

## Armadale Redevelopment Authority CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE



We are just beginning our second year of operation. The Armadale Redevelopment Authority Act was only proclaimed in March last year.

As most readers will be aware, the ARA conducted a major public consultation in December to gauge public views on issues to address in the preparation of the Redevelopment Scheme. That Consultation Forum attracted 48 participants and we received 148 written public submissions.

The community comments received will be considered by the ARA when preparing the Redevelopment Scheme draft. Comments relating to issues outside the ARA's responsibility will be passed on to the City of Armadale.

At this stage we anticipate the Concept Plan and Redevelopment Scheme will be released for further public comment about July 2003 following referral to the City of Armadale and relevant regulatory authorities.

I am very pleased to see good progress being made on the Champion Lakes project. The Public Environmental Review report is now out for public comment and positive negotiations are underway with the Department of Sport and Recreation, Main Roads WA, WaterCorp and Canoeing Australia to establish an international venue for rowing and white-water sports.



Final design work is now underway for the Armadale rail station at the end of Jull Street. Construction of the new station is due to commence in July.

Efforts are now being made to secure government agency lease commitments for an office building to be built adjacent to the new rail station building.

The ARA congratulates the City of Armadale for its efforts in securing a major cinema operator for the City Centre. The rail station project coupled with the cinema development and the opening of the Harvey Norman retail complex will set the scene for the start of the revitalisation of the city centre.

The ARA will join with the City of Armadale to plan for an upgrade of the presentation of the city centre's gateways (the key entry points).

The Board of the ARA continues to be impressed with the great potential of Armadale and its region to accommodate sustainable employment and residential growth.

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