

City Views

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Summer in Armadale!

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Free fireworks spectacular on Australia Day

Australia Day 2011 is planned to be the region's largest community event, with over 40,000 people expected to turn out for it.

Every year the City of Armadale hosts this spectacular free family event in Minnowarra Park. The fun will start at approx 4pm with various forms of entertainment to appeal to all members of the family. There will be food vendors, carnival rides, circus workshops, Old Mac's animal farm and of course, the fireworks.

The fireworks show is synchronized to an Australian soundtrack and is scheduled to commence at 8.30pm.

Due to the large number of people expected, we encourage people to make use of public transport. There is limited car parking available, but some roads will be closed and patrons need to be patient going home.

There will be no better place to enjoy fireworks with the family than in the surrounds of Minnowarra Park. We look forward to seeing you on Australia Day 2011.

The Australia Day celebrations are hosted by the City of Armadale and supported by Lotterywest.

Public transport timetables
www.transperth.wa.gov.au



Watch Summer Cinema under the stars

Catch a FREE movie under the stars as the big screen lights up Rushton Park for this summer. Bring a rug and a picnic and enjoy a great family film straight from the box office. Movie begins at sunset. There will be pre-movie entertainment from 'Bizircus' and event is free are free! The evening starts from 6.30pm.

Sunday 9 January 2011: Fantastic Mr Fox

Rushton Park, River Road, Kelmscott

For more information, please call City of Armadale on 9399 0187

Celtic capers

Thousands of people turned out for the City's annual Highland Gathering and Armadale Cycle Classic at Minnowarra Park on Saturday 13 November, enjoying the sights and sounds of traditional Scottish culture. From the bagpipes, to kilts, sporrans, cabers and haggis, it was a celebration of all things Celtic.





Happy 30th Birthday to the Aquatic Centre

On Sunday 19 December, Armadale Aquatic Centre turns 30 and everyone is invited to celebrate with us! Pool entry costs \$3.00 children, \$4.50 adult, \$11.50 family and from 11am to 4pm there are lots of FREE events for all to enjoy, plus a Family Fun Pack for the first 50 families!

Activities include: Aqua Bubbles, pool inflatables, the bungie run, 'Under The Sea' bouncy castle, 3-on-3 basketball competitions, displays from local clubs, bombie competitions, prize giveaways, Aqua Slides (\$15 all day or \$13 an hour), aqua aerobics (11am-12.30pm for adults, max 20 per class), kiddy swim competitions (11am-12.30pm, ages 5-10 years), sausage sizzle, a visit from Santa (11am-12 noon), swim races (12.30pm-1.30pm) and Armadale Councillors' address and cake-cutting ceremony (1.30pm).

For more information, Contact the Armadale Aquatic Centre on 9399 0850.



Mayor's Message



It is always pleasing when excellence and effort is rewarded. Recently, the City of Armadale has received a number of awards and commendations for achievements throughout the organisation.

From our thriving Visitor Centre, which has won a state-wide Top Tourism award for Heritage, to the prestigious national accolade for the *Switch Your Thinking!* sustainability program, we celebrate the hard work and success of the people behind these initiatives.

Equally, at this time of year, it is important to reflect on the contributions of volunteers in our community.

Armadale is fortunate to have a large number of people willing to donate their time or skills for the benefit of others.

Some of our most dedicated volunteers belong to local bush fire brigades, but whether it be digging holes for seedlings at planting time, helping seniors, serving meals, working in animal shelters, mentoring youth or running workshops, ALL volunteers are vital and we thank them most sincerely for their contributions.

With Christmas fast approaching, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your family for a happy and safe festive season.

During January, don't forget to come along to Armadale's most popular event, the magnificent Australia Day fireworks in Minnowarra Park, provided for your enjoyment by the City.

Cr Linton Reynolds AM JP
City of Armadale Mayor

Draw like an Egyptian

History House Museum – Summer Holiday Program

Wednesday 19 January, 10am-11.30am*

Find out how to draw like the ancient Egyptians in this innovative workshop run by History House Museum.

You will learn: the four basic rules for drawing in tombs and temples, the colours that were used and the basic techniques used.

Bookings are essential and all materials are supplied. Please contact Hazel James on 9399 0419 or hjames@armadale.wa.gov.au

**Suitable for all ages.*



National Honour for Council education program

The *Switch your thinking!* program has received critical acclaim at a national level, winning the hotly-contested Education Award at the 2010 Banksia Awards.

The Education award is deemed by the judges to demonstrate leadership and innovation in lifting awareness, improving understanding, advancing social and community consciousness of sustainability issues and educating to achieve real, tangible outcomes.

Presented at the Banksia Awards ceremony in Sydney on 15 October, the prestigious environmental award is the latest in a long line of successes for the program, which is an initiative of the South East Regional Energy Group (SEREG) – a partnership program of the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells and Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire.

Switch your thinking! helps SEREG councils, and a growing number of other councils in the Perth metropolitan area, educate their communities and deliver sustainability initiatives under a recognisable and consistent brand.

As a result of recent growth, *Switch your thinking!* now reaches more than 750,000 people in WA and is delivering a record number of projects to the community each year.

Switch your thinking! projects aim to educate and empower the community and promote energy and resource efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction across the region.

Examples of current successful projects include the Rebates for Residents project and the Solar PV Workshop Series.

With more local government and corporate partners around Australia set to join *Syt!* in 2010/11, continued growth and the delivery of groundbreaking new projects promises to be the next exciting phase of this innovative educational program.

To find out more about the *Switch your thinking!* program or how to become more sustainable at home or in the workplace visit www.switchyourthinking.com.

Urban Waterways Renewal Project

As part of the Australian Government's *Water for the Future – National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns*, the Department of Water has received funding for water quality improvement projects in the City of Armadale (known as the Urban Waterways Renewal Projects). In addition, funds have also been secured from the State National Resource Management (NRM) program funded through the Swan River Trust to implement the Local Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) for the Southern River Catchment. Again, funding will also be made available for water quality improvement projects in the City of Armadale.

The South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare (SERCUL) will be acting as Project Managers for the project, working closely with Officers from the City of Armadale to ensure that there are the appropriate environmental outcomes. There are seven project sites in all.

The first project to commence will be the Williams Road Main Drain project. This attempts to improve water quality passing through the drain via the construction of a Living Stream and other nutrient intervention techniques. In order to work with our residents, the City of Armadale will be conducting various community engagement workshops over the coming months. For further information and details of these workshops, please go to www.armadale.wa.gov.au.



Valuable environmental volunteers

Thank you to our fantastic volunteers who have once again worked hard on a range of important environmental projects throughout the City of Armadale.

During 2010, 172 volunteers from 20 community groups contributed 8,344 hours of their time for environment conservation and improvement activities, including planting, weed control, applying for grant funding, dieback treatment and bushland maintenance.

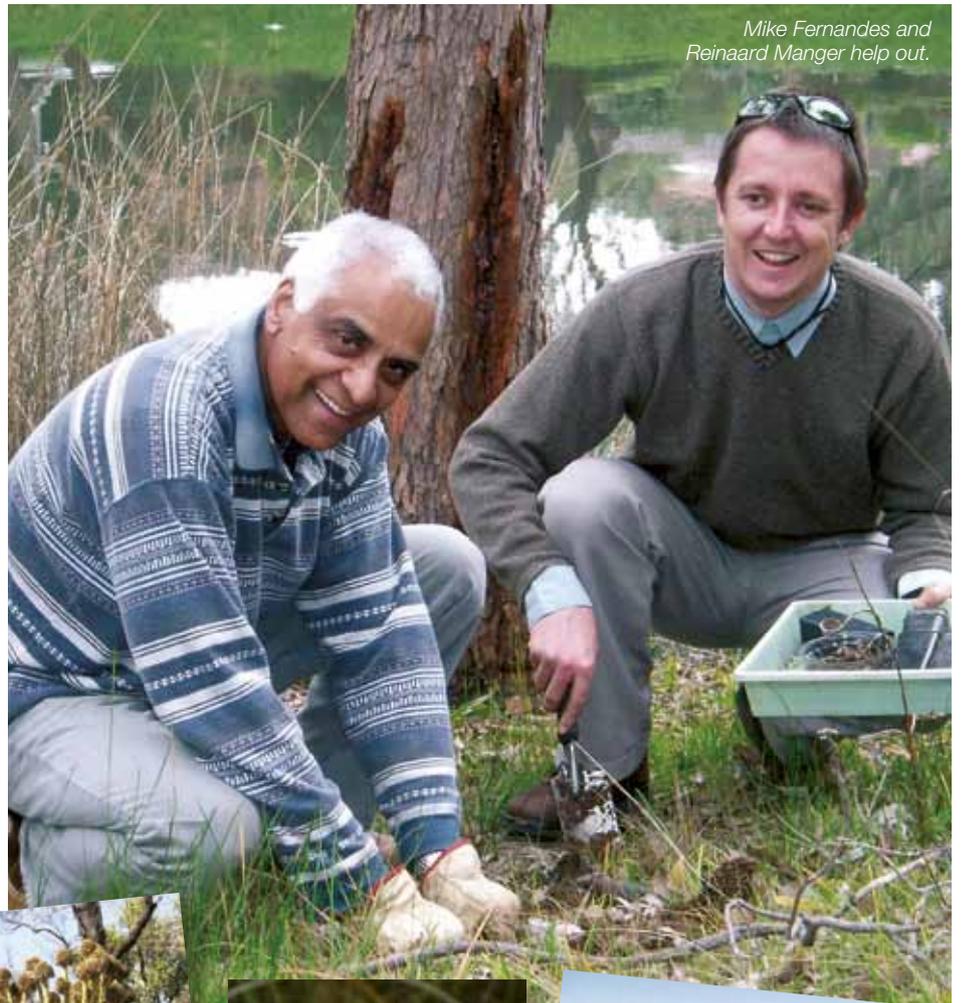
This contribution to the City equates to a whopping \$201,007 worth of work, based on the Volunteering Australia standard rate of \$24.09 per hour.

In addition, more than \$233,000 in external grant funding has been attracted by volunteer groups, including the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group, to the region.

The award-winning AGLG alone planted over 62,000 plants in the City of Armadale this year!

To express our appreciation for the efforts of environmental volunteers, the City's Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee and AGLG held a thank you function at Roley Pools on Sunday 12 December.

Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds and other Councillors attended, distributing small thank you gifts to each volunteer and enjoying a BBQ breakfast.



Mike Fernandes and Reinaard Manger help out.



Our Newhaven Heart winners!

Christine Chapman
Kelmescott,

Fumihiko Sawada
Roleystone,

Denise Bhasin,
Piara Waters,

Sian Jenkins-Bragg,
Harrisdale.



Drop 'N' Shop Christmas Hamper Raffle

The Drop 'N' Shop is running a Christmas Hamper Raffle. Tickets are free with every purchase and it will be drawn Saturday 18 December. The shop will also be donating some materials to the Armadale Reptile Centre to assist in building a monitor enclosure and helping to set up some garden beds at John Wallaston Anglican Community School.

The City of Armadale Drop 'N' Shop is open Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 8.30am to 4.30pm at the Armadale Landfill and Recycling Facility, Hopkinson Road, Hilbert. Call Stuart for more details: 9399 6462.

COMING EVENTS

Your Local Libraries

The City of Armadale libraries play host to a variety of activities throughout the year.

Scitech Road Show

Wednesday 19 January 2pm – 3pm
Armadale Library

Kids have an affinity with bubbles and gases so this fun science presentation from the Scitech Road Show is sure to be popular! Exploring the properties of air and water, there will be giant bubbles, double bubbles, bubble trampolines and more. Suitable for children 5-12 years and bookings are essential.

Better Beginnings program

Scitech Early Childhood Workshop
Friday 28 January 10am – 11am
Seville Grove Library

Children can explore science concepts through play, as part of the Better Beginnings Parent Workshops. Parents and carers are invited to bring their baby, toddler or pre-schooler and have fun together. Suitable for the 0-5 age group. Bookings essential.

Open on Sundays

Armadale Library is now open every Sunday from 12noon until 4pm. Visit us soon at Armadale Central shopping centre for books, DVDs, magazines, resources or to relax in our reading room.

City of Armadale libraries will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and public holidays only. Armadale Library will be open until 5pm on 24 December, while Kelmescott and Seville Grove close at 12 noon. All libraries close at 5pm on 31 December.

Armadale Library

Armadale Central Shopping Centre,
Shop 64, 10 Orchard Avenue
Tel: 9399 0125

Kelmescott Library

2800 Albany Highway, Kelmescott
Tel: 9399 0810

Seville Grove Library

78 Champion Drive, Seville Grove
Tel: 9399 0800

Awards for Visitor Centre



WA Newspapers' Ian Jones presents Top Tourism award to City of Armadale staff.

Drop in to the City of Armadale's Visitor Centre in Jull Street for award-winning service, expert advice and information about the region's best tourist spots.

Did you know that Armadale recently won the Heritage category of the 2010 GWN Top Tourism Award, competing against Broome, Bunbury, Kalgoorlie, Margaret River and Swan Valley?

The Visitor Centre has also been recognised for excellence in customer service, achieving Gold Certified Provider status from the Aussie Host program run by the Australian Retail Association.

In addition, the Visitor Centre has received the prize for Community Promotion at the 2010 Armadale Regional Business Association awards.

So whether you're hosting visitors, need to book a tour or accommodation, or just want to explore the beautiful local area, Armadale Visitor Centre has all your tourism needs covered.

Contact the Visitor Centre on 9399 0410, talk to the friendly staff in-person at 40 Jull Street, Armadale, or log on to www.visitarmadale.com.au

Winning ratepayers

A dozen lucky ratepayers have been rewarded for paying their rates on time. Winners selected randomly by computer draw either paid their rates in full or elected to use the City's unique Smarter Way to Pay direct debit installment system.

Angela Slattery, of Mt Nasura, Graemme and Cheryl Cowie, of Armadale and Eileen Green, of Roleystone, received the major prizes of \$2,000 from the City of Armadale for paying their rates in full.

Westpac's \$1,500 savings account prize went to Roleystone's George and Ruth Martin.

Four Smarter Way to Pay prizes of \$1,000 from the City of Armadale went to John and Ruth Fisher, of Brookdale, William and Katherine Easton, of Armadale, Anita

Keisey, of Kelmescott and Larry and Gillian Alvisse, of Camillo.



Bendigo Bank cheques for \$500 were awarded to Armadale's Gerrit and Magdalena De Vos and Seville Grove's Michael Evans, while double passes to the WA Symphony Orchestra's Tchaikovsky concert were presented to Stephen Robertson of Lathlain and James Zlaman of Darlington.

For more information about payment of rates and the Smarter Way to Pay system, contact the City of Armadale on 9399 0111 or visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au

Great Aquatic Centre activities

In summer, the place to be is Armadale Aquatic Centre in Champion Drive, Seville Grove.

Come along for a casual swim and a family picnic under the trees, or to join in one of the centre's regular activities. There is always lots of water-based fun to be a part of!

Junior Lifeguard program

A great alternative to swimming lessons! Learn new lifesaving skills and improve your swimming endurance in a fun environment. Suitable for ages 13-plus and held on Saturdays from 4pm to 5pm. Cost: \$100 for 10 weeks or \$10 per session. Participants must register in advance.

Swim and Survive swim school

Now is the time to enrol your child in swimming lessons with our experienced and friendly instructors. There are two Holiday Series available – Monday to



Friday 4 to 14 January and 17 to 28 January. All stages are catered for and the cost is only \$90.

For more information and bookings, contact Armadale Aquatic Centre on 9399 0850.

City's Christmas business hours

The City's Administration Centre will be open on all weekdays other than public holidays during the Christmas and New Year period, for the convenience of residents.

Waste and recycling collection services will continue as normal.

All City of Armadale facilities will be closed on Christmas Day. Armadale Aquatic Centre is open for the remainder of the holiday period, while Armadale Arena is open on all weekdays.

The City's after hours and emergency telephone service (1300) 886 885 is available throughout Christmas and New Year.

Useful Council Numbers

City of Armadale Administration Centre

Tel: 9399 0111
Fax: 9399 0184
 Email: info@armadale.wa.gov.au
 Address: 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale WA 6112
 Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8.15am to 4.45pm

City of Armadale newsletter

City Views provides residents with information about Council policies, services, activities and community events. We welcome your articles and suggestions.

Next deadline: Friday 21 January 2011

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YOUR COUNCIL

Bushfires — are you prepared?

The bushfire season is here and City of Armadale residents are reminded that lighting of fires in the open air is prohibited until 31 March 2011.



You can help protect your property during summer by taking the following advice:

- Slash or mow grass around the home and out buildings
- Remove tree limbs, branches, leaf litter, twigs etc from around your home
- Maintain a 20m fuel reduction zone around your home (greater if on a slope)
- Clear around trees and remove dead branches, prune lower limbs and cut back branches overhanging the roof
- Keep gutters and roofs clear of leaf litter, twigs and debris
- Remove heaps of bark, heavy mulch, wood and any other flammable materials that are close to your home or sheds.

Those living either in, or near, bushland are in a high bushfire risk area and need to be fully prepared, with fire breaks cleared on their properties and a Bushfire Survival Plan in place.



Authorised officers from the City of Armadale are conducting firebreak inspections, so make sure your property complies with the 2010-11 Firebreak Notice (available from the City's website www.armadale.wa.gov.au)

A Bushfire Survival Plan is extremely important because it helps people take action and avoid making last-minute decisions that can prove deadly during a bushfire.

Visit www.fesa.wa.gov.au for more information about preparing yourself, your family and your property for bushfire.

Immunisation Clinics

Important notice – City of Armadale immunisation clinics are now held at Armadale Hall and Evelyn Gribble Community Centre ONLY.

Clinics are free and commence at 9am and close at 10am sharp. Community Nurses are in attendance to carry out vaccinations. Scheduled vaccinations are due for children aged 2, 4, 6, 12 and 18 months, and 4 years old. To assist the Australian Childhood Immunisation

Register please bring your Medicare Card. For more information contact the City's Health Department on 9399 0111.

ARMADALE HALL Jull Street, Armadale	EV GRIBBLE COMMUNITY CENTRE Ninth Road, Brookdale
Wed 12 Jan Wed 9 Feb	Aust Day - no clinic Wed 23 Feb

City of Armadale — 25 years young

Armadale officially became a City on 16 November 1985, so to celebrate our 25th birthday, we held a morning tea function for current and former staff members, Councillors, guests and community members.

Among the guests catching up with old colleagues were Mayors Ian Blackburn (1979-86, 1988-92) and Roger Stubbs (1992-96, 1997-2001) and former Councillors Betty Rushton and Roly Richardson.

The function included a photo and memorabilia display, along with a presentation by historian and Armadale District history co-author, Jennie Carter.

City of Armadale Council and Committee Meetings

January and February meeting cycles are displayed below. All meetings are held in the City of Armadale's Administration Centre, 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale and are open to the public.

January 2011

Mon 17 Jan	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Mon 17 Jan	7pm	Development Services Committee
Tues 18 Jan	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Tues 18 Jan	7pm	Community Services Committee
Mon 24 Jan	7pm	Council

February 2011

Mon 14 Feb	7pm	Technical Services Committee
Tues 15 Feb	7pm	Community Services Committee
Mon 21 Feb	7pm	Development Services Committee
Tues 22 Feb	7pm	City Strategy Committee
Mon 28 Feb	7pm	Council