



MAYORAL COLUMN

Welcome to the Wanneroo Link, our fortnightly communication with City residents.

Alkimos Gift

Congratulations to all of the competitors who competed in the Quinns Mindarie SLSC Alkimos Gift on Sunday. The open water endurance event and beach course attracted competitors aged from 18-55 years.

Waterfront Park, Alkimos

Recently I had the privilege of officially opening Waterfront Park, Alkimos to cheers and applause from nearly 7,000 community members who attended the launch. It's a fantastic location that offers beach access and panoramic views over the Alkimos waters. I'd encourage you to pop down and see the facility for yourself.

Art Awards / Exhibition

The City's Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre (WLCC) hosts many exhibitions each year and one annual exhibition that I particularly enjoy is the City of Wanneroo's Art Awards.

There is a top prize of \$7,500 and many other cash prizes available, and I strongly encourage our local artists to enter the awards and showcase their talents. Entries close 4pm on the 25 March 2015. Please visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/artawards for details.

Live in the Amphitheatre

If you haven't had a chance to make it to Live in the Amphitheatre, you still have a couple of weeks to redeem your free tickets. Please visit the City's website wanneroo.wa.gov.au/LITA

Vietnamese New Year / Tet Festival

The Vietnamese New Year or Tet Festival will take place at the Wanneroo Showgrounds this Friday and Saturday night. Organised by the Vietnamese Community in Australia, the Tet Festival is a very special occasion for the Vietnamese community.

I am extremely proud of our cultural diversity and the way in which our residents come together to enjoy community events. The festivities will include live music, traditional fire cracker show, and a dragon dance performance.

I look forward to seeing you out in the community soon.

Mayor Tracey Roberts JP

COMMUNITY FUNDING ROUND NOW OPEN

The latest Community Funding Program is now open and is scheduled to close at the end of March 2015.

Community groups are encouraged to visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au and read about the program to determine whether their project or event is eligible for funding.

For more information, please contact Community Funding on 9405 5000.



Illegal dumping hinders emergency services

While saving lives and homes during the recent bushfires, firefighters have had to deal with the added hazard of rubbish illegally dumped in the fire zones.

City of Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said each year the City of Wanneroo spends hundreds of thousands of dollars cleaning up illegal rubbish dumping.

"In the 2013/14 financial year, cleaning up of illegal rubbish dumping cost the City around \$374,000," she said.

"Illegal dumping is not only expensive, but it also places emergency services personnel at unnecessary risk when rubbish is illegally dumped on their access tracks - impeding their life saving work. I am sure our residents would rather their rates were used to benefit the community and this money could be better spent on community facilities, such as improving parks, sports ovals or children's playgrounds."

The City employs a number of methods to prevent illegal dumping including Ranger patrols, covert CCTV and spot checks at known hot spots. However residents are also encouraged to be the City's extra eyes and ears.

"I urge residents to report illegal dumping to the illegal dumping hotline on **1300 766 541** or the City's Rangers on **9405 5000** during office hours or **1300 138 393** after hours."

If you witness dumping, please contact Rangers. The City's Rangers will investigate reports of illegal dumping and this may result in the offenders being issued with an infringement notice or prosecution.

People who witness illegal dumping should if possible, and without placing themselves at risk, take note of the following:

- date, time and place the offence was committed
- description of the offender
- vehicle make, model, colour and registration
- type of litter or nature of the illegal dumping

Photographic or video evidence will also assist Rangers follow up with any prosecutions that may result from the information. People who report littering or illegal dumping offences can remain anonymous however; to increase the chances of a prosecution it is preferable that these people are available to provide a witness statement.

Despite the challenges firefighters faced, they still protected lives and homes in the area. Mayor Roberts extended her thanks to these emergency service personnel and volunteers for their efforts in fighting the fires which have threatened life and home in the City.

"I have seen many firefighters after their shifts and they look exhausted. It is strenuous work, under dreadful, life threatening conditions, and because of their efforts, many homes on Nisa Road and Old Yanchep Road were saved and our residents are safe."

To say thank you, the City will host an appreciation event for local volunteer fire services in May.

ARTAWARDS2015

CALL FOR ENTRIES

West Australian artists are invited to enter works and be in the running for \$16,800 worth of prizes.

Access the online entry form at

wanneroo.wa.gov.au/artawardsentryform

Entries close Wed 25 March 2015, 4pm

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



Meet the Mayor on the Road

Monday 23 Feb 11am-1pm
Yanchep Community Centre
Bookings essential 9405 5654

Council Briefing

Tuesday 24 February // 6pm

Council Meeting

Tuesday 3 March // 7pm
23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo

STOP. SWAP. SLEEP

Ensure your safety on the roads this Labour Day with a coffee stop at the City of Wanneroo Driver Reviver Caravan.

Monday 2 March 2015

9am-3pm

INDIAN OCEAN DRIVE,
GINGIN (5kms north
of Breakwater
Drive, Yanchep)

FREE



COMPETITION

Great cash prizes on offer for adult and youth categories

 **NEW FOR 2015 - Instagram category!**
#discoverwanneroo2015

For details, visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/photographycompetition or call 9405 5000. Entries close 16 March 2015.

Photos must be taken within the Wanneroo region.

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