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Image: The Armadale Highland Gathering 2021 - 7 to 1 Photography

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MAYOR'S Message

Welcome to the 84th edition of City Views. Winter is behind us and spring is bringing perfect weather to be outdoors, as we move through the Noongar seasons of Djilba (August – September) and Kambarang (October – November).

It's such a great time to get out and about in Armadale and enjoy our amazing parks and reserves. The City's Spring into Armadale program has kicked off, and features an array of activities and events running until the end of November. You can check out the full list of what's on at the Perth Hills Armadale website at <https://www.perthhillsarmadale.com.au/spring-armadale>.

If you're looking for things to do with the kids in the October school holidays, check out our list on page 9. You won't have to go far from home to keep them entertained.

As recently announced, the Armadale Train Line shutdown is delayed until late 2023 however community consultation has started to capture local feedback regarding the elevated line, new Armadale Station design and amenity for surrounding areas.

The project will play a pivotal role in revitalising the Armadale city centre, and I strongly encourage you to participate in METRONET's community engagement programs. It's crucial input is provided to METRONET, so please make sure you have your say on how you want the precinct to work for you

Similarly, here at the City we really value community feedback and you'll often be pointed to opportunities to send in your comments about various plans, strategies, programs and development applications.

To help make it easier for you to have your say, we've launched <https://engage.armadale.wa.gov.au/> an online hub where

you will find details of City projects, applications, plans or strategies and be prompted to provide your feedback. Don't worry if you're not online or tech savvy – you will always have the opportunity to send your comments to us in person or by post.

Spring is a great time to start preparing your home and surrounds before summer rolls around. We've had a wet few months recently so remember to check and clear gutters, and clean up around your property to reduce shrubbery which can easily become fuel in the event of a bushfire.

Take care, and I look forward to catching up with you at one of the City's many community events.

Mayor
Ruth Butterfield



NOMINATE NOW!

If you know someone, or a group, doing great things in our community, nominate them for a 2023 Australia Day Award.

citizenshipawards.com.au
Nominations close: 31 October 2022



Around Our City

Imagine Armadale 20 years from now

Over the last few months the City engaged extensively with the Armadale community to guide the preparation of a new Local Planning Strategy (LPS), which will provide a vision and plan for the City's future growth and development.

An LPS Community Survey conducted by the City in June 2022 attracted over 600 responses and provided valuable feedback, which will be combined with resident's feedback from LPS community workshops conducted at four different locations throughout the City in July. These will assist the LPS vision to identify and consider the community's needs and aspirations on what living, working and playing in Armadale will look like in the next 20 plus years.

Another community engagement opportunity will involve a number of community open-days and provide residents with a further opportunity to have a say and contribute to preparation of the draft Local Planning Strategy.

Once Council has endorsed and the State Government's Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage has certified the draft Local Planning Strategy meets legislative requirements in 2023, the Strategy will be advertised for public review and written community submissions before Council adopts it for final State Government approval.

To keep up to date on the project and find out how to get involved in the process visit armadale.wa.gov.au/public-notice-out-comment

COMMUNITY SURVEY SNAPSHOT

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Responses

95%

of respondents live within the City

87%

of respondents have lived within the City for more than 3 years

80%

of respondents own property in the City

11%

of respondents own/operate a business in the City

69%

of respondents work outside the City

SOME THINGS YOU LIKED



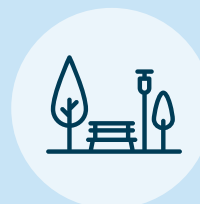
Heritage buildings



Community & Connectivity



Country feel



Parks & natural landscape

THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE IMPROVED



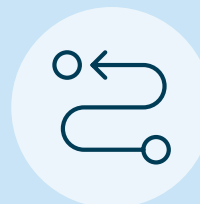
Streetscape & local verge maintenance



Crime rates & safety



Maintenance of facilities



Public Transport



What's on

SAVE THE DATE



SPRING into ARMADALE

1 August - 30 November 2022

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

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.

Discover more at
perthhillsarmadale.com.au

Art • Culture • Nature • Food
Events • Experiences

Be sure to *save the date* for some of the highlight events below:

19 AUGUST - END OF SEPTEMBER

IT'S YATES SPRINGTIME AT ARALUEN

Araluen Botanic Park

9 - 18 SEPTEMBER

ARMADALE HILLS OPEN STUDIO ARTS TRAIL

See program

11 SEPTEMBER

ROLEYSTONE SPRING MARKET

10am-3pm

Cross Park, Roleystone

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER

BEDFORDALE BUSH MARKETS

See program

2 OCTOBER

MUSIC TO LOVE

5.30-9.10pm

Armadale District Hall

14 - 15 OCTOBER

KELMSCOTT AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Rushton Park, Kelmscott

5 - 6 NOVEMBER

ARMADALE SOCIETY OF ARTISTS 35TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION

10am-4pm

Armadale District Hall

Pick up a program from Perth Hills Armadale Visitor Centre or view online.





SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER

ARMADALE HIGHLAND GATHERING AND THE PERTH KILT RUN

**Minnawarra Park, Armadale
8:30am – 4pm**

Visit Scotland without leaving home!

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.

Experience Scottish market stalls, highland dancing and bagpipe competitions, meet and greet Scottish dogs and watch the hotly contested Heavy Events competitors as they show us just how strong they are.

Let your imagination run wild in the medieval fair, learn about your ancestry in the Clan Village, and then kick up your heels with live music and Highland dancing.



Register now **FOR THE PERTH KILT RUN**

This much-loved charity fun run is part of the Armadale Highland Gathering, hosted by the City of Armadale to celebrate all things Scotland.

Run the 2.5km Classic or 5km Warrior course on October 9... but channel your inner Scot and don a kilt! Afterwards, you're invited to get into the spirit of the Scottish culture at the Armadale Highland Gathering.

Entry for the run is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for youth, and is free for children 12 years and under. Part proceeds will be donated to headspace Armadale, Intensive Care Foundation and The Amanda Young Foundation. And, for the first time this year, you can also fundraising for your chosen charity!

REGISTER NOW at perthkiltrun.com.au





Image: Roleystone Men's Shed, recipients of Community Grants Round 2.

**ROUND 1 2022/2023
APPLICATIONS
CLOSE MONDAY
3 OCT 2022**

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Available now!

Are you a sporting club, school P&C, community group, or not-for-profit organisation eager to make a difference in the community?

Community grants are available from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for projects, events or equipment that will benefit the local community.

To be eligible to apply, groups must discuss their project with a member of the Community Development team prior to submitting an application.

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Email info@armadale.wa.gov.au or call 9394 5638 by Tuesday 27 September to register your interest and discuss your project.

ARE YOU *planning an event?*

Enjoy the ease and convenience of hosting your event locally at one of our many halls, pavilions and reserves.

There's a wide range of affordable community facilities suitable for weddings, birthday parties, community meetings, sporting events and more!

Event planning can be tricky, not to mention time consuming – so we've made booking a venue easy.

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Visit bookings.armadale.wa.gov.au and follow the easy steps to book the venue.



Image: Piara Waters Pavilion



KIDSPORT *funding* \$\$\$\$



Remember to check out the KidSport program which provides up to \$150 per calendar year towards club fees for eligible children aged 5 to 18 years.

KidSport is run by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, with the help of local governments.

Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre is now a registered club through KidSport and you can use your vouchers for the kids to participate in Swim School!

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Applications are open all year round. Details on how to apply can be found at dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport





DID SOMEONE SAY TRIFECA?

THE AIM TO CREATE AN INCLUSIVE, INVITING, SAFE AND INNOVATIVE SPACE THAT OUR COMMUNITY CAN BE PROUD OF - HAS BEEN RECOGNISED WITH THE TRIFECA AT THE WA AQUATIC RECREATION INDUSTRY AWARDS.

Sustainability Award

–installation of solar panels, which cover nearly every square metre of the AFAC roof.

FACT: The 500kWp solar expansion project is forecast to save 501 tonnes of CO2 emissions annually

FACT: AFAC can operate on 100% solar electricity during peak hours of the busy summer period

FACT: Building management efficiencies during the last financial year has seen a 41% reduction in gas consumption

WA Watch Around Water Facility of the Year Award

–recognises AFAC’s operational excellence in achieving the objectives of the Watch Around Water program, an educational and awareness campaign run at public swimming pools to reduce drowning and aquatic injuries amongst children through improved parental supervision.

Aquatic Supervisor of the Year

– Jonathan Shapcott for his advanced skills in and around water coupled with his immense work ethic.

The awards are supported by the Royal Life Saving WA, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Water Corporation, and Xplor Recreation to recognise the extraordinary commitments of individuals and organisations to the aquatic industry.



JOIN AFAC THIS SEPTEMBER and enjoy no joining fee, no lock-in contract and memberships from as little as \$13.25 p/w
Take a deep breath, commit and sign up online at active.armadale.wa.gov.au

ARMADALE WRITERS' AWARD

1 – 30 September 2022

ARMADALE WRITERS' AWARD

Put pen to paper and enter this creative writing competition, open to all adult writers living in Western Australia.

The prizes are: 1st prize \$1000, 2nd prize \$750 and 3rd prize \$500.

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

For T&Cs visit library.armadale.wa.gov.au/armadale-writers-award

ARMADALE WRITERS' FESTIVAL

10 – 16 September 2022

ARMADALE WRITERS' FESTIVAL

The Armadale Writers' Festival is back again - don't miss this week-long feast of conversation and literature celebrating the sheer joy of words.

Whether you are a reader, aspiring writer, or simply enjoy listening to excellent speakers, come along and be entertained and informed.

Places are limited and bookings are essential for all these sessions. Visit library.armadale.wa.gov.au or call 9394 5125 to book your place.



Connecting WITH NATURE

We are fortunate to have such a diverse range of bushland reserves within the City of Armadale, many of which feature unique walk trail experiences. These natural areas are rich in plant diversity and provide habitat for native fauna.

The City's Environment team play an essential role in protecting our natural environment – and we would like to share with you some recent success stories of their amazing work!

MONITORING OUR QUENDAS

Recently dedicated research team from Murdoch University, the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions and City staff set traps for quendas in nature reserves in Roleystone.

Throughout the night, the research team progressively collected quenda in soft bags, before being carefully transported to a mobile vet clinic in Roleystone where they were closely monitored, sampled

for mange and other parasites then transported back to the capture location.

Quenda are a Priority 4 species in WA, meaning their ongoing survival is dependent on conservation and close monitoring of the population.

Outcomes from this research will provide valuable insights into the extent and severity of the occurrence of mange in the Roleystone quenda population.

GILBERT FROM HILBERT

When two possums were rescued after a local bushfire 18 months ago, it took a whole team of specialists working in land management and wildlife conservation, monitoring and rehabilitation to get them back on their feet and into the trees.

After treatment and a long rehabilitation at WA Wildlife Hospital, Blossom and Gilbert were rehomed in habitat boxes constructed by students from Carey Baptist College and installed by Simon Cherriman, an industry leader

in wildlife conservation and habitat supplementation.

Motion-sensing cameras near the release site were installed by the City, to help monitor the possums' progress.

"It's great that the City has partnered with WA Wildlife and Carey Baptist College to achieve this small but valuable local conservation achievement," Mayor Ruth Butterfield.





CITY'S RESEARCH *Taking Flight*

Recently, Mayor Ruth Butterfield joined our Environment Team at a City-managed reserve to help research fellows from the WA Museum band Forest Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo chicks. Banding helps researchers monitor bird movements which assists research of population numbers, foraging habits, and migratory patterns.

The City's Environment Team also provides artificial breeding hollows, such as cockatubes, to meet this species' nesting requirements

“Across City of Armadale Reserves, we have installed over 80 habitat boxes. The boxes are placed in natural areas to provide nesting hollows for fauna such as Black Cockatoos, possums, phascogales (Australian marsupials), and microbats”.

Mayor Ruth Butterfield



FREE – VERGE TREES!

Applications close November.

Did you know the City provides a limited number of street trees to residents on an annual basis, as part of its Street Tree Planting Program.

One tree per 20 metre road frontage is available for residents to request for the verge adjoining their property – you will need to commit to watering the tree until established, approximately three years.

The most appropriate species for a location is selected based on local conditions, climate and strategies. The City preferably aims to create a 'boulevard effect' by planting the same type of tree within each street, however specific species requests are considered.

All you need to do is submit a Street Tree Request form available on our website armadale.wa.gov.au/how-city-can-help.



Giving back to nature

We have an amazing community!

Over 100 volunteers of all ages rolled up their sleeves and donned gardening gloves to join the City's National Tree Day planting event on Sunday 31 July to help plant 6,000 native seedlings.

In partnership with the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group, the City called on community members to assist with planting seedlings alongside the beautiful Djarlgarra (Canning River) at Saddlers Retreat in Kelmscott. These seedlings will support the re-vegetation and habitat creation along the riverbank.

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Riverbank Program funded 4,000 seedlings supported by the City of Armadale with 2,000 seedlings.

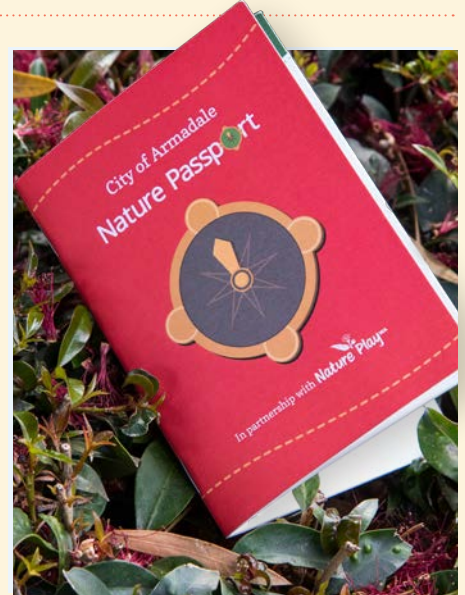


Free, fun activities FOR OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



◀ JOHN DUNN CHALLENGE PARK

Attention all thrill seekers, adrenaline junkies and adventurers, John Dunn Challenge Park is calling your name! This new state of the art bike park caters to the fast growing sports of BMX and mountain bike riding. It features pump tracks for beginner and advanced riders, jump tracks for beginner, intermediate and advanced PLUS there's a skills loop, bike safety track and a bike playground. **Located at John Dunn Memorial Park, Third Avenue in Kelmscott.**



▶ SPEND A DAY AT THE DAM

Family time doesn't have to be fancy and a day at the dam is the perfect way to get back to basics and enjoy quality time in the great outdoors. With three dams in the area, we are spoiled for choice. Enjoy breathtaking views at Wungong Dam, historical walking trails at Canning Dam, or check out the amazing new Nature Playground and picnic area at Churchman Brook Dam.



▲ NATURE PLAY THE DAY AWAY

If you are stuck searching for things to do, the City of Armadale Nature Passport is a fantastic place to start. Say goodbye to the iPads and hello to the great outdoors in Armadale. The Nature Passport lists six locations and activities within the area, encouraging kids to play, create, imagine, and explore. **Collect yours from the Perth Hills Armadale Visitor Centre, located at 40 Jull Street.**



◀ AUGMENTED REALITY ADVENTURE

Grab your smartphone and discover an interactive and immersive experience as art and nature come to life through Augmented Reality. Watch as tulips bloom, try your hand at flying a virtual kite and experience a surprise visit from a large reptile!

Download the EyeJack app from your Apple Store or Google Play Store and look out for the QR codes around Armadale.

Head to perthhillsarmadale.com.au/events/augmented-reality to discover locations and find out more.



CELEBRATING OUR YOUTH



Image: Mayor Ruth Butterfield with local Kelmescott student Emma Johnson.

WINNERS GOT FRAMED

A growing number of talented and emerging young artists impressed the judges and exhibition goes with a high calibre of innovation and thought-provoking works during this year's Outside the Frame Art Awards exhibition, held in the iconic Armadale District Hall.

More than 50 entries from Year 11 and 12 students, from 10 schools, across metropolitan Perth were received.

This year local resident Evelyn Grummet, from Kalamunda Senior High School was awarded the Local Artist Award for her mixed media piece 'A Last Glimpse'.

For the full list of winners of the Excellence Awards visit armadale.wa.gov.au/media-releases/winners-outside-the-frame-art-awards-announced



'A Last Glimpse', Evelyn Grummet

Investing IN OUR YOUTH

With the estimated population growth from 91,000 to 150,000 expected in the City of Armadale in the next 20 years, there has never been a more important time to invest in our youth.

The City is actively assisting with education and training for our young people through ongoing collaborations with State and Federal agencies. This helps to support people in securing jobs to reduce Armadale's unemployment rate (6.6%) which is historically higher than Western Australia's rate (2.9%).

During this year's National Skills Week in August, in conjunction with the Armadale Industry Training Hub, the City sponsored Aprentifest.

Aprentifest provided opportunities for Year 12 students to explore career interests, prepare for interviews and connect with suitable businesses that offered a post school qualification through an Apprenticeship or Traineeship pathway.

The City will continue working closely with the Armadale Industry Training Hub and the local Jobs & Skill Centre. Armadale's future is bold, exciting and we're ready to grow.



"Apprentifest is a wonderful opportunity for Dale Christian School students to meet prospective employees, practise their interview skills and explore employment opportunities. It is wonderful to have these events available in the local area to meet some of the employers in the region."

Nicole Fenwick
VET & Specialists Learning Area Coordinator
Dale Christian School





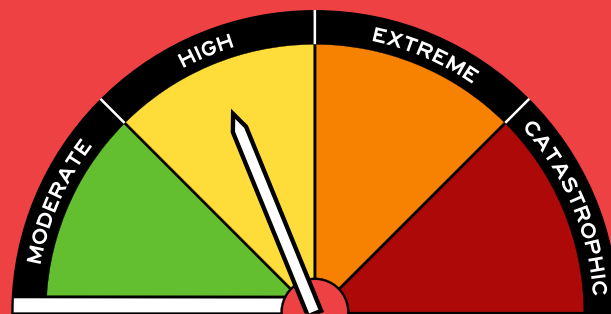
A NEW FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM

THE AUSTRALIAN FIRE DANGER RATINGS (AFDRS) LEVELS ARE:

To improve the fire danger forecasting, and strengthen how fire authorities communicate bushfire danger to improve community safety, a new fire danger rating system went live across Australia on 1 September 2022.

There will now be a simplified system of four levels with action-oriented messages and feature an 'off' level for days where no proactive action is required.

Want to learn more? Visit afac.com.au/initiative/afdrs or email AFDRS@dfes.wa.gov.au



MODERATE
Plan and prepare

HIGH
Be ready to act

EXTREME
Take action now to protect life and property

CATASTROPHIC
For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

Meet your COUNCIL

HERON WARD



Cr Michael Hancock



Cr Emma Flynn

HILLS WARD



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.