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# WELCOME TO 2020

*It's set to be another big year*

As the third fastest growing local government in the state, our City and its population continues to grow. We offer a unique lifestyle for those who want to live, work and play in an area of natural beauty. However, increased population growth and industrial development also brings challenges that require innovative and sustainable responses.

The knock on effect of a growing population in a drying climate is leading to more pressure on water reserves. Dwindling groundwater supplies and the need to preserve drinking water for our community means that we can no longer rely on traditional water sources.

Forming part of the proposed Wungong Regional Recreation Facility, the future district level sports grounds will comprise of playing fields and associated facilities; these fields will need a sustainable water source. As a Council, we are currently investigating how to manage the collection and treatment of water through an aquifer recharge (groundwater replenishment), where recycled residential wastewater and stormwater is added to groundwater reserves. You can find out more inside this edition of City Views.

**BREAKING GROUND AT NOVELLI RESERVE:** Mayor Ruth Butterfield, Johnny McCann & Alastair Kleyn (Alita Constructions) and Deputy Mayor Carole Frost

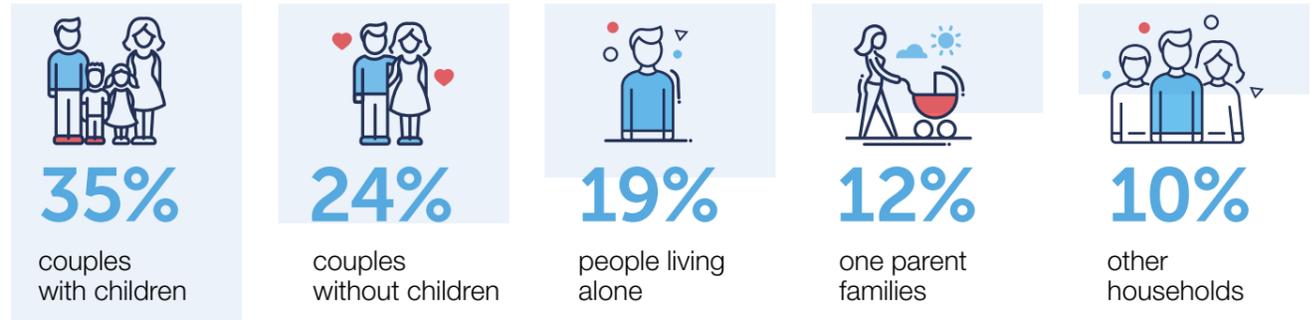


# COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS



## HOUSEHOLD SIZE AND COMPOSITION

Average household size of 2.67 made up of:



Last month, I was interviewed by Destination WA where I had the opportunity to talk about our amazing surroundings and community. Some of you may have seen it on Channel Nine. We also discussed the incredible scenic walking trails and picnic areas within Bungendore Park and around Wungong Dam. It was a great opportunity to showcase our beautiful environmental assets and invite everyone in the state to come and see us!

Next month, the City will host the RSPCA Community Action Day in Armadale, where our pet owning community can join our Rangers, RSPCA inspectors and animal trainers to discuss any concerns or answer any questions you may have about animal ownership. The team will also be providing free vet checks, flea, tick and worm treatments on the day. We encourage you all to visit us at the Armadale Arena on Wednesday 8 April between noon and 3pm.

It's been a busy start to the year, with much more to come, but I'm lucky to be surrounded by a wonderful Council who are engaged and have a genuine passion for our community. I'm excited about what we are striving to achieve this year and look forward to keeping you all updated.

**Mayor**  
Ruth Butterfield

## CITIZENS NATURALISED

**959 citizens were naturalised** from across 64 countries with the top five countries being **India, Philippines, Sri Lanka, UK** and **South Africa**.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2011 and 2016. Compiled and presented by .id.

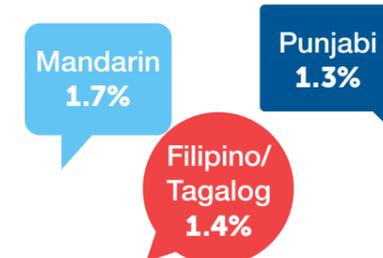


## TOP 5 COUNTRIES OF BIRTH

**34.5% of us are born overseas** with the top countries of birth being the **United Kingdom** 10.4%, **India** 4.1%, **New Zealand** 3.6%, **South Africa** and the **Philippines** 1.8%.

## LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME

Nearly **19%** of us speak a language other than English at home with the top languages being:



Statistics taken from Annual Report 2018/19





## Future flash facility for **NOVELLI**

Ground was broken in February to mark the commencement of work on the new pavilion at Novelli Reserve, Piara Waters.

The sports pavilion will feature a 100 square metre multi-purpose function room, unisex change rooms, a kitchen/kiosk, veranda and car parking.

The playing field, completed in December 2018, was the first part of the staged development and provides an important open space for local residents to enjoy and encourages increased sports participation.

Construction of the new pavilion is expected to take up to seven months to complete, with funding for the facility through the City of Armadale Developer Contribution Plan.

The City awarded the design and construction of the \$1.7 million facility to Alita Constructions in December 2019.

The Department of Education has announced a new primary school will be co-located on the site. The Forrestdale South East Primary School is scheduled to open in 2022 with capacity for 540 students and will include education support facilities for children with disability.

## A PLACE TO CALL HOME FOR LOCAL CLUBS

Construction of the new pavilion in Cross Park, Roleystone is a step closer with the appointment of Alita Constructions who have been tasked with design and construction of the new \$1 million facility. Once completed, this modern building will become the home for the Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club and the Roleystone Netball Club, and will foster a sense of community for both clubs.

The cricket club is renowned for its progressive and inclusive spirit, and is the only club in WA to have both junior and senior female members. They recently received accolades for making junior participation free, removing any financial barriers for children to enjoy sport.

Cross Park is also home to over 20 local netball teams and the City's only netball courts. Currently without change rooms or general sporting club facilities, the City is excited to be bringing a modern building for the Roleystone Netball Club to also use. With over 200 junior members that train weekly they will soon have somewhere to call home and a place for club trophies, pennants and honour boards.



The new facility will feature a multi-purpose function room, unisex change rooms, a kitchen/kiosk, storage spaces and tiered seating overlooking the playing field.

Works commenced in February with the demolition of the old clubrooms, and is expected to be complete by mid-2020.

The project is supported through funding from the City (\$500,000) external funding (\$250,000) along with a contribution of \$250,000 from the Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club, made possible through their ongoing fund raising efforts over the last decade.



## DENNY AVENUE LEVEL CROSSING

### GOING, GOING, GONE!

Denny Avenue is the first of four level crossings that will be removed as part of the METRONET plan. Works commenced late last year to remove the level crossing on Denny Avenue to make way for an underpass and elevated rail line at Davis Road.

For years, local residents and commuters have experienced congestion and held safety concerns on what has been identified as one of the state's most dangerous roads.

The new underpass and elevated rail line will ensure improved safety for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. It will also support Council's vision to rejuvenate the Kelmscott Town Centre by greatly enhancing the connectivity between the town centre and both sides of the rail line.

Detailed designs to relocate the underground infrastructure are finalised and major construction works will commence mid-year, with contractors mobilising to the project area. For more information visit [www.metronet.wa.gov.au](http://www.metronet.wa.gov.au).

## SUSTAINABLE PROJECT ON THE GO!

The City is in the early stages of seeking an innovative and sustainable option for alternative water sources. We have conducted an Expression of Interest and the next step is to award a contract for the Design, Construction and Operation of a Managed Aquifer Recharge Scheme that will be used to irrigate public open space across the Wungong Master Plan area.

Much of the water we use for domestic, industrial, or agricultural purposes is groundwater – which can become depleted if used at a faster rate than it can replenish itself. The replenishment of aquifers by precipitation is called recharging.

A Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) project involves manually recharging an aquifer under controlled conditions to store water for later abstraction for

irrigation purposes. This can be done through an injection bore, where stored and treated residential wastewater and stormwater are pumped back into the aquifer – the opposite to a standard bore that draws water out of the aquifer.

**BENEFITS INCLUDE:** storage to improve security of water supply, natural treatment, a low-cost, low-energy water supply option, and no evaporation loss, algae or mosquitoes.

### WHAT IS AN AQUIFER?

An aquifer is a body of porous rock which can contain or transmit groundwater. Groundwater enters an aquifer as precipitation seeps through the soil.



# ARMADALE ARTS FESTIVAL

## MAKING GREAT ART WORK 1 - 7 MAY

Arts festivals provide a platform to engage with large and diverse audiences, encompassing art from every walk of life. This year the creative and cultural hub of Armadale will be on show with a captivating program of visual art, live music, urban art, dance, literature, and arts and crafts, showcasing the incredible talent coming from our region – there's really something for everyone.

- THE ARMADALE ARTS BUSH TRAIL RETURNS FOR A SECOND YEAR
- LIVE MUSIC
- ART EXHIBITIONS AND URBAN ART
- THEATRE AND DANCE
- HERON PARK HARMONY FESTIVAL
- COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND WORKSHOPS

To view the calendar of events, visit [armadaleartsfestival.com.au](http://armadaleartsfestival.com.au)

## ARMADALE YOUNG WRITERS' AWARDS

### WRITING WORKSHOPS

A great way to be inspired and prepare for the Armadale Young Writers' Awards is to attend one of these writing workshops. Well known authors Kate McCaffrey and Cristy Burne will provide writing tips and offer encouragement at these free creative writing workshops which will be held on Saturday 16 May at the Armadale Library.

#### KATE MCCAFFREY

Years 7 to 12:  
Saturday 16 May, 11am – noon

#### CRISTY BURNE

Years 3 & 4:  
Saturday 16 May, 1 – 2pm

Years 5 & 6:  
Saturday 16 May, 2.30 – 3.30pm

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



Youth sports programs encourage teamwork, active lifestyles, and a goal oriented outlook. Now in its fourth year, the Armadale NightFields program continues to soar in popularity with the last two programs receiving over 500 registrations.

Best of all, this free program provides our diverse community with after school activities that bring children and their parents together in a safe and positive environment with great mentors. Participants can enjoy a sausage sizzle for dinner, with vegetarian option available, following each session.

Regular participants have included the Seville Dragons Basketball and Netball Clubs who recognise this is a great initiative for kids in the area that may want to make a friend, try a new sport or find a club.

Local sporting clubs have received a number of registrations as a result of the program, with many taking advantage of Kidsport grants to cover club fees. Kidsport information is available at [armadale.wa.gov.au](http://armadale.wa.gov.au).

# MINNAWARRA ART AWARDS

2 - 17 MAY  
11AM - 4PM

ARMADALE DISTRICT HALL  
Corner Jull Street and Church Avenue, Armadale

The centrepiece of the Armadale Arts Festival, the Minnawarra Arts Awards, includes an exciting public program including curator floor talks, Positive Ageing High Tea and Music in the Hall, ensuring that it's not just arts lovers that are able to revel in this creative visual feast!

Showcasing talented Western Australian artists the Minnawarra Arts Awards features painting, textiles, sculpture and photography works. The exhibition provides an opportunity for artists to potentially sell their artwork and be eligible to win a prize. In 2019, the total prize pool was valued at \$12,000 and included the prestigious Gerry Gauntlett Award and Stockland Sculpture Award.

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

*"Looking forward to the Minnawarra Art Awards at Armadale 2020, this promises to be a great arts event attracting significant artists across Perth and also regional Western Australia."*

Ron Nyisztor, 2020 Curator

# COMMUNITY GRANTS

Are you a community group eager to make a difference in the community? Community grants are available from \$1000 to \$5000 – and in the last decade the City has assisted 275 community groups to deliver great things for our community.

To be eligible to apply, groups must discuss their project with a member of the Community Development team by Monday 23 March on 9394 5638.

Last year  
The South Tamil School  
received \$2500 to host a  
community concert in 2019



# STAY BUSHFIRE READY!

**YOU CAN'T OUTRUN IT,  
OR OUTLAST IT.  
SO PLAN TO OUTSMART IT.**

Request your *Bushfire Preparation Tool Kit* by contacting [dfes.wa.gov.au](http://dfes.wa.gov.au)

With 144 bushfire events recorded around the Armadale area in 2019, the likelihood of a fire occurring near you at any time throughout the year 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.

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.

**BURNING PROHIBITED  
1 DECEMBER - 31 MARCH**

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.

## 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)

The Department of Fire & Emergency Services has a **Bushfire Preparation Tool Kit**, which contains simple steps to prepare for bushfires. The following information is contained in the tool kit in detail and you can request your Bushfire Preparation Tool Kit by contacting [dfes.wa.gov.au](http://dfes.wa.gov.au).

## BE PREPARED TO STAY AND DEFEND PLAN

**Fire is frightening;** it roars as loud as a freight train coming at you and the smoke plunges day into night.

Everyone in your household must be 100% comfortable with the decision to *Be Prepared to Stay and Defend*.

The **Bushfire Preparation Tool Kit** contains a complete checklist of the 6 steps:

- 1 MANY HOURS BEFORE THE FIRE FRONT ARRIVES**
- 2 AS THE FRONT APPROACHES & DURING THE FIRE**
- 3 AFTER THE FRONT HAS PASSED**
- 4 DON'T WAIT AND SEE!**
- 5 WHEN**
- 6 IF WE'RE TRAPPED**

**If you are unsure about your decision, you must be safe and leave early.**

## PREPARING YOUR EMERGENCY KIT

A kit can be used for all types of disasters, not just bushfires. To prepare your Emergency Kit you will need a bag large enough to fit all the items and an easily accessible spot in your home where it can be permanently stored. Everyone in your household should know where the Emergency Kit is kept.

Prepare your essentials before the bushfire season, and remember your protective clothing. It doesn't matter if you're staying or leaving, everyone needs protective clothing. Radiant heat from a bushfire can kill you from over two football fields away. Prepare clothing and accessories for everyone in your household before bushfire season and store with your Emergency Kit.

## PREPARE YOUR ANIMALS

After human safety, the welfare of your animals should be your most important consideration in the event of a natural disaster.

As owners or carers of animals you have a duty of care to provide appropriate food, water, shelter and treatment for injury or disease for your animals. Having a duty of care for an animal that you are in charge of means you are legally obliged to care for it by providing for its needs in a reasonable way.

## EVAPORATIVE AIR CONDITIONERS



Your evaporative air conditioning unit can catch fire as a result of embers from bushfires, or even small backyard fires, getting into your unit. If a fire starts in your air conditioner, it can spread quickly throughout your home.

If you live within 500 metres of bushland and have a roof mounted evaporative air conditioning unit, your home may be at increased risk of ember attack. An Ember Protection Screen can reduce your risk.

For more information visit [dfes.wa.gov.au](http://dfes.wa.gov.au)

# Homes and highways for NATIVE WILDLIFE

Residents who have natural areas of bush, watercourses or wetlands on their property can play a role in helping to conserve and preserve local wildlife such as quendas, cockatoos and frogs!

Expanding on the City's Streamcare program, Habitat Links has been designed to provide landowners with personalised advice in preserving and improving natural areas that could be used as a corridor for wildlife to travel to food and water sources.

Assisting owners with native seedling species selection, planting techniques, weed management, feral animal management, creating wildlife habitat, erosion management and environmental monitoring, will help conserve our natural areas.



Landowners who sign up by 1 July go into a draw to win a cockatube for their garden

## #DIDYOUKNOW

A cockatube is an artificial nesting box that has been specifically designed for the four species of Black Cockatoos found in WA. Only 10% of their original habitat remains, due to large areas of native vegetation being cleared for development.

Register your interest to participate in the program – email [habitatlinks@armadale.wa.gov.au](mailto:habitatlinks@armadale.wa.gov.au)



# MIGRANT PARK REVAMP

Migrant Park in Kelmscott was once the site of a migrant camp during the 1940s. Although the camps are now long gone, you can visit the revamped park and learn more about the lives of our Kelmscott migrants and what brought them to Australia.

The recent upgrades have ensured the playground area offers a fun and soft fall surfaced playground on what was previously a baron reserve. An upgraded play wall features a ladder and rope climb to the main playground structure and access to the top of the embankment slide, whilst stepping logs, provide nature based and sensory play options.

The installation of features, including an interpretive shelter, complement the historical relevance of the park and celebrate the cultural value of the post war migrant camps, with remnant concrete footings still visible on the grounds between the established flame trees.

The shelters feature laser cut panels reflecting the flora on the site and hold historical reference as they represent the 'Nissen Huts' that used to be located in the migrant camp on the reserve in the 50s and 60s.

The path from the road to the playground provides an accessible connection to a custom designed shelter with excellent shade and protection from the elements.

The project was undertaken in two stages with a total budget of \$500,000.



The shelters represent the 'Nissen Huts' that used to be located in the migrant camp in the 50s & 60s

Laser cut panels reflecting the native flora

## CHECK YOUR SMOKE & DON'T CHOKE

Check your chimney regularly for smoke whenever your wood heater is operating.

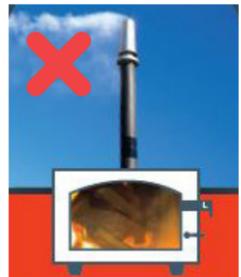


If your wood heater is **operating correctly** your chimney will emit **little or no smoke**.

- ✓ Air intake open to allow sufficient oxygen
- ✓ Firebox stacked correctly
- ✓ Dry firewood



Your chimney should smoke for **no more than five to 10 minutes** after lighting or refuelling.



If your **chimney is smoky** there is **something wrong**.

- ✗ Air intake closed down
- ✗ Not enough kindling
- ✗ Green firewood
- ✗ Firebox too full
- ✗ Chemically treated or painted wood

## FREE NATIVE SEEDLINGS FOR RESIDENTS

SATURDAY 9 MAY, 9AM – NOON  
RUSHTON PARK, KELMSCOTT

Our gardens face long, hot, dry summers. They suffer water restrictions and an unpredictable climate. But you can have a garden that looks great, copes with our challenging climate and saves you money.

Choosing to grow native plants in your garden will benefit you, the local wildlife, and the environment. So why not take advantage of the City's native plants scheme, where we're providing residents with seedlings for free.

Come along and speak to one of our experts about the best places to plant and how to care for your native garden. With over 3,000 seedlings to give away, there will be a limit of 10 per household until stocks run out.

CURRENT PROOF OF RESIDENCY IN THE CITY OF ARMADALE AND PHOTO ID REQUIRED

# WE'RE ALL PART OF THE STORY

Minnawarra and Memorial parks transformed into a tapestry of Australiana, when over 30,000 Australia Day goers descended upon Armadale to embrace everything that is great about our country. Visitors were treated to a smorgasbord of live entertainment, carnival rides, games, food vans galore, and of course the spectacular fireworks display. Feedback from the community has been overwhelmingly positive; with some claiming it was the best Australia Day in Armadale to date!

"It was lovely to see so many families and friends coming together to enjoy the pre fireworks activities, and entertainment in our beautiful park lands. The free kids' splash zone and water slide was particularly popular with families with younger children. Many people chose to bring a picnic rug and stake out the perfect place to enjoy the talented musicians performing on stage.

The City works hard to plan and deliver safe, quality and family friendly events such as Australia Day and the feedback from the community has been extremely positive. We look forward to providing the community with more engaging and enjoyable events throughout the year," said Mayor Ruth Butterfield.

## Community feedback

*"It was a fantastic night! Great to see people from all backgrounds and cultures united in spending a fantastic night."*

*"Thanks for a fabulous afternoon and a lovely firework display. Myself and the family really enjoyed it thank you."*



## Meet your COUNCIL

### HERON WARD

Cr Donna Shaw & Cr Emma Flynn

### HILLS WARD

Cr Caroline Wielinga & Cr Grant Nixon

### LAKE WARD

Deputy Mayor Carole Frost & Cr Michelle Silver

### MINNAWARRA WARD

Cr Kerry Busby and Cr Gary Smith

### PALOMINO WARD

Cr Colin Campbell, JP & Cr Melissa Northcott

### RANFORD WARD

Cr Shanavas Peter, JP & Cr Jeff Munn, CMC

### RIVER WARD

Mayor Ruth Butterfield & Cr Hugh Jones

## Council Meetings

Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers and Committee Meetings in the Committee Room at the City of Armadale Administration Building, 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale.



Back row L-R: Jeff Munn, Hugh Jones, Shanavas Peter, Colin Campbell, Donna Shaw, Grant Nixon, Caroline Wielinga  
Front row L-R: Emma Flynn, Kerry Busby, Melissa Northcott, Ruth Butterfield, CEO Joanne Abbiss, Carole Frost, Gary Smith, Michelle Silver

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