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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It is a pleasure and an honour to be elected to represent the City of Armadale as its Mayor by my fellow Councillors. As I take up the new position, I would like to acknowledge the contribution of retiring Mayor Henry Zelones OAM, JP and thank him for his 28 years of service to the Armadale community.

The continued growth of Armadale keeps Council focussed on forward planning to meet the needs of the community, now and into the future. 2019 has been a year of significant achievements for the City with the delivery of several major strategic projects and includes the Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre, Armadale District Hall and the Champion Centre and Seville Grove Library redevelopment.

With the final stages to Armadale Road upgrade nearing completion, residents will benefit from improved road safety and improved access to new residential developments.

The \$145 million Australian and State Government funded project has involved major road works to construct a 6.9km four lane dual carriage-way on Armadale Road between Tapper Road and Anstey Road.

As we live in an extremely high bushfire risk area, I would like to remind everyone to remain vigilant throughout summer against the threat of bushfire and take time to read the '5 minute chat' information on page 5.

With the end of 2019 looming, I encourage you to shop locally over Christmas and support small



businesses. I look forward to seeing you at some of the great community events planned – so please introduce yourself and say hello when the opportunity arises.

Finally, I wish everyone in our great City a safe and a prosperous New Year.

**Mayor  
Ruth Butterfield**

I have seen a great deal of positive change over three decades in local government and am proud of working with the community, local businesses and the City on projects such as Armadale Road, the redevelopment of Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre, revitalisation of the Armadale District Hall, Kelmscott Hall and Migrant Park redevelopment to mention a few.

It has also been my unique pleasure to meet and spend time with a diverse cross section of inspired people that call Armadale home. I have met many wonderful people including volunteers, community groups, businesses, government

organisations, City staff and elected representatives. These people work tirelessly and inspire others to help realise Armadale's rich potential. Our home is a great place - to do business, to live and interact with one another and a place of abundant natural beauty with a fascinating history and heritage – it really is unique.

I plan to enjoy more travel with my wife Jan, practice my photography, and maybe read a few more books – and I am sure to see you around.

*Best wishes,*  
**Henry Zelones OAM, JP**

For over a decade Joanne has been CEO of some of the fastest growing local governments in Australia, building new communities, delivering thousands of homes and stimulating major economic growth. She was the winner of the 2015 Telstra Business Women's Award for Government and Academia. More recently Joanne was appointed by the state's Treasurer to 'Streamline WA', an initiative to create better ways of applying regulations and encouraging more investment in Western Australia.

"I'm really looking forward to working with the Mayor and the team of councillors we have here at the City of Armadale. We are fortunate to have a passionate group of elected members who really do work as a team," said Ms Abbiss.

"What's really exciting is the diversity within our Council and the incredible opportunities there are to build on our heritage, natural beauty and community spirit."

## MAJOR PROJECTS



### Champion Centre and Seville Grove Library reopens

In October the City of Armadale's outgoing Mayor Henry Zelones OAM, JP along with Dr Tony Buti MLA representing the WA Premier, officially opened the newly redeveloped Champion Centre and Seville Grove Library located in Seville Grove.

The public also celebrated the new facilities in a community open day celebration in November.

Highlights of the upgrades for the Champion Centre includes a modernised new café/kitchen area, the inclusion of a new children's activity room, the provision of a variety of flexible workspaces designed to facilitate partnerships between local organisations and the development of a range of outdoor spaces.

The newly upgraded Seville Grove Library now boasts a training room facility with accessible public computers.

The Centre also features the artwork 'Ocean Swell' by local Aboriginal artist Rohin Kickett, as well as a wall mural designed by artists Matt Adnate, Rohin Kickett and Bradley Kickett.

The newly developed Champion Centre and community elements of the Seville Grove Library were funded by a Lotterywest grant of \$4,060,000 and form part of a major community hub comprising the award winning Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre and the Bob Blackburn Reserve.

### Balannup Road Upgrade

Work is nearing completion on the \$5.9 million upgrade of Balannup Road in Harrisdale, to provide better connection to the urban growth areas of Harrisdale and Piara Waters and safety for all road users.

The project involved the removal of the existing rural standard carriageway and construction of a new urban standard carriageway between Reilly Road and Ranford Road. The upgrade includes a median separated two way carriageway, new roundabout, cycle lanes, upgraded drainage, footpaths, street lighting, landscaping and relocation of existing fencing and crossovers.

Work is underway on the final stages of the upgrade and includes footpaths, brick paving, kerbing, asphalt, landscaping, street lighting, NBN, guardrails and line marking.



### Tredale Park revamp \$145,000

Tredale Park in Bedforddale has undergone extensive upgrades to improve its year round useability and attractiveness.

New concrete pathways provide access from surrounding roads through the playground area with street parking bays on Talus Road. Significant makeover elements included revamping of the existing shelter with seating, the addition of walled play pits and a variety of play equipment including a flying fox, nature play logs and a slide/junior play equipment.

Construction of an irrigated 'Village Green' turf layabout area provides views across the Swan Coastal plain and installation of advanced native and exotic trees throughout the park will provide shade in summer for users.



### Henry's Farewell

It is with mixed feelings, that I say farewell as Mayor of the City of Armadale after 28 amazing years in local government (eight of those served as Mayor). I feel immense pride for all we have achieved, but will miss working alongside some great people I met along the way.



### New CEO takes the reins

The City welcomes new Chief Executive Officer – Joanne Abbiss who took up leadership on 7 October.

## ReThink your rubbish

### Top 5 Recycling Tips

The City's ReThink your rubbish campaign has some great tips to help residents make sure items are recycled the right way. These top 5 recycling tips will ensure you get the most out your recycling service:

- 1 **Clean and dry** – ensure items are free of food and liquids.
- 2 **Lids off** – remove lids from all bottles, jars and containers.
- 3 **Keep it loose** – keep recycling out of plastic bags.
- 4 **Drop it off** – lots of items that can't go in your yellow lid bin can still be recycled by taking them to a collection point.
- 5 **Check for recycling in every room** – many items in your kitchen, bathroom, laundry and lounge room can be recycled.



For more recycling information pick up a copy of the 'ReThink your rubbish' guide from the City's Administration Office or one of the City's libraries, or request a copy by contacting the Waste Services team on **9394 5000**.



## Backyard pool safety

According to Royal Lifesaving Australia the backyard pool is a prime location for drowning fatalities. Children aged 0 to 4 are most at risk, reporting 19 deaths in this age group in 2018/2019, 12 of which occurred in swimming pools.

With summer about to hit, the City is encouraging residents to check and ensure their pool meets safety standards, especially fencing and gate requirements, to protect Armadale's young children from drowning.

Safety standards, such as fencing requirements, apply to any pool that holds 300 millimetres or more of water such as portable pools (including blow up pools), swimming pools or spas.

The *Building Act 2011* requires a swimming pool/spa and the associated safety barrier to have a building permit. The City is required to inspect swimming pool and spa safety barriers once every four years to ensure safety requirements are met.

Further information on requirements for safety barriers is available on the City's website [armadale.wa.gov.au/swimming-pools-spas-and-safety-barriers](http://armadale.wa.gov.au/swimming-pools-spas-and-safety-barriers)

## GET BUSHFIRE READY!

With 144 bushfire events recorded last season in the Armadale area, the likelihood of a fire near you this summer is high. To ensure you and your family are ready and to reduce the risk to your home and loved ones, make sure you take just five minutes out of your time to make a plan by following these simple 'Bushfire Ready' steps.

### BUSHFIRE READY IN 4 STEPS

Make sure you check your property to reduce any potential fire fuel and have a plan that you communicate with your neighbours and family to make sure you are 'Bushfire Ready'.

- 1 **KNOW YOUR RISK**  
If you live near bush or travel through bush you are at risk.
- 2 **CLEAR FUEL LOADS**  
Remove lower branches of trees, check that power lines are clear, clear long grasses, leaves, twigs and flammable shrubs.
- 3 **KNOW YOUR WARNINGS**  
Make sure you understand what bushfire warnings and alerts mean so you are ready to act.
- 4 **HAVE A PLAN**  
Make sure everyone on your property and also your neighbours are aware of your emergency plan, including evacuation routes. Check out the '5 Minute Fire Chat' to cover off making a simple plan.

**Remember**, all property owners with areas of land over 5000 square metres must install a fire break to allow fire trucks to access your property as specified in your Firebreak Notice.

**BURNING PROHIBITED**  
Burning is prohibited between **1 December to 31 March** so remember this means no open fires such as burning garden refuse, no wood BBQs or burning of bush or grassland.

You can check out the Firebreak Notice under fire management at the City's website [armadale.wa.gov.au/ranger-and-emergency-services](http://armadale.wa.gov.au/ranger-and-emergency-services) or request your copy of the 'Bushfire Information' leaflet by calling **9394 5000**.

### MAKE YOUR PLAN WITH A 5 MINUTE FIRE CHAT

- 1 **WHEN** will you know to leave?
- 2 **WHERE** will you go?
- 3 **WHICH** way will you go?

Having a plan this bushfire season is the best way to ensure you and your family's safety in face of a high likelihood of bushfires in the area.

The Department of Fire and Emergency (DFES) has a great '5 Minute Fire Chat' tool to help you be decisive and ready.

To step through the plan in more details you can use the simple DFES planning tool at [dfes.wa.gov.au/firechat](http://dfes.wa.gov.au/firechat)

**YOUR CITY  
EVENTS**

**CAROLS  
CANDLELIGHT**  
*& Christmas Parade*

**FRI 6 DEC**

**6PM CHRISTMAS PARADE  
JULL STREET MALL**

**7PM CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT  
MEMORIAL PARK**

Join in the festivities of the Christmas Parade, as Santa Claus leads the procession down Jull Street Mall to Memorial Park in the City Centre.

Celebrate with family and friends while the kids enjoy the colourful characters and magic of Christmas festivities in Armadale. As the sun goes down, grab a LED candle and songbook

to sing along with local schools and community choirs, supported with live music by the Armadale City Concert Band.

Home to the annual Salvation Army Christmas Food Bank appeal, we encourage you to bring non-perishable food items and groceries to donate to those in need. This is a family friendly, smoke and alcohol free event.

**AUSTRALIA DAY**  
*in Armadale*

**ALCOHOL FREE**

**SUN 26 JAN**

**5 – 9.30PM  
MINNAWARRA PARK,  
ARMADALE**

In an annual Australian tradition, enjoy Australia Day with a jam-packed evening of festivities and fireworks in the Armadale City Centre.

Plenty of activities are on offer for all ages including carnival rides, lots of food stalls to tempt your tastebuds

and a full program of live music showcasing handpicked local talent.

Scheduled to kick off at 8.30pm the highlight of the evening is the spectacular fireworks display set this year to an Australian soundtrack. This is a family friendly, smoke and alcohol free event.



**HAWKERS  
MARKETS**

**SAT 30 NOV | 5.30 – 8PM**  
MEMORIAL PARK, ARMADALE

Experience something new and enjoy the **TASTES, SOUNDS, and SMELLS** of a variety of global cultures while connecting with your community in a family friendly, smoke and alcohol free atmosphere. Then sit back and appreciate **LIVE MUSIC & PERFORMANCES** from local artists inspired by cultures from around the world.



**WIN  
Cash  
Prizes**

**2020 FOCUS  
Photo Competition**

Entries open in February 2020 for this annual competition hosted by the Birtwistle Local Studies Library - open to all adult amateur photographers in WA.

This year's theme 'My Street' hopes to highlight perspectives of home and what 'local streets' look like from various points of view for today and future generations.

Photographers can also enter scans of pre 2000 print photos in the 'Historical' category.

Visit [library.armadale.wa.gov.au/competitions](http://library.armadale.wa.gov.au/competitions) for more information.

**Fight the Bite**



Residents are encouraged to ensure their rainwater tanks are sealed from mosquito entry to avoid breeding as mosquitos can carry Ross River and Barmah Forest virus.

A regular three month check of rainwater tanks and sixth month cleaning of gutters will help minimise potential mosquito breeding sites. Look for gaps which usually occur at inlets and overflow areas, around inspection and access points, between the roof and main body of the tank and in the tank itself due to corrosion or damage.

Removal of any stagnant water from sources such as watering cans, tyres, pot plant saucers, water features, gutters and bird baths is the most efficient method of preventing mosquito breeding due to mosquitos requiring an aquatic environment to develop into a flying adult.

Further information about mosquitos and other pests is available in the 'Public Health' section of the City's website [armadale.wa.gov.au](http://armadale.wa.gov.au) or call 9394 5000.



**Habitat Links wildlife friendly program**

Residents who have natural areas of bush, watercourses or wetlands on their land can play a role in helping preserve local species to ensure future generations enjoy our unique wildlife.

Landowners can assist to create habitat and ecological linkages, to ensure conservation of local native wildlife and ecosystems, by participating in 'Habitat Links' the City's newly expanded Streamcare program.

Participants will join a network of other landowners and receive technical advice and mentoring, particular to their soil and landscape type and free native seedlings will be provided to help create homes and ecological links for native wildlife.

For more details on eligibility and to register your interest in this program, visit [www.armadale.wa.gov.au/habitat-links-program](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au/habitat-links-program)

# Welcome to your new Councillors

Following the Local Government elections on Saturday 19 October, four new Councillors and Mayor and Deputy Mayor were sworn in during a Council meeting held on Monday 21 October. The new Mayor Ruth Butterfield, and Deputy Mayor Carole Frost were voted in by elected representatives also at this meeting and councillors were appointed to the various working committees and groups.

With 23 candidates nominating across the seven wards, the election was tightly contested.

The City of Armadale welcomes four new councillors as follows: In the Heron Ward Cr Emma Flynn joins Cr Donna Shaw. In the Hills Ward Cr Grant Nixon joins Cr Caroline Wielinga. In the Lake Ward Cr Carole Frost joins Cr Michelle Silver. In the Minnowarra Ward Cr Kerry Busby joins Cr Gary Smith. In the Palomino Ward Cr Melissa Northcott joins Cr Colin Campbell, JP. In the Ranford Ward Cr Shanavas Peter joins Cr Jeff Munn, CMC. In the River Ward Cr Hugh Jones joins Cr Ruth Butterfield.

Western Australian local government elections are held every two years, with the next election due October 2021.

Full election results are available on the City's website [armadale.wa.gov.au](http://armadale.wa.gov.au) and the Western Australian Electoral Commission website [waec.wa.gov.au](http://waec.wa.gov.au).

## COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Council Meetings are held in the Council Chambers and Committee Meetings in the Committee Room at the City of Armadale Administration Centre, 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale. A meeting calendar is available to view on the City's website [armadale.wa.gov.au/council-and-committee-meetings](http://armadale.wa.gov.au/council-and-committee-meetings)

### HERON WARD



Cr Donna Shaw



Cr Emma Flynn



Cr Grant Nixon



Cr Caroline Wielinga



Deputy Mayor  
Carole Frost



Cr Michelle Silver



Cr Kerry Busby



Cr Gary Smith

### PALOMINO WARD



Cr Colin Campbell, JP



Cr Melissa Northcott



Cr Shanavas Peter



Cr Jeff Munn, CMC



Cr Hugh Jones



Mayor  
Ruth Butterfield

### RANFORD WARD

### RIVER WARD



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