

CITY VIEWS

New:
Harrisdale
Pavilion



Harrisdale Pavilion
New home to ARKS Rugby Club



NAIDOC
Celebrations



Armadale Aquatic Centre
Upgrade



Mayor's Message

Throughout summer and autumn the community has enjoyed a very busy events calendar. I hope you brought family and friends along to enjoy some of these events such as Twilight Markets in the Jull Street Mall, Yoga in Minnowarra Park, Movies in the Park and the Artbeat Youth Festival.

In March we hosted a very successful community event for our new residents in the western suburbs to celebrate the opening of the Harrisdale Pavilion and Playing Fields. Families enjoyed the opportunity to wander through the new pavilion, meet the local sporting groups and get a bite to eat from a selection of Hawkers vans. The kids loved the BFG movie screened under the stars.

As we go to print the Armadale Arts Festival and Minnowarra Art Awards (MAA) details are being finalised. The MAA is once again the highlight of the City's Arts Festival calendar and the exhibition is open to the public until Sunday May 7. Visit the City's website for further details on

the MAA or to view the Arts Festival program of live music, performance, markets, workshops and visual arts.

The City is seeking comment from older individuals and service providers who live or work in the community to help us conduct research to inform development of our Age-Friendly Strategy. Your experience, diversity, knowledge and input will assist to make this strategy an inclusive and accessible community for people of all ages. Further details on the survey, which closes on Friday 12 May, is available on the City's website.

The Bedforddale hills fire in early February was a stark reminder to all residents to be fire prepared. The weather was kind to us and with



the immediate response from DFES and volunteer services a potential disaster was avoided. Over the cooler months I remind residents to reduce the fuel loads on their properties to protect your home and family.

Mayor
Henry Zelones OAM, JP

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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**. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings which start at 7pm. Visit the City's website for agendas, minutes and committee meeting information.

Advocacy Focus for our community

Following the City's advocacy efforts in the lead up to the recent WA State election, the City was very pleased to secure several crucial commitments from the government, to provide essential services and facilities to our deserving community.

We look forward to the new Government advancing the \$145 million duplication of Armadale Road and funding the \$166 million construction of the Armadale Road Bridge and freeway link. These two major infrastructure projects remain a top priority for the community and the City, and their completion will ensure residents have efficient access to vital jobs and services.

Similarly, we look forward to promised upgrades to the Armadale rail line improving safety and congestion at Denny Avenue, Kelmescott, as part of Labor's Metronet Plan. The City is very keen to progress consultation with the Government on how their plans can improve public transport in the

south east with the extension of the Armadale rail line to Byford.

The election commitments to the people of Armadale are gratefully acknowledged by the City on behalf of our residents. These included \$100,000 to the Armadale Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service, \$40,000 towards the dog exercise area at John Dunn Sporting Reserve, and \$110,000 to bring the PCYC back to Armadale where it can again run its successful *Off the Rails* youth program.

The City also anticipates the new Government will fulfil the fully funded (\$86 million) Armadale Police/Justice Precinct project. Due to start in mid 2017, this project will greatly enhance community safety in our region.



Armadale Aquatic Centre – Update

The long awaited upgrade of the Armadale Aquatic Centre is now a reality, with the concept for the \$26 million project now finalised. As we go to print the design team are progressing to schematic design and will soon be issuing a tender for the construction.

The redevelopment will provide the Armadale community with a fully-integrated modern year-round facility, that will include an all seasons 25 metre pool, indoor leisure pool, program pool, crèche, gym and group fitness room catering for the community's recreation, leisure and social needs.

The City is currently investigating the feasibility of using geothermal heating

for the pool which will provide cost effective and environmentally friendly heating solutions.

Funding for the \$26 million upgrade comprises \$10 million from the Federal Government's Community Development Grants program, \$1 million from the WA State Government, and the lion's share from the City.



The City is keen to collect images and other memorabilia of the Aquatic Centre in years gone by. If you can assist please contact the City on 9394 5000.

To keep updated on the project visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au and register for our e-Newsletter.

Greendale Centre

This existing community facility is being redeveloped and extended to enable multiple user groups to access the facility at the same time, without disrupting each other.

Works include building extensions, replacement of roof and roof plumbing, render to exterior façade, upgrades to toilets, floor replacement, internal and external painting, electrical upgrades and modification to parking.

The City will carry out complementary services such as car park construction and soft landscaping once building works have been completed. The total expenditure on the upgrades to the facility will be in the region of \$1.9 million.

The project is currently at the demolition phase with practical completion expected in September 2017.



Piara Waters South Pavilion

Site works will soon commence on the new Piara Waters South Pavilion and Playing Field, the second of nine planned shared-use community facilities.

Located on Tuberose Road, Piara Waters the facility will include a playing field, pavilion for sports and community use, change rooms, playground and car parking.

The pavilion will feature multi-purpose function rooms, club room, kitchen/kiosk, alfresco area and step seating for spectators.

Funding for the \$8 million facility includes \$6.9 million from the City's Development Contribution Plan No.3, and a \$500,000 grant

from the Department of Sport and Recreation through its Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund. The WA Department of Education is also making a contribution to the playing field component of the project, as this will be shared with the proposed adjoining primary school to the south.

The construction is scheduled to commence in May 2017 and will take approximately 15 months to complete.

WASTE LESS & SAVE

at the Armadale Landfill and Recycling Facility

The Armadale Landfill and Recycling Facility offers residents a number of ways to dispose of waste and recyclable items. Not all waste is rubbish – some can be salvaged for reuse and recycling. Look out for the following ways to save money by recycling your household items and sorting loads, and help save our environment too!

SAVING #1

DROP 'N' SHOP REUSE CENTRE

A wide range of reusable items can be dropped at the Drop 'n' Shop free of charge.

Items such as furniture, kitchenware, garden items, bric-a-brac, building materials, tools, bikes, toys and books can all be given a second life.



SAVING #2

SORTED LOADS

Looking to save money on items that are not reusable?

Sort your load and use your tip passes. Tip passes can only be used for sorted loads. One tip pass can be used for up to 1.3 cubic metres (maximum two passes per visit). A sorted load is one that is pre-sorted to enable drop off at the facility into various categories, such as plastics, greenwaste, metals, glass, brick rubble, building waste etc.



RECYCLABLE ITEMS

Loads that contain only the following items are FREE:

- Flattened cardboard boxes
- Scrap metal
- Aluminium cans
- Car batteries
- White goods
- Glass bottles
- Small appliances

SAVING #4

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Unwanted household chemicals and other hazardous waste can be dropped off for free.

Where possible, use original packaging and clearly label the contents – limit of 20L or 20kg per material type.



DID YOU KNOW?

Household batteries, mobile phones and compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) can be disposed of at any of the City's three libraries, the Administration Centre or Armadale Landfill and Recycling Facility for FREE!



Have you heard of the REDcycle Program?

The RED Group, in partnership with Coles, Woolworths and other well-known Australian brands, provide an innovative recycling program that diverts plastic bags and packaging from landfill and turns them into a resource used to manufacture new products.

Collect all your 'soft plastic' that can't be recycled in your yellow top bin such as:

- ✓ empty bread bags
- ✓ cereal bags
- ✓ frozen food bags
- ✓ biscuit packets
- ✓ rice and pasta bags
- ✓ cling wrap
- ✓ plastic shopping bags
- ✓ reusable shopping bags
- ✓ other flexible plastic packaging.

For City of Armadale residents, the nearest drop off bins can be found at the front of the checkout at COLES stores in Armadale, North Armadale (Seville Grove) and Kelmscott.

RED Group collects the soft plastic packaging and it is recycled into fitness circuits, sturdy outdoor furniture, bollards and other products.

HANDY HINT

If the plastic can be scrunched up into a ball in your hand, it can be placed in a REDcycle Program drop off bin.



NAIDOC CELEBRATION DAY AND YOUTH FESTIVAL

TUESDAY 4 JULY

10am to 3pm NAIDOC celebrations
3pm to 8pm Youth Festival

BOB BLACKBURN OVAL

(behind Champion Centre),
76 Champion Drive,
Seville Grove

Join us to celebrate our local indigenous cultures with lots of music, culture, entertainment and activities for the entire family. This year the City is also partnering with *Brothaboy* to host a NAIDOC Youth Festival on the same day.

The 2017 theme, *Our Languages Matter* celebrates the preservation and revitalisation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages – the original languages of this nation.

There will be special performances by local artists, activity hubs for children and youth, information stalls with giveaways and a free sausage sizzle.

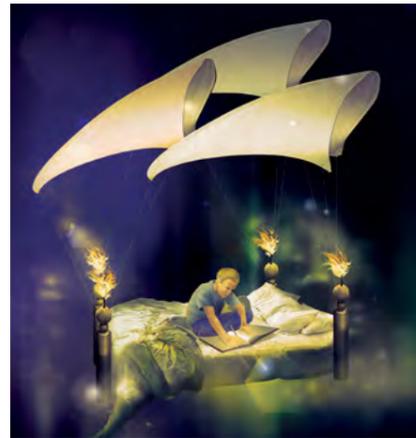
EVERYONE'S WELCOME!

Armadale Young Writers' Awards 2017

Are you a budding young writer?

The City of Armadale Young Writers' Awards are designed to discover the talent of students in years 3 – 12 who reside, or attend school, in the City. The awards seek to develop the writing skills of this age group and assist students to find their unique voice through storytelling.

Guest authors will conduct free writing workshops for students on Saturday 13 and 20 May at Armadale Library. The competition opens on 1 June and closes 30 June, for further details visit library.armadale.wa.gov.au



Be green and register for e-Rates

Assist the environment by reducing impact on trees, greenhouse gas emissions and landfill waste. Register for e-Rates to receive your rate notices, final notice and instalment reminder notices via email. All other correspondence will continue to be delivered to your postal address.

Register online at www.armadale.wa.gov.au/erates

Golf Course upgrades

Greening up for spring re-opening



The upgrade to Armadale Golf Course is now in the final stages of completion with all nine holes reshaped, irrigated and recently planted with new grass.

Funded by the City of Armadale and Golf Oracle, as well as a grant from the WA Department of Sport and Recreation, the \$1 million upgrade started in July last year.

Upgrades will bring the public course up to par for regular patrons and will serve to attract new patronage and generate competition within the public golf course sector.

To ensure the course is available to the public in the best possible condition, the course operator Golf Oracle and the City have opted for a re-opening later than anticipated, now scheduled for early November to allow new grass to establish during spring.

Playground Upgrades

Residents will soon be able to enjoy the upgrades to playgrounds at Bernice Hargraves and Lions Park as part of the City's ongoing Public Open Space Strategy.



Bernice Hargraves \$20,000

Works will include enhancing the existing timber forts and concrete tunnels, and creating an informal scooter track for younger children. Natural balance logs and steppers will be scattered throughout the play space – these natural elements will tie into the existing character of the reserve.

Existing trees will be retained and the shade from these trees will continue to protect the new play space.



Lions Park \$20,000

Installation of concrete to create a race track themed play area with painted directional arrows will allow children to navigate around the course. Installation of road signs strategically placed around the course, just like a real road, will provide a level of road safety awareness as children zoom around the course on bikes and scooters.

Additional play equipment will include a kitchen bench, jungle drums and a double swing to add extra play value to the area. Coloured pine posts will be installed as a feature throughout the mulched areas.

BECOME PART OF STREAMCARE

Since 2002 the City's STREAMCARE waterways restoration program has assisted hundreds of City of Armadale landowners to care for their local riverside environment. The program aims to revitalise local streams and improve the habitat for native fish and other wildlife.

Through the program landowners can access information and advice on the management of their land and waterways, weed control, property planning and revegetation.

Free native plants
Free native plants are available for eligible landowners to revegetate and create a healthier environment along their river foreshore.

Improving the water quality in our riverside environment means we are contributing towards improving the waterways of the Wungong, Southern and Canning Rivers and ultimately the Swan River.

Landowners who have a stream or creek on, or near, their property are invited to participate in the program.

Contact the City's STREAMCARE promoter on 0409 116 985 or email info@armadale.wa.gov.au

Spread your rates payment throughout the year!

Looking for a more budget friendly payment system for your Council Rates?

More than 8000 City of Armadale residents have already taken advantage of the cost effective *A Smarter Way to Pay* direct debit payment system, reducing the stress of lump sum Council Rates payments.

This flexible payment option allows residents to customise their rates payments by breaking them down into smaller weekly, fortnightly or monthly direct debits.

When you sign up to *A Smarter Way to Pay*, the City's rates team will customise a payment package specifically for your budget and review your plan every year, ensuring you never fall behind in rates payments.

There are no fees or charges associated with *A Smarter Way to Pay* when you sign up for two years.

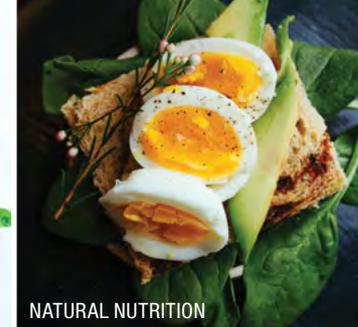
For information on *A Smarter Way to Pay* call the Rates team on **9394 5164**.



NIGHT FIELDS



CREATIVE QUILLING



NATURAL NUTRITION



FRAMED CIRQUE



FITNESS FOR TEENS

what's on

in your City...

Night Fields

WEDNESDAYS 10, 17, 24 & 31 MAY, 4 – 6PM

Gwynne Park, Seventh Road, Armadale

Free football and netball program, suitable for boys and girls 6 to 18 years. Contact dthomason@armadale.wa.gov.au for further information.

FRAMED Cirque

FRIDAY 18 AUGUST

Armadale District Hall

Free youth music event for 13 to 17 year olds. Calling young musicians and bands to register their expression of interest to perform. For more information visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au/framed

Register
your
interest

Fitness for Teens

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, 4 – 5.30PM

Armadale Arena, Crn Townley St and Forrest Rd, Armadale

Fitness for Teens offers 13 to 17 year olds access to the health club at the Armadale Arena.

Group training 4.30 – 5pm

Gym sessions 4 – 5.30pm

\$38 Initial consultation / \$7 per session

For further information call **9394 5840** or email info@armadale.wa.gov.au

History House Museum & Libraries...

Strange's War: The World War Cartoons of Ben Strange

23 APRIL – NOVEMBER 11

History House Museum, 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale

Join us at the latest History House exhibition to view a series of cartoons and delve into the world of Ben Strange.

Creative Quilling

FRIDAY 19 MAY, 9.30AM – NOON

Kelmscott Library

During this hands-on workshop, Rashmi will teach participants the foundations of quilling.

Natural Nutrition

THURSDAY 8 JUNE, 10 – 11AM

Armadale Library

Learn how to get the most out of your meals with Jessica Butcher from Essence of Eating.

Advanced Photography

SATURDAY 22 JULY, 1 – 4PM

Armadale Library

Refine your photography skills – bring a digital camera or DSLR for practical exercises.

Bookings are essential for Library events.

Visit library.armadale.wa.gov.au or call **9394 5125**.

Cancellation of Ticketek and Ticketmaster Provision

From 1 July the Armadale Visitor Centre will no longer act as a ticketing agent for Ticketek and Ticket Master.

Ticketek and Ticket Master are now online services, with all tickets purchased online.

Residents that don't have access to a home computer or electronic device can use the computers and mobile printing service at the Armadale, Seville Grove and Kelmscott libraries to purchase and print tickets.