



## COUNCILLOR COLUMN

*Bob Smithson -  
Coastal Ward Councillor*

### What prompted you to stand for election as a councillor?

Quite a number of residents from various areas within Wanneroo City who knew of me through community work I was already involved in asked me if I had considered running for council. Finally a few of them persuaded me it would be a position from which I would be able to continue helping the community and in which I may even be able to help more people.

### In addition to forums, briefings and meetings, what committees or external bodies do you serve on in your role as a Councillor?

I serve on the Audit Committee, the Community Safety Working Group, the Environmental Advisory Committee, the Operating Model Review Community Advisory Group and the Waste Management Advisory Committee. I also serve on the Quinn's Beach Long Term Coastal Protection Community Reference Group and the Quinn's Rocks Football Club Facilities Development Group, and I am involved with the Brighton Estate Residents Association and the Quinn's Rocks Sports Club.

### What key issues do you believe are crucial to the future of the City as a whole?

1. Proper and orderly planning based on the most advanced and well researched principles to guarantee delivery of long term solutions that will contribute to the enjoyment of all residents living in the city.
2. Rigorous ongoing review of all operating principles employed by Council to maximise the return our residents enjoy from their investment in the whole Council team; the staff and elected members.
3. To always engage with and listen to our residents to ensure Council is, and remains, dynamic for the benefit of all.

### What key issues do you believe are most important within the Coastal Ward?

Family community safety for everybody's peace of mind; improved sporting facilities to assist in the development of engaged, healthy, upcoming generations; and supporting our volunteers without whom our City could not function properly.

### What is the most common enquiry you receive from ratepayers?

Mostly, "What are you doing with our rates?".

### What do you like most about living in the City of Wanneroo?

The excitement of being part of this rapidly growing, energetic, vibrant, modern city with its proud roots deep in WA history.

I will also never get over the buzz of meeting with residents and successfully assisting them with problems, and knowing I have a great team to support me.

## RABBIT AND FOX CONTROL

The City of Wanneroo will carry out a coastal rabbit and fox control program in March and April in the conservation reserves south of Quinns Road to Tamala Park bushland, including Kinsale Park. Controlled areas will be clearly signposted. Enquiries: Conservation Team 9405 5000.



## WANNEROO/GIRRAWHEEN-KOONDOOLA RECODING ADOPTED FOR ADVERTISING

**The City of Wanneroo Council adopted a draft scheme amendment for the Wanneroo and Girrawheen-Koondoola housing precincts at its February meeting.**

City of Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said this was good news for landowners in the Wanneroo and Girrawheen-Koondoola housing precincts, who were now another step closer to being able to redevelop their properties from low density to medium density housing.

The amendment will now be forwarded to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) for approval.

"Once approved, the draft amendment will be advertised for public comment for 42 days," Mayor Roberts said.

"The approved amendment will then be forwarded to Council for consideration and if adopted, final draft documentation will be sent

to the WAPC for assessment and the Minister for Planning for consideration. If approved, it will be published in the Government Gazette.

"The process may take up to 12 months for approval - but is necessary to ensure that areas considered for medium density housing have access to appropriate services and infrastructure."

Mayor Roberts said the proposed amendment may allow sub-division of properties and provide residents with choices as to where they may build, buy or rent.

Should the amendment be gazetted, all subdivision, development and/or building applications will require approval from the Western Australian Planning Commission and/or City of Wanneroo.

For more information visit the City's website [wanneroo.wa.gov.au](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au) and search 'Residential Recoding' or call 9405 5000.

## 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](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au) and read about the program to determine if their project or event is eligible for funding.

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

## COUNCIL MEETING DATES

**Council Meeting**

**Tonight 3 March // 7pm**

**Council Briefing**

**Tuesday 24 March // 7pm**

City of Wanneroo  
Council Chambers  
23 Dundobar Rd, Wanneroo



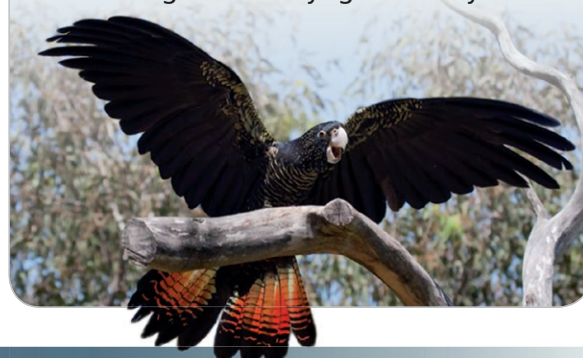
## CARNABY'S COCKATOOS NEED YOUR HELP!

**The City of Wanneroo is proud to support the 2015 Great Cocky Count (GCC).**

Join Birdlife Australia as they carry out their annual survey of their numbers across WA to gain a better understanding of this unique and endangered species. It's simple, fun and every survey counts!

**Sunset // Sunday 12 April (for approx 1hour)**

Register as a volunteer online by 12 March at [birdlife.org.au/carnabys/great-cocky-count](http://birdlife.org.au/carnabys/great-cocky-count)



## WRITING YOUR MEMOIRS

**Do you have a story to tell based on your life experiences? Would you like to create a personal memoir? Not sure if your story should be autobiographical or fiction?**

Rosemary Stevens presents techniques and guidelines that will vividly engage your memory and help you choose the style and format best for you.

**22 March 2015 // 1pm-4pm**

Ground Floor Meeting Room, WLCC,  
3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo

Cost \$20, bookings essential 9405 5920