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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2022

What a start to 2022 we've had! The state government's new rules surrounding entry to venues and events have once again highlighted the need for the City of Armadale and our community to be resilient and adaptable. We need to be patient and kind with each other, check on friends and neighbours who might need a hand, and 'check in' using QR codes where required. Please continue to check exposure sites regularly listed on the HealthyWA website at www.healthywa.wa.gov.au.

Here at the City, we are prepared for the challenges brought about COVID-19 presenting in the community. The delivery of services and programs will be changed in order to keep staff and residents safe.

Rest assured that we will always do the best we can, whilst following the mandates, and your patience is very much appreciated.

The new Creyk Pavilion at Creyk Park was opened on 3 February. The pavilion is an asset for local residents accommodating shared community use, alongside seasonal sports. It caters for a range of non-sporting uses with its main hall and multi-purpose room available for casual and regular users. Creyk Park has been an integral part of the Kelmescott community for many years and it's great to see it get a new lease of life.

During the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony, the City formally recognised some very hardworking residents and community groups for their outstanding

contributions. You can read about these local heroes below.

Despite the challenges of the global pandemic, I am optimistic that our strength as a community and support for one another will ensure that we are headed for a positive future.

Stay safe and please be kind.

Ruth Butterfield
Mayor, City of Armadale



Local Heroes Recognised

During the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony, the City formally recognised some very hardworking residents and community groups for their outstanding contributions.

I take this opportunity to congratulate Robert Turner (Community Citizen of the Year) and Nicole Spurrier (Young Community Citizen of the Year). The Senior Community Citizen of the Year Award was shared by joint winners James (Jim) Sharp and Rosanna Leo, and the Active Citizenship (group or event) award was presented to the Armadale Branch of the Wildflower Society of WA.

Pictured from left to right: Nicole Spurrier, James Sharp, Mayor Ruth Butterfield, Representative for the Armadale Branch of the Wildflower Society of WA, Rosanna Leo, Robert Turner.



Cover Image: Gwynne Park - Skate Park Opening
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Around our city



Open for business!

NEW PAVILION FOR CREYK PARK

Construction of the \$3M multi-purpose Creyk Park Pavilion, located on Waltham Road Kelmscott, is now complete and open for senior sport and community activities!

The Federal Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program contributed \$953,400 with the balance provided by the City of Armadale.

Local Parks UPGRADES

Did you know the City manages over 795 classified parks and amenity areas? These include sports fields, parklands, natural areas, community facilities, street gardens and public access ways covering an area of 1890 hectares.

Good quality and well maintained suburban parks are important for local communities.

The City's Parks Capital Works program improves and upgrades existing parks across Armadale every year. A small selection of recent project includes:

Robin Park and Bavich Reserve, Armadale \$85,000

Barry Poad Reserve, Seville Grove \$190,000

Dawson Reserve, Armadale \$85,000

Don Simmons Reserve, Brookdale \$300,000

Harber Park, Brookdale \$600,000



Don Simmons Reserve



Robin Park and Bavich Reserve

What's on

SAVE THE DATES

FRIDAY 29 APRIL - SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022

ARMADALE ARTS FESTIVAL

Arts festivals bring communities closer together and provide people from all walks of life with the opportunity to experience and be involved in a wide range of art forms in a leisure setting.

This year Armadale will be transformed into a mecca of art and creativity for the annual Armadale Arts Festival!

This year's festival will once again deliver a captivating program of live music, visual arts, dance, literature, arts and crafts, to showcase the incredible talent coming from this region and to bring some of the greats straight to Armadale!

- Live music entertainment
- The Minnowarra Art Awards
- Pop up art installations across the district
- Activities, workshops and so much more!

So whether you see yourself as an arts enthusiast or just like getting out and about, there is something for everyone during the Armadale Arts Festival! Make sure to keep an eye on the festival website or follow the Facebook event on the City of Armadale Facebook page for further details.

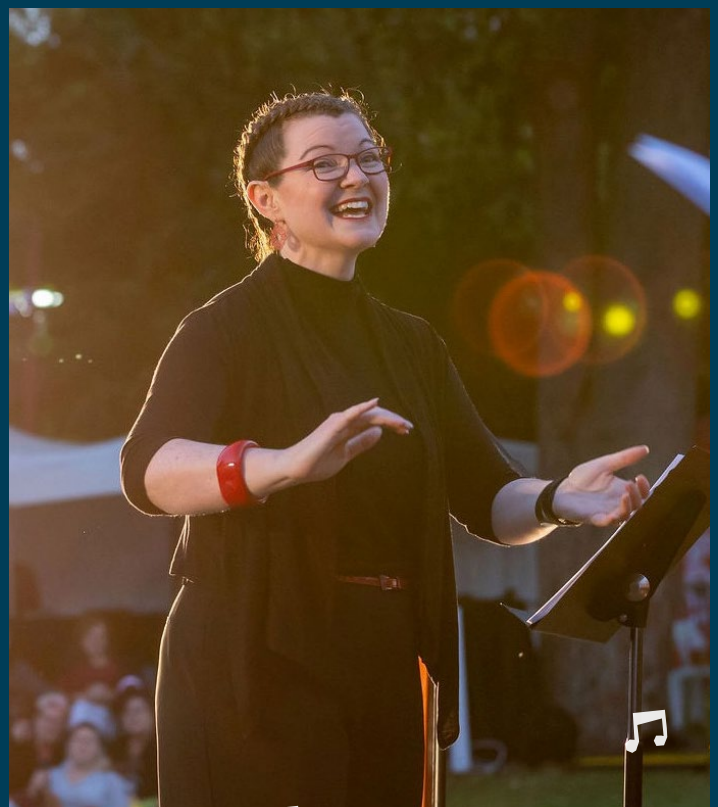
Various locations – full program available in April armadaleartsfestival.com.au

Roleystone rocks WITH ARTISTS

We are pleased to announce this year's Festival Artist - Bree Hartley!

Bree has been a practitioner of the arts (music and theatre) since early childhood. Today, she dedicates herself to creating opportunities in the community for people to engage with the performing arts as a schoolteacher, choir coordinator/conductor and community theatre group member and leader.

A joint recipient of the City of Armadale Citizen of the Year in 2020, Bree has been volunteering with the Roleystone Theatre since 1997 and has been a primary school music specialist in the local area for 13 years.





SATURDAY 30 APRIL - SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022

MINNAWARRA ART AWARDS

Armadale District Hall | 11am – 4pm

The Minnowarra Art Awards showcases some of Western Australia's best artists, a number of which are local to the Armadale district.

This year sees the continuation of the \$25,000 prize pool and extended public program to ensure this professionally curated exhibition provides viewers with a powerful show of high calibre and diverse artworks.

As the centrepiece of the Armadale Arts Festival, the Minnowarra Art Awards offers an exciting public program during the exhibition including floor talks and the much-loved Positive Ageing High Teas, which ensures that it's not just the arts lovers that are able to revel in this creative visual feast!

Artist entries are now open. To have an Artist Entry Form sent to you, please email your request through to events@armadale.wa.gov.au

Movies IN MARCH

Looking for a way to enjoy the autumn breeze? Then come along to our **FREE Movies in March** series.

Bring a picnic along or purchase some food while you enjoy a delightful evening of children's activities and the family enjoys a movie together in the great outdoors.

Friday 11 March – Flight of the Navigator
Rushton Park, Kelmscott

Friday 18 March – E.T.
Novelli Pavilion, Piara Waters

Friday 25 March – Back to the Future
Champion Centre Community Garden

Each event runs from 5pm to 8.30pm. To secure your free tickets, visit the City's website or the City's Facebook event pages.





\$\$\$ Available for COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Did you know grants of up to \$5,000 are available for projects, events or equipment that will benefit the local community?

Sporting clubs, school P&C, community groups, or not-for-profit organizations eager to make a difference in the community are encouraged to apply.

In round one of the City's 2021/22 Community Grants the popular Roleystone Community Markets received \$2,500 towards children's activities during their Christmas Markets.

Committee member Veronica Hansen said the annual Roleystone Christmas Markets provide a family fun day out with free activities for children and entertainment for all.

"The accessible markets attract visitors from not only around the City but nearby country regions. Many local businesses including restaurants, cafes and galleries benefit through the additional exposure from visitors and locals alike who explore the Armadale and Karragullen hills area".

"The grant allowed us to provide free entertainment for kids and adults alike at a time that definitely warranted some uplifting of spirits", said Wendy Cross – Roleystone Markets Coordinator.

Community Grants open from 1 March and interested groups must discuss their project with a member of the Community Development team prior to applying.

Email info@armadale.wa.gov.au or call 9394 5638 by Monday 21 March to register your interest and discuss your project.

Applications close Monday 28 March 2022.



\$\$\$ in time for Christmas

Congratulations to the winners of the City's I'm a Keeper competition!

The competition encouraged residents to keep their Waste and Recycling Guide, which is delivered to households throughout the City every year. By retaining the guide residents were eligible to enter the draw to win one of seven prizes.

The three lucky top prize winners pictured each received a voucher for Forrest Road Fresh, just in time to do their food shopping ahead of the Christmas festive season.

Pictured from left to right: Ann Louise Mole & granddaughter, Muaz Zainudin, Mayor Ruth Butterfield and Gwenyth Marie Watson



LOCAL BOOK BOOSTS

Local pride

The City's children's book celebrating diversity, launched late last year at Armadale Library, was recently recognised by the Public Health Advocacy Institute's Local Government Policy Awards.

Children from diverse backgrounds feature in their own story and see themselves represented in the pages of the book. The book written in English, includes linguistically diverse words from languages such as Tamil, Korean, Filipino, Chinese, Gujarati, and Urdu, and features children from diverse backgrounds.

The book was a collaborative project between the City of Armadale and the local community and part of the City's Proud Children Project which invited children to use their imaginations, reflect on themselves, and improve literacy levels.

The Local Government Policy Awards were developed to illustrate the important role that Local Governments play in fostering happy and healthy children and young people.



Receiving a commendation for the Proud Children community book in the Diversity, Inclusion or Multicultural Child and Young Persons Health category of the 2021 Local Government Policy Awards is a significant achievement for the Proud Children Project and recognition of the City's efforts to grow a sense of belonging in the community.

– Mayor Ruth Butterfield



Turning 12 years!

Encouraging excellence in creative writing, the City of Armadale is calling on potential young JRR Tolkien's to put pen to paper and enter the Armadale Young Writers' Awards.

Now in its 12th year, the awards have attracted over 1700 participants since it began. This creative writing competition is open to all students from Year 3 to Year 12 who reside or attend school in the City of Armadale.

Entries must be prose only and stories should be 2,000 words or less.

The competition is online only and access to the entry form will only be available from 1 to 30 June.

Details of workshops and how to enter will be available mid-April at library.armadale.wa.gov.au/competitions

FOCUS

PHOTOGRAPHIC
COMPETITION

CAPTURE ARMADALE'S CHANGING FACE

Be a part of capturing our local history and take a 'shot' at sharing in the \$1800 prize pool!

THEME: 'INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH'

BONUS CATEGORY: PRE-2000 'OPEN HISTORICAL'

Entries closing 31 March, 2022.

Visit library.armadale.wa.gov.au/focus-2022 for more info and entry conditions.





Treasuring our environment

FOR 20 YEARS!

The City's private land conservation program, Habitat Links is turning 20 this year. The program helps to conserve natural areas and promotes the importance of ecological corridors and habitat for wildlife to the wider community.

Originally named Streamcare, the program commenced in 2002 with the aim of revegetating watercourses on private land and was expanded in 2019 and rebranded as Habitat Links.

Participants in the program receive personalised technical advice on a range of topics such as native plant species selection; planting techniques to give seedlings a greater chance of survival; weed management; feral animal management; creating wildlife habitats; erosion management; and environmental management.

For Diana and Giles Hardy who live on acreage backing on to bushland alongside Churchman's Brook in Bedforddale, the program has meant they've been able to revegetate along the streamline.

"It's been terrific to see nature flourish on our lifestyle block and we're just starting to plant in the bush area. We've got more bandicoots, greater numbers of birdlife, native bees, and just so much more diversity from insect life to fungi than ever before," Diana said.

"Habitat Links is a great initiative and provides huge benefits to both our wellbeing and the flora and fauna. Long may it last!"

To register your interest in the Habitat Links program for 2022, or further information email habitatlinks@armadale.wa.gov.au or call 9394 5000.

SATURDAY 14 MAY

FREE NATIVE SEEDLINGS

City's Admin car park | 8.30 – 11.30am

Do you want a great looking garden that copes with the challenging WA climate and needs minimal irrigation?

Come along and speak with the City's environment team about the best places to plant and how to care for your native garden. Over 8,000 seedlings available until stocks run out (limit of 10 per household).

You get to save \$\$\$\$ and there are also benefits of using native plants when landscaping.

This is a fully accessible and inclusive event. If you are unable to attend due to personal circumstances, please contact the City's Environmental Department to organise an alternative solution.

Do your part for the environment and bring a bucket/bag for the seedlings and a keep-cup to purchase a coffee from the onsite van.

Current proof of residency in the City of Armadale and Photo ID Required.





Greening our City

FRIDAY 18 MARCH

Armadale District Hall | 6 - 8pm

Join gardening personalities Sue McDougall and Neville Passmore for a not to be missed information session on Sustainable Urban Forests.

Come along and learn about the benefits of planting street trees, the challenges facing our urban forest and why we need more green space in a changing environment. Hear why the tree canopy throughout the City is being expanded, ensuring our streets remain leafy and healthy.

Bookings essential - RSVP to the City's Parks Services team on **9394 5000** by Friday 11 March, 2022.

Reduce YOUR WASTE

Do you have a passion and interest in reducing the amount of waste going to landfill?

Be part of the City's commitment to lower the negative environmental impacts imposed on our environment and sign up for a range of waste education workshops:

- Cloth Nappies
- Worm Farms
- How to Compost

For more information on these workshops visit armadale.wa.gov.au or contact **9394 5000** and speak with a waste education officer.

These workshops were made possible through a Waste Authority Grant, supported by the Government of WA. The City received \$17,130 with the aim of reducing our waste while encouraging sustainable living within the region.



DID YOU KNOW?

Around 3.75M disposable nappies are used each day in Australia and NZ. Nappies contain plastic and can take up to 150 years to breakdown in landfill.

BULK WASTE COLLECTIONS 2022

The City's autumn green waste collection kicks off March 14 for Zones 12 and 13.

Zone	Green Waste (Autumn)
1	4 April 2022
2	28 March 2022
3	21 March 2022
4	7 June 2022
5	13 June 2022
6	19 April 2022
7	26 April 2022
8	2 May 2022
9	20 June 2022
10	27 June 2022
11	27 June 2022
12	14 March 2022
13	14 March 2022

Don't know your zone? To find your collection zone use the address look up tool at armadale.wa.gov.au/my-waste-collection-day





Bushfire Safety FOR PEOPLE AT HIGHER RISK

The City of Armadale has been working with DFES’s Community Preparedness team to identify better ways to support vulnerable residents to live more safely and confidently in their home on bush fire prone land.

The People at Risk in an Emergency program focusses on ways the City can provide vulnerable community members who have limited domestic support available from family, relatives, friends or other services. This could include older people, people with disabling conditions and people who are already receiving community assistance and services.

City of Armadale Mayor Ruth Butterfield said, “Bushfires pose a risk to all of us, but the most vulnerable of our community are at a much higher risk. Imagine having limited capacity to access, understand or act on information about bushfire preparedness. Imagine not being able to create a bushfire plan, prepare your property, or be safely evacuated without help. Imagine having limited access or understanding of emergency alerts and warnings.

“Such people are at a much higher risk from bushfires, and their family, friends, neighbours, and local community groups can all play a part in keeping them safe.

“Part of our preparedness strategy is to provide vulnerable people in our community with kits that will help them prepare and activate their My Bush Fire Plan.”

Physical kits are available by contacting the City’s Ranger Services **9394 5000**.

Roleystone local, Chris Cairns, is concerned about people with disability or who may be housebound, and what a bushfire could mean for them. Chris, a retired school teacher, is a volunteer with the Roleystone-Karragullen Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade and has worked with DFES for a number of years giving talks to children who show an interest in fire.

“I worry about people at risk in Roleystone which is an extreme bushfire area. I keep in contact with people who are housebound and those with a disability to help them prepare for bushfire readiness. I work with them on a one-on-one basis to develop an evacuation plan specific for their needs. If you can’t evacuate, it’s really important that you know what you’re going to do and that you are prepared for a bushfire,” said Chris.

For residents in the Roleystone area, you can contact Chris Cairns directly at chriscairns1@bigpond.com

TOP TIPS:

- Do not rely on rescue from fire trucks
- Stay up to date with alerts and warnings via Emergency WA (emergency.wa.gov.au) or your local ABC Radio or 13 DFES (13 3337)
- Be prepared to evacuate with a current survival plan and emergency kit to suit their particular needs. Additionally, you can get bushfire ready by having the following plans ready –
 - Be Safe and Leave Early Plan at mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/emergency-resources
 - My Bushfire Plan at mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au

If you know of someone who is at risk, please share this information with them.

Need help or more information to get bushfire ready? Contact the DFES Community Preparedness team at:

Communitypreparedness@dfes.wa.gov.au
9395 9816



Standout Business

Pardon my French Treats!



For Harrisdale resident Yeelin Li, the City's Grow Your Business Armadale mentoring program helped her identify a niche market and broaden her customer base.

Originally from Mauritius, Yeelin moved to Armadale in 2015 and is a self-taught baker who started her home baking business, Pardon my French Treats, in November 2020 and balances her work with being a full-time mother to three young children.

During a lockdown, Yeelin stumbled across the French classic – canelé - which has a thick crunch exterior and custardy-interior flavoured with rum and vanilla and baked in copper moulds lined with beeswax and butter. Although copper moulds are expensive and the process to make these little morsels takes up to three days, she created her own recipe.

Yeelin said the Grow your Business Program helped her to sit down and assess all focus areas of her business, how to set goals and review them every three months and when done, start again with other goals.

“The program helped me to prioritise my work and helped me realise that I can’t do everything myself. It gave me the confidence to progress my business by creating business cards, flyers and commission professional photos of my products.”

Yeelin continues to utilise the mentoring and digital advisory services available through Business Station to grow her customer base and create exposure for her business.

Twenty local businesses from across Armadale participated in the City's Grow Your Business Armadale mentoring program that commenced in October 2021. The City's Economic Development team, in collaboration with Business

Station, developed the program to help empower businesses to improve their performance through coaching and mentoring opportunities.

Stay up to date with business support initiatives like Grow Your Business in Armadale, by signing up to Localised.

Localised is the City's free online business to business platform which provides a space to:

- Build your brand and promote your expertise, goods and services
- Find local business events and training relevant to you
- Share your business' good news
- Access more local business leads & discover big projects and procurements
- Find local suppliers and other local businesses you didn't know existed



Sign up at <https://armadale.localised.com.au/>





WE'RE ALL PART OF THE STORY

The City's Australia Day event brought together thousands of people from all over the City to celebrate our great community and country.

Many community members shared positive feedback on the event, showcasing just how much they enjoyed themselves.

"It was very vibrant, family friendly and very safe atmosphere... We will definitely recommend it to everyone we know."

"I loved the range of activities happening. The set up was fantastic and it was very family friendly. Armadale did us proud."



AUSTRALIA DAY

Honours

"On behalf of the City of Armadale and my fellow Councillors, I congratulate former Councillor and Deputy Mayor, Patricia Hart OAM, for her recognition in this year's Australia Day Honours," Mayor Ruth Butterfield said.

"Pat has devoted decades of her life to working and advocating for the environment and the community. She is passionate about preserving river health, wetlands, and natural areas for future generations. I've known Pat for many years and had the privilege of working alongside her for a number of significant local environmental projects. Her knowledge and commitment to Perth's rivers makes her a tenacious advocate, and I'm pleased that her dedication has been formally recognised."

Meet your COUNCIL

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

Council Meetings

Council Meetings are held in the Council Chambers, and Committee Meetings in the Committee Room, both at the City of Armadale Administration Building, 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale.

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