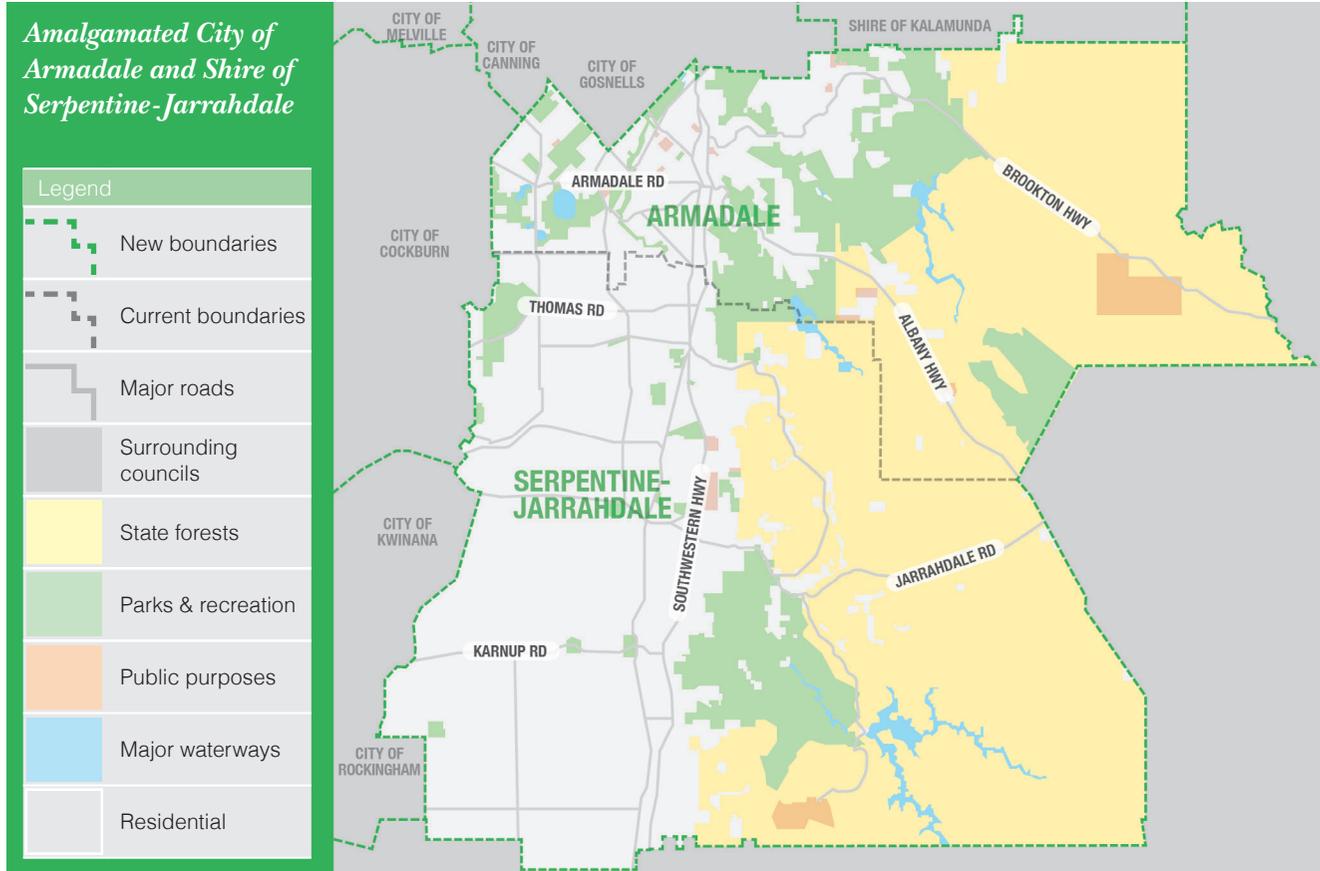
The City works hard to leverage as much income as possible from other sources. These include the State and Federal governments (through grants), interest on investments and the sale of assets. Alternative funding reduces the amount to be found from rates and ensures the best value for money for ratepayers.



Expenses

The City has to juggle competing demands for services and facilities both in the coming financial year and into the future. A large portion of the Budget is allocated to the maintenance of facilities and assets, as well as daily and regular services to the community.

The 2013-2014 Annual Budget is available on [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au)



# State Government's Council Merger Proposal

On Tuesday 30 July the State Government announced its proposed plan to amalgamate the City of Armadale with the Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire (SJ) as part of the restructuring of metropolitan local government.



**Cast your vote**

*The City of Armadale's Council Elections will be held on Saturday 19 October.*

If you haven't already voted via post be sure to visit the City of Armadale Administration building on Election Day to cast your vote between 8am and 6pm.

For information on the nominees visit [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au)

This is not a result that Armadale was seeking however we must continue to move forward. If we don't act to ensure the best outcome for our community our region will fall behind in Perth's highly competitive growth market. The City has submitted that the growing urban areas of Byford and Mundijong would merge with Armadale while the area south of Mundijong Road would merge with the predominantly rural Shire of Murray.

Armadale and SJ make up a vital growth area. Both Councils need to work together to ensure the best outcome. To achieve this a solid plan for the future is needed.

Total costs to the City and its ratepayers are unknown at this point, as it is still in very early stages. Residents can be assured that the City will do everything in its power to mitigate the burden of additional costs for all ratepayers.

The City anticipates some financial setbacks due to the extra demand from new areas requiring infrastructure development, facilities and services which already lag behind growth. The State Government will need to support the new entity in providing services and facilities and the City of Armadale will continue to advocate for assistance for our growing communities.



## Hitachi announce \$100 million development for Forrestdale Business Park

*The City of Armadale business community continues to surge forward as new businesses establish themselves in the business, retail and commercial growth area.*

Forrestdale Business Park (FBP) is experiencing a surge in development, with multi-national manufacturing giant Hitachi Construction Machinery bringing its headquarters to Forrestdale.

Hitachi will become a landmark anchor-tenant in Forrestdale Business Park (West) and will attract associated and complementary businesses to the Park.

The City's exponential population growth, investment affordability and centralised location has made the City a hub for retail, commercial and industrial business opportunities. Hitachi were looking for a Greenfield site of 100,000m<sup>2</sup> to build a state of the art facility.

Although there were competing locations, FBP's strategic location adjacent to Tonkin Highway and the convenient accessibility to surrounding major industrial areas, including Perth Airport, Fremantle Port and Kwinana, set FBP apart.

Hitachi's FBP location will be four times larger than Hitachi's current Welshpool site.

Forrestdale Business Park has become a focus of commercial and industrial activity for the City, providing many jobs for the community and economic stimulus throughout the wider community.

The City is expecting immense growth from the precinct which is expected to establish itself as the heart of commerce and industry for the Southeast Corridor.

### Equestrian Club Facilities

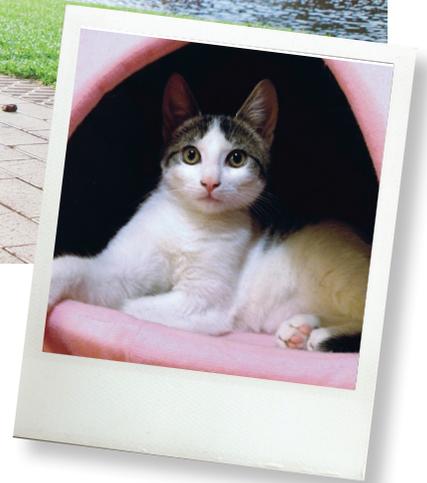
*Upgrades on Palomino and Fletcher Park have recently been completed, allowing both parks to cater for equestrian activities in our community.*

Early consultations with the clubs allowed the City to prioritise a list of works for upgrades to Palomino and Fletcher Parks so they could be used all year round and accommodate additional riders.

Works at Palomino Park included a major upgrade of the main riding surface and the inclusion of a new sand area and fencing. Fletcher Park has had its grassed arena and competition sand arena redeveloped.

The City has committed approximately \$65,000 per year for ongoing maintenance of the facilities which will be partially offset by user fees from the resident clubs.

The total project cost for Palomino and Fletcher Parks have totalled \$690,000 with a contribution of \$219,000 from the Department of Sport and Recreation Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund.



## Register your family pet

### Dogs

The City of Armadale is encouraging all dog owners to ensure their pets are registered and their details are up to date.

The West Australian Dog Act 1976 requires all dogs over the age of three months to be registered by 31 October 2013. Anyone failing to register their dog may be issued with an on the spot fine of \$100, with the maximum penalty for keeping an unregistered dog being \$500.

Registering your dog is simple and affordable.

- Sterilised dogs: \$20 per year or \$42.50 for three years
- Unsterilised dogs: \$50 per year or \$120 for three years\*

\*Fees are subject to change.

Current pension cards must be shown to claim the appropriate concession rates.

If your dog has died or you are no longer the owner you must advise the City so that our records can be updated.

For locations on where you can register your pet call 9399 0111 or visit [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au)

### Cats

As part of the State Government's new Cat Act 2011, all cats in the City of Armadale will be required to be sterilised, microchipped and registered with the Council.

These new cat laws will come into effect this November and will apply to all cats in the State.

Local governments will have the authority to enforce these laws and may administer fines and create local laws for cat control within their district.

All cat owners will need to:

- Sterilise and microchip cats over the age of six months.
- Register cats over the age of six months with their local government.
- Ensure cats wear a collar with identification and registration tags.

Costs are as follows for sterilised cats:

- One year - \$20
- Three years - \$42.50
- Lifetime of the cat - \$100

Applications for registrations will be available to download from the City's website or to collect in person from the Administration building located at 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale.

## Indoor sports at the Arena

The Armadale Arena is taking team nominations now for the summer season of our Indoor Sports competitions, kicking off in October.

This is a great opportunity to get a team together and get fit in a fun atmosphere with qualified umpires and all the equipment you need supplied.

#### Indoor Netball

Who: Ladies, 16 years and over

When: Monday and Wednesday, October to April

Time: from 6.30pm

#### Daytime Indoor Netball

Who: Ladies, 16 years and over

When: Friday during school terms

Time: from 9.30am

#### Indoor Soccer

Who: Men, 16 years and over

When: Mondays, October to April

Time: from 6.15pm

For more information contact the Armadale Arena on 9399 0840.



## Bushfire preparation – use green waste collections

*Green waste collections should be utilised by residents to help the community prepare for the coming bushfire season. It is important all residents take their own precautions to reduce fuel loads on their properties.*

The City of Armadale has a spring green waste collection and will invite residents to place green waste on the verge next to your property before the date of collection. The collection will run from late September to early December. Please wait until you receive the flyer before you start putting out your green waste. Different areas are collected on different dates.

We want the community to be well prepared for the new fire season and residents – particularly those living in or near bushland – can reduce fuel loads on their properties. There are a number of ways to do this including composting or mulching as much green waste as possible, disposing of green waste using tip passes, the City's verge collections, your weekly rubbish bin, and finally, through properly managed burns.

Residents are encouraged to assess their bushfire risk in an effort to improve preparedness for the upcoming bushfire season. This should include the installation of firebreaks, hazard reduction programs and ensuring long term precautions are taken to keep yourself, your family, your home and our community safe.

For information on fire preparedness see your *Bushfire Information 2013-2014* booklet, delivered with the Rates Notice each year, or grab a copy of the booklet from the City's Administration building at 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale.



## Hip Hop program

*Young people in Armadale are encouraged to take part in City of Armadale's new, free hip hop dance program.*

Participants have the opportunity to work with a range of styles including breaking, grooves and choreographed routines. The weekly hip hop workshops are now running and are suitable for young people aged 12 to 17, who have an interest in dance.

Date: Every Tuesday until 10 December

Time: 4-5.30pm

Venue: Armadale Arena  
Townley Street  
corner Forrest Road  
Armadale

The program will run on a weekly basis during Terms 3 and 4. There is no need for previous experience, beginners welcome to come along.

*For more information contact 9399 0642 or visit [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au)*





### Dogs' Day Out

Everyone's invited to bring along their canine friends to the City of Armadale's *Dogs' Day Out*. There will be plenty of free activities and pet advice with stallholders ranging from obedience trainers, dog groomers and local veterinarians to attractions for children including face painting, bouncy castles, ice-creams and food stalls.

**Sunday 13 October, 10am - 2pm**

Rushton Park, Kelmscott  
Call 9399 0111



### Spring Family Bushwalks

Enjoy the natural beauty of the City of Armadale's bushland with a free spring bushwalk.

**Sunday 20 October, 8.30am - noon**

Wungong Dam, Admiral Road, Bedfordale  
Call 9399 0840

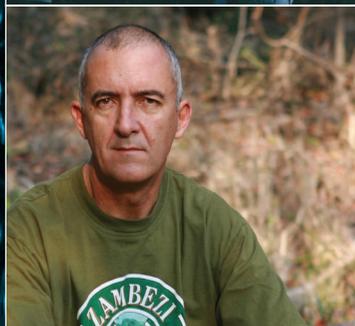


### Barry Heard

Author of *Well Done*, *Those Men* and *The View from Connor's Hill*, Barry Heard, will speak of his experiences when returning from Vietnam. He will talk to us about war, post-traumatic stress and how he overcame his demons.

**Wednesday 16 October, 6 - 8pm**

Armadale Library, Armadale Central Shopping Centre.  
Call 9399 0125



### Tony Park

Australian thriller writer Tony Park is launching his new book *The Prey* with Armadale one stop on his nation-wide tour. Tony will talk to us about his latest work and his books, which are all set in Southern Africa, will be available for sale. Cheese, wine and refreshments provided.

**Friday 1 November, 6.30 - 8pm**

Armadale Library, Armadale Central Shopping Centre  
Call 9399 0125



### Have a Cuppa

This is an opportunity for those in our community who have relationship issues, become lonely and depressed or have to cope with other traumas, to get together and support each other over a cuppa. There is also a counselling service available.

**Every Wednesday**

38 Marian Avenue, Armadale  
Call Christian Outreach (Inc.) on 9399 8890



### Highland Gathering

WA's largest Scots-themed event is back again. The Highland Gathering will be held at Minnowarra Park. Come and enjoy the music, dancing, food, craft and sport that reflects much of Scottish culture. You can also sign up for the five kilometre Kilt Run by emailing [info@armadale.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@armadale.wa.gov.au).

**Saturday 16 November**

Minnowarra Park, Armadale  
Call 9399 0642