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MAYOR'S Message

Welcome to our 83rd edition of City Views. The cooler weather is well and truly here which means we've entered the Noongar season of Makuru (June and July).

We are currently developing a new Local Planning Strategy 2024 to determine the future direction of land development in the City of Armadale. This strategy will guide Council in making decisions about land development, including such things as housing density and recreation and environmental reserves. We are seeking community input to develop the strategy and you have the opportunity to share your opinions on housing for an increasing population, growing business and employment opportunities, protecting the environment, and developing the City's parks and facilities.

The City recently installed solar PV systems on three of our major buildings as part of our commitment towards net zero emissions by 2030 – full details can be found on page 2.

Local businesses, such as Seadragonz Swim School in Forrestdale, are also committed to environmental sustainability and I encourage you to visit switchyourthinking.com for tips on how you can make the change to reduce your environmental footprint. To find out how Seadragonz Swim School is reducing its footprint, see our story on page 6.

It's been another challenging few months with the latest COVID outbreak continuing to impact our State. I encourage everyone to be patient with our local businesses and volunteer-run organisations at this difficult time. Like most industries and

sectors, we've been hit with staff shortages across the City as COVID sweeps through the community. I want to acknowledge the situation is certainly being exacerbated by an inability to fill vacancies in WA (we have the lowest jobless rate in Australia). So please remember to be patient and kind – we will get through this eventually and I look forward to things returning to 'normal' soon.

Mayor
Ruth Butterfield

Meeting the future needs of your City

Council recently endorsed the Corporate Business Plan (CBP) 2022/23 – 2025/26 which will allow the City to build on its strengths and capitalise on opportunities to make our community an even more desirable place to live and work.

Some notable key projects identified in the CBP include building a new library in Piara Waters, the replacement of the pavilion at Morgan Park and the redevelopment of the Forrestdale Sporting Hub.

For more information on the City's Corporate Business Plan visit: www.armadale.wa.gov.au/plans-and-strategies

Over the next four years the City will invest



Around Our City

OUTDOORS & ACTIVE

BMX PARK NOW OPEN

The John Dunn Challenge Park is a gateway into the serious mountain bike trails on offer in the Armadale and Perth Hills.

Since opening in April the \$1.6 million state-of-the-art bike track is proving hugely popular with bike enthusiasts and caters for cycle-based activities for a wide range of ages and abilities.

The park has something for everyone offering pump tracks for beginners and advanced riders, jump tracks at beginner, intermediate

and advanced/extreme levels, skills loop, bike playground, and a mountain bike skills trail around the park's perimeter.

The City funded \$1.33M for the impressive project which was topped up by a Sporting and Recreation Facilities Grant.



LEADING THE WAY WITH SOLAR TO SAVE \$\$

Solar PV systems are being installed on three of the City's major buildings, as part of our commitment towards a carbon reduction target of net zero emissions by 2030.

"Using renewable energy for our major buildings is a significant move to reduce our carbon footprint," said Mayor Butterfield.

Once installed at the Champion Centre, Orchard House and the Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre the solar panels will generate over 1 million kWh of energy per year. This is equivalent to the annual energy use of 144 average Australian houses, and will save the City and our tenants approximately \$200,000 in annual electricity costs.

Other efforts to reduce the City's carbon footprint, include purchasing renewable energy for contestable sites⁺, operating a landfill methane flare, and undertaking a feasibility study to retrofit street-lighting with LEDs.

The solar panel installation was made possible through \$1 million funding from the Australian Government through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

⁺ Contestable sites are those using in excess of 50mWh of electricity, and account for approximately 70% of the City's total consumption.



ARMADALE ARTS FESTIVAL

Wrap up!



This year's Armadale Arts Festival was an incredible success as the City delivered a captivating program of live music, visual arts, literature, arts and crafts, showcasing the incredible talent around this region and also brought some of our State's greats straight to Armadale!

This year we focused on showcasing some great assets within the local community by pairing with the Western Australian Youth Jazz Orchestra and Seven Sins for 'A Journey through Jazz'.

The festival concluded with the Community Choir Performance led by this year's Festival Artist, Bree Hartley.

Guest performers Cathie Travers and Rachel John (Classic Sounds Orchestra) also performed at the event.

"I loved the variety of ideas and mediums used in the art pieces and the exceptional talent, all brought together in one place to enjoy,"

— CULTURE COUNTS SURVEY RESPONDENT

"I joined the Choir because I love singing and singing as part of a choir is an immensely gratifying experience. I have known and worked with Bree for many years and knew that this project would be magical." said Allison Harrison, choir participant.

"As a local community group and youth arts education organisation, we were so pleased to be invited to perform as a part of the Armadale Arts Festival. We look forward to many more collaborations between WAYJO and the City of Armadale in the future."

— WAYJO





Malapropism #2 – Christophe Canato



Despair – Sydney Phillips



Saying Goodbye – Clinton Price

Minnawarra Art Awards

The exhibition saw some of the most exquisite artwork displayed at the Armadale District Hall. We'd like to congratulate the winners of the various awards and thank them for participating in the event.

The full list of winners

CITY OF ARMADALE ART AWARD (\$12,000) ACQUISITION

Malapropism #2
– Christophe Canato

LOCAL ARTIST AWARD (\$3,000) ACQUISITION

Saying Goodbye – Clinton Price

ABORIGINAL ARTIST AWARD (\$3,000) ACQUISITION

Despair – Sydney Phillips

GERRY GAUNTLETT AWARD (\$5,000)

Now Where Are We? #1
– Michael Francas

HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARD (\$2,000)

Ash Abounds – Matthew McAlpine

The acquisition awards are now included in the City of Armadale's art collection which ensures these artworks and stories are preserved for many years to come.

FOCUS

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

FOCUS ON WINNERS

Capturing our history

Six keen photographers walked away with cash prizes, vouchers and an acrylic print of their winning entry in the 2022 FOCUS photographic competition.

This year's competition attracted over 180 entries in the three categories from residents across the City of Armadale.

The competition, hosted by the Birtwistle Local Studies Library, aims to capture present day historical reality while growing the photographic collection. Many of the high quality images received will help to capture the history of Armadale for future generations.

Industrial Strength – Photograph Category:

1st Prize – *Getting Ready to Open* by Wayne Berriman

Industrial Strength – Drone Category:

1st Prize – *Kelmscott's Industrial Strength* by Brenton Simmons

Open Theme/Historical Pre-2000 – Scanned Category:

1st Prize – *Kelmscott Pool Christmas (1957)* by Tracey Leeder

For more details visit:

www.armadale.wa.gov.au/media-releases/2022-focus-photographic-competition-winners-announced



To view a virtual tour of the exhibition visit:
www.armadale.wa.gov.au/minnawarra-art-awards





SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS

ROUND 1
of the 2022/2023
Community Grants
opens in August

The City provides two rounds of community grant funding each financial year, with the aim of supporting community-based initiatives developed by groups located in the district.

Eight eligible organisations were recipients in Round 2 grants 2021/2022 for a share in over \$21,000 towards a wide range of projects and activities.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

- Kerala Cultural Association (\$2,550) – Kerala Festival (arts & sports) for children and youth

- Roleystone Men's Shed (\$900) – Towards opening the Waterwheel Community Shed
- Armadale Community Family Centre (\$1,100) – Calm the Farm program for young children
- Rotary Club of Armadale (\$2,500) – community BBQ to highlight the Fathering Project
- Gymnastics WA (\$3,761.38) – Gym Warriors Armadale gymnastic program
- Thiruvalluvar Academy of WA (\$2,752.25) – Tamil Folk Art Training program

- West Australian Youth Jazz Orchestra (\$3,000) - Armadale Senior High School students Extension Music Program
- Team Connect WA (\$5,000) – Armadale Team Connect girls cricket program

The amount of funding available to organisations and not-for profit groups, varies from \$1,000 to \$5000 depending on the category.

For further information visit:
www.armadale.wa.gov.au/community-grants-and-donations or call us on 9394 5000.



MULTISPORTS *Try something new!*

Would your child like to try a new sport?

If they are yet to discover their passion for sport, this free seven (7) week program is just for them.

In an effort to increase participation and reduce barriers for community access to sporting opportunities and local clubs, the City has partnered with Communicare to deliver this program, which was a great success last year.

Piara Waters resident, Stacey Knott, says the City's Multisports program has given her children a chance to try different sports, meet new people, and the opportunity to keep fit and active outside their normal sporting activities.

"Taj and Kennedy love to try new things. They had an amazing time at the Multi-sports sessions at Harrisdale during term 4 last year.

"Naturally, they loved the rugby sessions as they're both junior members of the ARKS Rugby Club.

"Multisports was great because it gave them the chance to participate and learn more about other sports before committing to an entire season.

"Taj really enjoyed the cricket sessions, whilst Kennedy preferred athletics. They're both keen to give them a go next season.

"I highly recommend Multisports. It's a great way to get the kids moving, and finding out what they like. It's an amazing initiative within the community," Stacey said.

Keep an eye on the City's website for details on the next round of Multisports.



NEW BUSINESS Investment Prospectus

The City has prepared a new Business Investment Prospectus to encourage and facilitate economic development in Armadale.

Armadale's strategic metropolitan centre advantages of a rapidly growing population, strong transport links, accessible and affordable land, a diverse workforce, and the semi-rural hills lifestyle make Armadale a unique and robust location for investment.

The key industries of opportunity include Health Care & Social Assistance, Education & Training, Construction, Tourism and Manufacturing.

Through developing this Business Investment Prospectus along with streamlining internal approval processes, the City continues to deliver economic and social benefits for its residents.

This document is available through the City's website:
www.armadale.wa.gov.au/economic-development



Image: Lari McDonald - owner of Seadragonz Swim School and City of Armadale Mayor Ruth Butterfield.

SEADRAGONZ – A SWITCHED ON BUSINESS

Congratulations to Seadragonz Swim School in Forrestdale in winning a Switched On Business Award for their commitment to environmental sustainability and for reducing the environmental footprint of their business.

Seadragonz Swim School has shown strong commitment to environmental sustainability in a number of ways. These include recovering and recycling 100% of the water used at the facility; using ultraviolet lighting as the primary water disinfectant; switching to solar energy; having a mindset about minimising waste; and looking for options to reuse and recycle across the business, all while educating customers about sustainability practices.

The awards run by Switch your Thinking are a great way to recognise, reward, and celebrate businesses that have significantly reduced their environmental footprint and excelled in taking innovative steps along their sustainability journey.

If you are a local business (or know of a local business) that has taken great steps to become more sustainable, consider applying for the next round closing 5 July 2022.

For more information, visit:
www.switchyourthinking.com

Come see us! SCHOOL HOLIDAY ADVENTURES IN ARMADALE

Keep the kids busy and outdoors during the holidays with a range of things to do and see.

Visit perthhillsarmadale.com.au or call the friendly team on 9394 5410 for ideas



What's on

SAVE THE DATES

SUNDAY 3 TO 10 JULY

NAIDOC WEEK

Virtual Celebrations

Celebrate NAIDOC week in the City of Armadale from the comfort of your own home!

Submerge yourself as you experience the rich history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait people as they perform a Welcome to Country and share some of our local history through an exciting schedule of short videos.

Hear from our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community as we celebrate the NAIDOC theme – Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!

The theme this year encourages all of us to champion institutional, structural, collaborative, and cooperative change while celebrating those who have already driven and led change in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community over generations.

Our proud Noongar Elders will talk about their cultural practices and natural habits for hunting and gathering traditional foods.

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To participate, visit our social and website towards the end of June for links to the virtual program!

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

DOG'S DAY OUT

10am-1pm Rushton Park

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Further details visit the City's website.

- Best dressed dog & trick competition
- Food & Drink vans • Merchandise
- Bouncy Castle • Face Painting
- Dog agility course • Dog training groups
- Dog wash service • Fun for the whole family



1 AUGUST TO 30 NOVEMBER

SPRING INTO *Armadale*

Over four months we celebrate everything special about the region through a rich calendar of events and experiences.

Wander through wildflowers and tip-toe through tulips as you discover the wonder of springtime. Immerse yourself in the region's rich culture, proud heritage and enchanting spring landscapes.

Whether you're a history buff, nature lover or family fun-seeker, a foodie, culture lover or a wellness warrior, you'll find something for everyone during Spring into Armadale.

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Visit the Perth Hills Armadale Visitor Centre, 40 Jull Street, at the end of July, for a copy of the full program or online at perthhillsarmadale.com.au





3 OCTOBER 2022

Armadale HIGHLAND GATHERING & THE PERTH KILT RUN

Minnawarra Park

Join us to celebrate all things Scottish at the largest Highland Gathering event held in Western Australia! You don't need to be Scottish to take part in this annual tradition, so gather your family and friends to enjoy a jam-packed day of Scottish culture and frivolities.

The morning begins with the fun and quirky charity Perth Kilt Run. The only fun run in Australia that's done in a kilt! Purchase your very own kilt when you register for the 2.5km Classic or the 5km Warrior.

It's a fun run with a difference and you're guaranteed to have a good time whilst also raising much needed funds for charity.

**Registration opening early August.
Check the City's website for details.**

CLOSING 30 JUNE 2022

WIN CASH PRIZES ARMADALE YOUNG WRITERS' AWARDS

The City is calling on the future Roald Dahl's of Armadale to put pen to paper and enter the 2022 Armadale Young Writers Awards.

Over 1700 aspiring young authors have participated in the awards since its launch in 2010.

Visit library.armadale.wa.gov.au and go to the competitions page for full details and to upload your entry.

Creative writing is an amazing gift for those with a vivid imagination and students in Years 3 to 12, who reside or attend school in the City of Armadale, are encouraged to enter the competition.

Entries must be prose / stories only (poetry, scripts or graphic novels are not accepted) and should be 2,000 words or less.

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



Save the date for these awesome events happening across the City and stay tuned for more on our social pages @CityofArmadale and @PerthHillsArmadale





NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY

CALLING ALL GREEN THUMBS

to connect with nature

- JOIN US:** Saddlers Retreat, Kelmescott
- DATE:** Sunday 31 July
- TIME:** 9am to 12 noon

Everyone is welcome to join the City's National Tree Day planting event.

The City in partnership with the Armadale Gosnell's Landcare Group (AGLG) is seeking volunteers to assist with planting seedlings, to support the development and implementation of re-vegetation and habitat creation, along the beautiful Djarlgarra (Canning River).

We have over 4000 native seedlings to plant – so many hands are required again this year.

Despite bad weather last year, our volunteers turned out with their wellies, coats and gloves to roll up their sleeves and participate in Australia's

largest community tree planting and nature protection event.

Volunteers should bring gloves, a water bottle and wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions on the day.

Meet other local residents and enjoy some light refreshment at the conclusion of the event – provided by the Armadale Kelmescott Lions Club.

The project is supported by funding from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions DBCA's Riverbank Program.

RECYCLING AWARENESS

Recycling is simple: it's only these 5 things that go into your recycling bin (yellow lid)



Paper Cans Cardboard Plastic bottles and containers Glass jars and bottles

Cardboard flattened. Containers rinsed, loose and lids off.

Not for the recycling bin



Clothing or textiles Bagged recyclables Nappies Food or garden organics



CHOOSE TO REFUSE
SINGLE-USE PLASTIC
PLASTICFREEJULY.ORG



PLASTIC FREE JULY

Join with millions of people who are choosing to refuse single-use plastics like shopping bags, straws, cups and packaging to create a world without plastic waste.

In July 2021 an estimated 140 million people, from 190 countries across the globe, took part in the challenge.

Some sad facts about our oceans:

- 8 million tonnes of plastic pollution enters our oceans each year
- By 2050 it is estimated there will be more plastic than fish in our oceans
- More than 270 marine species are affected by marine debris

Go plastic free during July and 'choose to refuse' single-use plastic – and do your bit for mother earth!

FROM 1 JULY 2022 WA BUSINESSES CAN NO LONGER SUPPLY:



Any Plastic Shopping Bag with Handles



Disposable Plastic Straws & Stirrers



Disposable Plastic Cutlery



Disposable Plastic Plates



Disposable Plastic Food Containers (without lids)



Expanded Polystyrene Food Containers & Trays



Disposable Plastic Bowls (without lids)



NAME A WASTE TRUCK

The recent kids' competition to name our new waste trucks attracted over 70 entries.

The kids put a great deal of thought into naming the new fleet, with a variety of names suggested. Some of the names were funny such as TurBINator, because "it will be back" and others were meaningful, such as Matilda as this year we are proud to have employed our first female waste truck driver!

The children can look forward to seeing their suggested names printed on the new trucks when they arrive later this year.

Congratulations to our winners:

- Luke (2 years): *BINjamen*
- Elise (7 years): *Matilda*
- Angelina (8 years): *Dale*
- Matthew (10 years): *TurBINator*
- Ilse (11 years): *Skippy*





PREPARE NOW FOR STORM SEASON

Every year from May to October, storms including tornados, lightning, hail, flash flooding and gale force winds cause major destruction to the southern half of WA.

Storms not only cause damage to homes, property and businesses, they also pose a threat to people, animals and the environment.

For information of what you can do to prepare your home and families for storms visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/storm

Remember, if a storm has badly damaged your home and you can't safely repair it yourself SES volunteers are at the ready to help. If you need assistance call **132 500**

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE LATEST INFORMATION DURING A STORM

- Visit: www.emergency.wa.gov.au
- Call **13 DFES (13 3337)**
- Follow DFES on **Facebook and Twitter**
- Monitor **ABC local radio & television**

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.