

# City Views

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## Armadale getting BIGGER AND BETTER



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## DEVELOPMENT

# Get on down to **Splashtown**

After a \$4.7 million upgrade to its facilities, Armadale Aquatic Centre is seeing more users come through its doors.

The centre was closed over winter during which some spectacular renovations were undertaken, making it the best venue in Armadale this summer.

The centre recently completed upgrade works including a new plant room, pipe work, landscaping and the addition of Splash Town – Armadale's brand new, zero-depth water playground.

Come along for a swim, have a barbeque or picnic on the expansive grassed areas or simply relax by the pool. Open every day.



*Splash Town has the latest in water entertainment including interactive water sprays, water cannons, spray grounds and large over head tipping buckets.*

## Ranford Road taking shape

Completion of the final stage of the dual carriageway of Ranford Road is now underway.

The section from Tonkin Highway to Armadale Road (adjacent to the Forrestdale Business Park) is the final portion of Ranford Road, completing the 'dual' link from Canning Vale through to Armadale Road.

At this point, work is underway between Lake Road and Armadale Road. The project totals \$12.3M and will be jointly funded by the City, State Government and Forrestdale Business Park. Works are timed to coincide with the opening of the eagerly awaited Masters and Bunnings developments both fronting onto the new road.



*Construction on the development of Ranford Road is well underway.*



Sarah Bennett was awarded the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards for 25 years and under category

## Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award winners

Dedicated local residents were awarded the prestigious Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards on 26 January.

Armadale Mayor, Henry Zelones thanked the winners for their hard-work, diligence and contributions to the local community.

"I have nothing but praise and appreciation for these inspiring community members," Cr Zelones said.

"I am certain I speak on behalf of all City of Armadale residents when I say 'thankyou' to these unsung heroes of the community."

Other winners include:

**Community Group or Event**

– Armadale Lions Club

**Over 25 years category** – Gary Smith

**Environmental Contribution of the Year**

– Individual – Pat Hart

**Environmental Contribution of the Year**

– Group – Armadale Wildflower Society

## Australia Day a success despite high temperatures



It was very hot on Australia Day, but thousands of people still came along for the festivities and fireworks

## Mayor's Message



Driving around our busy City, I am constantly reminded how much has changed – for the better – in a seemingly short period of time.

The transformation of Armadale from a somewhat dormant area on Perth's fringe to a thriving regional centre is truly remarkable.

Armadale continues its population growth momentum in the new suburbs of Harrisdale, Piara Waters and Hilbert, while large business projects are taking off, adding increased employment opportunities and spawning a raft of associated services and shops.

What a great time to be a part of the Armadale region!

At a community level, it has been one year since the shocking Kelmscott and Roleystone bushfire gutted homes and caused havoc in the lives of hundreds of our residents.

The houses haven't all been rebuilt, the bushland restored nor the terrible memories erased, but it has been encouraging to witness the strength and spirit of our resilient community.

Finally, I recommend a visit to Champion Lakes for the Australian Rowing Championships and Interstate Regatta, being held from 5-11 March. The nation's finest oarsmen and women are gearing up for the London Olympics later this year and the City of Armadale is privileged to host them.

**Cr Henry Zelones JP**  
City of Armadale Mayor



All children should have the opportunity to take part in sports and recreation, no matter what their financial situation.

## KidSport assists with sports club fees

A fabulous new initiative by KidSport is offering young people in Armadale up to \$200 towards club fees.

Whether its soccer, tennis, badminton, table tennis or basketball – this new offer allows kids to take up sport in their local community at no cost.

The fees will go directly to the registered KidSport clubs participating in the project through their participating local government.

To be eligible you must be:

- Aged between 5 – 18 years old
- Have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
- Your primary place of residence must be in the City of Armadale (exceptions may apply)
- It is preferred applicant's register with a club in the City of Armadale

Simply complete an application form found on [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au) for a registered KidSport club. Submit the form to Armadale Arena with a copy of the Health Care Card.

If applicable, the City will give you a KidSport voucher which will be redeemable at your local club. For more information contact the Club Development Officer on 9399 0642.



## New traffic lights for the City

The City of Armadale is working towards making local roads safer and significantly improving traffic flow.

New traffic signals will be installed over the next few months at:

- Champion Drive/ Tonkin Highway intersection,
- Streich Avenue/Denny Avenue intersection (depending on Main Roads approval),
- Seville Drive/ Armadale Road intersection and at the
- Abbey Road/ Armadale Road/Railway Avenue intersection.



These new signals are being introduced to reduce accident rates and create safer intersections, assisting with the Armadale's road network connectivity.

The City of Armadale has received approximately \$1.9 million in support from the state's Black Spot program.

An upgrade to our infrastructure is a long term initiative which will see the City's road network further developed to meet the needs of our expanding population.

The new traffic signal systems are expected to be operational over the next 12 months.

### How much does a footpath cost?

Every path is different. Each footpath has physical constraints such as driveways, kerb, drainage which affect its cost.

Due to the variations in each household no footpath is the same. One path can be more expensive to others in the same area.

**Fast fact:** The City of Armadale laid nearly 2km of footpath in 2010/2011 at a total cost of \$187,210.

### Road re-surfacing

Three roads within the Armadale region will be part of a road re-surfacing programme in 2012.

The City will contribute \$164,000 to re-surface Twelfth Road, McNeill Road and Poad Street over the year.

## Whose verge is it anyway?

Technically every verge is public land but many people consider their verge to be part of their property frontage. How your verge is presented can make a big difference to the value of your property.



The City of Armadale is encouraging residents to maintain and improve their verges to reap the benefits of better streetscapes. However, all work on the verge must be approved.



The benefits include:

- Streets with trees and planted areas are more attractive and comfortable to walk around. Walkable neighbourhoods encourage social interaction and are safer.
- Planted areas provide a habitat for birds and encourage biodiversity.

- Planted areas assist with urban heat reduction and storm water management.
- Real estate values increase in areas with attractive streetscapes.

If you work together with at least three households on your street you can organise a verge makeover. Illustrate your request by putting together a Neighbourhood Verge Plan.

To start planning your verge, download the Fact Sheets and the Streetscapes Request Form available on the City's website, the application process is simple and user friendly. Contact the City's Park Services for more assistance.



## Healthy Communities Initiative

The City of Armadale in partnership with the City of Gosnells has successfully received over \$560,000 in funding from Department of Health and Ageing as part of the Healthy Communities Initiative (HCI).

HCI is a community based physical activity and healthy eating program aimed at improving lifestyle choices.

Over the next few months the City will be introducing **FREE** healthy living and eating programs to residents.

With this announcement, Council will be calling on the community to register for Eat, Act, Live by calling Community Development on 9399 0642 or email [eatactlive@armadale.wa.gov.au](mailto:eatactlive@armadale.wa.gov.au)

### Useful Council Numbers

**City of Armadale  
Administration Centre**

**Tel: 9399 0111**

**Fax: 9399 0184**

Email: [info@armadale.wa.gov.au](mailto: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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# *New Estates*

## **BREAKING NEW GROUND**

Quality homes built with environmental sustainability in mind; set among spacious parklands with natural streams and walking trails; and community facilities on your doorstep.



### Sound like a dream?

This is the pleasantly surprising reality of the City's newest housing estates, whose shady, master planned streetscapes and outstanding water conservation practices are putting Armadale at the forefront of urban residential development.

As one of WA's top 5 – and Australia's top 20 – highest growth areas, the City of Armadale, guided by its Town Planning Scheme No 4, is committed to supporting a “best practice” approach to its new communities.

This includes refurbishing the historic Bakers House homestead in Harrisdale for community use, building better roads and major transport routes and working with developers to create high quality local infrastructure such as parks, streetscapes and footpaths.

Major residential developments such as Aspiri and Newhaven in Piara Waters, Arion, Vertu, Heron Park and Harrisdale Green in Harrisdale and Wungong Reach in Hilbert are challenging our perceptions of traditional housing estates.

These are attractive, thoughtfully-designed and family-oriented places to live, which will offer improved access to amenities such as shopping centres, public transport routes, schools, ovals and parks.

Indeed a feature of Armadale's new suburbs is the high percentage of land dedicated to public open space – people want to stroll through parks, enjoy a picnic under the trees, fly a kite and kick a ball!

Consider Satterley's 104 hectare Heron Park Stage 2 which will link its future parklands to those in the initial Heron Park development, creating much larger open space areas.



Examples of benchmark standards in sustainability and planning continue:

- **Stockland's Wungong Reach in Hilbert**, the first residential development of the massive Wungong Urban Master Plan, will showcase water sensitive design, energy efficient housing and management of the abundant natural resources. This will include park "avenues" and living streams, wildlife corridors and bushland buffer zones.
- **Aspiri in Piara Waters**, developed by PRM Property Group and Hawaiian as a boutique 400-lot estate, has been designed to take into account the history of the Forrestdale area, the significance of nearby Forrestdale Lake, the rehabilitation of James Drain and the Piara Nature Reserve, which adjoins the estate's north-eastern boundary.
- **The Cedar Woods estate**, Harrisdale Green, is offering incentives in the form of rebates to home buyers who invest in sustainability measures such as water tanks, PV cells, solar hot water systems and energy and water saving fixtures. The estate design also abuts Bush Forever areas, uses recycled materials and water wise plants in landscaping and minimises storm water run-off.
- **Newhaven estate** has extensive parklands, walking paths and shared barbecue areas created to encourage a connected community life, in addition to the City's new sporting ovals under construction. The Harrisdale shopping centre has now received planning approval and will service Harrisdale and Piara Waters residents.
- **Primary and high schools** and district sporting facilities are in either planning or construction phases in Harrisdale and Piara Waters.

Integral to the establishment of these new estates is the Developer Contribution Scheme coordinated by the City, which requires developers to share the cost of common infrastructure such as district distributor roads, extensive path network, drainage systems, living streams, environmental remediation and sporting and community facilities.





# Armadale welcomes new citizens

The City of Armadale welcomed 58 new citizens at a special ceremony to celebrate Australian Citizenship Day on Australia Day.

The conferees are from countries which include United Kingdom, Jordan, Philippines, Zimbabwe, Colombia, Indonesia, Yugoslavia, Turkey, and Tanzania. Conferees joined the Australian family as part of the Thursday 26 January ceremony at Armadale District Hall.

Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones said the ceremony showcased the region's cultural diversity and the newest citizens' commitment to this country and their local community.

# What's ON

## Concerts in the Park

**Armadale City Concert Band**  
**Sunday 4 March, 5pm – 7pm**  
**Memorial Park, Armadale**

Popular music to tap your feet and sing along to. 40 musicians play music to suit all ages ranging from Broadway to swing and salsa. Bring along a rug and picnic and enjoy great music under the stars.

## Minnawarra Festival

**Sunday 18 March, 10am – 5pm**  
**Minnawarra Park**

The Minnawarra Festival has something for everyone, with displays, games, crafts, food stalls, rides and free activities for children and live music. This event spreads across Minnawarra and Memorial Park, Armadale Town Hall and Jull St Mall.

## Close the Gap Family Expo

**Thursday 22 March, 10am – 2pm**  
**Champion Centre – Seville Grove**

Join the Champion Centre and focus on all stages of health planning and delivery for Aboriginal and Torre Strait Islanders. There will be stall holders from various health providers, offering free information and advice.



## Environmental Working Groups seeking members

The Armadale Settler's Common, Bungendore Park and Bushcare and Environmental Working Groups are seeking new members with an interest in environmental matters. Contact the Environmental Officer at the City of Armadale to find out more.

## City of Armadale Council and Committee Meetings

February, March and April 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.

### February 2012

Mon 13 Feb	7pm	Council meeting
Mon 20 Feb	7pm	Development Services
Tues 21 Feb	7pm	City Strategy
Mon 27 Feb	7pm	Council meeting

### March 2012

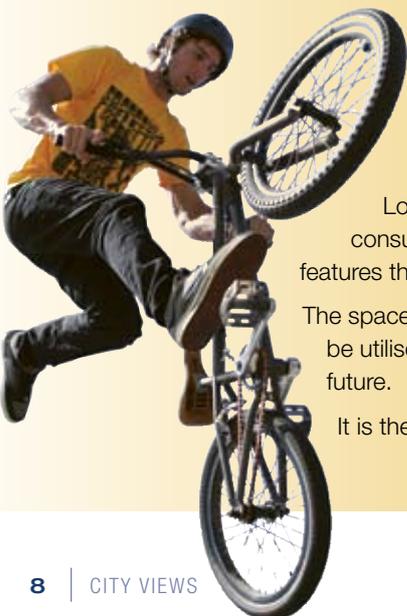
Tues 6 Mar	7pm	Community Services
Wed 7 Mar	7pm	Technical Services
Tues 12 Mar	7pm	Council meeting
Mon 19 Mar	7pm	Development Services
Tues 20 Mar	7pm	City Strategy
Mon 26 Mar	7pm	Council meeting

### April 2012

Mon 2 April	7pm	Technical Services
Tues 3 April	7pm	Community Services
Tues 10 April	7pm	Council meeting

# YAA Launch

After much research, design and anticipation the youth community space has been officially launched.



This state-of-the-art project will have a range of features including viewing areas, seating and an innovative, versatile sculptural steel surface.

Each element involves painstaking design and specialist construction.

Local young people participated in the design consultation stage, ensuring the park was equipped with features that they wanted.

The space will act as a recreational hub for local youth and will be utilised for community and youth specific events in the future.

It is the only space of its kind in Western Australia!