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Highland Gathering



All meetings start at 7pm unless otherwise specified.

Meeting Dates		
Date	Month	Meeting Type
Monday 7	November	Technical Services Committee
Tuesday 8	November	Community Services Committee
Monday 14	November	Council
Monday 21	November	City Strategy Committee
Tuesday 22	November	Development Services Committee
Monday 28	November	Council
Monday 5	December	Technical Services Committee
Tuesday 6	December	Community Services Committee
Monday 12	December	City Strategy Committee
Tuesday 13	December	Development Services Committee
Monday 19	December	Council

Mayor's Message

After years of campaigning the City was very pleased to receive news of the Federal Government's commitment towards the long awaited, all year round, heated indoor aquatic facility. Our community has been very patient waiting for this facility and we are glad we will now be likely to deliver it by the end of the 2018, which is much sooner than hoped.

Please take time to read pages three, four and five that focus on details of the Growing Armadale consultation process and the future planning for the community we have done based on the results. Also pages eight and nine have information on youth programs held during the year and events scheduled over summer.

Residential growth in our region continues to thrive and new businesses are also taking advantage of our strategic location, with Aldi recently opening three stores and a new education college setting up in the City Centre.

We were very pleased the City was awarded the Innovation Award at the 2016 Local Government Managers Association WA Community Development Awards for the Armadale Youth Intervention Partnership. The award recognised innovation by a team to deliver programs, services and/or community based outcomes, above and beyond expectations. We congratulate the team on their efforts.

It was also pleasing to note the Property Council WA's recognition of Armadale in the top three

metropolitan councils (highest of the growth area councils) for oversight of planning, building and development.

The City's events calendar has been pretty full during the last few months. I hope many of you took part in the Perth Kilt Run, the Highland Gathering and the Spring into Armadale Festival's increased program of events.

With summer upon us, I urge residents to take extra care around water. It only takes a couple of centimetres of water for a child to drown. A reminder also to pool owners, to ensure fences and gates are in good condition and comply with legislation.

As we approach the end of the year I wish you and your families safe travel during the festive season and a prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events that are listed in this issue of City Views.

Henry Zelones OAM, JP

Mayor



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Elected Members

Heron Ward

- Cr Donna Shaw**
0430 529 723
- Cr Jim Stewart**
0402 769 658

Jarrah Ward

- Cr Caroline Wielinga**
0488 900 307
- Cr Grant Nixon**
0418 449 611

Lake Ward

- Cr Carole Frost**
0401 119 749
- Cr Michelle Silver**
0406 011 431

Minnawarra Ward

- Cr Matthew Norman**
0403 130 264
- Cr Kerry Busby**
0419 948 866

Neerigen Ward

- Cr Guenter Best**
9399 4371
- Cr Mark Geary**
9498 3416

Palomino Ward

- Cr Colin Campbell JP**
0434 491 464
- Cr Laurence Sargeson**
9399 4002

River Ward

- Deputy Mayor Ruth Butterfield**
9390 1459
- Mayor Henry Zelones OAM, JP**
9495 4838

Consulting the Community

In late 2015 the City consulted with more than 3000 people from a wide cross-section of the community to capture their views and aspirations for Armadale.

The Growing Armadale consultation targeted groups including young people, new residents, young families, youth, seniors, people from different cultural backgrounds, people with a disability and their carer's, business owners and local service providers. Participants contributed through an online survey, postcards or in-person data collection at local shopping centres and events.

What you told us...

There was a huge amount of information received from the community, with many and varied topics of interest to residents.

In all suburbs residents spoke about the positive level of community spirit that exists in Armadale and the friendly people that make this a great place to live. They are proud to live in Armadale and want the media to carry positive stories about this district.

Parks and natural spaces are highly valued, with many residents placing a high value on easy access to nature as well as city amenity in Armadale suburbs.

There was concern expressed about safety in public places and railway stations. Antisocial behaviour is a deterrent to visiting these locations.

The community aspirations included optimum quality of life for all citizens, year round access to an indoor swimming facility, value for money for rates, improvements to parks and streetscapes and the need for improved services and facilities for young people.

This consultation is used to inform the City's long term planning, continue reading overleaf to see how...

"Beautify the streetscapes to improve the City's image, the Armadale brand and the overall sense of pride in the community about where we live."

"Armadale still has the feeling of city living/country style. Plenty of open spaces, decent shopping and the train line runs right through."

"Unfortunately there still seems to be many undesirable people who frequent the area making people feel unsafe. Although only a few, they do ruin it for everyone."

"We badly need a swimming complex..."

"I love the changes..."

"the lovely park in Armadale..."

"the parks are more exciting to be in..."

"There is so much growth slated for the area, I have a sense the City is pretty switched on..."



Planning for your Priorities

Following the Growing Armadale consultation the City developed the **Strategic Community Plan 2016 - 2031** which sets out the aspirations of the community.

The aspirations are broken into four major areas of focus, or 'Future Directions', each with a series of outcomes the community wants to see.

Community

The range and quality of services offered within the area plays a key role in making Armadale a preferred place to live by fostering community pride, safety and healthy lifestyles.

Environment

The level of care afforded to our natural environment and the way land and physical infrastructure is planned, provided and maintained.

Strategic Future Directions

Economy

A strong economy that improves employment opportunities and also provides regional services, facilities and infrastructure.

Leadership

Effective leadership and professional governance, together with efficient administration of Council resources.

Community Outcomes:

- A strong sense of Community spirit
- Active community life that is safe and healthy
- The community has the services and facilities it needs
- The community is engaged and understood

Environment Outcomes:

- The Natural Environment is valued and conserved
- Attractive and functional public places
- Well managed infrastructure
- Best practice waste management
- Quality development outcomes

Economy Outcomes:

- Economic growth
- Diverse employment and education opportunities
- Public Infrastructure that supports economic development
- A desirable destination

Leadership Outcomes:

- Visionary civic leadership and sound governance
- An innovative and progressive organisation
- Financial sustainability
- Effective communications

Each year the City reviews its five year **Corporate Business Plan**, so this year it was updated to reflect the new long term **Strategic Community Plan**.

This document explains the strategies and actions the City will take to achieve the community's aspirations as stated in the Strategic Community Plan.

The 53 strategies and 137 actions the organisation plans to carry out then inform the Annual Budget, and project across 15 years to ensure we meet your long term goals.

The Plan also details the costs of key projects over the next 15 years.

The full Strategic Community Plan 2016 - 2031 and Corporate Business Plan 2016 - 2021 are available to view on the City's website at www.armadale.wa.gov.au.

The Strategic Planning Process

Community Consultation



Strategic Community Plan

Provides the long term view informed by community aspirations. Reviewed every four years.



Corporate Business Plan

Activates the Strategic Community Plan, integrates other plans for specific outcomes and sets out the resource strategies. Reviewed annually to deliver the Annual Budget.



Annual Budget



Measurement & Reporting

Informing Strategies

Finance Plan
Workforce Plan
Asset Plan
Service Plans
Specific Plans
and strategies



Achieving your Aspirations

With all of the planning in place, the City sets out to achieve the aspirations the community has given us.

The City is already meeting some of the aspirations from Growing Armadale. Our extensive efforts to secure funding to build the new indoor pool have been successful and the State Government has purchased land for the new courthouse and police station complex.

In response to our community's concerns about feelings of safety, the City is funding a trial of community liaison officers in the Jull Street Mall. At the conclusion of the trial, the City will assess the impact. We hope that this, along with the other community friendly initiatives the City has implemented in the City Centre, will increase public comfort during the coming festive shopping season.

You can read more about these achievements on the following pages...



Indoor pool moves forward

The long awaited all year round heated indoor aquatic facility, originally scheduled for 2019/20, should now be completed by the end of 2018.



The City received confirmation at the end of August of the Federal Coalition Government's \$10 million grant towards the Armadale Aquatic Centre upgrade.

Delivered through the Community Development Grants (CDG) program, the funding could see construction of the \$26 million heated indoor pool facility start as early as July 2017.

The Aquatic Centre project has been on the City's Long Term Financial Plan for many years with over \$4.5 million in

preparatory work already completed. In May this year, Council committed \$1 million to complete design and documentation for the project.

Lead development consultancy for the redevelopment has been awarded to Donovan Payne Architects. It is expected that design will be completed in early 2017, with construction on the new facility expected to be completed by November 2018. The design brief included:

- New indoor pool building, including a new 25m pool and family leisure pool
- New gymnasium
- New entry, reception desk and administration suite
- New kiosk and indoor/outdoor café area
- New change facilities
- New program and community rooms
- Retaining the existing 50 metre pool, as an outdoor pool, and the popular children's splash pad area.

New Justice Precinct on the horizon

The City's vision for the Armadale Strategic Metropolitan Centre Civic Precinct, is a step closer following the recent announcement by the State Government they have purchased land for a new Armadale Justice Precinct.

Two adjacent blocks of land bounded by Third Road and Thomas Street, purchased at the cost of \$4.9 million, will become home to the future Armadale justice complex.

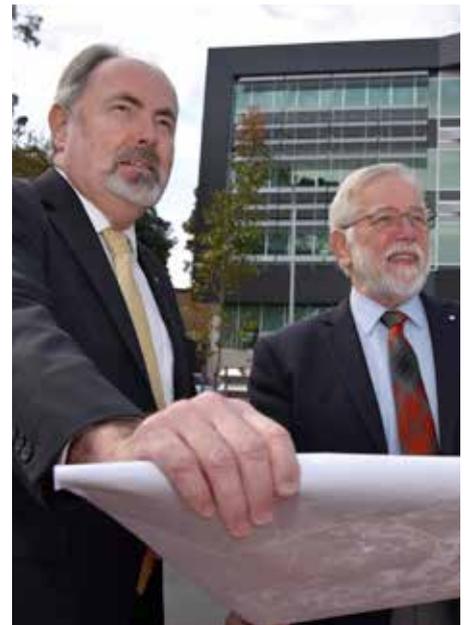
The current court house and Police Station were built in the 1980s, and are outdated for a Strategic Metropolitan Centre such as Armadale. Relocation of the court house is crucial to the redevelopment of the Civic Precinct and provision of

other key local services to the region.

The City will now be able to progress its own plans for the future development of the Civic Precinct.

The government has also committed \$1.8 million for the planning of the complex in the 2016/17 State Budget.

Further development of the CBD will improve the feeling of safety and security for the community.



Harrisdale Pavilion update

The \$7.8 million Harrisdale Pavilion and Playing Fields complex is near completion and will be ready for use early 2017.

Located on Gracefield Boulevard between the Harrisdale Primary School and Harrisdale High School, progress on the facility has continued during winter with construction of the external walls, roof frame and roof sheeting. Work continues on the internal construction and change room facilities as well as the external tiered seating.

Stage 1 of the project, the oval complex, consisting of three multipurpose playing fields and car parking was completed earlier this year and available for the community to access for passive recreation use.

The facility will be available to the public in 2017 and has been made possible with more than \$7 million in funding from the City, and support from the Department of Sport and Recreations Community Sporting and Recreations Facilities Fund with a grant of \$800,000.

The Harrisdale Pavilion and Playing Fields complex is collocated with the Harrisdale Primary School and Harrisdale Secondary School. It is the first of nine shared Education/Community sites to be developed in partnership with the Department of Education in the City's high growth areas over the next 15 years.



Project Updates in the City

It's been a busy year for the Technical Services team with many projects around the City completed or nearing completion. Some of these include:



Silvershot Reserve

\$20,000 (completed August 2016)

Recent upgrades to a simple sandpit has seen the installation of a custom built nature play playground and sand pulley table at Silvershot Reserve Harrisdale. In order to prevent extensive damage to the surrounding park and minimise disruption to residents and park users a very large crane was utilised to lift the equipment into place.

Alfred Skeet Oval Lighting

\$170,000 (completion November 2016)

New sports lighting comprising four 30 meter light towers, new control cubicles and club access panels.

Blackburne Reserve Upgrade

\$150,000 (completion November 2016)

Redevelopment of old gravel carpark to include new transitioning pathways, landscaping, passive lighting and meeting areas with seating and nature play playground elements.

Nicholson Road/Yellowwood Avenue Intersection

\$145,000 (Completed March 2016)

Intersection upgrade.

Strawberry Drive

\$388,000 (Completed May 2016)

Improvements to the streetscape.

Westfield Road

\$667,000 (Completion due July 2017)

Improvements to the streetscape.

Challis Primary School Parking

\$479,000 (Completed April 2016)

Upgrades to carpark.



City Centre receives Family Friendly Focus

As the warmer weather finally starts the City is focusing on making the City Centre a busy and vibrant place for your family to prepare for, and celebrate, this festive season.

The City's calendar of events now includes the popular Twilight Markets during October and November. The Jull St Mall will be transformed into a bustling marketplace with stalls selling homemade goods and creative and unique wares, children's activities and live music.

The popular Hawker's Markets, where food trucks and live music join the great kids playground at Memorial Park, will return in November.

The Music in the Mall concerts will also resume in November, showcasing quality local musicians during the free Friday lunchtime concerts.

From November to January the City is also funding a trial of Community Liaison Officers in the Mall to evaluate whether a security presence can alleviate community concerns relating to anti-social behaviour. The trial will be funded from money budgeted to the Jull Street Mall Revitalisation project.

As part of the City's commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of all residents the Mall is now a designated Smoke Free area. This will make visiting the City Centre a more pleasant experience, and reduce exposure to harmful second hand smoke and the incidents of anti-social behaviour.

Local Planning Strategy update

The Western Australian Planning Commission recently endorsed the City's Local Planning Strategy and Scheme Review Report, which outlines strategic directions to guide the significant growth and development forecast for the district over the next 10 years.

Together with State plans this document sets out the vision for continued record breaking growth and development in the City of Armadale. It sets out preferred locations for future homes and jobs and the most appropriate areas for infill development and residential density, providing greater choice and diversity in housing and lifestyle options.

Once prepared for publication the endorsed Local Planning Strategy and Scheme Review Report will be available on the City's website at www.armadale.wa.gov.au or at the Administration Centre.

YOUTH



Urban Art gives the City a fresh look

The City's Urban Art Project 2016 saw a number of City locations receive a makeover, as young local artists turned once drab buildings into colourful creations.

Four young local artists, guided by a professional artist, engaged groups of budding young artists during workshops to collaborate on mural designs for three City buildings.

The Armadale animal management facility, Karragullen Oval water tank and toilet block and, more recently, the Cross Park skatepark

in Roleystone were all refreshed with creative colour during Paint Jam sessions. The designs took each community's characteristics and features into consideration reflecting the themes relevant for each location.

The Urban Art project was funded by two grants received from Community Arts Network WA and the

Department of Culture and the Arts for a combined total of \$30,000.

The project aimed to encourage young people that are interested in art, but may have limited opportunity to explore their creative abilities, and those just wanting to get involved in the community.



Framed Aglow!

For the second year the Armadale District Hall was transformed for a free youth concert. This year the City's Framed Aglow! youth event offered live music in a glow room, with black lights and glow sticks.

Over 120 young people ventured into the City Centre to enjoy an evening of music from talented local bands, Lynwood Unity, Fallen Empire, In Abyss and Tobias along with viewing the visual arts on display for the Outside the Frame exhibition.

Framed Aglow! provided a fun and safe space for our local youth to hang out on a Friday evening and a great platform to help local talented youth develop skills and confidence in front of their peers. The success of the event means another music event is already being planned for next year.

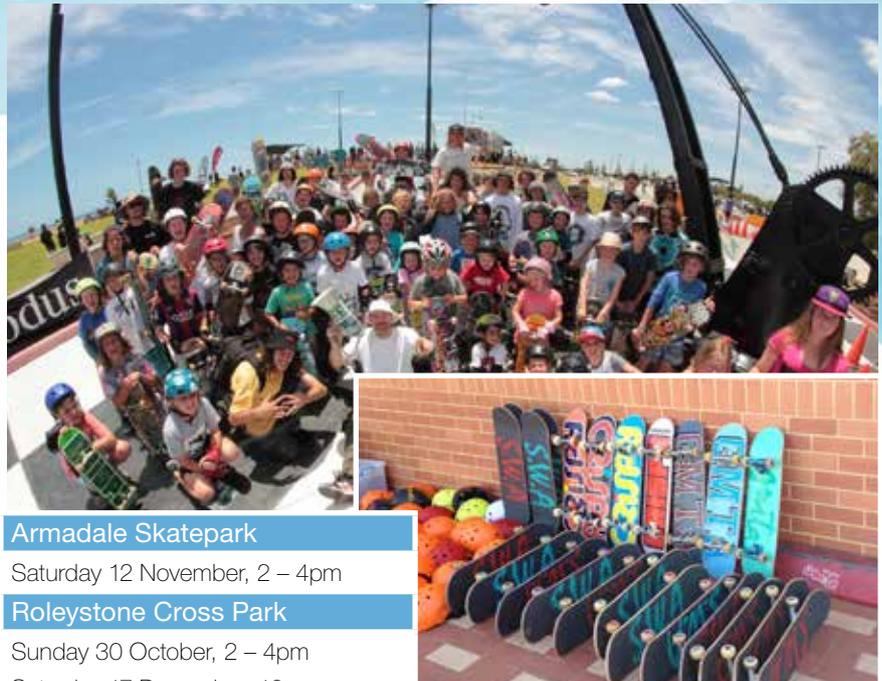
Skateboard Clinics

As part of the Spring into Armadale Festival, a series of free skateboarding clinics will run at each of the City's three skate parks.

Skateboarding WA will present skateboarding demonstrations and coaching sessions, which will provide young people with an opportunity to learn new skills, be active and have fun in an alcohol and drug-free environment.

These free skate clinics are suitable for all skill levels, skateboards and helmets will be provided.

Visit www.skateboardingwa.com.au or contact the City's Youth Officer on 9394 5000 for more information.



Armadale Skatepark

Saturday 12 November, 2 – 4pm

Roleystone Cross Park

Sunday 30 October, 2 – 4pm

Saturday 17 December, 10am – noon

Forrestdale Skatepark

Tuesday 10 January, 4 – 6pm

Students shine Outside the Frame

More than 70 young artists from 20 schools across Perth once again impressed judges with the level of talent and creativity exhibited at the Outside the Frame Art Awards.

Since 1999 the City has held Outside the Frame to provide a professionally curated exhibition displaying the artistic talents of emerging high school artists.

This year John Wollaston Anglican Community School took out the award for the School with the Best Collective Works.



Image: John Wollaston Anglican Community School student - Evie Dodge, with her winning artwork From Small Acorns.

Happy being perfectly imperfect

After a highly successful pilot program in the first half of 2016, the City's Perfect Imperfections program continued in October.

The 10 week program aims to develop and empower young local women aged 13 to 15 by improving their self-esteem and connection with the community and equipping them with the tools to make good life choices.

The success of the pilot program, funded by the WA Department of Local Government and Communities

was so significant for the individuals and communities involved that the City decided to fully fund Perfect Imperfections as a regular program.

Through positive working relationships developed with local youth organisations and high schools in the City, the program offers a range of workshops and activities.





Are you bushfire ready for this summer?

Every household, whether in the hills surrounded by bush or in the new suburbs of the City surrounded by homes, needs to be prepared for the possibility of fire.

All property owners are required to have mineral earth trafficable firebreaks constructed by 30 November and maintained until 14 March 2017.

Restricted Burning Period – Permits Required

1 October 2016 to 30 November 2016 inclusive

BURNING PROHIBITED

1 December 2016 to 31 March 2017 inclusive

Restricted Burning Period – Permits Required

1 April 2017 to 31 May 2017 inclusive

Property owners are reminded that even when a Burning Permit has been issued, no fire is to be lit when the fire danger rating is VERY HIGH or above.

Christmas Direct Debit Rate Payments

Residents currently on the City's A Smarter Way to Pay direct debit rate payment system should note the following payment changes during the Christmas and New Year period.

Payments made on **Friday 23 December** will be as normal. Payments made on **Friday 30 December** will be created on **Friday 23** to be processed on **30 December**. Therefore, the City must be notified of any alterations by **Thursday 22 December, 2016**.

To make any changes contact the City on **9394 5000**.



Swim School over Summer

Swimming classes provide parents and carers with peace of mind, as children learn how to swim and to be safe in and around water.

Armadale Swim School is endorsed by the Swim and Survive program, all our instructors are fully qualified and undertake ongoing training.

Summer Holidays – each series contains nine (9) lessons that run over a two week period. Classes are suitable for children of all ages and abilities.

Series 1: **3 - 13 January**

Series 2: **16 - 27 January**

To enrol or find out more about our Learn to Swim program call 9394 5850 or email swimschool@armadale.wa.gov.au



Armadale Settlers Common

Armadale Settlers Common, is a unique and spectacular 383 hectare bushland reserve in Bedfordale. Perfect for bushwalking, picnics and wildflower spotting.

With a number of walk trails, the Common is the perfect destination for setting out on foot to discover just what the hills can offer. A diverse array of remarkable fauna and flora can be seen all year round.

The network of walk trails, with interpretive signage, provides the opportunity for walking and hiking, orienteering and nature appreciation. You can view an impressive 318 plant species, including several that are extremely rare.

Yongah View lookout offers exceptional panoramic views of Perth from its vantage point nestled up in the Darling Range Regional Park.

Enjoy a 30 minute return walk on the sealed walk trail, which is wheelchair accessible and perfect for the kids on scooters or cycles. Discover the newly installed possum, cockatoo and bat habitat boxes positioned high up in the trees.

There is a choice of picturesque areas to stop for lunch with picnic tables,

shelters and ACROD parking on the Jeeriji and Coppice Trail accessible off Canns Road and Observation Circle.

Or for the more adventurous, hike the extended trails of the eastern block, where you can scan the QR Codes along the way to orient yourself in the reserve.

For a map of the Armadale Settlers Common east walk trails and accessible walk trails visit the City's website at www.armadale.wa.gov.au

Rates incentive winners

Six happy City of Armadale ratepayers have received cash prizes as part of the 2016/17 rates incentive draw that is conducted each year to encourage the on-time payment of household rates.

Ratepayers qualified by paying their rates in full by 9 September, and winners were then randomly selected by a computer draw.

Three cash prizes of \$2000 went to ratepayers in Roleystone, Seville Grove and Hilbert; \$1500 to an Armadale ratepayer while ratepayers in Piara Waters and Hilbert each received a \$500 prize.



History House Exhibition

*Visit the City's History House Museum, located in the Minnowarra Historic Precinct, from November 22 to see the latest exhibition called **In the Home**.*

This exciting exhibition will explore how Australian homes have changed over the last 100 years.

The availability of construction materials and electricity, development of indoor plumbing, changes in architecture, technology and a general rise in living standards are a few of the factors contributing to changes.



Carols by Candlelight and Christmas Parade

Join in the festive spirit of the holiday season with Carols by Candlelight. Kicking off the evening the Christmas Parade features a variety of colourful characters and local community groups in a wondrous spectacle leading into the Carols by Candlelight. Armed with songbooks and LED candles the audience is then treated to a musical spectacular from some of the local incredible talent.

Friday 2 December, 6 – 8.30pm, Christmas Parade begins at 6pm in Jull Street Mall and the Carols at 7pm in Memorial Park.

Hawkers Markets

If you love delectable food, vibrant live music and something a little out of the ordinary then these markets are a must! This worldly playground of cultures is set amongst the gorgeous surrounds of Memorial Park where friends come together and the children can play free.

These delightful multicultural food events provide fun and affordable nights out for you, your family and friends.

**Friday 4 November and Friday 18 November, 5 – 8.30pm
Memorial Park, Armadale**



Senior's Festival in November

Throughout November there are many activities and programs for seniors to participate in such as pole walking, kayaking, positive ageing sessions, a formal luncheon with entertainment and the Positive Ageing Expo held in the Jull Street Mall and Armadale Shopping City. Seniors Festival 2016 booklets are available from the City's Administration Centre, Armadale Visitor Centre and Armadale Shopping City.

Music in the Mall

The popular Music in the Mall concerts return to the Jull Street Mall in November showcasing quality local musicians from our own community. The free Friday lunchtime events run from noon until 2pm and are a great opportunity to hear the extraordinary musical talent living in the Armadale region.

**Fridays, noon - 2pm
Jull Street Mall, Armadale**



Twilight Markets

Jull Street Mall is transformed into a vibrant and bustling marketplace jam packed with homemade goods, creative and unique wares, children's activities and live music. The Mall's infrastructure lends itself perfectly to this event with the charm of overhead trees and ample seating creating an ambient and relaxing environment for all to enjoy.

**Friday 25 November, 5 – 8.30pm
Jull Street Mall, Armadale**



Australia Day

Celebrate Australia Day with a jam-packed evening of festivities and fireworks. Bring a picnic and enjoy a range of activities including the water fun park and carnival amusement rides, or tempt your taste buds with a variety of food stalls. Enjoy a full program of live music showcasing some of the best local talent and then the grand finale fireworks display.

**Thursday 26 January, 5 – 9pm
Minnawarra Park, Armadale**