



COUNCILLOR COLUMN
Sabine Winton - Coastal Ward Councillor

What prompted you to stand for election as a Councillor?

I have lived in the City of Wanneroo for over 40 years. People who know me well have been encouraging me to step up for a long time. I am passionate in representing residents and knew I could make a difference.

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

I am a Delegate on the Community Funding Working Group, the Environmental Advisory Committee, the Roadwise Working Group, the Joondalup Health Campus Community Board of Advice, the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group and the Yellagonga Regional Park Community Advisory Committee; and a Deputy Delegate on the Development Assessment Panel.

What are the three key issues you believe are most crucial to the future of the City as a whole and why?

For me the biggest challenge the City faces is how to balance a healthy and sustainable natural environment with our rapid growth and development pressures. We need to plan for a future that preserves and develops our natural assets for future generations.

Continuing to support safe and connected communities must be a priority for Council. People expect to feel safe in their homes and neighbourhoods, and they need opportunities to engage with each other to build a shared sense of place. Community participation and local programs are important to retain our sense of community in the face of our massive growth.

Delivering key infrastructure and community facilities is key. With the extension of the Mitchell Freeway and the train to Butler, we will see a huge transformation in our City. We need to provide more community facilities and increased recreational opportunities for residents, and also develop the tourism and business opportunities generated by these major transport programs.

What are the best things about the Coastal Ward and the City of Wanneroo as a whole?

The Coastal Ward is a good example of what Wanneroo is all about. The suburb of Butler is named after John Butler, the first recorded explorer of the Wanneroo area in 1834.

Our community has developed from a proud history of people from many different cultures finding a new life in Wanneroo. From protecting the Old Quinns Foreshore to welcoming new residents into our new coastal suburbs, the Coastal Ward represents the diversity that is the City of Wanneroo.

The Butler train station opens in September and with the highly anticipated Mitchell Freeway extension finally making its way to the City of Wanneroo, we will see huge benefits for our residents.

Extensions to the Ocean Keys Shopping Centre and the development of the Brighton Town Centre will create more local jobs.

Add to that our spectacular coastline in the west and Neerabup National Park to the east and the Coastal Ward is, without doubt, a great place to work, live and play.



L-R Peter Cole (on behalf of Eric Holst), Troy Cole, Chief Fire Officer Phil Hay, Mayor Tracey Roberts, John Leahy and Ricky Southgate.

CHEERS FOR VOLUNTEERS

With well over 500 volunteers helping in a variety of roles, the City of Wanneroo knows the value of volunteers to a community.

The City's Fire Services volunteers were acknowledged at a special appreciation dinner in the lead up to National Volunteer Week (12-18 May).

Members from Quinns Rocks, Wanneroo and Two Rocks Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades, as well as Wanneroo Fire Support, attended the first of four functions to be held throughout the year for the City's various volunteer groups.

Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said the event offered an opportunity for the City to thank its volunteers for their selfless work.

"We are so appreciative of our volunteers, who give up their own time to serve others. Not only did our volunteers respond to more than 230 fires during summer, they also attended numerous community events to promote the work they do and encourage the community to prepare for fires.

Mayor Roberts presented four Volunteer Excellence Awards to Eric Holst - Wanneroo

Fire Support, Ricky Southgate - Quinns Rocks Bush Fire Brigade, John Leahy - Wanneroo Bush Fire Brigade and Troy Cole - Quinns Rocks Bush Fire Brigade, all nominated by their peers for outstanding commitment and dedication to their roles.

An increasing number of people are putting their hand up to volunteer, with the City receiving more than 200 enquiries within the first three months of the year - more than double the previous year.

To respond to this demand, the City opened its new Volunteer Resource Centre at the Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre in April, which provides information about volunteer roles available both within the City and through other local community organisations.

The Centre also provides an advisory service to not for profit organisations wanting to find out about making the most of the services of volunteers.

To find out more about volunteering, visit the Wanneroo Volunteer Resource Centre between 9am-1pm Monday to Friday, or phone 9405 5935.



MEETING DATES

Council Briefing

Tonight 20 May // 6pm

Council Meeting

Tuesday 27 May // 7pm

City of Wanneroo

23 Dundobar Rd, Wanneroo

MEET THE MAYOR ON THE ROAD

Friday 4 July 2014 // 11am-1pm
Clarkson Library, Clarkson

Meet the Mayor every Tuesday
11.30am-1pm at the Civic Centre
Bookings 9405 5654



WINNING ENTRIES



City of Wanneroo Open Award

Jeremy Kirwan-Ward

Best City of Wanneroo Resident

Christopher Young

Painting Overall

Jennifer Eyles

Sculpture Overall (Joint)

Ross Thomas & Lesley Meaney

Works on Paper Overall

Tim Hingston

EXHIBITION OPEN

Now to Sunday 15 June 2014

Tuesday to Friday // 10am-4pm
Weekends // noon-4pm

The Gallery, Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre, 3 Rocca Way
Wanneroo WA 6065

Enquiries 9405 5920

AWARDS 2014

FREE ENTRY