

# CITY VIEWS

AQUATIC CENTRE  
*Upgrade*

GREENING  
*the City*

ADVOCACY  
*for your community*



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#TheDale Does Summer



All meetings start at **7pm** unless otherwise specified.



Meeting Dates		
Date	Month	Meeting Type
Monday 6	February	Technical Services Committee
Tuesday 7	February	Community Services Committee
Monday 13	February	Council
Monday 20	February	City Strategy Committee
Tuesday 21	February	Development Services Committee
Monday 27	February	Council
Tuesday 7	March	Community Services Committee
Wednesday 8	March	Technical Services Committee
Monday 13	March	Council
Monday 20	March	City Strategy Committee
Tuesday 21	March	Development Services Committee
Monday 27	March	Council

## Mayor's Message

Welcome to 2017 and the promise of another exciting and busy year ahead in the City of Armadale. This year, we continue with the provision of quality services and programs while embarking on some fantastic projects and events set to benefit our ever growing community.

We finished 2016 on a very good note, with the City officially opening the Harrisdale Pavilion and Playing Field, the announcement of the \$86m in funding to begin construction of the Armadale Justice Precinct in 2017 and we are very close to final designs for the Armadale Aquatic Centre's long-awaited \$26 million upgrade – due to start in July.

The plans look fantastic, and as with all major projects of this nature patience will be asked of our residents during the construction period. It may well take a year or more to complete the entire upgrade, however, the resulting facility will be one that the City and the community can be justifiably proud of.

We look forward to the reopening of the Armadale Golf Course after a host of major upgrades to the public facility. I'm sure many of you are looking forward to teeing off on a fully revamped course that will provide a terrific golfing experience in a wonderful, natural setting.

Also on our list of projects for this year is the start of the restoration and upgrade of the State Heritage Listed Armadale District Hall. This will see several improvements

to the building while retaining its heritage status. The project has the support of the State Heritage Council.

On the eve of a WA State election in March, the City has ramped up its advocacy efforts to ensure Armadale, as a Strategic Metropolitan Centre, continues to be a major focus of either an incumbent or new government.

Our Community Connect South campaign continues to seek a commitment from both major parties to fund the Armadale Road Bridge to North Lake Road, ensuring our residents can get to jobs easily.

As we greet the final month of summer, I would like to remind residents of the importance of being fire prepared and ensuring you have taken every precaution in case of a bush or house fire threat.

On behalf of the City and Councillors, we hope you have a safe and prosperous 2017 in the City of Armadale.

**Henry Zelones OAM, JP**  
Mayor



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# Aquatic Centre upgrade – It's happening!

*Final designs for the Armadale Aquatic Centre's \$26 million upgrade are close to completion, with construction, pending final Council approval at the time of writing, due to start this July.*

Completion of the upgrade, including an all seasons 25 metre pool, program pool, crèche, gym and group fitness room is scheduled for the end of 2018. It will be a fantastic modern facility our whole community can love.

Like all major projects there will be a disruption to services while the new facility is being built, and the centre will be closed for up to two summer seasons.

The City understands that this will impact user groups and will keep the public updated as works progress. The completed facility will be well worth the wait.



## Show us your best Aquatic Centre moments

**The Armadale Aquatic Centre is about to undergo its most significant facelift in the facility's 36 year history.**

Before work begins, the City is asking for the public's assistance to provide images and memorabilia to add to our historical collection.

We are seeking photographs or footage of the centre in its 80s heydays, old tickets, uniforms, or that one item that you saved from your favourite summer at the pool.

Please contact the City on **9394 5000** or **info@armadale.wa.gov.au** to assist us in compiling this important collection or drop your memorabilia off to the Aquatic Centre or City Administration Building.



## Energise among the trees

Enjoy an energising start to your day at free Yoga in the Park sessions within the picturesque surrounds of Minnowarra Park.

Sessions will be held on **20 and 27 February**, and **13 and 20 March** from **6.30 – 7.30am**.

Bring a water bottle, towel and a yoga mat if you have one.

For information on these and other programs and activities at Armadale Arena call **9394 5840**.



## Justice Precinct a reality for Armadale

*A major step towards the activation of Armadale as a Strategic Metropolitan Centre was achieved late last year when the State Government committed \$86 million to build a state-of-the-art justice complex in the City.*

For the past decade the City has campaigned for relocation of the Armadale District Courthouse and Police Station to a new Justice Precinct within the City Centre.

The funding commitment was great news for Armadale as the City's vision for many years has included the development of a civic precinct, reliant on the re-location of the outdated courthouse and police station.

The new police station will be a major regional hub for local police teams, rapid response teams and detectives and will be equipped with the latest resources to help combat crime in Armadale and surrounding suburbs.

The new complex will almost triple the number of courtrooms and accommodate about 315 police officers, a marked increase on the 80 officers currently working from the local police station.

It will bring a significant economic impact to the local business community, with an increase in the number of police and court personnel working in the City Centre.

The City will now be able to plan more effectively for the long term future of the City Centre and the growth anticipated between now and 2051.

The City has been advised that ground works on the Armadale justice complex could commence as early as mid-2017 and we now look forward to working with the State Government on the design and planning process.

## Embracing the City's 'tree change'

**Cities are comprised of more than just buildings and people. The most liveable cities, and some of the world's most famous cities, are as well known for their open space as they are for their culture.**

The preservation of natural heritage and valuing green space, regularly features among City of Armadale residents' top considerations for the future of the City.

Open space in urban environments or 'urban forests' are continually recognised as an important part of the City's infrastructure and are emerging as invaluable assets in improving Armadale's liveability.

Trees and greenery within urban forests are valued for their beauty, softening the often harsh urban streetscapes and creating a unique sense of place and character. Urban forest areas are also valued for a large range of social and health benefits.

The benefits of green space remain a key consideration in the City of Armadale's urban planning, with its Urban Forest Strategy (UFS) now almost in its third year.

The City was one of the first local governments in WA to develop and adopt an UFS to protect and improve its existing landscape.

The vision of the City's UFS is to strengthen a diverse landscape character through allocating suitable tree diversity, to be proactive in appropriate landscape planning while showcasing the city's botanic heritage.

It guides the establishment and ongoing maintenance for planting of a large number of additional trees in the City's parks, reserves and streetscapes.

## Parks and Reserves

**With such a large amount of residential development occurring within the district, the City has been working closely with developers to ensure a good distribution of park facilities, particularly in the Piara Waters, Harrisdale, Haynes and Hilbert areas.**

As the City continues to grow, encouraging developers to value green space is vital - but is also a challenge, particularly where there is pressure for space, resources and development.

There are numerous health benefits associated with access to public open space and parks including better perceived general health, reduced stress levels, reduced depression and more.

A network of parks and open spaces is also critical to providing healthy habitats for people, wildlife and plants in these densely built places.

The City is committed to improving local parks and playgrounds through innovative urban design.

The City makes improvements to existing facilities and also aims to create more green space with new parks and facilities across new residential development areas.



## 2017 Park Upgrades

### Kuhl Park

Park upgrade works commenced early in 2017 at Kuhl Park in Camillo as part of the City's Public Open Space Strategy Precinct A.

Works will include new playground equipment such as swings, talking tubes, a precast concrete slide, timber stepping logs, arched net and drums.

The park furniture and facilities are also due to be upgraded with a new barbecue, shelter, table setting, bench seat and drink fountain to be installed. Some works have already been completed, with more than 130 advanced trees planted throughout Winter 2016.

### Joe Saunders Playground

More than \$50,000 worth of upgrade works to the Joe Saunders Playground in Champion Lakes are set to incorporate new playground structures including a swing set, play structures for smaller children and several different play pieces.

Existing play elements including logs and rocks will be retained and new play equipment will incorporate the same natural theme by featuring natural timbers and neutral colours to fit in with the existing landscape of the surrounding lake. Shade sails will also be installed to provide coverage and protection from the sun.

### Balannup Drainage Landscape Works

A major landscape upgrade to the Balannup Drainage area, Forrestdale was designed at the end of 2016 and is due to commence this year.

Works will include installation of decking, seating walls, meandering pathways, and revegetation of the living stream.



### The City manages 795 reserves

a mix of active sports fields, passive reserves, natural areas, community facilities, street gardens and public access ways



### There is 1862 hectares of public open space in the City

roughly 3.3% of the 560.4 square kilometre local government area



### There are 74 playgrounds managed by the City's Parks Department

with several more within new estates due to be handed to the City



### The City continues to undergo significant growth

and has in recent years accepted handover from developers of a number of significant public open space areas: 2011/12 - 24ha, 2012/13 - 11ha, 2013/14 - 21ha, 2014/15 - 15.5ha.



### The City's Urban Forest crew planted 915 street trees in 2015 and more than 1500 during the 2016 program

Trees were planted in all residential streets bounded by Champion Drive, Westfield Road and Railway Avenue, Kelmscott.



## Native Plants for Residents

**In partnership with Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group, the City of Armadale is launching a Native Plants for Residents program in May to give residents the opportunity to obtain free native plant seedlings for their gardens.**

About 3000 native plants will be available on the morning of 7 May, with a limit of 10 plants per household. More than 30 native species will be available, ranging from small herbaceous plants such as Kangaroo Paw, up to larger tree species such as Jarrah trees and Bull Banksias. City staff and volunteers will be present on the day to give plenty of advice on the care and maintenance of your new seedlings. The Native Plants for Residents program will be held at **Rushton Park, Kelmscott** on **Sunday 7 May from 9am to noon**, or until stocks last.

## Adopt-a-Spot

**Have you ever felt frustrated seeing litter lying around your street, park or playground or wondered how you can contribute to a cleaner and healthier community?**

The City of Armadale has partnered with Keep Australia Beautiful WA to support the Adopt-a-Spot litter program.

The Adopt-a-Spot program is a simple way to volunteer a few hours to do your bit creating a cleaner environment.

Individuals, community groups and businesses are encouraged to adopt a site to keep clean for two years. Keep Australia Beautiful WA provides a clean-up kit of bags, gloves, tongs and a sharps container, an adoption certificate and volunteer insurance if required.



You can get involved in just **5 easy steps**:

- 1 Choose your favourite site to do regular clean ups - it could be your street, local park, waterway, bush trail, or wetland.
- 2 Arrange a date for your first clean up and invite your friends, family and neighbours to join you.
- 3 Register your name or group and complete the details of your site at [www.kabc.wa.gov.au](http://www.kabc.wa.gov.au).
- 4 Wait to receive your clean up kit by post.
- 5 Check back after your clean up and report what you picked up.

# Armadale Road Bridge - Connecting people to business



In the lead-up to the State election in March, the Cities of Armadale and Cockburn have launched the Community Connect South campaign to secure funding for the much needed Armadale Road Bridge. Local traffic congestion will never be fully addressed without a government commitment to build the Armadale Road Bridge and provide another connection to the Kwinana Freeway.

Widening Armadale Road without building the bridge will only push congestion further into Cockburn Central.

**The City's population is set to hit 100,000 by 2019.**

**55 new residents**  
will move into the  
City of Armadale  
**EVERY WEEK**  
for the next 20 years

**239 new residents**  
will move into the  
City of Armadale  
**EVERY MONTH**  
for the next 20 years

Armadale is a population growth hub and Cockburn is an employment hub – better road networks mean:

1. The two centres are connected
2. There are more jobs for our residents
3. People can get to and from work faster and safer.

The Armadale Road Bridge will allow traffic to bypass Cockburn Central and make it easier to access Kwinana Freeway and the Cockburn Central train station.

## The results:

- More efficient movement of people and products through the road networks.
- Better access to major industrial locations in the region (Forrestdale Business Park, Western Trade Coast and Cockburn Central).
- Local business will have access to a more skilled labour force – people can work where they live. This reduces the need for travel outside the region, further reducing congestion and improving local employment.
- Sets the foundation infrastructure so better public transport options can then be facilitated.
- Reduces traffic congestion on Ranford and Nicholson Roads.
- Better road connectivity will boost local business and job opportunities.

## What can you do?

Tell your candidates to  
**fix traffic congestion in our City**  
this election.





# Shared facilities benefit schools and communities

*With the Harrisdale Pavilion and Playing Field completed in December last year, the City's attention is now turned to the Piara Waters South Pavilion as the next of nine planned shared use precincts.*

The \$8 million Harrisdale Pavilion and Playing Field - strategically located between Harrisdale Primary School and Harrisdale Secondary School on Gracefield Boulevard - form part of an important education and community precinct to service the quickly growing community.

It was the first example of the City entering into a shared use agreement with the WA Department of Education and Training to combine school sites for use by the public.

With the demand on sport facilities and playing fields often an ongoing issue for local and state governments, sporting groups and the wider community, the shared use agreement aims to maximise efficient use of public open space and create better facilities for the community.

The high quality sport and recreation facilities within school sites are often an ideal venue for facility sharing. Additional use of these facilities out of school hours suits most sport and recreation groups that generally want to use them during the evenings and weekends.

The partnership between the City and State Government is a solution to easing the pressure on local sports fields and facilities. It is also an important way to strengthen school and local community partnerships and benefits both the school and the wider community user groups.

## Benefits of joint provision and shared use of sport and recreation facilities to the City and its community include:



Enabling the City to better meet the growing needs and demands of emerging and existing communities



Allowing the City to partner with schools to better deliver outcomes for community health and wellbeing through enhanced access to a broader range of services and facilities



Minimising the duplication of facilities and resources by maximising public access



Maximising opportunities for cost-efficient sharing, including managing, maintenance and energy costs



Broadening community use by maximising the return on local government investment in community infrastructure



Delivering infrastructure earlier than anticipated by combining resources

## Advocacy efforts to guide City's future

**With the City of Armadale's population set to grow by 65.64 per cent between now and 2036 (when population is forecast to be 144,827), the continued improvement and expansion of services and infrastructure is imperative.**

Armadale needs to ensure that it maintains its liveability, while attracting industry and jobs to the region. The City has prepared an Advocacy Strategy to guide and focus approaches to State and Federal Governments during the next five years.

The strategy identifies some key deliverables that will bring enduring social and economic benefit to the south-east metropolitan region and enhance Armadale as a Strategic Metropolitan Centre.

It will guide the City's efforts in securing a commitment from both Government and Opposition candidates in the lead-up to the March 2017 State election.

The City's Advocacy Strategy will focus efforts on key priority projects across timelines identified and endorsed by the City:

### Strategic Centre Activation

This is the City of Armadale's first priority in advocacy to the State Government over the next four years and includes the development of the Justice Complex, now funded to begin this year, and the Civic Precinct.

### Transport

Solutions to improve connectivity of the south east metropolitan region.

### Community and Human Services

Solutions to ensure the City provides an environment conducive to safe and healthy lives for the region's children, young people and families.

For a copy of the endorsed Advocacy Strategy visit the City's website.

## Community grants open in March

The second round of the City of Armadale's Community Grants Program for 2016/2017 financial year opens on 2 March.

The City welcomes applications from not-for-profit organisations that wish to receive up to \$1000 funding for projects which benefit the local community. Organisations are encouraged to apply for the grants before 31 March.

The City provides two rounds of community grant funding each financial year. The small grants can have a big impact on reducing costs for groups and organisations with limited funding options.

It is now essential for community groups to attend a community workshop to be eligible to apply for the City's community grants. For details visit the City's website.



## Twilight Markets ✨

The Twilight Markets bring the Jull Street Mall to life, transforming it into a vibrant and bustling marketplace packed with homemade goods, and creative, unique wares.

This popular market series showcases local arts and crafts and adds to the much-loved shopping experience that many already enjoy. Along with plenty of children's activities, the popular family friendly event returns in 2017, from 5 to 8.30pm on 24 February and 31 March.



5pm to  
8.30pm



24 February and  
31 March

## Focus Photographic Competition

Calling all amateur photographers - the Focus Photography Competition is back for 2017.

The theme this year is *our corner store*. These traditional stand-alone shops were common in the days before major malls and shopping centres, and there was almost always a friendly local deli nearby. Several are still going strong but are becoming rarer each year, and the corner store has long since faded from suburban planning.

Grab your camera and snap some pics of your local shop or favourite family-run store, to show the people of tomorrow how we live today.

**Entries are open from 1 – 31 March.**

The competition is for amateur photographers only. Visit [library.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://library.armadale.wa.gov.au) for details.



## National Youth Week

The City of Armadale will partner with community and youth organisations to deliver youth festival day Artbeat during National Youth Week 2017. The drug, alcohol and violence free event will activate the Jull Street Mall on Saturday 8 April from 11am – 3pm, with creative pop-up spaces, stalls, entertainment, food, interactive art and activities for local youth.

Artbeat celebrates local youth, provides a platform to build their skills, showcase their talent and enhance their connection to community.



11am to  
3pm



Saturday  
8 April

## Pioneers' Reunion

The Pioneers' Reunion acknowledges the contributions of those who have called the City home for 50 years or more.

Planning is now underway for the 2017 event.



2pm



Saturday  
7 October 2017



## Armadale Arts Festival

The local art scene in Armadale will once again take the spotlight in April when the City hosts the second Armadale Arts Festival. In a delightfully creative program of live music, performance, markets, workshops and visual arts the Armadale Arts Festival will run over 17 days, with plenty of events showcasing a wide range of high quality talent coming from this region.



21 April 2017 –  
7 May 2017