

Are you ready for **SPLASH TOWN?**



**Sunday
11 December
is \$2 DAY!**

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City launches new history book of Armadale region

After four years and several tumultuous centuries in the making, a fascinating and comprehensive book detailing the history of the City of Armadale has been released.

“Settlement to City – A history of the Armadale district and its people” brings to life the events, people and stories which shaped the region as we know it today.

Researched and written by respected historians and authors, Jennie and Bevan Carter, the book contains many photos, images,

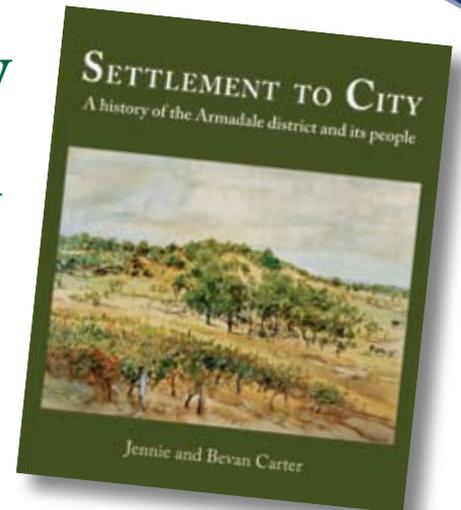
documents and anecdotes taken from oral histories.

Starting with the area’s original landowners and the relationship between local Indigenous people and the new English settlers, the history covers every period up to and including the devastating February bushfires.

Former Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds said that most importantly, *Settlement to City* is a cracking good read. Armadale boasts a rich and diverse past, as one of the oldest local authorities in Western Australia.

“We wanted to hear the story of Armadale “warts and all” and we have got that in this really worthwhile book.”

Settlement to City is on sale at the City’s Administration Centre, the City’s libraries at Armadale, Kelmscott and Seville Grove, Armadale Visitor Centre and History House Museum. It retails at \$88 for a hard bound copy (limited numbers available) and \$55 for a soft bound.



Former Mayor Linton Reynolds with historians Jennie and Bevan Carter.

Tourism judges in Armadale

As a finalist for the best visitor’s centre across Western Australia, the City of Armadale hosted a special site visit. A Tourism Expo was held at the Waterford Conference Centre where the judges were introduced to whip cracking, sheep shearing and aboriginal dance before they visited the exhibits.

Dozens of businesses were on display including Rocksgate Winery, Roleystone Theatre, Olil Jewellery, Armadale Reptile Centre, Armadale Arena, Armadale Society of Artists, Topaze Designs, Champion Lakes, Armadale Cottage, Raeburn Orchards and Shaggy Sheep Station.

Armadale Mayor, Henry Zelones said, “Armadale has so many beautiful and inspiring places to visit we welcome the judges to our region. We hope they enjoy their City visit to our iconic locations



Tourism Awards judges Nicholas Petit, Trevor Sutherland & Kate Lamont with HALO dancers.

including Minnowarra Historic Precinct, Waterford Executive Conferencing Centre, Araluen Botanic Park and Elizabethan Village.”

The highly regarded award acknowledges the important contribution to high quality tourist facilities and experiences. Winners will be announced end of October.

Five new Councillors for Armadale

Five new Councillors are joining Armadale Council following the local government election held at the City's administration building on Saturday 15 October.

Kerry Busby (Minnawarra), Melissa Northcott (Palomino), Jim Stewart (Heron), Mark Geary (Neerigen) and Grant Nixon (Jarrah) are the new elected members and Cr Jeff Munn retained his seat (Lake) for another term while sitting Councillors Keith Lethbridge (Neerigen) and Wayne Mauger (Palomino) were not returned. Cr Henry Zelones was returned in the River ward unopposed.

Sitting Councillors Donna Shaw (Heron), Ruth Butterfield (River) Guenter Best (Neerigen), Caroline Weilinga (Jarrah) June MacDonald (Lake), Matthew Norman (Minnawarra) and Laurie Sargeson (Palomino) are mid way through their term and will be up for re-election in October, 2013.

The new Councillors were sworn in at the Council meeting on Monday 17 October where the first item of business will be the election of the new Mayor. The newly elected Mayor is Cr Henry Zelones and the Deputy Mayor is Cr Ruth Butterfield.

Armadale CEO, Ray Tame, thanked the Returning Officers and all 2011 election candidates for the manner in which the election was conducted.

"Several wards were strongly contested which is a healthy sign for our community."

"We now have our new team for the immediate future and look forward to setting direction for the task ahead."

"I would like to pay tribute to retiring Mayor Linton Reynolds and retiring Councillors Bob Tizard and Pat Hart and thank them for their contributions over their many years of service."

A total of 15 candidates in seven wards contested the 2011 City of Armadale election, which was conducted by the WA Electoral Commission on behalf of the City.

For further details and the election results visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au

Mayor's Message



It is a pleasure and an honour to be elected by my Council colleagues as the new Mayor for the City of Armadale. The stunning growth, development and vibrancy that now characterises our City has largely been achieved over the last decade. We have not done this alone. In conjunction with the Armadale Redevelopment Authority, we have created an investment environment that has seen the revitalisation of interest in our beautiful region and we are now beginning to see the results.

I and my Council colleagues will build on these achievements and continue the good work of the City over the past decade under the leadership of Cr Linton Reynolds.

Some of the key developments include:

- The establishment of Harvey Norman
- Development of the Armadale cinema complex to six cinemas
- The extension of the Tonkin Highway through to Thomas Road moving most heavy haulage traffic out of our town centres;
- Expansion of the Armadale Shopping City, and the parallel construction of the Armadale Central retail complex;
- Construction of the International Rowing Course at Champion Lakes with its adjacent residential area;
- Upgrades to both major shopping centres in Kelmscott and an extension of bulky goods and food / service offerings along Albany Highway;
- Makeover of the Roleystone shopping centre
- New shopping centre being built in West Armadale
- Creation of the Forrestdale Business Park
- The new Armadale Library
- A major revamp of public places in the Armadale CBD including installation of CCTV and lighting upgrades
- Significant upgrades to local parks and sporting reserves, the latest being the \$5 million works at Frye Park.

We are now seeing high quality homes, in great new estates with substantial public open spaces being established. The impact of this population growth in these new areas is the expansion of associated infrastructure such as retail shops, seven day trading, schools and transport routes.

This is an exciting time to live and work in our district and I look forward to meeting you in the community and building on what we have achieved.

Cr Henry Zelones JP
City of Armadale Mayor



NEWS IN BRIEF

Olympic trials to take place at Champion Lakes

Two Olympic trials will take place at Champion Lakes this season, with the Open Swimming Championships and the Australian Rowing Championships in February and March 2012 respectively.



City of Armadale CEO, Ray Tame said "There is a great opportunity for local businesses to sponsor these events to gain recognition and brand awareness during this time of high visitation.

"We have a unique offering in Armadale, with 7 day trading, fantastic day breaks and easy to access services.

"It is projected that 20,000 people will attend the Australian Rowing Championships and around 10,000 the Open Swimming Championships."

Roy Goodger wins award

A City of Armadale staff member who began his career as a bricklayer has received a prestigious Western Australian building surveyors' award.

Roy Goodger, a building surveyor with the City for 21 years, was presented with the John George Award at the recent Australian Institute of Building Surveyors (AIBS) WA State conference.

The annual award recognises excellence in leadership, innovation, customer service, best practice and professionalism to the profession of building surveying.

Environment work awarded

A long-term commitment to improving the environment, backed by the dedication of many local volunteers, has resulted in a major state award for Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group (AGLG).

They won the Urban Landcare category of the 2011 Western Australian Landcare Awards held last month.

AGLG secretary, Councillor Pat Hart and AGLG Coordinator, Crystal Gillam, were presented with the Urban Landcare award by the Governor of Western Australia, Malcolm McCusker and the CEO of Landcare Australia, Heather Campbell.

The community-based landcare group, said the award is a win for all local people who volunteer with them and take pride in the beautiful environment in which we live. They will represent WA in the 2012 national Landcare awards in Sydney next year.



Lauren Jones,
Kelmscott High School

Art awards attract talented works

Judges were astounded by the level of talent and creativity displayed by Year 11 and 12 entrants in the 2011 Outside the Frame Awards which saw over 130 pieces of art on display.



The quality of artwork on display was exceptional

The judges praised the entrants on their creativity, innovation and use of contemporary aesthetics. The qualities of the works were highly commended by all, comparing the pieces to those of a professional level.

Kalamunda Senior High School took out the top accolade winning the \$1,000 prize for best school entrant.

New toilets for Memorial Park

Brand new state of the art toilet facilities have been erected in Memorial Park.

The new facilities are located near the Administration building to coincide with the development of the Youth Activity Area. The location provides best access for all users and visitors to Memorial Park, amid accessible pathways.

The new toilets are fully accessible and include a change table facility. They have been planned in accordance with environmental design principles.

The facility is stainless steel and has design features that complement the adjacent shopping centre and aesthetic features of Memorial Park.

The toilets will be open from 6am - 6pm seven days per week, 365 days per year, controlled by an automated security system.



It's huge! Bunnings opens biggest store in WA

This week saw the grand opening of the biggest Bunnings store in WA, in Armadale. With a footprint of 14,500m², the newly opened store on Ranford Road, looks ready to take advantage of the steady housing growth and population increase in the region.

John Gillam, Managing Director of Bunnings said the new store is employing over 100 staff who live locally and injecting \$3 million in wages into the local community each year.

"Bunnings started 175 years ago, here in WA, by two brothers in Fremantle, and it has grown into the enterprise we see today. This is the 175th store in Australia/NZ and in this store alone we have 45,000 product lines.

"We are looking forward to being part of Harrisdale and the wider Armadale community for many many years".

Masters Hardware on the way

The massive 14,000 sq/m Masters Home Improvement store in Forrestdale is on track to open in February 2012, bringing with it exciting business development and employment opportunities.

"The recent opening of the first Masters store in Braybrook, Melbourne has been an outstanding success and is proving a drawcard for other traders," Project Manager, Mr Purcell said.

"This concept fits ideally in Forrestdale with the Armadale region and surrounding suburbs growing very quickly. We think there will be a great deal of interest from local builders and real estate developers, as well as the general public, in what we're doing."

Mr Purcell said the Forrestdale complex



would be a "shot in the arm" for Armadale employment.

"We will be employing a lot of local people and training them as well.

"There will be an estimated 180 employees required for the Forrestdale store and overall around 300 in the entire complex."

Local advertising for positions with Masters will start in the near future.



Street Meet N Greet

Are you a new resident? Looking to get to know your neighbours and local community? Street Meet N Greet is the perfect opportunity.

Street Meet n Greet encourages neighbours to interact with one another and take responsibility for their community.

Streets are encouraged to host a barbeque with the support of the City of Armadale. We provide all the materials and invite local agencies such as Bushfire Ready Groups, Neighbourhood Watch, Community Justice and Centrelink. All you and your neighbours have to do is cook!

The barbeque will provide you with a chance to get to know your community, local organisations and surrounding areas.

Street Meet N Greet encourages communication amongst neighbours and has a profound effect in reducing anti social behaviour and crime.

Work starts on Abbey Road

Work on the long-awaited Abbey Road-Railway Avenue re-alignment has begun.

Designed to improve traffic flow, the intersection will increase user safety and provide better connectivity across the region.

Traffic Control Signals (TCS) will be installed and the overall precinct will be realigned and developed to improve the area.

The City of Armadale will contribute approximately \$1.8 million towards the project with another \$750,000 being funded by Federal Black Spot Projects.

OUT & ABOUT

There's so much going on in Armadale and one of the great things is that there are so many free events for you to enjoy.

Whether it's dressing up in tartan and tossing the caber, going on a guided historic walk, singing carols or watching outdoor films – there's plenty on offer for all ages.

SENIORS WEEK EXPO

Tuesday 8 November, 10am – 2pm

Entertainment and activities include Noni B catwalk, Zumba for seniors, Greendale Singers, Arena Seniors Aerobics and much more.

Information exhibits from Home & Community Care, National Hearing Centre, Independent Living Centre and various seniors clubs and groups will be on display.

Where: Greendale Centre, Coombe Ave
Contact: 9399 0652

HAVE A GO DAY

Wednesday 9 November, 9:30am

Free activities include exercise to music, archery, weightlifting, canoeing, tennis, Wing Chun, bridge, climbing wall and helicopter rides.

There will be information displays from vendors from across Perth.

Where: Depart from Armadale Visitors Centre at 9.30am
Cost: \$5.00 per person
Contact: 9399 0410 Bookings essential



ARMADALE CYCLE CLASSIC

Sunday 20 November, from 3.30pm

21st annual Armadale Cycle Classic contested by a field of elite athletes around the challenging City centre.

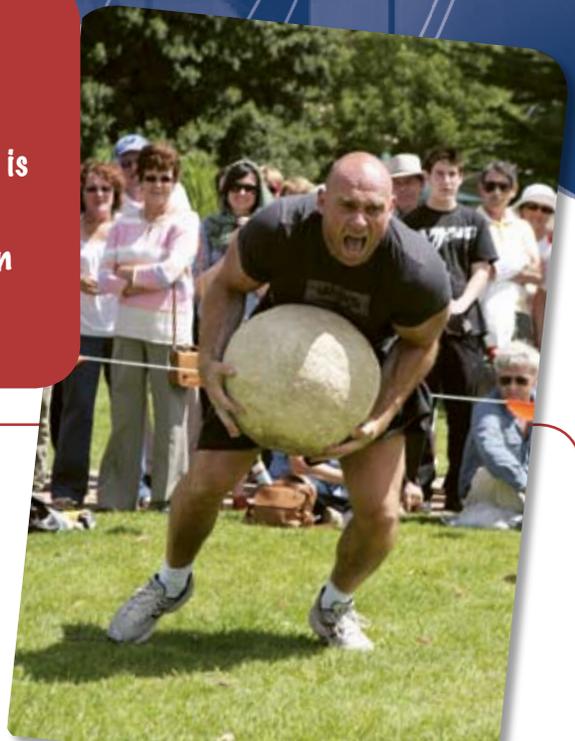
Where: Minnowarra Park
Contact: 9399 0111

HIGHLAND GATHERING

Sunday 20 November, 11am – 5pm

WA's largest Scots-themed event is being held at Minnowarra Park. A huge range of fun activities for all the family, including pipe band competition, a massed pipe band and procession, plus traditional country and highland dancing and the strong men participating in heavy events such as putting the stone, tossing the caber and wrestling. Don't forget to wear your kilt!

Where: Minnowarra Park
Contact: 9399 0111 or www.armadale.wa.gov.au



HISTORIC WALK

Thursday 10 & Friday 11 November, 9.30am

A guided walk through Armadale's historic sites including Bert Tyler, History House, Town Hall and Minnowarra Chapel.

Where: Armadale Visitor's Centre
Contact: 9399 0410 Bookings essential

ARMADALE INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL

Saturday 3 December, 4pm

Movie: "Blame!" – shot entirely in Armadale

Where: Grand Cinemas, Armadale Shopping Centre

When: Thursday 1 December, 6.30pm

Movie: Indigenous Film Night – "One Night the Moon"

Where: Memorial Park

When: Friday 2 December, 4pm

Movie: Red Dog

Special guests Director Kriv Stenders & Koko the dog. Music & screening of short film finalists.

Where: Memorial Park
Contact: 9399 0111

RAMPED

Thursday & Saturdays, summer school holidays

Events for young people in the area on a Thursday and Saturday nights during the summer school holidays, including BMX competitions and Battle of the Bands.

Where: Jull Street Mall
Contact: 9399 0111

CAROLS IN MINNOWARRA

Sunday 4 December, 5pm

Everyone is welcome to attend and join in a festive sing-along in the lead-up to Christmas.

With musical accompaniment from some of the region's most well-known choirs there is every reason to warm up those vocal cords for some popular carols.

Where: Minnowarra Park
Contact: 9399 0111

SUMMER CINEMA

Sunday 18 December, 6.30pm

Movie: Toy Story 3

Where: Rushton Park
Contact: 9399 0111

OUT & ABOUT

As the warm weather quickly approaches, it is time to get outside and into shape for summer, and what better way to get fit than joining a group fitness class. There's lots of activities to get involved in, to improve your fitness levels, make friends and have fun.

FREE Kayaking & Rowing

Where: Champion Lakes

When: Kayaking on Monday 7 November, Rowing on Tuesday 8 November, 8-10am

Contact: Robyn Brown 0401 311 817
Bookings essential

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Where: Champion Centre

When: Fridays, 10.30am – 2.00pm

Contact: 9399 0820 or
championcentre@armadale.wa.gov.au

Basketball Scrimmage

Where: Armadale Arena

When: Fridays, 6pm – 8.30pm

Cost: \$3.00 per person

Contact: 9399 0840



Armadale Swim School

Where: Armadale Aquatic Centre

When: Various days & times through Term 4

Cost: \$105, 10 week program

Contact: 9399 0850



Teen Boot Camp (13 – 17 years)

Where: Armadale Arena

When: Mondays & Thursdays, 4 – 5pm

Cost: \$7 per session, 5 week program

Contact: 9399 0840

Indoor Netball

Where: Armadale Arena

When: Mondays & Wednesdays, 6.30pm

Cost: \$49 per team, per game

Contact: 9399 0840

Monkey Play (2 – 5 years)

Where: Armadale Arena

When: Wednesdays, 9.15am – 10am

Cost: \$7 per session, 10 week program

Contact: 9399 0840

Indoor Soccer

Where: Armadale Arena

When: Mondays, 6.30pm

Cost: \$49 per team, per game

Contact: 9399 0840

Mum's Boot Camp

Where: Armadale Arena

When: Mondays & Wednesdays, 10.30 – 11.30am

Cost: \$160 non-members, \$130 members

Contact: 9399 0840

Vacation Swim Classes

Where: Armadale Aquatic Centre

When: January school holidays

Cost: \$105, 10 classes

Contact: 9399 0850

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.

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DEVELOPMENT

Prepare your property for **bushfire season**

Greenwaste collections need to be more readily used by residents to help the community prepare for the coming bushfire season.

Chief Bushfire Control Officer Brian Watkins said while public awareness was high after last summer's devastating bushfire, it was important residents took their own precautions to reduce fuel loads on their properties.

"We want the community to be well prepared for the new fire season and

residents – and particularly those living in or near bushland – can best assist by reducing fuel loads on their properties," said Mr Watkins.

"There are a number of ways to do this including disposing of greenwaste: by using tip passes or the City's verge collections, in your weekly rubbish bin; mulching as much greenwaste as possible and finally, through properly managed burns.

Joining a Bushfire Ready Group can help



you and your neighbours become more informed and prepared in the event of a fire. This community program, developed by the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) in collaboration with local government, allows neighbours to network, share information and develop strategies to reduce their bushfire risk.

Phone 9323 9300 for more information.

Greenwaste Verge Collection

Get ready for bushfire season

Now's the time to get your property ready for the bushfire season by taking advantage of our Greenwaste Collection. The City of Armadale invites residents to place green waste on the verge next to your property before the date of collection.

Please wait until you receive this flyer before you start putting out your green waste. Different areas are collected on different dates.

Further information, please contact Waste Services on 9399 0111 or visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au

City of Armadale Council and Committee Meetings

November and December 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.

November 2011

Mon 7 Nov	7pm	Technical Services
Tues 8 Nov	5.30pm	Community Services
Tues 8 Nov	7pm	Development Services
Mon 14 Nov	7pm	Council meeting
Tues 22 Nov	7pm	City Strategy
Mon 28 Nov	7pm	Council meeting

December 2011

Mon 5 Dec	7pm	Technical Services
Tues 6 Dec	7pm	Community Services
Mon 12 Dec	7pm	Development Services
Tues 13 Dec	7pm	City Strategy
Mon 19 Dec	7pm	Council meeting

Welcome to **Splash Town**

Armadale Aquatic Centre has received a make over with the newest and most entertaining addition to the centre, Splash Town.

Splash Town is a brand new, innovative water area for children. It is a zero-depth water playground with a slip resistant surface, making it the safest way to play in the water.

The centre is the new home for local lifeguard in training, Fergus, a friendly young frog who loves to hang out at Splash Town.

Kids get to splash, play and spray, keeping them entertained for hours.

Splash Town is the coolest place to be this summer.

Official opening day is \$2 day on Sunday 11 December from 11am - 2pm. Children under 2yrs free entry.

