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MAYOR'S Message

Welcome to Bunuru, the current Noongar season, and to the first edition of City Views for 2024.

We've certainly hit the ground running with a very busy start to the year. Our popular community event, Australia Day in Armadale, was enjoyed by almost 26,000 people and featured live music from a top line up of local and Perth acts, culminating in fireworks. On the same day, we welcomed 129 new citizens from 29 countries, and were able to acknowledge several hard-working local residents for their outstanding contributions to our community, as part of our Community Citizen of the Year Awards. It was also my pleasure to present Mr Jeff Munn with Honorary Freeman of the Municipality after Council endorsed his nomination late last year. Jeff's impact within the community, over many years, has been substantial. More information about our Citizen Awards and Jeff's contributions are on page 10.

Music in the Park is in full swing, with a number of established musicians, local emerging artists, schools and community groups set to share their performances in Memorial Park every Saturday. In May, we welcome the return of the Armadale Arts Festival and Minnawarra Art Awards. Plus, after last year's success, our Let's Connect Expo will be back, showcasing a variety of support services available throughout the City. We'll even see the return of the National Dragon Boat AusChamps to Champion Lakes, for the first time in almost 10 years. Needless to say, there's plenty going on for everyone in our City.

In May, our annual Native Plants for Residents giveaway will see us continue to encourage and support residents in building and growing natural habitats and wild gardens around their homes. We've also got 142 trees on order for planting during this year's Street Tree Request Program –

nearly twice as many as the same time last year.

I'm pleased to announce the City has successfully secured a \$25,000 grant from the latest WA Hiking Participant funding round offered by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. We'll also welcome the 2024 Trails Forum to our City this April, with a focus on Aboriginal engagement, governance, trail tourism, and sustainable trail development. More information is available on the DLGSCI website and registrations will open soon. Sponsorship of major events is part of the City's Strategic Community Plan and continues to be guided by our Tourism and Economic Development Strategies to attract events that contribute to the region's community and economy.

Green waste collections are back from April, and we have a useful online tool available to help you check the date it's coming to your area. Unfortunately, the unlawful dumping of mattresses is an ongoing problem in our community, even though free mattress collections can be booked at any time of the year. Please refer to Page 15 for more information.

The Councillors and I wish you all the best for the coming months, and we hope to see you at some of our many events coming up soon.

Kind regards,



Mayor
Ruth Butterfield

Acknowledgement of Country

Across the City of Armadale, the land on which we live, work and meet is Wadjuk Country. We acknowledge and pay our respects to Noongar people, the traditional owners and custodians of this land. We respect connection to Country, the importance of cultural heritage and embrace the knowledge of Elders past and present.

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Bin collections over Easter



Please note

No bin collections on **Good Friday 29 March**. Bins will be collected on **Saturday 30 March**.

Normal bin collections resume on **Monday 1 April 2024**.



GUERIN PARK

On Saturday 4 November 2023, Mason Green Park (also known as Guerin Park) in Piara Waters was ravaged by fire, destroying the children's playground, the boardwalk through the natural areas, and causing significant damage to the large paperbark next to the playground. Thanks to the quick work of local residents and DFES, the fire was contained later that afternoon and the City was able to begin to assess the damage on Sunday 5 November.

The City has worked hard to rehabilitate the area and prepare it for rejuvenation, engaging specialists including structural engineers and an independent arborist to assess the damaged trees and make recommendations on the best way to care for them. Remediation works are ongoing, but it's easy to see the huge difference that's already been made.



LONDON PLANE TREE RELOCATION

Recently, the City collaborated on successfully transplanting and relocating four mature London Plane Trees '*platanus acerifolius*' from the City's CBD area to their new home in Rotary Park, Armadale.

After hearing the four trees, estimated to be up to 20 years old, were earmarked for removal as part of METRONET's Byford Rail Extension project, it was decided the trees were far too valuable to end up as mulch. The decision was made to transplant them and relocate them to Rotary Park, where they will provide shade for years to come.



Thank you, Bruce!

The City recently received a heartfelt email from a grateful resident, Greg, who wanted to ensure his thanks could be passed on to Ranger Bruce for going above and beyond.

He noted "I'm generally not one to write a recommendation, however, I truly feel his level of service and professionalism has been exemplary and he deserves some recognition in this instance".

Knowing Bruce, we're not at all surprised. Thanks for taking the time to reach out, Greg.



Planting Joy

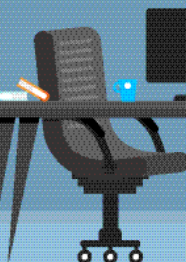
Just before Christmas, a local community member dropped off a selection of individually decorated envelopes with a variety of garden plant seeds as a thank you to the City for everything we do. This thoughtful gesture was gratefully received and put a smile on many of our team's faces.



NEW YEAR, NEW JOB

As a diverse and fast-growing Local Government, we've always got new opportunities on the horizon. Can't see anything that quite suits your skills? Reach out anyway for a chat.

jobs.armadale.wa.gov.au



Around Our City

JULL STREET MALL Improvement Project

Change is here!

Exciting times are here for Armadale's CBD. The upgrade of the mall is just one of a number of projects working towards the development of a vibrant and active link through the heart of the City Centre.

This space will be critical in connecting the Shopping Precinct and adjacent businesses with the new Armadale Train Station and elevated viaduct (a METRONET project that began in late-2023), the new Armadale TAFE Campus (under construction and due to be completed in 2025), and the recently opened \$89M Courthouse & Police Complex.

So, what improvements can you expect to see as part of these Jull Street Mall enhancements?

- Upgraded street furniture throughout the mall, with new seating options and bike racks
- Improved safety with enhanced lighting
- Replacement of existing light poles with suspended catenary lighting and multi-function poles
- Greening the mall with the introduction of beautiful, soft landscape areas
- Paving remediation works.

For more information or to check out the concept plan, scan the code or visit engage.armadale.wa.gov.au/jsmip



TROON PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT

The playground at Troon Park is due for replacement and we're grateful to the local community for playing a part in the adventure.

Stage one of the consultation ran for two weeks and involved nearby residents and users of Troon Park partaking in a survey focused on ideal playground improvements.

From the results, we found park-users wanted to see the current playground modernised with a variety of play experiences – especially swinging and sliding! Following the need to update the current playground, improving access and providing additional park amenities was commonly requested.

All feedback received from the surveys were then collated and used to help form the basis of the proposed concept plan.

Works to replace the existing playground are set to commence this month, with expected completion in May 2024.

To find out more, scan the QR code or visit

engage.armadale.wa.gov.au/troon-reserve-playground



Park Upgrades

BURTONIA PARK

The park improvements will create a family friendly recreational space for the Piara Waters community, focusing on youth orientated equipment and park amenities.

Residents and visitors will be able to enjoy a cricket net, improved basketball amenities, new playground equipment, and additional shade and picnic areas.

The park will be ready for use in April 2024. In the meantime, the space is temporarily closed with the construction site surrounded by fencing.

For more information visit engage.armadale.wa.gov.au/burtonia-park

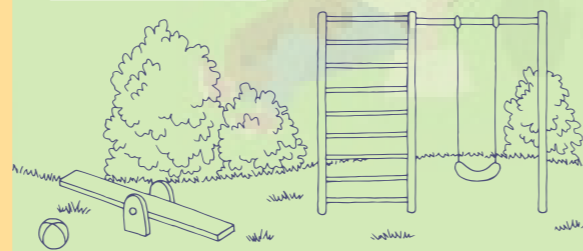
YELLOWWOOD PARK

It's time for an upgrade.

The park improvements will create a family friendly recreational space for the Harrisdale community with a focus on youth orientated spaces and equipment. So, what improvements can you expect to see?

- Youth focused park upgrade
- A new parkour fitness area
- Turf mound hang out spaces
- Study pods
- Outdoor hammocks
- Nature journey pathways
- New park amenities
- Improved landscapes and new trees
- Better-connected pathways.

For more information visit engage.armadale.wa.gov.au/yellowwood-park



Our community

Community Grants

\$\$\$ AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS 2023/24

Did you know the City provides two rounds of community grants of up to \$5,000 each financial year, with the aim of supporting the development of community-based initiatives led by groups located in the district?

Community Grants are available in three categories: Equipment, One-off Community Event or Project, and Extended Community Project, with different levels of funding available for each category.

For the first round of this year's grants, we were fortunate to be able to support 15 local organisations. Funding was provided to:

- Piara Waters Cricket Club for equipment for their women's team
- Gosnells Community Legal Centre to support Family Domestic Violence Kintsugi Workshops
- Bedforddale Connect Inc. for kids' activities at the Bedforddale Bush Market.

And many more!

Round 2 applications open 11 March 2024 and close 8 April 2024

For more information, please visit

armadale.wa.gov.au/community-grants-and-donations

You can also contact the City's Community Development team on (08) 9394 5642 or via info@armadale.wa.gov.au with any questions.



DID YOU KNOW?

Kintsugi is an ancient Japanese art form that takes broken pottery and repairs the cracks with gold to make a stronger and more beautiful final product.

MULTISPORT

Winter edition

MultiSport is an awesome FREE program for children and young people. Hosted by local sports clubs and state sporting associations, each hour-long session is designed to give participants a taste of the sports on offer, and an opportunity to meet new people whilst they're at it.

Water and a healthy snack provided free.

Fridays in March - 1, 8, 15, 22

For more information, please contact clubdevelopment@armadale.wa.gov.au



ARMADALE YOUTH

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Voices of today, leaders of tomorrow. Connect, advocate, and have your voice heard.

For aspiring change-makers who want to play an important and powerful role in planning and decision-making on issues affecting local youth. No matter your background or experience, if you're aged between 12-25, we'd love your input.

Get more information or register your interest via armadale.wa.gov.au/young-people

Applications close on Friday 15 March.

ACCESS AND INCLUSION

Reference Group

We have vacancies for community members to join the City's Access and Inclusion Reference Group. This proactive group meets bi-monthly and works alongside City staff to provide advice on how to improve access and inclusion for the wider community; with an emphasis on people living with a disability.

Visit armadale.wa.gov.au/people-disability for more information or contact a Community Development Officer on (08) 9394 5629.

Alternative format expression of interest forms are also available.

Applications close Friday 3 May at 4.30pm



KIDSPORT

KidSport provides financial assistance to families with the aim of ensuring all kids have the opportunity to participate in sport, remain physically active, and build long-lasting friendships.



This financial year, KidSport has been doubled from \$150 to \$300 per eligible child!

Not only can the vouchers go towards club registration fees, they can also be used towards essential playing equipment and uniforms.

KidSport is available to children between 5-18 years who are named on a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

To find out if your child is eligible, visit dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport

KidSport is delivered by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries in partnership with Local Governments throughout Western Australia.

AFAC's Active Armadale Swim School is a registered KidSport club under the newer KidSwim category.



FOOD AS MEDICINE

workshops

Using Food as Medicine.

Join us for this **FREE** series, delivered by qualified nutritionist Carrie Reedy.

No matter our age or current health status, there are steps all of us can take to help our bodies work better and feel better, making us healthier versions of ourselves.

This series will explore the role our food choices play in helping to protect our brains, support our mental health, improve energy levels, and sleep better.

Come along to one workshop or them all.

Supporting our Mental Health

- Tuesday 5 March, 1.30pm-2.30pm at Seville Grove Library
- Thursday 7 March, 6pm-7pm at Armadale Library

Improve your energy levels

- Tuesday 12 March, 1.30pm-2.30pm at Seville Grove Library
- Thursday 14 March, 6pm-7pm at Armadale Library

Sleep Better

- Tuesday 19 March, 1.30pm-2.30pm at Seville Grove Library
- Thursday 21 March, 6pm-7pm at Armadale Library

Places are limited and bookings are essential.

Call the relevant location or visit library.armadale.wa.gov.au to book a place.



ARMADALE ARTS FESTIVAL *artist*

Born in Port Hedland, WA, Wayne could be termed the wandering troubadour. Traveling extensively throughout the USA, Canada, New Zealand and Europe, he backpacked - guitar in hand - learning his musical craft playing in bars, restaurants and bistros.

Over the last 10 years, Wayne has been based in the Armadale area. Wayne has developed into a fine fingerstyle guitarist/vocalist. At home as a singer/songwriter, playing bluegrass, country or in orchestral string ensembles, Wayne's versatility allows him to play full-time.

"I have committed myself to being the best I can be, musically, and have surrounded

myself with inspirational musicians whose high standards drive me to continually improve."

With the development and production of the shows 'An Evening of John Denver' and 'Sundown, The Songs of Gordon Lightfoot', both well received by the public around Perth, Fremantle and Armadale, Wayne has added more strings to his bow.

Collaborations with local banjo legend, Ian Simpson (Simpson and Perry, Cityslickers, the John Denver and Gordon Lightfoot shows) and talented local classical musical director/conductor Rachel John (Melt to Music, Classic Sounds Orchestra) have highlighted Wayne's commitment to the local Armadale area.



"Since living here, I am amazed at the artistic talent we have here in Armadale. It's an honour to be chosen, out of all the talented people here, as the festival artist for 2024. Looking at previous nominees, I am in distinguished company."

HEARING CLINICS

To celebrate World Hearing Day, the City of Armadale has partnered with Hearing Australia to offer **FREE** hearing checks throughout our community. Join us and take the first step toward rediscovering the sounds you love.

Hearing Australia drop-in clinics will be visiting:

- Harrisdale – Wednesday 6 March
- Roleystone – Wednesday 13 March
- Hilbert – Wednesday 20 March
- Champion Centre – Wednesday 27 March.

For more information and to book a timeslot that suits you, visit: events.humanitix.com/tours/hearing-clinics



ARE YOU BOOKING AN EVENT?

Enjoy the ease and convenience of hosting your event locally at one of our many halls, pavilions or 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—that's why our new Bookable system makes it easy to organise a venue for your next event, at the click of a button.

Visit the City's venue booking site at armadale.bookable.net.au, and explore using the filters provided.



ARMADALE ARTS FESTIVAL

Armadale will be transformed into a hub of art and creativity this May 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, crafts, and more to showcase the incredible talent coming from this region and to bring some of the greats straight to Armadale.

Whether you see yourself as an arts enthusiast or you just enjoy doing fun stuff, there's something for everyone.

Full program coming in April.

Don't miss out, check out the calendar of events by visiting armadaleartsfestival.com.au or follow the Facebook event on the City's Facebook page for further details and festival updates.

The Armadale Arts Festival is proudly supported by Lotterywest.

Some events in the festival are ticketed, based on event and location requirements. We recommend securing your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Book online from April.

From Saturday 4 May - Sunday 19 May 2024 at various venues across the City.

MINNAWARRA ART AWARDS

The Minnowarra Art Awards showcases some of WA's best artists, many of whom 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 including floor talks and the much-loved Positive Ageing High Teas, ensuring it's not just the arts' lovers who are able to revel in this creative visual feast.

General Exhibit

Date: Saturday 4 May – Sunday 19 May 2024
Time: 11am-4pm
Venue: Armadale District Hall, Cnr Jull Street and Church Avenue
Cost: Free!

Follow the Facebook event page on the City's Facebook page for more information and event updates including announcements on the public program.



What's on

SAVE THE DATES



Music in the Mall Park

This year, head to our new location of Memorial Park for a showcase of FREE vibrant live performances. Bring your lunch or support local business and buy something to eat or drink from a variety of our local cafes, then all you need to do is relax and enjoy the entertainment from established musicians, local emerging artists, schools and community groups.

Every Saturday 10 February – 20 April, excluding long weekends

Check out the program at armadale.wa.gov.au/events/music-park

MOVIES in March FREE EVENT 8-22 MARCH

Join us for the FREE Movies in March series! Bring a picnic along or purchase some food* while you enjoy a delightful evening of children's activities and a family movie together. We've got some of the loveliest parks across the district set up for this popular series, and three great films scheduled.

Find out more at armadale.wa.gov.au/movies

- FRIDAY 8 MARCH** 5pm-8pm **Rushton Park, Kelmscott**
- FRIDAY 15 MARCH** 5pm-8pm **Novelli Pavilion, Piara Waters**
- FRIDAY 22 MARCH** 5pm-8pm **Shipwreck Park, Hilbert**

* Food options may vary across different movie nights



Let's Connect ARMADALE EXPO



Come and get connected with local community services!

Join us for a **FREE** one-day expo showcasing a range of community groups and service providers from Armadale and the surrounding areas. The day will be packed full of useful information and kid-friendly activities; we have giveaways and door prizes; and, if you're one of the lucky first few, you might even score a free Bean-Thru coffee voucher. There's even a free sausage sizzle!

We're also excited to be hosting several informative presentations throughout the day.

FRIDAY 5 APRIL FROM 10AM – 4PM
NEW LOCATION: 4 Townley Street, Armadale

Shuttle bus available.

Find out more at armadale.wa.gov.au/events



SUNDAY 28 APRIL

DOGS' DAY OUT

Rossiter Pavilion & Playing Fields, Piara Waters
10am - 1pm

Treat your beloved family pet to a Dogs' Day out, full of fun and exciting activities. There'll be plenty of entertainment for the whole family, Fido included.

Find out more at armadale.wa.gov.au/events

ARMADALE YOUNG WRITERS' AWARDS

Entries closing Sunday 30 June

Calling on aspiring young writers in the community – put pen to paper and get ready to enter the Armadale Young Writers' Awards!

This creative writing competition is open to all students from Year 3 - Year 12 who reside or attend school in the City of Armadale.

A well-known author will conduct a free writing workshop for students – so keep a look out for dates to book a place!

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 1-30 June.

Full details of the workshop and how to enter will be available mid-April at library.armadale.wa.gov.au/armadale-young-writers-awards



NATIONAL DRAGON BOAT AUSCHAMPS

For the first time in almost 10 years, Australia's pinnacle national event for dragon boating is back in Armadale! Featuring five days of races with athletes from all over Australia and New Zealand, this fast and furious, paddle-driven water sport is sure to be fun for the whole family to watch.

Proudly sponsored by the City of Armadale, hosted at our world class Champion Lakes facility.

From 17-21 April

Let's Chill



Are you aged 12-25 and want to know more about what's on in the City just for you?

Come hang out, enjoy some free food, meet new friends, and get info on activities, support, and local services that are available for young people. DJ Tobias has the music covered, and we've got breakdancing and skateboarding clinics, art activities, a games truck, and so much more.

Friday 19 April 2024

4pm-7pm

Memorial Park, Orchard Avenue, Armadale

This is an alcohol, smoke, and vape-free event.



Befriend

COMMUNITY SERIES

Are you looking for an opportunity to get together to connect and explore ways to grow relationships within your community? Come along and join Befriend's Community Enrichment Facilitator for this series of fortnightly workshops, as you go on a journey of self-discovery and development in the good company of your fellow community members.

Tuesdays, 10am-12pm
Novelli Pavilion, Piara Waters
Bookings essential

Find out more at armadale.wa.gov.au/events



PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

FOCUS SPOTLIGHT ON HILBERT & HAYNES



The FOCUS local history photographic competition is back for 2024 with cash prizes for the best amateur photographs.

THEME: **SPOTLIGHT ON HILBERT & HAYNES**

BONUS CATEGORY: **PRE-2000 'OPEN HISTORICAL'**

Entries closing Sunday 31 March 2024

For more information and entry conditions check library.armadale.wa.gov.au/focus



2024

Australia Day Awards

Three citizens and a community group were recognised for their contributions to the City at this year's Australia Day Citizenship celebrations. These awards are an annual occurrence, calling for members of the community to nominate individuals and groups that go above and beyond to make outstanding contributions to the wider community.

Mayor Ruth Butterfield said: "Once again, these awards highlight the depth of love that people have for their community, and the lengths they go with their acts of service. We are extremely proud to recognise these people and groups for their efforts, and on behalf of the Councillors and the City, we offer our sincerest thanks and congratulations to you all."

- Community Citizen of the Year - Ash Botheras
- Senior Community Citizen of the Year - Karen Stocker
- Young Community Citizen of the Year - Chien Foo
- Active Citizenship Group – Roleystone Family Centre.

Nominations for the Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year Awards open in October, with winners announced at local Australia Day Citizenship Ceremonies each year.

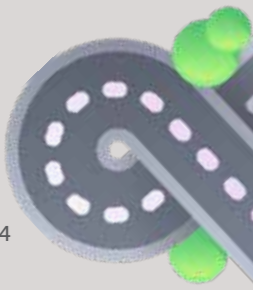


Left to right: Karen Stocker, Cr Kerry Busby, Mayor Ruth Butterfield, Chien Foo, a representative from Roleystone Family Centre, Ash Botheras

Blackspot PROJECTS

The City has recently completed a number of Blackspot projects, to mitigate the risk of crashes by improving the current flow and management of traffic and pedestrians.

These projects include works at Railway Avenue in Kelmscott and the Ranford Road, Lake Road, and Remisko Drive Roundabout in Forrestdale.



Jeff Munn HONORARY FREEMAN

The City is honoured to announce the title of Honorary Freeman of the Municipality has been awarded to Mr Jeffrey Harold Munn CMC.

Jeff served the community as a Councillor for 36 years, which included 14 years as Deputy Mayor of the City. His local government service began in 1975 and, during his time, he served as a committee member of many council and state committees.

Jeff has been a civil marriage celebrant since 1983, and has presided over 3400 weddings, funerals, and naming ceremonies. He was a Justice of the Peace for 24 years.

Jeff was the Founding President of the Armadale Table Tennis Club, the Vice President of the Roleystone Bowling Club, and a soccer referee for amateur matches for many years, which saw him included as a life member of the Amateur Referee Association (Football West). Jeff's love of community sport contributed to him advocating for improved sporting facilities across the City.

Mayor Ruth Butterfield said: "It was a pleasure to recognise Jeff Munn's contributions, with the title of 'Honorary Freeman of the Municipality'. Jeff's dedication to public service and to the City made him a role model and mentor for many new Councillors."

"The impact of his work in the community will continue to provide positive impact into the future. On behalf of the City of Armadale and the Councillors, congratulations and thank you for your service."

NATIVE PLANTS for residents

Our very popular plant giveaway program is back for 2024! You are invited to be part of learning, growing, and building natural habitat and wild gardens in your own yard, verge, or on the porch.

The season of Djeran feels like mild days, cool nights and a reprieve from the hot weather, it really is the perfect time for outdoor nature activities like planting and growing new plants around your place.

Sunday 19 May 2024
Champion Centre, 76 Champion Drive, Seville Grove

Households can select up to 10 native plants for free!



STREET TREE request program

Our Street Tree Request Program for residents is growing! Winter 2023 saw 78 trees planted and we've got 142 trees on order for planting in 2024.



Thank you to all our residents for participating and helping us grow the Armadale urban forest.

The summer heat is well and truly upon us, and it's super important to give your verge tree some additional TLC—trees feel heat stress just like us! Providing your tree with an extra drink in the hotter months has a significant impact on their establishment and growth rate.

How much water?

Newly planted trees require more frequent watering than established trees. It takes approximately three years for trees to fully establish.

Ideally your new trees should be given 50 litres at each watering. The following watering intervals will give your tree the best chance of establishing properly:

- 1-2 weeks after planting, water daily
- 3-12 weeks after planting, water every 2-3 days
- After 12 weeks, water weekly until roots are established (approximately three years)



Find out more by visiting engage.armadale.wa.gov.au/verge-tree-request

AGLG

upcoming events



Since 1996, the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group has been coordinating land care planning, river restoration, bushland management, community action, and community awareness programs. There are lots of events throughout the year and new volunteers are always welcome! Bring your children, friends, neighbours, or grandparents; AGLG will provide everything else.

Find out more or get involved by visiting: aglg.org.au/events

Sunday 3 March, 9am-10.30am

Clean Up Australia Day
Banyowla Regional Park, Kelmscott

Saturday 18 May, 9am-12 midday

Seedling plantings
Harry Hunter Rehabilitation Centre
2498 Albany Hwy, Gosnells

Sunday 19 May, 9am-12 midday

City of Armadale Plants for Residents (registration required)
76 Champion Drive, Seville Grove

Saturday 8 June, 9am-12 midday

Seedling plantings
Pries Park, Kelmscott

Saturday 22 June, 9am-12 midday

Seedling plantings
Goolamrup Reserve, Kelmscott



Plenary Sessions

Every year, the City's Bushcare Environmental Working Group hosts two plenary sessions, covering a range of environmental topics. Up next is the Great Cocky Count on Thursday 14 March from 6pm-8pm. Find out more about this and other sessions at

armadale.wa.gov.au/plenary-sessions



Swap - Don't Shop

Following the success of November Swap – Don't Shop event, which saw 65kg of clothing diverted from landfill, the City of Armadale continued its commitment to promoting circular economy by hosting a Children's Storytime in February.



Over 110kg of items were donated, with 55kg being swapped and the remainder donated to St Vinnies and the Drop 'n' Shop Reuse Centre. That's 100% of donation materials diverted from landfill!

The Children's Storytime event sought to change the community's relationship with products and encourage sharing and reusing instead of always buying new. This has both financial and environmental implications, with the event aiming to focus on perspective change on extending the life of products and materials and reducing the need to always buy something new.

The emphasis on sharing and reusing toys, games and books allowed families to leave the event with 'new' treasures, whilst contributing to a significant reduction in their environmental footprint.



Swap Don't Shop - Children's Clothing and Shoes
Clothing and shoes drop-off:
Friday 17 May, 10am – 4pm
Swap event:
Saturday 18 May 2024, 10 – 11.30am
Rossiter Pavilion, Piara Waters

Pay it Forward

WITH CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

The City of Armadale has partnered with Containers for Change to install 10 public Pay it Forward baskets - and we're calling on the community to get involved! These public Pay it Forward baskets provide unrestricted access for members of the community to claim the 10c refund on containers in the basket, whilst providing recycling options in public areas.

By simply depositing your used containers into the Pay it Forward baskets, you're not only allowing someone who needs it to claim the 10c refund, but you're also contributing to the larger goal of minimising the environmental impact of single use items.

The Containers for Change program aims to keep valuable resources such as plastic, glass, liquid paperboard and aluminium cans from entering landfill. Containers are sent for reprocessing, where they are used to create new products, reducing the environmental impact of single use containers and embodying the principles of a circular economy. Approximately 1.3 billion drink containers are used in WA each year!

Pay it Forward basket locations:

- Fancote Park, Kelmescott
- Jarrah Road near Roleystone Hall, Roleystone
- Jull Street Mall, Armadale
- Minnowarra Park, Armadale
- Rushton Park, Kelmescott
- San Jacinta Road near sport facilities, Seville Grove
- Seventh Road Armadale near Gwynne Park Sporting Facilities



Save the Date



WASTE LESS COMPOST AND WORM FARMING WORKSHOPS

Wednesday 6 March, 6.30pm-9pm
 Armadale District Hall, Armadale

Saturday 9 March, 2pm-5pm
 Kelmescott Hall, Rushton Park
 (this includes a tour of Kelmescott Community Garden)



WASTE LESS CLOTH NAPPY WORKSHOPS

Thursday 4 April, 7.30pm-9pm
 Piara Waters Pavilion

Saturday 13 April, 2.30pm-4pm
 Novelli Pavilion

For more information on these workshops, visit armadale.wa.gov.au/events

DROP 'N' SHOP RE-USE CENTRE



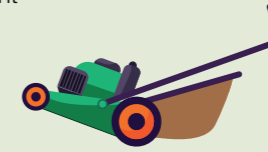
Refurbishing and reusing household items and discarded building supplies conserves raw materials and saves energy compared to producing new products. Providing items with a second life also prevents them from ending up in landfill.

Head over to the Drop 'n' Shop for your next upcycle project. Whilst all items are sold 'as is' and may not be fit for their original purpose, they can become part of something new and innovative. Some creativity can save you money!

If you have items lying round the house that new life could be breathed into, take them to the Drop 'n' Shop at no charge and help to save resources.

A wide range of items are accepted and sold at the reuse centre. Items include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ Furniture
- ✓ Kitchenware
- ✓ Garden items
- ✓ Bric-a-brac
- ✓ Building materials
- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Equipment
- ✓ Tools
- ✓ Bikes
- ✓ Toys
- ✓ Books.



Please note: tyres, mattresses, computers, carpets, and equipment for babies or young children cannot be accepted.

- 145 Hopkinson Rd, Hilbert WA 6112
- Thursday 10am-2pm | Friday 8.30am-4.30pm
 Saturday 8.30am-4.30pm | Sunday 8.30am-4pm

Testimonials



"I picked up this gold serving cart at the Drop 'n' Shop! The two mugs with plant cuttings and the silver stand they are sitting on were also treasures purchased there. The entire purchase cost me just \$10 and looks a million bucks in my opinion! It was a great experience and I'll definitely be back for more gems to upcycle."

Cam Jones



Hose reel winner

Congratulations to Nishita Parmar of Harrisdale, winner of the 2023 Resident Street Tree Request prize draw.

Nishita applied for a free street tree to be planted on her verge and was automatically entered into the prize draw. She will be well equipped to care for her new tree during the hotter months with her prize.

Help us Green Our City by applying for a free street tree just like Nishita. The City is once again offering a 30m retractable hose as a prize to one lucky winner out of the successful street tree applications submitted for the 2025 planting season.



The City is dedicated to growing our Urban Forest and you can be a part of it too.



City of Armadale Mayor and South East Regional Energy Group Chair Ruth Butterfield (centre), City of Gosnells Mayor Teresa Lynes, and Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale President Rob Coales show off some Rewards for Residents and Businesses for the Switch Your Thinking initiative.

Switch your thinking

TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Want to be rewarded for making your home or business more sustainable?

Switch Your Thinking is here to help make choosing sustainable options more affordable and accessible, in-turn making it easier for you to reduce your carbon emissions and overall environmental impact.

Check out our partners and find more information at switchyourthinking.com

The program partners with local businesses to offer discounts on energy efficient, waterwise, and sustainable products and business partners are always being added, so it's worth checking back in if you don't see anything that suits your needs just now!

Have a local business and want to apply to become a business partner?



Scan the QR code to fill out an application.



Impossible -

THE WORD ITSELF SAYS I'M POSSIBLE!



Nicole has been a member at AFAC since it opened 2017, and her story is one of dedication, persistence, and not giving up on her dream.

"My journey in fitness started six years ago when I decided to join the gym to make some positive changes to my lifestyle. My love for group fitness has seen me transform from a shy girl hiding in the back corner, to being up on-stage teaching others.

When I came to AFAC, I decided to lock in a date to do my module training and set to work doing the physical training needed to achieve my goal. It was tough at times; I lost motivation, but I had fantastic support from my friends at the centre and my instructor. That's what kept me going.

The group fitness room at AFAC really has special, positive vibes! What a journey - one I will never forget! The process taught me so many things that have helped in other areas of my life. One of those things is self-confidence and believing in my ability to face adversity.

Now that I'm a certified Les Mills Body Combat instructor, I cannot wait to share my passion for this program with the AFAC members and hope to show that you can start at any level; you just need to make that first step."

Why not come and take part in one of Nicole's energy-packed Body Combat classes on a Sunday morning at 10.05am. This class is for all fitness levels and Nicole will give your endorphins just the boost they need to help you smile all through Sunday.

Feature Classes



Step into a healthier version of you with Body Step!

Body Step is a mixture of upbeat, rhythmic stepping, and strength exercises and is a fun and uplifting full-body workout. There are plenty of options, so everyone leaves feeling successful.

Come and try a class on either Wednesday or Saturday mornings at 9.10am.

Did someone say limited-edition class?

The newest addition to our timetable is the unique SUP Fit class.

SUP stands for Stand Up Paddleboarding - and this awesome class has just kicked off here at AFAC.

This 30-minute session is a unique way to challenge your body, offering a full-body workout and helping you build a strong core. It's suitable for all fitness levels, though some balance is required.

Come dressed for the pool and bring a towel and your water bottle.



Let's Move for a Better World

WITH TECHNOGYM

'Let's Move for a Better World' is a Global challenge run annually by Technogym to create awareness surrounding global obesity.

Your goal during the challenge is to collect 'moves' whilst exercising, by logging your fitness activity through the Mywellness app or the Technogym equipment. This year's challenge runs from Tuesday 12 - Wednesday 27 March.

By everyone coming together and helping us win this challenge in 2023, AFAC was able to provide a fitness equipment prize pack to Kelmscott Senior High School. For 2024, we have nominated Cecil Andrews College as our beneficiary, so please join in and help us win again.

As a thank you for participating, we have heaps of prizes up for grabs and members will gain one entry into the draw for every '1000 Moves' they collect during the challenge. The awesome grand prize for one lucky winner is a 12-month Full Access Membership at AFAC!

Register for the 'Let's Move for a Better World' Challenge before Tuesday 12 March to be in with a chance to win.

Keep an eye out on the AFAC social media channels over the next few weeks for more details.

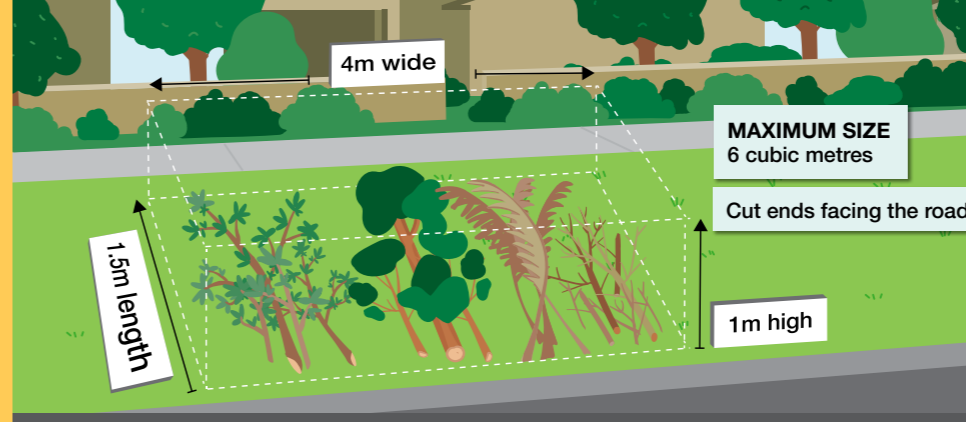


HEALTH AND FITNESS TIMETABLE CHANGES

Have you checked out the exciting new Health and Fitness timetable? Mix up your week and join us for a class!

Check out the updated timetable online at

active.armadale.wa.gov.au/health-fitness-timetable



Green waste verge collections

Green waste collections are starting in April. To check your collection zone use the address look up tool at armadale.wa.gov.au/my-waste-collection-day

WHAT WILL BE COLLECTED

- Tree and shrub prunings up to:
 - 1.5 metres in length
 - 150mm (6 inches) in diameter
 - 6 cubic metres (approx. 3 trailer loads).

Green waste can be placed on the verge up to 2 weeks prior to the collection start date.

WHAT WILL NOT BE COLLECTED

- Boxes or bags of leaves or grass clippings
- Dug out lawn, sand or soil.
- Long branches (over 1.5m)
- Garden chemicals, garden pots or reticulation
- General waste
- Sawn and treated timber
- Green waste placed near services, reticulation, walls or structures
- Green waste on vacant land or public reserves.



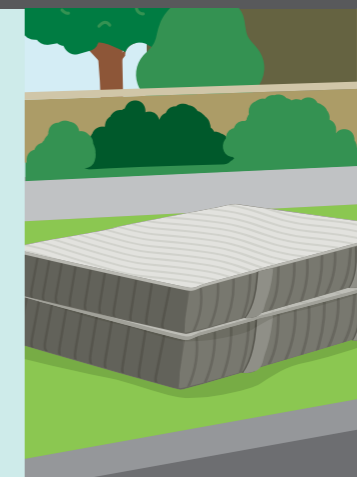
WARNING - In the event of a Total Fire Ban collections may be suspended until the all clear is given.

Free

MATTRESS COLLECTION

Did you know that the City provides free mattress collections, which can be booked at any time of the year?

Make a booking by calling (08) 9394 5444 or book online at softlanding.com.au/book



REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING



The unlawful dumping of mattresses, whitegoods and demolition material - including asbestos - is an ongoing problem in our community.

Don't let our landscape become illegal landfill. If you suspect someone is doing the wrong thing and dumping waste where they shouldn't, contact Crime Stoppers WA online or by phoning **1800 333 000**.

BUSHFIRE SEASON REMINDER

FIREBREAKS

All properties over 5,000m² must have a firebreak installed on or before **30 November 2023** and maintained until **31 March 2024**.

For information about firebreaks or to obtain a fire permit, please visit

armadale.wa.gov.au/firebreaks-and-burning-permits

TOTAL FIRE BAN

During a total fire ban you must not light a fire in the open air or use any equipment in the open air that is likely to emit sparks.

This includes the use of wood fuel BBQs, pizza ovens, chimeneas and incinerators; angle grinders, welders & chainsaws; lawn mowers or brush cutters; candles.

DATES TO REMEMBER

BURNING PROHIBITED

1 December 2023 - 31 March 2024

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

(permits required)

1 October 2023 - 30 November 2023 and **1 April 2024 - 31 May 2024**

No burning on Sundays or Public Holidays.

Have you checked out the Resilient Building Council's Bushfire Resilience App?

Check it out at rating.rbcouncil.org

BUSHFIRE

Community Hub

In the City of Armadale, we are lucky enough to be surrounded by an abundance of beautiful, natural bushland. With this bushland, however, comes the shared responsibility of safeguarding our homes against the risk of bushfires and fire emergencies.

To find out how to safeguard your home or to share your own personal stories and experiences with your community, visit

engage.armadale.wa.gov.au/bushfire-ready

Communities play a pivotal role in both educating themselves and in fostering a sense of unity and support during challenging times. Sharing personal accounts, stories, tips, and feedback with each other is invaluable.



AUSSIES TOGETHER - Oi Oi Oi!

A crowd of over 25,000 people descended upon our iconic Minnowarra and Memorial Parks to enjoy this year's Australia Day event.

Crowds from across the region enjoyed four hours of music and live entertainment, a sideshow alley with kids carnival rides, free games and activities for all the family, and a variety of food vans to keep everyone fed.

"Every year, our community comes together for a relaxed, family-friendly Australia Day event and this year was no exception. It's always wonderful to see such a diverse crowd enjoying all the entertainment, and our ever-popular fireworks display." said Mayor Ruth Butterfield.



"We loved this event so much, from the free activities to the paid rides. The food was great and the music was amazing! The fireworks display was the best yet."

"I love celebrating Australia Day & I love that we all come together in Armadale for a fantastic family celebration."

"What a brilliant night—we have the best City Council in the whole of Perth! Thank you so much for putting on this family friendly celebration. The location is beautiful, the entertainment was top notch, sideshow ally and the food trucks were brilliant, and the fireworks were spectacular..."



Meet your COUNCIL

MAYOR



Mayor
Ruth Butterfield

HERON WARD



Cr Michael
Hancock



Cr Caroline
Wielinga

HILLS WARD



Cr Sarah
Stoneham



Cr Scott
Mosey

LAKE WARD



Cr Sartaj
Virk



Cr Michelle
Silver

MINNOWARRA WARD



Cr Kerry
Busby



Cr Gary
Smith



Cr Paul
Hetherington



Cr Laurie
Sargeson

RANFORD WARD



Cr Shanavas
Peter



Cr Keyur
Kamdar

RIVER WARD



Deputy Mayor
Cr John
Keogh



Cr Jiby
Joy

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.

CITY OF ARMADALE

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