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Hi everyone and a warm welcome to any new residents of our Estate.

We love living here and we hope you will too.

There is a lot of news to share, and we have had a busy year leading up to this time.

Outside our Hub a Community Garden is being established, to compliment that a quiet Contemplative Orchard is taking taken shape on the adjacent block.

Thanks to all the hard work of our faithful gardening gurus who cleared the overgrown block and established the garden and the pathway and thank you to those who donated the fruit trees and other beautiful plants. In addition, we also received a donation of Bush Tucker plants from Plantrite, which are now happily growing in the gardens around the Hub.

Please feel free to come and have a look, join in some gardening activities, and make new friends, or just have a seat and admire the view.

The major project this year was to maintain and secure the ongoing use of the Hub for our community which we have achieved through major support from our local Minister Tony Buti.

Tony was able was able to have the land vested from the Crown to the City of Armadale. There were many meetings between the COA, Development W.A and the Residents Association team before this commitment was achieved.

The COA is now in process of having the land handed over to them and the Council has committed \$200,000 to the upgrade of the building over the latter part of this year.

The CLRA is working with the Council to retain a majority use of the building and there is a lot of work to be done in getting the right deal for the residents here and the wider community.

Many people in our community have asked about the hire of the building for family events etc, we will be including all potential usage options within the discussions we are having with the city, we will do our very best to come up with a fair and equitable plan that sees the building becoming the social centrepiece of our community.

We will let you know via FB and our next Hard copy newsletter how we are going with all of these negotiations

Another achievement this year was to develop a website www.clra.com.au Please check it out . Once again thank to our volunteers who give their time and expertise to build and update the site

We have a committee meeting 1st Thursday of the month at 6.30 pm, all residents are welcome and encourage to attend. If you have any items for the agenda, please let us know the week before.

You are welcome to email us clracommittee@outlook.com.

Or phone or text me on 0417975401

Some of our past events are featured in this newsletter, we are always looking for suggestions and fresh ideas to bring our community closer together and in a fun way. So please contact us if you would like to suggest something.

Helen Marshall

CLRA Team Member.



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Upcoming Events

CLRA committee meeting 1st Thursday of the month 630pm.

- "Get online week", digital and device literacy workshop. AHNW event 24th October 1.00pm/2.30pm light lunch and refreshments provided.
- SUNDOWNER 24th October 3pm to 6.30pm. (after the Computer workshop)
- HALLOWEEN Sunday 31st 5.30pm to 7.30pm look out for the flyer and participation balloon in your letterbox.
- CHRISTMAS

 ...Saturday December 4th, details TBA
- Armadale Society of Artists weekly classes at the hub/ <u>www.armadalesocietyofartists.com.au</u> PLEASE SEE their website for times and costs. Please contact them directly to join a class.

FUNDRAISING. *Please support our only source of constant income.*

The bulk Containers for Change bin is conveniently located in the car park of the Hub 30 Regatta Blvd, please help the environment and our community \triangle All funds go back into the community to support events and other projects such as the community garden.

LANDCARE 🚳

Did you know CLRA is an official Landcare group? We often have plantings around the Lake and our local neighbourhood. We are part of BEWG (Bushcare Environmental Working Group) which includes most of the major land and Rivercare groups in W.A. There are many opportunities to be part of this great team within our region. The plantings are advertised on Facebook, please see If you can spare and hour or two a few times a year to help improve our environment and meet with like-minded people it's a happy way to help out with your time. See the Article to follow on Birds of Champion Lakes held earlier this year



We can all be part of the security in our community by getting to know who lives in your street and keeping an eye out for and suspicious activity. Please report any crime or suspicious activity to the police on 131444 Did you know our area is covered by the Gosnells police district? The resident's association have built up a great relationship with Gosnells and Armadale police over the years and they are always quick to respond and follow up on any crime related matters that unfortunately happen (2) from time to time.



Did you know that <u>all</u> funds go back into the community in the form of Grants? So please consider dropping off any unwanted items to 2nd Chance at 255 Railway Av, Kelmscott (9399 3658) they take electrical goods as too. CLRA has been the recipient of two grants, the most recent grant helped pay for the fence around the Community Garden. Thankyou kindly 2ndChance,you're the best!!!!!!!!



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Some of our recent Events:

Margaret River Comes to Champion Lakes!!!

On Saturday 17th April the CLRA hosted our first Wine and Cheese night.

Proudly sponsored by Pierro Margaret River Vineyards. Helen Marshall who manages the winery shared an educational and interactive experience explaining the process of how the wine gets to the bottle from the vineyard, and all the intricacies and attention to detail needed to make great wines of international acclaim.

Matched with cheeses from the Margaret River region it was a truly enjoyable event.

Much fun was had with a few games, while Roberto and Catherine Bonomo prepared a supper of superb pasta and afterwards, we all enjoyed some games that were great fun.

Thanks to Pierro's generous sponsorship, we were able to deliver this event and make our first profit ever, and a big shout out to Paul and Marie Baker for the wonderful raffle prizes.

To the 40 residents and friends who came along, many who stayed on to dance the night away, we thank you for your support. And a big thankyou to all the CLRA team for the organisation, setup and clean up afterwards.



Kids Christmas in July Disco.

In another first, CLRA held a super fun Kids Disco hosted by DJ CEZ and the CREW, tickets were \$5.00 which included a couple of mini homemade pizzas, a drink, and some glow sticks. Parents were allowed in as long as they behaved themselves and the night was a huge success. Including the parents led to them making new friends within the community, while a lot of kids played together for the first time too.







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Christmas in July Lunch at the HUB

The Christmas in July lunch gathering was catered by Randall's Roasts in Gosnells, where the food is mouth-wateringly delicious. Our wonderful little Hub was transformed into a cosy Christmas themed restaurant for an afternoon of fine food and friendship as our community gathered to share a laugh and a tale. A special thanks goes out to everyone who helped to make this day a wonderful success.



Community Garden Busy Bee:





Our wonderful residents rolled out to help build our very own Community Garden on a sunny Saturday morning.

The funding for the project was kindly donated by RAC W.A and its only the beginning of what will be a very special place to meet for many years to come.

The vacant block next to the Community Hub is also part of our designated area and will be transformed into a contemplative wellness garden.

Our team have been putting together a concept that will provide an opportunity for people to enjoy a place to relax or meet with friends.