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Mayor's Message

The continued growth of our City keeps us focussed on forward planning with many major projects scheduled to begin or be completed this financial year. The \$26 million upgrade of the Armadale Aquatic Centre, and upgrades to Kelmscott Hall and the Seville Grove Library will deliver much anticipated projects that have been in the pipeline for many years.

As a designated Strategic Metropolitan City Centre, the City is committed to providing services, amenities and governance to support our continued growth as a region. On page three you can learn more about how the City has begun advocating for the State Government to sink the railway line at Armadale train station and the benefits this will deliver.

Council recently adopted a new Economic Development Strategy which sets a clear direction to facilitate and measure growth of the local economy over the next five years. Our economic development vision is to have a vibrant and sustainable economy that provides a diversity of jobs and investment opportunities. The City will roll out the majority of the actions and support other agencies and partners to complete the various activities contained in the Action Plan.

The \$8 million Rossiter Pavilion in Piara Waters is now open. The community facility is the second of nine facilities where a shared use

partnership between the City and the WA State Government will allow shared use of playing fields.

The City has gone out to tender for the construction works for the upgrade of the Kelmscott Hall. It is anticipated that the construction works will commence immediately following the Kelmscott Agricultural Society show in October. Completion of the works is anticipated to take seven months.

The City's latest social media campaign, #DogsoftheDale which promoted the City's first off-leash dog park in Kelmscott and responsible dog ownership was a hit with the community with more than 300 entries received. Zac, a Maltipoo from Kelmscott was crowned the overall #DogoftheDale.

Moving into the second half of the year, we are gearing up for a busy event season. As the Champion Centre is being redeveloped, Memorial Park became the venue for our annual NAIDOC event celebrating our Indigenous community and cultural history.



In the coming months, look out for the popular Outside the Frame Awards, the Spring into Armadale Festival and WAs largest Scottish themed event, the Armadale Highland Gathering and Perth Kilt Run.

I look forward to seeing many of you at these events.

Mayor
Henry Zelones OAM, JP



The new Armadale aquatic centre

The construction of the building is well underway with walls and roofing currently being installed. The new pool shells are complete and work is well under way on the renovation of the outdoor 50m pool.

The integration of the geothermal bore with the swimming pool infrastructure is now complete. The geothermal system will be used to heat the swimming pool and is highly energy efficient, generating significant savings in heating costs.

To stay up to date on the redevelopment sign up to the Aquatic Centre Updates eNewsletter via the City's website.

MAJOR PROJECTS

City Centre Structure Plan

Following extensive stakeholder and public consultation on the City's Draft Armadale Strategic Metropolitan City Centre Structure Plan and Design Guidelines, the City has begun advocating for the State Government to sink the railway line at Armadale train station.

During the public consultation period (from May to June), the City spoke to over 500 people across two public consultation days at the two City Centre shopping centres. The City also made several presentations to government stakeholders including the Metronet team and the Department for Transport, Planning, Lands and Heritage, and also Armadale youth, to gauge the opinions of



the City's younger generation. In total the City received over 80 submissions on the Plan.

Sinking the railway line at Armadale would be a once in a lifetime opportunity to free-up space above ground to enable the creation of a Town Centre above the train station.

If the State Government can sink the railway line at Armadale train station, a piazza can be built on top that will connect to Jull Street Mall and new development that will facilitate the

expansion of retail, entertainment and office space in the City Centre to accommodate the needs of our growing community.

This is important for the future of Armadale and the South-East growth corridor (one of the fastest growing in the country) which is expected to add a further 200,000 people in the coming 20 to 25 years.

The Armadale City Centre will be one of the main centres for employment in the region and its expansion is critical.

METRONET plans revealed for level crossing removal at Denny Avenue

A major step towards improved safety for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians in Kelmscott was achieved in June with the announcement from the McGowan Government on their election commitment to remove the level crossing at Denny Avenue.

Transport Minister Rita Saffioti confirmed Denny Avenue was the first of four level crossings that will be removed as part of Stage One of the METRONET plan.

The design for an underpass and elevated rail line at Davis Road was revealed as the preferred option, with the removal of the level crossing at Denny Avenue.

After years of advocating for this project on behalf of the community, the City is happy to see improvements to the rail crossing at Denny Avenue identified as a priority and that it will be the first METRONET project off the rank.

Residents who drive, cycle or walk in the area have experienced congestion and safety issues for many years, with the situation continually getting worse. State Government statistics show the boom gates at the crossing average a total closure time of over four hours per day. Removal of this constraint will improve traffic flow.

Works are expected to start next year.

For further information on the METRONET project visit www.metronet.wa.gov.au or phone 9326 3666.

Armadale District Hall

Construction works are well under way on the refurbishment of the Armadale District Hall.

To date, the heritage hall has seen a major upgrade with a new entry foyer and a new roof and ceiling on the lesser and main hall. Construction has begun on a new multi-purpose space adjoining the existing halls.

Conservation works were carried out on the main hall floor to strengthen it to accommodate new foldaway tiered seating, and the gallery was reverted back to the original 1936 version, which has opened the hall up dramatically and has made the gallery functional.

The Armadale District Hall has cultural heritage significance and is listed on the State register for heritage places and on the Municipal Inventory for the City of Armadale.



Budget Highlights for 2018/19

The City's annual budget allows the City to continue to deliver the integral services and facilities that benefit the whole community, and invest in the growth the community expects in a leading metropolitan city.

In order to deliver that Budget, the City is required to raise revenue. The City works hard to leverage income from sources other than rates and reduce the demand on ratepayers to foot the bill. This year rates make up 50% of the City's budget.

Some of the major projects for 2018/19 include:

- Armadale Aquatic Centre \$26 million
- Road infrastructure \$13.2 million
- Champion Centre and Seville Grove Library upgrade \$4.7 million
- Kelmscott Hall upgrade \$2.1 million
- Piara Waters (south east) Playing Field & Car Park \$1.2 million
- Pathways \$1.5 million
- Cross Park Pavilion \$770,000



Library upgrades



Kelmscott Hall upgrade



New pathways



Armadale Aquatic Centre



Road infrastructure

Rate payments made easy - with *A Smarter Way to Pay*

WIN

Sign up for a chance to win one of four prizes of \$1000

Don't let rates time put pressure on your family budget.

Ease the burden that a lump sum or limited instalment payment program can create.

Pay your rates through direct debit, on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly ongoing basis from April to March.

There are no fees or charges when you stay on the program for two years – so sign up now!

Call our Rates Team on 9395 5164 to have a payment package tailored for your budget.



Emergency Services Levy

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) is a State Government charge applicable to all properties in WA, which is invoiced and collected by local governments on behalf of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES). The ESL provides the majority of funding required for CFRS and VFRS brigades, VFES units, the VMRS, and local government BFBs and SES units.

The amount of ESL to be collected, and the applicable rates and charging parameters, are declared annually by the Minister for Emergency Services.

For more information please refer to the ESL section of the DFES website www.dfes.wa.gov.au or enquire on free call 1300 136 099.

Be green and register for e-Rates

Would you like to receive your rates notice in a convenient electronic format? Then register for e-Rates today!

Choose e-Rates and assist the environment by reducing the impact on trees, plastic, water, greenhouse gas emissions and landfill waste, which all result from the production of paper, envelopes, printers, cartridges and stamps.

If you register for e-Rates you'll receive your rates notice, final notice and instalment reminder notices via email. Any other correspondence will continue to be posted to your postal address.

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

You'll need your rates assessment number, which can be found on the top right of any previously issued rates notice.



WIN a share of \$6000!

Win one of five cash prizes. No need to fill out an entry form, just pay your rates in full by 14 September 2018 and you will automatically go into the draw.



1 x \$2000



2 x \$1500



2 x \$500



Your City

working for you



Some projects and services

Key: \$m = Million | \$k = Thousand

1 Armadale Indoor Aquatic Centre Redevelopment \$26m

2 Hall & Facility Upgrades
 Armadale District Hall \$4.9m
 Kelmscott Hall \$2.1m
 Cross Park Pavilion \$770k
 Champion Centre & Seville Grove Library upgrades \$4.7m

3 Piara Waters (south east) Playing Field & Car Park \$1.2m

4 Irrigation Infrastructure
 Upgrades & maintenance \$1.2m

5 Road Infrastructure \$13.2m
 Upgrades & resurfacing \$9.6m
 Reconstruction \$1.1m
 Maintenance \$1.3m
 Blackspot Safety \$1.2m

6 Pathways \$1.5m

7 Bike Paths new \$658k

8 Playground renewal & upgrades \$760k

9 Waste Services \$13.8m
 Weekly waste collection \$2.8m
 Fortnightly recycling collection \$864k
 Illegal dumping \$600k

10 31 Major Events \$668k

11 Financial Assistant Grants \$190k

12 Customer Service
 In person enquiries 26,000
 Incoming calls 208,000
 Incoming emails 854,000

13 Library Services & Museums \$3.3m
 People attending programs 18,236
 Items loaned 369,154

14 Your environment
 Bungendore Park \$120k
 Roleypools Heritage Walk trail \$294k
 Settlers Common trails & signage \$120k
 Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group \$110k

15 Greening your City
 Street trees maintained 27,000
 Planted trees & shrubs 148,600
 Urban Forest strategy \$400k

16 Street Lighting
 Power usage \$2.3m

17 Property Services Maintenance
 Cleaning public toilets \$272k
 Graffiti \$50k
 Asbestos removal \$270k

18 Health Service requests 552
 Health applications processed 1053
 Food premises assessed 480
 Mosquito trappings at 80 sites

19 Perth Hills Visitor Centre Armadale
 Visitors 32,750

20 Planning & Building
 Estimated value of building permits \$320m

21 Australian Citizenship
 New citizens welcomed 659

22 Advocacy outcomes
 Armadale train line extension \$241m
 Tonkin Highway (Stage 3) extension \$253m
 Denny Avenue crossing \$62m

YOUR CITY EVENTS



SPRING into ARMADALE

1 August to 30 November

The City of Armadale is set to bloom to life with the return of the Spring into Armadale Festival in August. The festival which runs through to November, showcases Armadale as the place to be in spring with an exciting and jam packed calendar of events across our region.

With more than 60 unique events catering for different interests including food, wine, markets, music, culture, sports, trails, walks and workshops, there's something for everyone. You will need to book popular events to avoid missing out.

Visitor's bee-line to see the masses of colour at the It's Yates Springtime Festival in the Armadale Perth Hills. The bold tulip colours pop against the Darling Scarp panoramas, giant jarrah trees, bushland pools, and granite faces along the valley. So make a day of it when you visit Araluen Botanic Park and see more of what your City has to offer.



SAVE THE DATE

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

- **Spring into Armadale Fashion Show**
Saturday 11 August
- **The It's Yates Springtime Festival at Araluen**
Saturday 18 August to Monday 24 September
- **Armadale Hills Open Studio Arts Trail**
Friday to Sunday in September: 7-9, 14-16 & 21-23 September

For the full event listing or where to find a program visit www.perthhillsarmadale.com.au

REGISTER NOW



ARMADALE HIGHLAND GATHERING

AND THE
PERTH KILT RUN

SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 8.30am - 4.30pm
Minnawarra Park, Armadale



The annual Armadale Highland Gathering is one of the biggest events for Scottish expats in Perth. But you don't have to be Scottish to come to Armadale and enjoy a family fun day of all things Scottish, connecting with other individuals, clans and community groups.

So gather your friends and family, and come experience a taste of Scotland with live music, arts and crafts, children's activities and the annual Pipe Band, Highland Dancing and Heavy Events competitions.

Meet and greet Scottish dogs and let your imagination run wild in a medieval fair or the clan village.

When it's time to refresh, visit the Scottish tavern and let your inner foodie indulge in a variety of treats.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE PERTH KILT RUN

Don't miss your chance to take part in the Perth Kilt Run, the only charity run where everyone wears a kilt!

Begin your Highland experience with a morning fun run through the heart of Armadale and around Minnowarra Park, on Sunday 9 September.

Now in its fourth year, runners can don their kilts on either a 5km Warrior Challenge, or 2.5km Classic Run for those who prefer a shorter expedition.

Following the run, stay and enjoy a day of festivities at the Armadale Highland Gathering festival.

Register now at www.perthkilrun.com.au

Dogs' Day Out

Sunday 28 October

10am to 2pm | Rushton Park, Kelmscott

Everyone is invited to bring along their beloved family dog to the City's annual Dogs' Day Out.

There are fun activities for all of the family to enjoy with face painting and a bouncy castle for the kids, stalls featuring dog products and services, a micro chipping service, dog wash service, an agility course and more.

Dress your canine friend in their Sunday best and enter the Best Dressed Dog Competition or impress the judge with a trick or two.

Dogs must be on a leash at all times.



Hawkers Markets

Fridays 26 October & 2 November

5 to 8.30pm | Memorial Park

Indulge in exotic cuisines from a variety of food trucks, then sit back and enjoy live music and performances inspired by different cultures from around the world.

Set in the leafy surrounds of Memorial Park, this is the perfect chance to eat out with your friends and family.

This is a family friendly, smoke and alcohol free event.

WHAT'S ON YOUTH



Upcoming Skate Dates

The City, in partnership with the team at Skateboarding WA, will run a series of free skate clinics and jams for different skill levels at three local skate parks later in the year.

All ages are welcome – skateboards and helmets provided.

Saturday 1 September | 1 – 3pm
Skate Clinic
Cross Park Skate Park, Roleystone

Saturday 20 October | 9 – 11am
Skate Clinic
Forrestdale Skate Park

Saturday 3 November | 1 – 3pm
Intermediate Skate Clinic & Jam
Cross Park Skate Park, Roleystone

Thursday 6 December | 5 – 7pm
Intermediate Skate Clinic & Jam
Armadale Skate Park

For more information call **9394 5000** or visit armadale.wa.gov.au/skate-parks-clinics-and-comps

Sign up for a summer team sport at the Arena today

Are you interested in playing a team sport this summer? The Armadale Arena's Indoor Soccer (Futsal) and Netball competitions for adults (16 years and over), will start from 8 October.

Netball games are available both daytime and evening, with crèche facilities available for daytime sessions. Soccer games are played on Monday evenings.

Register your team online armadale.wa.gov.au/sports-nomination-form

OUR COMMUNITY



FRAMED FIESTA

THE MUSIC AND ARTS EVENT FOR 13 - 18 YEAR OLDS

FRIDAY 17 AUGUST | 6-9PM

The City's annual music and arts event for 13 to 18 year olds is back for 2018

FRAMED *Fiesta!* promises a night of live music from local bands, performances, competitions, food and spontaneous dance battles led by DJ Tobias.

This drug, alcohol and smoke-free event is very popular so make sure you book your free tickets early to avoid missing out. No ticket – no entry.

For more information or to book tickets visit armadale.wa.gov.au/framed



11 – 19 August | 11am – 4pm
Rossiter Pavilion, Piara Waters

Come and experience an exhibition of thought provoking artworks, exploring hot topics and ideas directly from the minds of year 11 and 12 students at the City's annual Outside the Frame Art Awards.

The open exhibition is on display from 11 to 19 August from 11am to 4pm at the new Rossiter Pavilion in Piara Waters.

The exhibition will showcase some of the best contemporary artworks by young artists from across Perth in painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, textile, digital media/ photography and mixed media.

The exhibition is a cultural asset for our community and celebrates the emerging young talent we have in our region.

For more information visit the City's website.



Firewise properties are often made in Spring!

Fire Expo 4 November | 9.30am – 4pm

Residents in bushfire prone areas are invited to the Fire: Resilience and Recovery Expo at Roleystone Hall from 9.30am to 4pm on Sunday 4 November.

Join gardening guru Chris Ferreria and guest speakers Rohan Carboon, Bushfire Safety Consultant and Richard Hammond, Bushfire Safety Architect who will discuss bushfire management including how to fire protect your home and how to live better in a bushfire prone environment. There will also be stalls featuring information on bushfire management and products and services available to help you manage bushfire risk.

To RSVP please contact the City's Parks and Reserves team on **9394 5000**.

Remember to update us when any details change

Ideally this should be straight away, or if this is not possible as soon as you can, as we may need to contact you with important changes or information relating to your property or dealings with the City.

You can notify us in person at the City's Administration Centre, or by email, or alternatively you can download a Change of Address form from the City's website www.armadale.wa.gov.au/rates and either email it to info@armadale.wa.gov.au or post it or hand deliver it to us at 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale WA.

Perth Hills Armadale Visitor Centre: New Weekend Hours

The Perth Hills Armadale Visitor Centre is now open from 9am to 2pm Saturday and Sunday and Public Holidays.

WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY



Storytime

Storytime sessions foster a love of reading, stimulate the imagination and encourage social interaction with other children.

Hear stories, sing songs and enjoy a craft activity together. These sessions help children learn early literacy skills, and prepare for school.

Kelmscott Library:
Every Monday 10.30 – 11am

Armadale Library:
Every Tuesday 10.30 – 11am

Excluding public holidays – bookings are not required.

Lego Buddies

Enjoy some quality time together!

Come along with your favourite Lego buddy and enjoy building some Lego creations.

These free range sessions are suitable for families with children of all ages.

Armadale Library:
Saturdays 1 September, 6 October & 3 November 10 – 11am

Bookings are not required. However parents or carers must stay in the library during these sessions.

CoderDojo

CoderDojo is a fun, free, and unstructured social coding club for young people aged seven to 17 years old.

For those that haven't coded before, a mentor will help get them started.

Sessions run every **Monday, 3.30 to 5pm** at **Armadale Library** during school terms (excluding public holidays).

Laptops are required.

Visit library.armadale.wa.gov.au or call 9394 5125 to book your place.

ARMADALE writers' FESTIVAL

Calling all readers – the annual Armadale Writers' Festival will return from 31 August to 2 September.

Look out for this year's speakers:

- Liz Byrski in conversation with Jodie Moffat
- Literary lunch with crime writers Sara Foster, Felicity Young and David Whish-Wilson
- Norman Jorgensen on children's fiction
- Fleur McDonald and the rural experience
- Sabrina Hahn speaking on nature and nurture.



Inspired to write?

Following the Armadale Writers' Festival, the Armadale Writers' Award competition will be open from 1 to 30 September.

Bookings for the author sessions and full details of the competition are available on the Library's website library.armadale.wa.gov.au



Seville Grove Library closed for renovation

The Seville Grove Library is now closed for renovations until its anticipated reopening in Autumn 2019.

During this time, we encourage patrons to visit the Armadale and Kelmscott Libraries, where they will see the familiar faces of the Seville Grove Library staff.

For more information on library services visit library.armadale.wa.gov.au

