

New skate park a hit with local youth

Since its grand opening last year, the Banksia Grove Skate Park in Grandis Park has become a popular spot for local children and teens, with daily after-school pilgrimages and weekend excursions with a skateboard, scooter or BMX in tow a common sight up and down Grandis Boulevard.

The \$600,000 skate park was delivered as part of the City's 2018/19 Capital Works Program. City of Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said the new amenities in Grandis Park formed part of the City's vision to deliver facilities that enable residents to live an active and healthy lifestyle, as well as adding value to local communities. "It is great to see our young people enjoying the new facilities at Grandis Park and practicing their skateboarding and BMX skills," Mayor Roberts said. Local high school students from Joseph Banks Secondary College have been taking a break from the books to practice their ollies and alley-oops at the new skate park,

with the school's youth support worker Lisa Te Aho initiating an innovative pilot programme for students in years seven to nine. Run in conjunction with skate coach company Freestyle Now and the City of Wanneroo's Youth Working Group, Lisa said the program allowed students to study new skills or build on their existing ones, as well as learning skate park etiquette and personal and community civility. "The students not only get to work on their skate/scooter/BMX skills, but they are also exposed to skills that are transferable to the classroom, such as seeking feedback and implementing it," Lisa said. "The skate park has been an incredible addition to Banksia Grove and the Joseph Banks Secondary College school community." Banksia Grove resident Tarlee Branderhorst said the park had been a huge benefit to her family, with her partner buying his own scooter so he could hang out with their seven and four-year-old sons at the park.



"The kids are outdoors making friends, learning some good life skills and getting some bumps and bruises along the way - it's great," Tarlee said. Local sporting clubs are also capitalising on the new amenities at Grandis Park. Carramar Football Club player Marcus Devitt said the facilities were a "massive addition to the community".

"The club uses three football pitches and hopefully this will benefit us, with more kids looking to sign up now that we can use the pavilion as a clubhouse," he said. "It's great to see the City spending ratepayer's money within our area and improving facilities - it's for the future of our kids." The project was jointly funded between the City of Wanneroo, Lotterywest and Banksia Grove Development.

Spotlight shines on local artists

Mindarie resident Susan Hoy took home top honours at this year's City of Wanneroo Community Art Awards and Exhibition for her watercolour painting titled *Quinns Beach Cottage after Australia Day 2007*. (Pictured) "Congratulations to Susan and all the winners on their beautiful artworks," Mayor Tracey Roberts said. The independent judging panel - consisting of Fremantle Arts Centre Curator Dr Ric Spencer, independent curator and artist Anna Louise Richardson and Mundaring Art

Centre and Midland Junction Art Centre Curator Greg Sikich - remarked that Susan's work held "universal appeal" and was "laden with Australian iconography". With more than 230 artworks in the exhibition, more than 90 were submitted by City of Wanneroo residents. Nine Western Australian artists collected an award on the exhibition's opening night, with the judges selecting artworks of depth and subtlety that could be revisited by viewers many times over.

The exhibition will run in the gallery at the Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre until Friday 14 June from 10am-4pm, Monday to Saturday. Entry is free and artwork is available for purchase. Come and enjoy a cultural journey and be visually inspired as you view the latest works from around the state. Visitors can take part in the judging of the People's Choice Award by nominating their favourite artwork. wanneroo.wa.gov.au/artawards



Mayor Roberts with 2019 award winners.

JUNK COLLECTION

Bulk waste collection will roll out across the City of Wanneroo from next month, starting in Koondoola from 10 June and finishing up in Yanchep and Two Rocks in December.

Visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/wasteandrecycling to see the full schedule of bulk collection dates.

Did you know?

Small changes made to the City of Wanneroo's bulk collection process are adding up. During a nine-week trial run last year, more than 1200 tonnes of waste was diverted from landfill - or roughly 150 truckloads.

Share your story

The Wanneroo Regional Museum is designing a new exhibit dedicated to those who have migrated to Australia and now call the City of Wanneroo home.

If you would like to be featured, we would love to hear from you! Complete the online form by visiting wanneroo.wa.gov.au/migrationstories

For more information, contact the Wanneroo Regional Museum on 9405 5920 or email museum@wanneroo.wa.gov.au

WRM

Grounded in Truth

National Reconciliation Week provides the opportunity for all Australians to learn about our shared histories and cultures. For information and bookings, visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/nrw2019

Cultural Conversations
Interactive Session on Aboriginal Culture (all ages)

Take an inspiring journey through the significant events of Noongar culture, guided by local elder, Shaun Nannup.

Tuesday 28 May
6pm-8pm. Butler Community Centre, 55 Kingsbridge Boulevard, Butler

Bookings essential

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DEAL

Council meetings

Council Briefing
Tuesday 28 May / 6pm
Civic Centre, Dundobar Road

Council Meeting
Tuesday 4 June / 7pm
(Deputations held prior from 6pm)

City of Wanneroo Civic Centre, 23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo

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