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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Since our last City Views publication went out in May, Council has been busy planning and consolidating to refine services and find cost improvements, and continuing our focus on careful planning for the future.

I can advise that after considerable discussion by Council members we have pegged the modest rate increase to 1.55 percent, which is testament to the prudent financial management that remains a priority for the City.

A major focus has been delivering on community expectations to continue our core services and infrastructure renewal, at the lowest possible cost. You can see some highlights of where your rates will be invested this financial year on page 6.



Outgoing CEO, Ray Tame, with his IPAA award

In June, the City farewelled its long serving Chief Executive Officer, Ray Tame. Ray has been the CEO of the City for 21 years and has played a leading and vital role in the growth of the Armadale region.

Ray was recognised for his active leadership and contribution to local government shortly before he retired with the Institute of Public Administration Australia WA's Leader of the Year Working in Local Government award.

Through leadership, extensive strategic and financial planning, strong advocacy, and creation of the Armadale Redevelopment Authority (now MRA), the City of Armadale is now known as an industry and community leader.

On behalf of the Council I would like to thank Ray for his commitment to the Council and leadership of the City, and for the bright future he built for our community.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer, Ms Joanne Abbiss. Ms Abbiss is currently Chief Executive Officer



at the City of Kwinana and will commence with the City in October. In the meantime, the City has appointed Mr Cliff Frewing as the CEO to assist during the interim period.

With Council elections coming up in October there is still a lot of work to do in order to bed down the Budget and to begin a review of our Community Strategic Plan, Corporate Business Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan, which guide all of the City's decision and activities.

I am sure we are all now looking forward to warmer weather and the busy event season that it brings.

On pages 8 and 9 you can read about events planned for our annual Spring into Armadale festival, including the popular Armadale Highland Gathering and Perth Kilt Run.

Mayor Henry Zelones OAM, JP

MAJOR PROJECTS



Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre named Community Facility of the Year

Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre (AFAC) won the Parks & Leisure Australia's Community Facility of the Year Award for WA at the Awards of Excellence earlier this year.

The community facility award recognises facilities that demonstrate innovative features of design, development and operation.

AFAC outswam close competition from the City of Rockingham for their Autumn Centre and the City of Stirling for Scarborough Beach Pool, and is now shortlisted for the National Community Facility of the Year Award which will be announced in October.

City of Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones OAM, JP said that the award was a testament of the extensive planning and effort that went into creating an inclusive and sustainable community hub that the City of Armadale community can be proud of.

This award couldn't have been achieved without the support of our incredible community and the over 5,000 members of the Centre. We can't thank you all enough.

The facility was made possible with the assistance of a \$10 million contribution from the Federal Government's Community Development Grants program, a \$1 million grant from the State Government's Department of Local Government, Sport and Culture, and \$15 million from the City of Armadale.

Kelmscott Hall Reopened

The Kelmscott Hall was officially reopened on Thursday 20 June after a \$2.1 million refurbishment.

Representatives from various sporting clubs, the Kelmscott Agricultural Society, builders and architects, staff and councillors attended a small reopening ceremony, along with students from Kelmscott Primary School who held their first school assembly in the hall since its refurbishment.

The works were completed on time and on budget and included:

- a new entrance reception area with River Road façade treatment
- front and rear veranda
- upgrades to change rooms and toilets to include internal and external access
- an additional lesser hall
- upgraded kitchen and equipment
- floor replacement
- new air conditioning and lighting to accommodate for badminton, table tennis and civic events
- acoustic treatments.

Remember to vote in the Council Elections – 19 October

City of Armadale Council Elections will be held on Saturday 19 October. WA local government elections are held every two years on the third Saturday in October.

To be eligible to vote you must be enrolled on the State Electoral Roll for a residence within the City of Armadale, or for non-resident owners or occupiers you may also be eligible but must apply to the City by 5pm on 30 August.

To check your enrolment visit www.elections.wa.gov.au/ onlineEnrolmentSystem or call the Western Australian Electoral Commission on 13 63 06.

Election packages will be posted to all eligible electors starting in late September, in plenty of time for election day. The ballot papers can be returned by mail or hand delivered and placed in a sealed ballot box at the City's Administration Centre up until 6pm on election day. If you return your vote by post, it is best to do that early to ensure your vote can be counted on election day.

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor and having the opportunity to lead your community for future generations, nominations open Thursday 5 September and close 12 September.

Election results will be available on the City's website and the Western Australian Electoral Commission website www.waec.wa.gov.au

For further information on elections visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au/council-elections



Armadale Library Extension

The Armadale Library has been extended to give residents a opportunity to develop their creative skills, undertake group study, or bring their own devices and work outside of the office.

The new area boasts two rooms with high end audio and video equipment which can also be used to record podcasts, vlogs, presentations and other videos. There are also study spaces and informal meeting areas where users can display presentations, or work collaboratively.



Training sessions will be on offer to help users become familiar with how the equipment works.

The Armadale Library is located in the Armadale Shopping Centre, Orchard Avenue, Armadale.

For more information contact the Library on 9394 5125.



Budget Highlights 2019/20

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.

Some of the major projects that will be initiated in 2019/20 include:

- **Wungong District Playing Fields** \$15.25 million
- **Road Infrastructure Improvements** \$11.8 million
- **Forrestdale Skeet Reserve Sporting Facilities upgrades** \$4.2 million
- **Hilbert Community Centre & Library** \$3.5 million
- **Pathways Improvements** \$2.4 million
- **John Dunn Challenge Park cycle facilities** \$1.5 million
- **Creyk Park Pavilion improvements** \$651,000



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.

A Smarter Way to Pay

Pay your rates on an ongoing basis through a weekly, fortnightly or monthly direct debit. Terms and conditions apply.

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

- SAVE** No administration fees or penalty interest for this payment method.*
- WIN** Sign up for a chance to win one of four prizes of \$1000 (conditions apply).

Direct Debit payments are accepted from a cheque or savings account only, not a credit card. Payments are reviewed annually.

*Dishonoured payment fee of \$10 per dishonour applies. If cancelled within two years of your commencement date an Administration Fee of \$51 will apply. Furthermore you will not be able to start another direct debit arrangement for the same property.

Contact the City's Rates Department on **9394 5164** to sign up and we can discuss this payment method.



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 notices, final notices and instalment reminder notices via email. Any other correspondence will continue to be posted to your postal address.



REGISTER ONLINE at www.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 your share of \$6000

If you pay your rates in full by 19 September 2019 you will go into the running to win cash prizes up to \$2000. There are five cash prizes on offer.

(Conditions apply)



1 x \$2000



2 x \$1500



2 x \$500



Your City working for you

We work hard to deliver the services and facilities you deserve. **Here you'll find some core achievements for the past year and key budget items for the coming year.** For more details see the City's Annual Budget and Annual Report.

Figures are rounded | Statistics relate to 2018/19 | Budget figures relate to 2019/20 or total project costs

Leadership

91%

of residents are satisfied with the City as a place to live*



87% of residents are satisfied with the City as a governing organisation*

*Community Scorecard 2019

We want to maintain these positive results, so we work to deliver what you've asked for, and are planning for a great future for all in the community.

You've asked us to save money so this year we're looking for opportunities to improve the way we work, so we can improve our efficiency.

We're also continuing to plan carefully for the long term sustainability of the City's assets.

On your behalf the City holds responsibility for over \$1 billion worth of community facilities, parks, roads, paths, verges and drainage. And we have to ensure we can afford to maintain these to the standard you expect.



Economy



2160

New ABNs registered

57

Registered food businesses

30

Business training workshops



18

New food businesses



37,400

Visitor centre customers



Community

5,500

Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre (AFAC) Members

408,788

AFAC Entries (Since opening in March)



Environment



12,000

Trees maintained

172,000

Trees & shrubs planted

\$500k

Urban Forest Strategy



\$3.1m

Weekly household waste pickup

\$1m

Recycling collections

\$2.2m

Green and Bulk Waste verge collections

\$400k

Illegal dumping clean up

795

Parks & reserves maintained

\$9.4m

Parks maintenance

\$387k

Renewal and upgrades

\$3.5m

Road upgrades



\$4.6m

Road renewal

\$4.1m

Road Maintenance

\$538k

Blackspot Safety

520kms

Footpaths maintained



\$1.6m

New pathways

\$150k

Pathway renewal

800kms

Roads maintained

28

Major events



3,200

New library members

69,810

Attendees of major events

325,000

Library Visits

\$2.47m

New Harrisdale Library

\$1.6m

Novelli Reserve Pavilion

\$1.77m

Hall & facility upgrades

5,160

Facility hires



Community Scorecard Results

Thank you to our residents who completed our biennial Community Scorecard Survey. Your feedback has confirmed that the City is delivering great things for our community, and shows where you'd like us to focus on in the future.



91% of residents think that the City is a great place to live. Your feedback told us that what you value most about your area continues to be parks and playgrounds, access to local services and facilities, natural environment, bushland, and access to local shopping. This is great news as we put significant efforts into these areas.

We're pleased that 87% of residents are satisfied with the City as a governing organisation and believe that the City is working to deliver for all residents.

Overall you said you were satisfied with the City's services including sport and recreation, playgrounds, parks and reserves, festivals, events, art and culture and the City Views newsletter.

We're glad you are pleased, as we work hard to ensure the priorities you value most about your community are maintained.

Research has guided the City's priorities which includes:

MAINTAINING STREETSCAPES

Our dedicated parks team ensures our parks and reserves across the City are maintained to a high standard. Through the Urban Forest Strategy we have planted 850 trees this financial year. Residents can take advantage of our education programs and free native plants to help maintain their own streetscapes.

VALUE FOR MONEY

We're continually reviewing operations to look for savings. This year we focused on reducing operational costs to provide a rates increase less than the local government cost index.

In the next six months Council will be focused on reviewing our Long Term Financial Plan to see how else we can make your rates go further.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Our advocacy and lobbying resulted in the State Government committing \$86 million to build a state of the art justice complex in the City Centre.

The new complex will almost triple the number of courtrooms and accommodate around 315 police officers, a dramatic increase on the 80 officers currently working from the police station. A commitment has also been made for it to be manned 24 hours a day. The City is committed to leading development of Armadale as it grows to the full potential of a metropolitan regional centre.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR & COMMUNITY SAFETY

In order to better understand these types of issues, we have recently engaged with seven individual suburbs to get details of their concerns. Together with WA Police and other organisations we will develop community development strategies on how best the City can play a role in creating safer communities.

One area responders said needed improvement was in developing and communicating a vision for the future of the City, so we're promoting the community's vision for – a *liveable City that is responsive to community values, appreciative of our natural environment, and provides a choice of lifestyle and work.*

The survey was conducted by an independent research agency.

The results assist us to plan for the future, help us to understand the needs of residents and how the wider community perceives our efforts towards key performance indicators in the City's Strategic Community Plan.

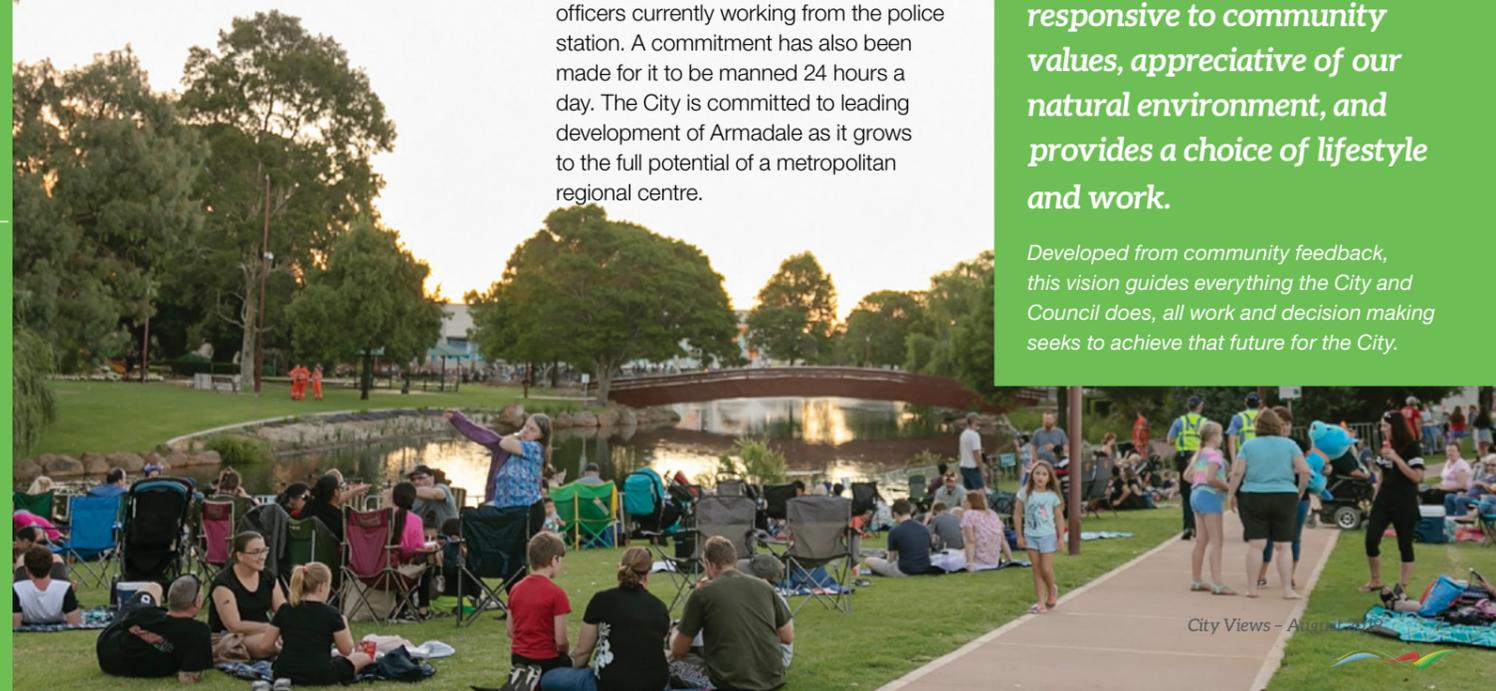
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Developed from community feedback, this vision guides everything the City and Council does, all work and decision making seeks to achieve that future for the City.



YOUR CITY EVENTS



SPRING into ARMADALE

1 August to 30 November

Spring into Armadale Festival

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 Perth Hills Armadale. 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.

Visit the Perth Hills Armadale Visitor Centre at 40 Jull Street to pick up an event guide or view it online at perthhillsarmadale.com.au



SAVE THE DATE

- **It's Yates Springtime at Araluen**
Saturday 10 August to Monday 30 September
- **Armadale Hills Open Studio Arts Trail**
6 – 8, 13 – 15 & 20 – 22 September
- **Highland Gathering & Perth Kilt Run**
Sunday 6 October
- **LiveLighter Perth Hills Festival**
Saturday 12 October
- **Make Smoking History Kelmscott Show**
Friday 18 October, 4 – 10pm
Saturday 19 October, 9am – 9pm

HAWKERS MARKETS

RETURNING IN NOVEMBER TO MEMORIAL PARK

The popular Hawkerc Markets will return to the leafy surrounds of Memorial Park in November. Take the night off from cooking and enjoy exotic cuisines from a variety of food trucks, sit back with your friends and family and enjoy live music and performances.

Check the City's Facebook page and website for more details.

REGISTER NOW



ARMADALE HIGHLAND GATHERING

AND THE PERTH KILT RUN

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 8.30am – 4.30pm
Minnawarra Park, Armadale



ARMADALE writers' FESTIVAL

Are you a reader? Aspiring writer or enjoy listening to excellent speakers? Then the annual Armadale Writers' Festival is for you!

Held from **Thursday 29 August to Saturday 7 September**, this year's festival will celebrate conversation, literature and the sheer joy of words.

Look out for this year's speakers:

- **Dervla McTiernan & Sara Foster:** In Conversation
- **Cristy Burne:** Be a lighthouse designer
- **Holden Sheppard & Laurie Steed:** In Conversation
- **Alan Carter:** Character development workshop
- **Alan Carter:** My writing journey
- **Anthea Hodgson & Rachael Johns:** Women and literature

Bookings for the Armadale Writers' Festival can be made on the Library's website library at armadale.wa.gov.au/armadale-writers-festival



REGISTER NOW FOR THE PERTH KILT RUN

The morning begins with the fun and quirky Perth Kilt Run. You don't need to be Scottish to take part in this annual tradition, purchase your very own kilt when you register prior to the event and take part in the 2.5km Classic or the 5km Warrior.

Register online at perthkiltrun.com.au, it's a fun run with a difference and you're guaranteed to have a good time!

As you'd expect the excitement doesn't stop there. Following the Perth Kilt Run you'll have the rest of the day to experience Scottish arts and crafts, highland dancing and bagpipe competitions, meet and greet Scottish dogs,

watch the hotly contested Heavy Events competitions and of course test your taste buds with the infamous haggis and other Scottish delights. Let your imagination run wild in the medieval fair or the clan village and then kick up your heels with live music and Ceilidh dancing.

This is a large event with a number of road closures, so we recommend planning ahead to avoid delays.

This is a family friendly, smoke and alcohol free event. Further details will be available through perthkiltrun.com.au or the Facebook event on the City of Armadale Facebook page.

ARMADALE writers' AWARD

All adult amateur writers living in Western Australia are invited to enter the third Armadale Writers' Award competition from **1 to 30 September**.

The prizes are: **1st prize of \$1000, 2nd prize of \$750 and 3rd prize of \$500.**

The entries will be judged by a panel of authors and librarians, who will be looking at the originality of themes, plot development, story structure, and the overall quality of writing.

Works must be original prose and have a 1000 – 4000 word count.

Full details of the competition are available on the Library's website library.armadale.wa.gov.au/armadale-writers-award

OUR COMMUNITY



Palomino Wetland

The Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group (AGLG), in conjunction with the City of Armadale and wetland designer Karl Karu, has worked to create a seasonal wetland along the Wungong River adjacent to the Palomino Park.

The site has been designed for fauna habitat, with a small island and shallows suitable for nesting habitats and foraging for wading birds, as well as a turtle nesting site and includes a burrowing area for rainbow bee-eaters. The design also provides habitat for macroinvertebrates such as gilgies, marron and freshwater shrimp including freshwater native fish species.

Being a seasonal wetland, Palomino will retain water during winter and spring and allow a range of species to use it as habitat but will drain into the nearby Wungong River over summer so as to not become a suitable breeding ground for mosquitoes.

To track the success of the wetland, scientists from South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare (SERCUL) will be monitoring the site over the next 12 months, tracking the appearance of macroinvertebrates as well as testing for mosquito larvae.

Cross Park – Southern Cricket net upgrade

Cross Park in Roleystone recently received the following upgrades:

- New cricket nets with double bays and anti-climb outriggers (to prevent unintended access)
- New concrete pad
- Synthetic turf carpet
- Pedestrian pathway from Jarrah Road

Other Recent Park Upgrades:

- Villatella Park – shade sails and play equipment
- Morgan Park – light pole
- Urban Forest Strategy Stage 4 – planting in Seville Grove
- Harrisdale Oval – rugby storage shed
- Migrant Park – interpretive walkways, new pathways, carpark, playground and BBQ area



WHAT'S ON YOUTH

City supports early year's sustainability

Funding from the City's Annual Contributions grant has enabled the Australian Association for Environmental Education WA to run its Little Green Steps sustainability program for early childhood services across the region.

Workshops have been held for staff from long day care centres, family day care, out of school hours care, kindergartens and primary schools, to share ideas about how to embed sustainable choices in daily routines and fun ways to teach children about caring for each other and the environment.

Visit www.littlegreensteps.org.au to find out more about the program and early years sustainability.



Outside the Frame Art Awards – closing 18 August

As City Views is hitting letterboxes this month, the annual Outside the Frame Art Awards exhibition is on display at the Armadale District Hall from Saturday 10 to Sunday 18 August, from 10am to 4pm.

The free exhibition showcases some of the best contemporary artworks in painting, drawing, prints, sculpture, digital media/photography and textiles by Perth's finest emerging high school artists across Perth.

The Outside the Frame Art Awards is a family friendly, smoke and alcohol free event. Armadale District Hall is located at 90 Jull Street, Armadale. For more information visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au/events/outside-frame-art-awards

WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY

NovelNibbles

Have you read a good book lately?

Come along and share it with other book lovers at one of our book clubs. Be tempted to read new and different authors, try another genre, or perhaps rediscover some forgotten favourites.

Light refreshments will be provided at these sessions.

Bookings are not required.

NovelNibbles: Days
Kelmscott Library

Tuesdays, 10.30 – 11.30am
10 September, 8 October,
12 November, 10 December

NovelNibbles: Nights
Armadale Library

Wednesdays, 6.30 – 7.30pm
11 September, 9 October,
13 November, 11 December

Games Morning

Love playing games?

Everyone is welcome to attend our free sessions each Monday morning.

We have a range of board games available including Backgammon, Monopoly, Uno, Battleships and Dominoes.

Every Monday, 9.30 – 11.30am at Armadale Library

For further information call **9394 5125**.

Young re-inventor of the year

Plastic Pirates Ahoy – Register your interest now for Switch your thinking's Young Re-inventor of the Year challenge!

Young people will solve problems and put their creativity to the test in this exciting initiative that challenges us all to reuse, repurpose and upcycle before throwing away.

The 2019 theme is Plastic Pirates Ahoy! Collect plastic loot and re-invent it into something to be treasured. Plunder the bins of your home or school for plastic and get creative to cut waste!

Participants can win a share of \$3000 in sustainability prizes including worm farms, compost bins, upcycling workshops and sustainability books.

You will also receive a \$50 voucher to spend at the City of Armadale Drop 'n' shop when you register – and can collect recycled materials to use.

Submissions close Monday 21 October. Get your kids, community groups or school (primary, secondary, early learning centre) involved now.

For further details and to register visit switchyourthinking.com

WASTE

Upcoming changes to bin collection days

As our community continues to grow, we sometimes have to make changes to our waste collections to enable us to pick up all bins efficiently.

The rubbish and recycling bin collection day for some households will soon be changing.

If your collection is going to change, you will receive a letter from the City to notify you of the new day.

If you want to know more about your bin collection days you can visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au/my-waste-collection-day



COUNCILLORS

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Cr Jim Stewart
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HILLS WARD



Cr Grant Nixon
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Cr Caroline Wielinga
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LAKE WARD



Cr Carole Frost
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Cr Michelle Silver
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MINNAWARRA WARD



Cr Kerry Busby
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Cr Gary Smith
0403 124 749

PALOMINO WARD



Cr Colin Campbell, JP
0432 382 863

Cr Laurence Sargeson
9399 4002

RANFORD WARD



Cr Mark Geary
9498 3416

Cr Jeff Munn, CMC
0418 958 493

RIVER WARD



Deputy Mayor
Ruth Butterfield
0439 828 623

Mayor
Henry Zelones OAM, JP
0428 954 073

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.