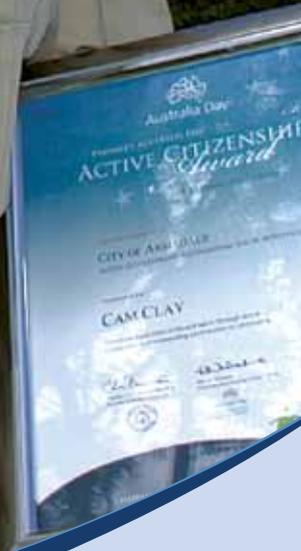


Community spirit thrives in Armadale



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COMMUNITY



New community space in City Centre

An exciting new City of Armadale facility featuring street-real skate elements, passive viewing areas, terraced seating and an innovative multi-purpose sculptural steel surface is being constructed in the Armadale city centre.

The facility is not just for skaters, it is designed to be used as an entertainment and leisure space for a variety of general community and youth-specific events.

Located in Orchard Avenue adjacent to the Civic Administration

Centre, active elements will appeal to BMX riders, inline skaters, skateboard riders and their families.

Community members of all ages will be able to enjoy the activities planned for the site.

This innovative facility is expected to be complete mid 2011.

Not-for-profit groups and organisations interested in utilising the space can contact the City's Community Development Officer – Youth on 9399 0637 for more information.

Armadale makes history

Do you have photos of the streets of Armadale over the last 25 years?
Or the Brookdale Waste Treatment Facility from 1988?
Or the function held granting City status to Armadale on 16 November 1985?

The history of Armadale is set to be published later this year and we would love to take copies of your old photographs to include in the book.

If you can help, please contact Susan Hall, Historian/Local Studies Librarian, on birtwistle@armadale.wa.gov.au or phone 9399 0641.

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City's dry season water measures

The City of Armadale complies with its Water Conservation Plan and the Department of Water's licensed allocation in order to use water efficiently for playing fields and parks.

The City irrigates a total area of 103 hectares of parks and other public open space, using mostly groundwater drawn from bores in the superficial aquifer. There are 46 bores licensed by the Department of Water, with an allocation limit, in the areas west of Albany Highway. There are another 14 bores in the hills and foothills that do not require licensing; however the water supply can be unreliable in these areas.

The City's Water Conservation Plan involves:

- Flow meters installed on all bores to monitor groundwater usage.
- A water budget established to ensure that the City does not exceed its annual allocation.
- Irrigation system audits conducted to identify poorly performing systems and make recommendations for upgrading and replacement.
- Site-specific irrigation schedules, based on the output of the systems and the typical turf water requirements during the irrigation season.

The challenge for the City is that Armadale's population is expected to double over the next 20 years, with new residential developments in western regions contributing heavily to this growth – and all requiring additional water allocation. The decline in rainfall over the last decade adds to the challenge.

The City continues to be mindful of the limited water resources available and always stays within the allocated limit.

Mayor's Message



There is never a dull moment in our region and the summer months are packed with activities, programs and community events coordinated by the City of Armadale for families and in particular, our younger residents.

Were you one of the estimated 40,000 who were wowed by the Australia Day fireworks at Minnowarra Park? Many believe this was our best-ever pyrotechnics display and it certainly highlighted a wonderful day celebrating our national identity and achievements.

Congratulations are in order for our community champions Cam Clay, Blake McCarthy and Roleystone Scout Group, who were awarded coveted Active Citizenship Awards.

The City's annual Concerts in the Park series throughout February and March are popular with people of all ages. There is nothing more pleasant than relaxing with a twilight picnic dinner in one of our shady parks, listening to music. Even better, these concerts are free!

For something a little more energetic, consider some of our sport and fitness activities at Armadale Arena. Toddlers right through to seniors are catered for and a crèche service is available for parents.

The Armadale Aquatic Centre continues to be a prime destination on hot summer days and in a few months, there will be another great family and youth leisure space located right in the heart of the city centre, in Orchard Avenue.

Midnight Basketball – an innovative social inclusion program combining sport and education on Saturday nights – returns to Armadale Arena in 2011. The City is proud to support this worthwhile endeavour and I encourage you to become involved through volunteering, sponsorship or other means.

Finally, take some time to enjoy the programs and events our three libraries are offering to exercise the mind and imagination.

Cr Linton Reynolds AM JP
City of Armadale Mayor

City supports smoking laws

Backed by strong community support, the City established anti-smoking initiatives 12 months prior to the State Government's changes to smoking laws last September.

You will continue to see smoke-free signage in children's playgrounds and outdoor eating areas, as well as stickers and table cards at local restaurants as part of the City's continued commitment to the bans.

So please take care and avoid smoking in outdoor eating areas, in cars with children under the age of 17, within 10 metres of children's playground equipment in a public place and between the flags on patrolled beaches. Smoking in these areas is prohibited State-wide.

COMMUNITY

Midnight Basketball slam dunks

The three tournaments held in 2010 were a huge success! And they're back for 2011.

Tournaments will be held at Armadale Arena from 21 May to 9 July and 13 August to 1 October.

In this innovative program, education and sport unite – games are preceded by workshops covering health, conflict resolution, self-esteem, healthy living, community engagement, cultural development and includes a free evening meal.

Midnight Basketball engages local youth to provide safe and enjoyable fun on Saturday nights when organised activities and services generally aren't available. The program is largely coordinated by the City of Armadale, in partnership with Armadale PCYC.

We could not have enjoyed success in 2010 without our volunteers, which included the Commonwealth Bank, local businesses and our local community members. Thank you!

To volunteer or register your interest, contact the City on 9399 0637 or visit www.midnightbasketball.org.au/locations/Armadale.



Armadale Youth Documentary

Local youth joined Millennium Kids and film-makers from Murdoch University to develop mini-documentaries about the City of Armadale.

Participants were creatively involved in the skill of film-making and invited to explore the past, present and future of Armadale from a youth perspective. The program has been designed in part to allow participants to explore how their choices affect their future.

Film workshops were also included as part of the successful Midnight Basketball program. The finished film screened at the Champion Centre Expo late last year and the Murdoch law centre. It will be taken to Geneva, Switzerland, in 2011 to be a part of the 'Voice of Youth' for the UN charter of child rights. Workshops are continuing out of the old Post Office on Jull Street on Thursdays as a part of the "Off Beatz" program.

Nicholson Road usage

The City of Armadale is continuing to push for the removal of a Primary Freight designation from the section of Nicholson Road between Armadale and Warton Roads.

Nicholson Road now traverses a major urban residential and commercial development area encompassing Harrisdale and Piara Waters and the changing road environment has become unsuited to the road's heavy freight transport designation.

The City has worked extensively with the Department of Planning and local land owners to plan and implement construction of Warton Road (between Nicholson and Armadale Roads) to function as an efficient Primary Freight route, replacing the regional freight function of this section of Nicholson Road.

The \$9.6 million Warton Road works are largely funded by developer contributions supported by a Main Roads WA improvement grant of \$2.2 million to allow it to safely handle heavy vehicle movements.

The City has provided a report to the WA Planning Commission's Infrastructure Coordinating Committee seeking support for the change in designation.



James and Matthew Grasl enjoying the benefits of the library.

Happy 1st birthday Armadale library

The new Armadale Library turned 1 on Thursday 27 January, with residents popping in to enjoy celebrations that included story time, fairy bread, treats and music.

With a welcoming, contemporary look and extensive information technology features, Armadale Library has set a high benchmark for public libraries in WA.

How far has our library come along?

- 1897 Armadale library established in the old Armadale Mechanics' Institute Hall.
- 1958 A new building was constructed and the Armadale-Kelmscott District Public Library opened.
- 1972 A new Armadale-Kelmscott library was open for business on Orchard Avenue. The library serviced a population of 12,000 residents, with 11,800 books on the shelves.
- 2010 New library established in the Armadale Central Shopping Centre.
- 2011 Happy 1st birthday. Armadale library, along with the additional Kelmscott and Seville Grove libraries, services a population close to 70,000 (60,000 residents and 10,000 users from outside our area). It boasts a stock count of 92,559, which includes books, DVDs, CDs and a contemporary fit-out of IT services.

Take some time to visit this vibrant hub!

Free Concerts in the Park



Sunday 27 February, Tuxedo Junction, at Rushton Park, Kelmscott, 5pm – 7pm

Sunday 13 March, Roleystone Musicians Club, at Roleystone Primary School Oval, Roleystone, 5pm – 7pm.

Sunday 27 March, Armadale City Concert Band, at Memorial Park Amphitheatre, Armadale, 5pm – 7pm.

Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy a wide range of music to tap your feet to.

Visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au or phone 9399 0187 for more information.



Bring your family to Arena

Your family can enjoy many fun activities together and get fit in the process.

Armadale Arena programs include Monkey Play for toddlers, Teen Fit for teenagers, Boot Camp for mums, STAR Fitness for seniors, Daytime Netball for juniors and seniors, and a host of other activities. A crèche service is included in the cost!



Your Local Libraries

The City of Armadale holds a number of regular activities throughout the year, such as Story time, Baby Rhyme Time, Better Beginnings Parent Workshops, Beginners Computer Training and Writing Groups. Come along and enjoy the learning.

Some programs include:

Harmony Week Performance

Tuesday 15 March 10am – 11.30am.

Seville Grove Library

Zimbabwe and Australia come together via Earthy Afro-roots style guitar sounds. Light morning tea will be provided.

Ripper Readers

Armadale, Kelmscott & Seville Grove

Year 1 students are invited to join this book club on an ongoing basis.

Members receive many special treats over the course of their visits. Join us today!

Armadale Library

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

Kelmscott Library

2800 Albany Highway, Kelmscott
Tel: 9399 0810

Seville Grove Library

78 Champion Drive, Seville Grove
Tel: 9399 0800

Career change through volunteering

Is it time for a career change?

Networking in the industry in which you are seeking to find work is one strategy to raise your profile, but employers often want to see experience on your resumé.

Volunteer work could be your solution. It's an opportunity to get an insight into the workings of a sector, develop new skills and establish contacts.

Armadale Volunteer Services staff are available to provide advice on current volunteer projects and encourage enthusiastic people to expand their horizons while assisting others in the local community.

Some examples include donating your time to help at the Visitors Centre, assisting the elderly and disabled at local nursing homes and Day Centres, walking and grooming dogs at animal shelters and helping SES in emergencies.



Hazel James, Education Officer, and Bob who volunteers to restore and preserve Armadale relics at the History House Museum.

Call 9399 0629 for further information or visit www.seek.com.au and click on the Volunteering tab.

Community clean-up

Volunteers continue to do great work cleaning up graffiti in the region.

The Civil Pride Action Group (CPAG) is a team of volunteers dedicated to keeping the region looking its best by conducting patrols throughout the region each week and removing graffiti from infrastructure such as fences, walls and laneways.

The City of Armadale is proud to support CPAG by funding materials like solvents, cleaning products and paints, as well as a dual-cab truck to transport up to seven people and all the group's equipment.

Do you want to play a part in cleaning up graffiti?

If so, you can either:

- Report graffiti by calling the hotline on 1800 44 22 55
- Call Don Winstanley on 9399 4502 to join the clean-up team.
- Visit www.goodbyegrffiti.wa.gov.au for more information.

A big thanks to all volunteers who take time to keep their hometown beautiful.

Free Sustainable Gardens Workshops

Great Gardens workshops are here again, designed to help you create sustainable homes and gardens. So, come along and learn how to save money and resources.

Workshops help you to:

PLAN – your garden to make it more beautiful and manageable

SAVE – precious time and money

CREATE – a wonderful garden and be water wise and fertiliser wise

IMPROVE – the beauty and value of your property and attract birds and wildlife

UNDERSTAND – your soils and get the best out of them

DEAL – with pests and diseases effectively

REDUCE – your electricity and water bills

WIN Great Gardens giveaways and door prizes

ENJOY a scrumptious supper

GET tips from the experts

Bookings are essential due to popularity.



Got an old esky?

Did you know most old eskies can't be sent to landfill?

Why not recycle it your own way – create your own worm farm!

Drop 'N' Shop will show you how. Visit Stuart from Thursday to Sunday at the Resource Recovery Centre based at the Armadale Landfill and Recycling facility, Hopkinson Rd, Hilbert, or call 9399 6462.

Great Gardens	Tues 1 March	6-9pm	City of Armadale Administration Building, Function Room, 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale.
Great Food Gardens	Wed 2 March	6-9pm	
Synergy Great Homes & Gardens	Thurs 3 March	6-9pm	

To find out more and to register, visit www.greatgardens.info or call 1300 369 833.



Your role in business advertising

The City of Armadale's Town Planning Scheme No 4 controls the display of advertising throughout the City in order to protect and promote local business. Directional signage has become a common practice by businesses, developers and builders publicising their services.

This kind of advertising is considered detrimental to the amenity of most areas and in particular, within a residential area. Traffic safety becomes a risk and areas can become polluted.

With changes to legislation, local governments can now issue infringements of \$500 for displaying unauthorised signage.

Non-local businesses have also adopted directional signage and the City has intervened to encourage them to adopt other methods of advertising.

The City will continue to protect local business to ensure a level playing field for business and the community in general.

Generally, local businesses are aware of advertising regulations and we encourage owners to consider advertising mediums other than portable directional signage, such as local newspapers and the internet. Please contact the City of Armadale's Planning Compliance department for signage advice.

Unbearable noise?!

Unbearable noise complaints are on the rise, with loud radios, stereos and parties causing most concern.

Under State environmental protection laws it is an offence to create unreasonable noise.

If approaching your neighbour to discuss noise reduction proves unsuccessful, you can request assistance from the City of Armadale.

In the case of a one-off after hours event, contact your local police station. For ongoing unbearable noise, email the City's Health Department at health@armadale.wa.gov.au and include the location, the frequency and duration.

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 feedback.

Next deadline: Monday 14 March 2011

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Australia Day explodes

Armadale skies were splashed with glorious colours on Australia Day – and the ground wasn't too different either! Around 40,000 people gathered in Minnowarra Park and surrounding areas in their red, white and blue-themed clothing for the City's annual Australia Day celebrations.

Earlier, 43 people from 13 nations became Australian citizens at a joyful City of Armadale ceremony hosted at the Council chambers.



Australia's national day on 26 January is a celebration of our diversity, landscape, notable achievements and bright future.



Active Citizenship Awards

A decade of service to the community and environment has earned Armadale's Cam Clay (front page) Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards in two categories.

Mr Clay was honoured with the Environmental Contribution of the Year Award and Active Citizenship Award for a person 25 and over.

Young high achiever, Blake McCarthy from Seville Grove, was a worthy winner of the Active Citizenship Award for a person under 25 years, while Roleystone Scout Group, represented by Joanne Meuli received the Active Citizenship Award for a Community Group or Event.

Mr Clay, supported by wife Faye, has spent the last 10 years of his retirement as Chairperson of the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group (AGLG). He is a volunteer with a range of other environmental groups and with the Bedforddale Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade.

Mr McCarthy, an instrumentation electrician, is a former Australian Apprentice of the Year (2009), a member of the Armadale Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service since 2007 and current committee member of the Australian Apprenticeship Roundtable providing advice to the Prime Minister on apprenticeship issues and a Governing Council member of Polytechnic West.

City of Armadale Council and Committee Meetings

March and April meetings are held at 7pm in the City of Armadale's Administration Centre, 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale, and are open to the public.

March	
Mon 14 March	Technical Services Committee
Tues 15 March	Community Services Committee
Mon 21 March	Development Services Committee
Tues 22 March	City Strategy Committee
Mon, 28 March	Council
April	
Mon 11 April	Technical Services Committee
Tues 12 April	Community Services Committee
Mon 18 April	Development Services Committee
Tues 19 April	City Strategy Committee
Wed 27 April	Council

Immunisation Clinics

Clinics are free and operate between 9am and 10am. Community nurses conduct vaccinations for children aged 2, 4, 6, 12, 18 months, and 4 years old. Please bring your Medicare Card.

Free Whooping Cough (Pertussis) vaccination for parents! This program was introduced to contain the current outbreak of whooping cough. We offer vaccination for parents, grandparents and adult carers of children born 1/1/11 to 30/6/11 as a trial.

For more information contact the City's Health Department on 9399 0111.

ARMADALE HALL Jull Street, Armadale	EV GRIBBLE COMMUNITY CENTRE Ninth Road, Brookdale
9 March 13 April	23 March 27 April