

CITY VIEWS

REVITALISATION
of Jull Street Mall

3D PRINTING
at your Library

UPDATE ON
Local Government Reform

Minnawarra Art Awards





Meeting Dates				
Date	Month	Time	Meeting Type	
Monday 5	May	7pm	Technical Services Committee	
Tuesday 6	May	7pm	Community Services Committee	
Monday 12	May	7pm	Council	
Monday 19	May	7pm	City Strategy Committee	
Tuesday 20	May	7pm	Development Services Committee	
Monday 26	May	7pm	Council	
Tuesday 3	June	7pm	Community Services Committee	
Wednesday 4	June	7pm	Technical Services Committee	
Monday 9	June	7pm	Council	
Monday 16	June	7pm	City Strategy Committee	
Tuesday 17	June	7pm	Development Services Committee	
Monday 23	June	7pm	Council	

Mayor's Message

Well the issue of Local Government Reform is still hanging over our heads, but the final State Government decision on what the future holds for our district is now not too far away.

At least that will give us some certainty and allow us to get back to focusing on our core business of delivering the highest standard of services and facilities to you, our community. In the meantime my fellow Shire Presidents from Murray and Serpentine Jarrahdale and I are meeting regularly, along with the CEOs, to plan for the potential changes that may occur. We'll continue to keep you updated as decisions are announced in the middle of the year.

This is an exciting time of year, with so much happening in the arts and events areas.

The Minnowarra Art Awards were again well attended and the standard of art submitted by prestigious artists was extremely high.

The Art Awards coincided with the

Minnawarra Festival, where the international food and arts activities made for a very enjoyable day for all who attended.

We also celebrated Harmony Week with an event at the Champion Centre, attended by Year 1 and 2 students from Challis Primary, Groveland's Primary and Kelmescott Primary.

The children participated in cultural activities which included a traditional Aboriginal performance from the Maar Koodjal dance group, arts and craft, a visit from Ranger Red with some native animals and enjoyed lots of fun with Jungle Sports games.

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 Carole Frost
0401 119 749

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 Colin Campbell
0410 959 759



Cr Melissa Northcott
9399 6938

River Ward



Cr Ruth Butterfield,
Deputy Mayor
9390 1459



Cr Henry Zelones JP, Mayor
9495 4838

Useful Council Numbers

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LEGEND - STAGE 1 WORKS

- Paving mix 1 - Red Brick
- Paving mix 2 - Granite
- Paving mix 3 - Cobbles

Jull Street Mall

The Jull Street Mall is currently undergoing a facelift to improve and upgrade the paving and street furniture, as the first stage of the Jull Street Mall Revitalisation Project.

Initial works will include new lighting and significant paving works. These will tie into the existing colour palette of the area but differentiate the Mall from surrounding areas through the use of textures and details. New street furniture will also be installed.

As the heart of the Armadale City Centre the Mall is planned as a place to gather, visit outdoor traders, linger over a coffee and enjoy the sense of community. Second stages of the Project will involve community activation through arts programs, public art, events and pop up stores.

Pedestrian and shopping access will be maintained throughout the Project.

For more information you can contact the City on info@armadale.wa.gov.au or 9399 0111.

Armadale named in top 10 WA investment hotspots

The City of Armadale moved into 2014 with a population topping 73,200 and with a projected population of 75,000 by 30 June, representing an annual population growth of 5.3%, or 3788 new residents, in the last year.

Armadale and Seville Grove were recently listed among the nation's investment 'hotspots', as high growth suburbs with significant infrastructure investment, according to the recent 2014 Fast 50 report created by property magazine Smart Property Investment.

The recent findings further emphasise the City's rapid growth. These statistics equate to an average of 10 people moving into the City of Armadale every day of the year, and 30 new homes being built every week. This is reflective of the continued expansion of urban growth areas with developers producing a variety of quality housing options.

Armadale was highlighted as a growth suburb because it is close to major transport routes including Tonkin Highway, Kwinana Freeway, Albany Highway and the South West Highway, offers a major retail centre with more than 100,000m² of retail floor space spread across the City, and is well serviced by the metropolitan rail network.

Cover image: Lesley Barrett's Chipalars at the Minnawarra Art Awards 2014.



Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale President Keith Ellis, City of Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones and Shire of Murray President Wally Barrett, at a meeting of the Local Implementation Committee (LIC).

Local Government Reform

The final period for public comment on any of the current Local Government Reform proposals has now closed. Around 25,000 submissions were received by the closing date, which the Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB) is now reviewing.

The LGAB recommendation is expected to be made to the Minister in the middle of the year. The Minister will then make an announcement of what LGAB recommendations he accepts, and all new or altered LG authorities will come into existence as of 1 July 2015.

The City made a submission in support of the Government's latest proposal for this district, which matches the City's prior submission, suggesting that the City of Armadale boundary be extended to take in the section of Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale north of Mundijong Road and that the remainder of SJ join the Shire of Murray.

While the City did not seek any sort of LG Reform in the area, it became clear that the State Government expected change, so our proposal and supporting submissions have sought to ensure the best possible outcome for the community.

Local Government Minister Tony Simpson urged local governments to

be proactive and undertake as much preparatory work as possible, even before a decision is announced. To that end a Local Implementation Committee Armadale/Murray/Serpentine Jarrahdale (or LIC) has been formed.

All three Councils are represented on the LIC by their Mayor or Shire President and CEO, along with a representative each from WALGA and the DLGC. The LIC meetings to date have enjoyed a strong spirit of cooperation, with all three Councils working together to ensure we are prepared to minimise any impacts on the community when a decision is announced.

In the meantime we will all continue with our business of providing the highest quality service to our communities.

Ray Tame

Chief Executive Officer



Plan now to spread your Rates bill over the year

While Rates bills are not due for another couple of months, you can plan now and make bill time easier.

The City of Armadale's A Smarter Way to Pay was introduced by Council as a no fuss way to pay rates over a 12 month period. Now is a great time to set yours up for the coming rating year.

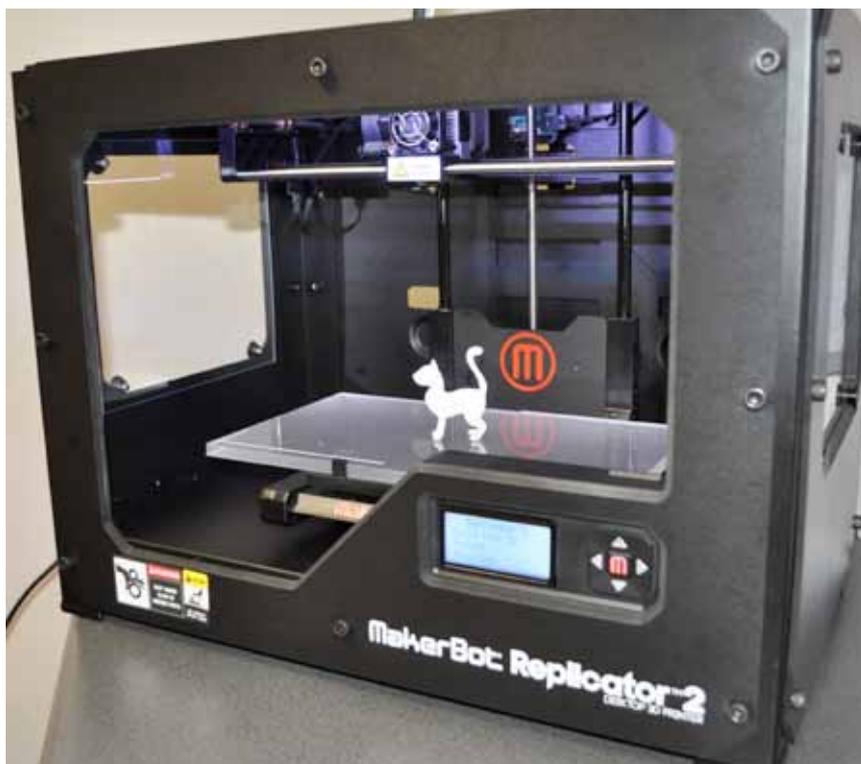
Payments are made via direct debit on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis running from April to March each year. You can set yours up anytime you like, and the sooner you do it the longer the period you can spread your payments over, meaning each payment is smaller.

There are no administration fees or penalty interest for ratepayers who adopt this payment method. A dishonoured payment fee of \$7 per dishonour does apply.

Payments are reviewed annually and a password is required for security purposes.

This popular payment option reduces the burden of an annual lump sum payment or limited instalment options.

If you'd like to take advantage of this Smarter Way to Pay now, contact the City's Rates Department on 9399 0164 or visit the Administration Centre at 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale.



The future is here with 3D printing services

The City of Armadale Library Services can now offer 3D printing, as well as regular printing services, to customers at the Armadale Library.

The Makerbot 3D printing service is a relatively new concept that library's world-wide are offering to their communities.

Architects' models, spare parts for equipment, as well as more personal items such as toys and gifts can be printed in the library using your own custom designs or ones downloaded from the internet.

The printer can also offer a 'hands on' experience for visually impaired

members of the community with printed models of museum objects/ artefacts being able to be touched.

The Armadale Library will conduct 3D printing workshops on Saturday 3 and 17 May from 2 to 3pm, where you can learn about the printer, the software it uses and discover amazing designs to print your own 3D objects.

Places are limited so bookings are essential. Call 9399 0125 to secure your place at the next workshop.

Join a Bushfire Ready Group

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

BRGs provide an opportunity for neighbours to network, share ideas and information, and develop and implement strategies to reduce bushfire risk. In a dangerous bushfire a fire truck may not be available to protect every home, so everyone needs to be responsible for their own safety.

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.



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Join up now and receive great incentives

Your local council wants you to join Switched on Homes - the new way to reduce your energy bills.

Check if you qualify by taking our quick quiz:

Is your household eligible for a Health Care Card?



Do you have a mobile phone you can receive SMS messages on?



Do you live in: City of Armadale, Gosnells, or the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale?



If you answered yes to all 3 questions register today and find out about incentives available to your household

Call 9397 3207

or email: jparrish@armadale.wa.gov.au

Please note: households residing in public housing are not eligible to participate. If you weren't eligible you can still find out all you need to know about energy efficiency at...

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THIS ACTIVITY RECEIVED FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AS PART OF THE LOW INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM.



Artist Andrew Kay and wife Yvonne with his winning piece *Colour Drop*.

Minnawarra Art Awards winners

The City of Armadale's premier art exhibition, Minnawarra Art Awards 2014, once again brought together a magnificent collection of artwork from some of WA's leading artists. The Awards celebrate the cultural vitality of our state, and are always a highlight in the City's events calendar.

The exhibition was held from Saturday 29 March to Sunday 13 April, with the awards night taking place on Friday 28 March.

The esteemed Gerry Gauntlett Award, a \$5000 non-acquisitive prize was awarded to Eva Fernandez. Her work *Anonymous Sculpture #1* was judged as the standout entry in this year's prestigious awards.

Lesley Barrett took out the \$1000 non-acquisitive prize for her work *Chipalars*.

The Stockland \$5000 3D commissioned prize was awarded to Andrew Kay for his pieces *Colour Drop* and *Into the Light*, and the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority's \$5000 acquisitive prize was awarded to Jean and June

Pastore for their work *Fractured Sunset*.

The calibre of entries for this year's event was extremely high and the City remains passionate about presenting this wonderful exhibition to the community.

Thank you to our sponsors the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority and Stockland for their continued support.



Young Writers' Award

Are you a budding young writer? The City of Armadale Young Writers' Awards are coming up and there are two categories you can apply for: **General Creative Writing and Living in Armadale.**

Guest authors will conduct some writing workshops at the Armadale Library to help students to organise, plan and write stories.

Free writing workshops – book your place now

Year 3 & 4 – Saturday 3 May, 11am – noon

Year 5 & 6 – Saturday 3 May, 1 – 2pm

Year 7 & 8 – Saturday 10 May, 11am – noon

Year 9 & 10 – Saturday 10 May, 1 – 2pm

Refreshments will be provided.

Entries for the Armadale Young Writers' Awards open on Sunday 1 June and close on Monday 30 June.

For further information contact Armadale Library on 9399 0125 or visit our website on www.armadale.wa.gov.au.



New citizens call Armadale home

The City of Armadale has welcomed almost 300 new Australian citizens into our community so far this year.

At the March citizenship ceremony, 100 new citizens from 21 countries came together to pledge their commitment to our nation and embrace the responsibilities and privileges of Australian citizenship.

The City's citizenship ceremonies are held every two months, and the Armadale community welcomes its newest citizens who bring with them a wealth of new traditions the rest of us get to enjoy such as food, rituals, music and sport.

For more information on Australian citizenships contact the Department of Immigration and Citizenship by visiting www.immi.gov.au.

Building Act

The Building Act 2011 commenced on 2 April 2012 introducing a new building approval process for Western Australia and bringing significant changes from the design stage right through to occupation of a building.

Building Department

The City offers full Certification Services with the following benefits:

- The 'One-Stop-Shop' assistance to the industry
- The reassurance of Qualified Practitioners
- 'One Service - One Cost' and Dual-Certification
- Residential Design Code Variation assessments

The 'One-Stop-Shop' concept is a distinct advantage to Owners, Builders, Developers and Designers utilising the City's Certification Services, thus ensuring interaction with all relevant departments and streamlining the approval process.

Relevant departments are:

- Planning
- Health
- Technical Services
- Environment
- Mapping
- DFES
- MRA

The income generated from the City's Certification Services benefits rate payers within the City.

Further enquiries to be referred to the Building Department on (08) 9399 0111 or email info@armadale.wa.gov.au

Self-care for the volunteer

Is it easier for you to give than to receive?

The City is hosting a free workshop to identify attitudes that limit your attention to self-care.

Being in a helping role involves attending to the needs of others. You are often exposed to demanding challenges and behaviours. In addition to these external pressures, helpers often have attitudes that increase susceptibility to burnout.

This workshop offers tools to help prevent compassion fatigues. You will also learn to recognise and counteract underlying causes of stress, be more effective as a helper and take care of yourself in ways that enable you to sustain a healthy balance between giving and receiving.

Date: Thursday 29 May

Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Venue: Armadale Library

RSVP: By Thursday 15 May on 9399 0642 or email volunteering@armadale.wa.gov.au





RadKidz

Activate your kids at the Armadale Arena. RadKidz is suitable for kids aged 2 – 12 of all abilities and delivers fitness and flexibility in a fun environment.

2 – 5 years – 10.30am
Wednesdays (during school term)

4 – 12 years – 4 – 5pm
Tuesdays and Thursdays (during school term)



Positive Ageing Sessions

Throughout the year the City of Armadale will host a series of Positive Ageing Forums at the Armadale Library, to engage older community members. The next sessions are:

Understanding Depression and Anxiety from 1.30pm – will cover issues relating to anxiety, phobias and depression.

How to side step depression and anxiety from 3pm – Dr Frans Hugo will discuss steps to avoiding depression.

Armadale Library

Wednesday 7 May
Call 9399 0125 to book your place.



Kelmscott 'The town that never was'

Kelmscott was declared a township on 6 July 1830. Why was it slow to thrive? Come and listen to what historians Jennie and Bevan Carter have to say.

St Mary's in the Valley Anglican Church

Wednesday 7 May
4.30 – 5.30pm
6 River Road, Kelmscott
Call 9399 0125 to book your place.



National Volunteer Week

This year will see Australia celebrating 25 years of National Volunteer Week.

All volunteers living and/or volunteering in the City of Armadale are invited to attend this community event.

Armadale District Hall

Wednesday 14 May
2 – 3.30pm
Call 9399 0642 for further details.



Writing and publishing – How to do it yourself!

Lizzie Midgley wrote the children's book My Secret Dinosaur. Come and hear about Lizzie's adventures as she went through the experience of writing and publishing her own book.

Armadale Library

Wednesday 14 May
7 – 8pm
Call 9399 0125 to book your place.



Family Carer Information Evening

Are you caring for a family member or friend who is frail aged, has a disability, a chronic condition or mental illness? If yes, Carers WA and the City of Armadale would like to invite you to a Family Carer Information evening.

Wednesday 23 July
Armadale Library, Armadale Central Shopping Centre
5.30 – 7.30pm

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Call 1300 227 377 or contact events@carerswa.asn.au to register for this free event.