

ARMADALE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY JOINS NIP PROGRAM

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The Armadale Redevelopment Authority has joined with the Department of Housing and Works and the City of Armadale in a new phase of the Neighbourhood Improvement Project (NIP).

NIP is designed to improve the surroundings for local residents.

Residents and property owners of three Kelmscott streets - Hollybush Way, Trangie Way and Third Avenue - will be surveyed for ideas on how best to improve their area.

The survey will cover what people would like kept the same and what work they believe needs to be done to make their streets better places to live in.

The three partner organisations will then use the results to develop a works improvement program.

Planning and Infrastructure Minister and Member for Armadale Alannah MacTiernan said this latest phase was a pilot to see whether concentrating efforts in a smaller area was better than spreading NIP funding over larger areas.

Results would be evaluated to determine NIP's future.

"NIP is a joint State Government-City of Armadale initiative to improve the appeal of areas with a high concentration of public housing," Ms MacTiernan said.

"About \$400,000 has been spent on landscaping, street furniture and facilities in parks and public spaces in the Hollybush and Neerigan precincts."

Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds said NIP had also funded improved playground equipment and facilities like barbecues and rotundas where local residents gathered for social events.

"The project aims to foster a sense of ownership and pride among local residents," Mr Reynolds said.

Ms MacTiernan said the State Government, through the ARA and DHW, was strongly committed to neighbourhood improvement programs in partnership with the City of Armadale.

"Research shows that where residents take pride in their neighbourhoods, there is less crime and anti-social behaviour and a greater sense of community," she said.

ARA Chairman Gerry Gauntlett said the Authority's contribution to NIP was part of its commitment to urban renewal for Armadale-Kelmscott and, in particular, to the area's social and environmental development.

DHW has contributed \$75,000 to the project, with the ARA and the City of Armadale each contributing \$50,000.

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