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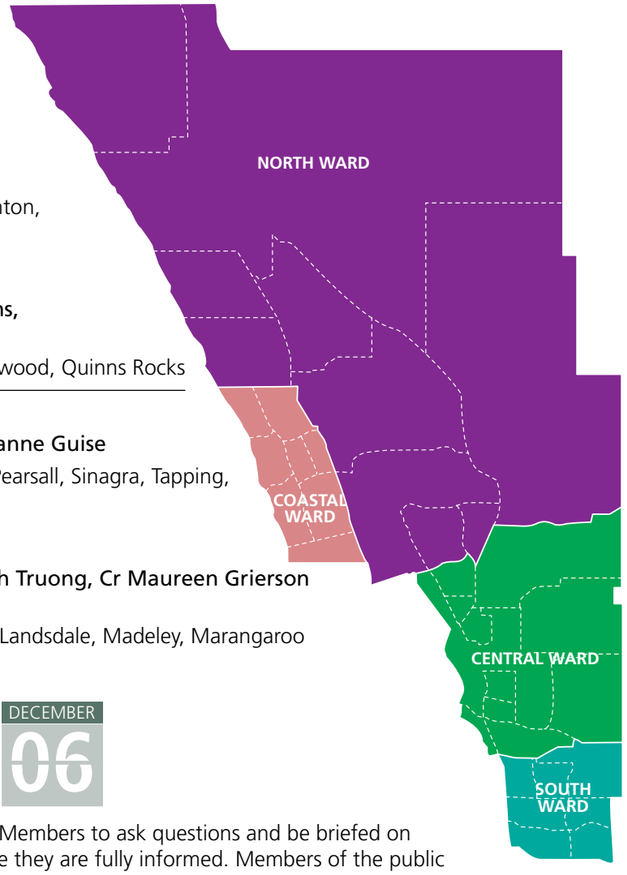

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Cr Laura Gray JP and Cr Norman Hewer

Alkimos, Banksia Grove, Carabooda, Carramar, Eglinton, Neerabup, Nowergup, Pinjar, Two Rocks, Yanchep

Coastal Ward (4)

Deputy Mayor Tracey Roberts JP, Cr Rudi Steffens, Cr Ian Goodenough JP and Cr Bob Smithson

Butler, Clarkson, Jindalee, Merriwa, Mindarie, Ridgewood, Quinns Rocks

Central Ward (3)

Cr Dot Newton JP, Cr Glynis Monks JP and Cr Dianne Guise

Ashby, Gnangara, Hocking, Jandabup, Mariginiup, Pearsall, Sinagra, Tapping, Wangara, Wanneroo, part Woodvale

South Ward (5)

Cr Brett Treby, Cr Alan Blencowe, Cr Nguyet-Anh Truong, Cr Maureen Grierson and Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Alexander Heights, Darch, Girrawheen, Koondoola, Landsdale, Madeley, Marangaroo

Council Briefing Sessions

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
16	13	04	08	06

Briefing sessions provide an opportunity for Elected Members to ask questions and be briefed on matters that will be on the Council agenda to ensure they are fully informed. Members of the public are welcome to attend briefing sessions, and may ask questions during public question time if they are relevant to the agenda.

Council Meetings

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
26	23	20	11	15	13

Decisions affecting the operations of the City are voted on by the Elected Members at Council Meetings. Councillors may vote for or against recommendations, or approve decisions with amendments. Member of the public are welcome to attend these meetings.

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Rising Star Greta Small from Pearsall on location in Sarntal, Italy.

Our trip to the Surf Life Saving Nationals

Story by Elise and Georgia Smith.

See how the City of Wanneroo helps local residents achieve their dreams.

After being selected to represent WA, we set off on our trip to Sydney to attend the Surf Life Saving National competition and to compete at two other carnivals being held at Manly and Freshwater Surf Lifesaving Clubs.

On arrival in Sydney we were taken to the Sydney Institute of Sport, where we settled into our dormitories and explored the facilities - which included a sports recovery centre.

We were awoken at 5.15am for the Manly competition which included a board race, iron person and 2km run.

Considering the number of people who attended the Manly carnival -100 girls in our age group and rated the second biggest Surf Lifesaving carnival in Australia, we felt proud to have made the finals in several events, with Georgia placing third in the 2km beach run.

In the pool, Elise placed second in the 200 metre obstacles and at Queenscliff Beach, WA came third behind NSW and Qld in the surf events.

Our final competition was the Freshwater carnival where we placed second in the final of the board relay and made the finals of the board race.

This was our first time being part of the WA team and also our first trip to Sydney.

The opportunity to compete against the best in Australia, was a fantastic experience and we would like to thank the City of Wanneroo for their kind sponsorship, which helped us to attend these competitions.

For information on City of Wanneroo Sports Sponsorship, please visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au under Council/Grants/Sporting and Education Donations.

City supports local girl in bid to be top of the world

City of Wanneroo sports sponsorship is helping local girl Greta Small in her aim to "reach the top of the world" and become an Olympic skier for Australia.

Fifteen-year-old Greta of Pearsall is well on her way. She has just competed in the junior World Championships in Switzerland for 15 to 20-year-olds.

As the youngest competitor, she came 31st in the top international field - and is now in training at Austria's ski capital Innsbruk, site of the next winter Olympics.

Speaking by Skype from Austria, Greta's mother Diane said the City of Wanneroo's $500 sporting sponsorship was fantastic.

"As the youngest member of Australia's alpine skiing team, Greta is training very hard to reach her dream - and it's great that the people at home are behind her," Mrs Small said.

"Greta has just won the Rising Star Award for all Australian snow sports. It was a great thrill and she now has her eye on Australia's only spot in the Olympic skiing events.

Rising star Greta Small from Pearsall on location in Sarntal, Italy.

"Her dad Boyd and nan and pop Irene and Wern Dunwoodie are at home in Pearsall wishing her all the best."

Greta is one of many young local people the City of Wanneroo is helping reach their sporting dreams.

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$35 million of new roads underway or complete

Graeme Budge, Dennis Blair and Mayor Jon Kelly at the Alexander Drive / Mirrabooka Avenue extension.

The City of Wanneroo continues to invest heavily in a major network of new roads to improve transport for residents of our fast-growing City.

"Total road projects now underway and recently completed exceed $35 million," said Mayor Jon Kelly.

$8.5 million is being spent on the Pinjar Road Realignment and Upgrade, Ashby/Tapping

The City's crews are on schedule, with the first stage between Wanneroo Road and Carosa Road/ Messina Drive now open with traffic signals at Wanneroo Road.

For more detiled information see the Central Ward update on page 7.

$4.5 million Mirrabooka Ave Extension, Landsdale/Darch

The new extension between Hepburn Avenue and Heathfield Drive, connecting to Madeley Street/ Gnangara Road was opened to traffic in late March 2011.

$0.5 million Hester Avenue/ Wanneroo Road Intersection Upgrade (Traffic Signals), Neerabup

Design for traffic lights has been completed with final approval being sought from Main Roads WA.

Commencement of this project is subject to land excision in Neerabup National Park and extinguishment of Native Title of unallocated Crown Land on either side of Hester Avenue.

The City is hoping this process will be finalised this year. Works are tentatively scheduled to begin in January/February 2012, taking about three months to complete.

The project will add an extra right turn lane from Hester Avenue into Wanneroo Road and traffic lights. The project will be funded by the Federal Government's Black Spot program.

$3.5 million Hepburn Avenue Dual Carriageway (Stage 1), Alexander Heights/Landsdale

Dual carriageway between Alexander Drive and Mirrabooka Avenue is open to traffic.

This project was also completed in April 2011.

$13.2m Ocean Reef Road Extension

Construction on the $13.2 million stage two extension of Ocean Reef Road is well underway, with the project expected to be completed in February 2012.

Mayor Kelly said the extension, part of the Better Roads for Wanneroo program, will complete a major east-west regional road link, benefiting industry, residents and visitors to the area.

"This project will vastly improve the transport option for our residents, as well as those visiting the thriving Wangara industrial area," Mayor Kelly said. "The City is continuing its investment to develop better roads to provide for our growing population."

The project involves a 2.5km dual carriageway extension from Prestige Parade, Wangara to Alexander Drive, Gnangara, including a 1.5m wide sealed shoulder for on-road cycling.

Mirrabooka Avenue will be extended through to Ocean Reef Road, and a new roundabout will be constructed at its intersection with Gnangara Road.

Road connections will be made at Priest Road, Coverwood Promenade, Sydney Road and Mirrabooka Avenue, with new traffic signals at the latter two intersections.

A dual-use 2.5m wide path will run the entire length of the southern side of Ocean Reef Road, and landscaping will also be carried out.

The stage one extension, from Hartman Drive to Prestige Parade, was completed in March 2009. The Federal Government has contributed more than $7m to the $18m two stage project.

$3.35 million Joondalup Drive Dual Carriageway, Carramar

City crews have begun a second carriageway of Joondalup Drive from St Stephens Crescent to Tumbleweed Drive, including a 1.5m wide sealed shoulder for cycling and 2.5m concrete dual use path. This project is also continuing.

$1.75 million Joondalup Drive Pedestrian Improvements, Banksia Grove

Road widening and drainage are complete and the last of the street light poles have been erected. This project was completed in April 2011.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA

SOUTH WARD

Old Trafford Park, Madeley

Construction of the $254,000 passive park development is almost complete.

Works include installation of playground equipment, basketball practice pad, new paths, reticulation, turf, planting and mulching of garden areas, drinking fountain, picnic table and shelter.

Kingsway Netball Landscaping Upgrade

The final stage of upgrade works at the Kingsway Regional Sporting Complex netball courts is complete. The final works included installation of playground equipment and shelters for spectators and the security fence on the southern end of the facility.

South Ward Councillors Nguyet-Anh Truong, Maureen Grierson and Brett Treby at Old Trafford Park.

NORTH WARD

Daryl Pearce and Troy Walker show Mayor Jon Kelly and North Ward Councillors Norman Hewer and Laura Gray their first GPS readings for the project.

Yanchep Active Open Space Playing Fields, Yanchep

$1 million has been set aside in the 2011/12 budget for stage one construction of the long-awaited District Playing Fields, which will begin in 2012.

The design of the sports field and associated facilities will progress once the final earthwork design and approvals have been completed by the land developer.

A further $240,000 has been allocated for the sports amenities building.

The detailed design and documentation will be carried out in 2011/12, as well as consultation with resident sporting clubs.

The building will be done in two stages, with changing rooms, toilets, storage areas and kiosk facilities in the first stage, with construction expected in 2012/13.

Houghton Park, Carramar

Construction of the first stage of a sports amenities building at Houghton Park is expected to begin in August.

The $700,000 project will include changing rooms, toilets, storage areas and kiosk facilities for resident clubs.

CENTRAL WARD

Dundebar Road, Wanneroo

Dundebar Road is being widened between Rocca Way and Wanneroo Road to reduce traffic congestion.

This $200,000 project involves construction of a second right turn lane onto Wanneroo Road and extension of the left turn lane.

A new splitter island will also be installed to accommodate modified traffic signals.

Get fit at Wanneroo Aquamotion

Don't let winter get in the way of your fitness goals.

The first class fitness and leisure centre has a fully equipped gymnasium, a specialised group fitness room and a 25m lap pool.

Call 9405 5999 for membership details or visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au

Join the Wanneroo Aqaumotion community and get fit this Winter.

Pinjar Road, Ashby/Tapping

Motorists are now travelling on the newly constructed section of the Pinjar Road realignment between the new traffic signals at Wanneroo Road and the Carosa Road roundabout.

Construction is now underway north of Edward Street to just south of Galileo Avenue, of a new single lane in each direction.

Works will then progress on the new dual lane roundabout to be constructed at the Pinjar Road/ Caporn Street/Hollosy Way intersection.

COASTAL WARD

Deputy Mayor Tracey Robert JP with local resident Dave Catley at Quinns beach.

Beach Access Queenscliff Park, Quinns Rocks

A new beach access-way will be built at the end of summer 2012 at Queenscliff Park, Ocean Drive.

The concept plan was endorsed by Council in April and community consultation will occur in September 2011.

Dune Restoration, Mindarie and Quinns Rocks

Dune restoration will continue at various sites in the coastal and north wards this year, with $80,000 going towards planting at sites that have already been stabilised, including Longbeach Reserve Mindarie, Rosslare Promenade, Mindarie and Quinns Surf Life Saving Club.

A further $40,000 will be spent on major dune stabilisation works at Longbeach Reserve Mindarie, wind protection fencing, laying of brushing and matting for stabilisation and planting.

Marmion Avenue, Mindarie

An 850m long new asphalt surface will be the basis of rehabilitation works on Marmion Avenue.

The western carriageway from Quinns Road to 420m south of Hester Avenue will be resurfaced between July and September.

Help us manage our coastline

The City of Wanneroo's coastline extends 39 kilometres from Tamala Park to Two Rocks and provides an excellent environment for residents to enjoy recreational activities and the region's natural assets.

"As the City's population continues to grow and more of the City's residents use the coast, so too will the need for a consolidated Coastal Management Plan," Mayor Jon Kelly said.

The Coastal Management Plan (CMP) aims to provide an overview of current and future coastal land uses. It will enable the City to focus further research and ultimately allow for effective planning, implementation and management of recreation and conservation coastal areas, together with coastal facilities and assets both now and into the future.

The CMP is being developed in two parts. Part 1 of the CMP was endorsed by Council for public consultation at the Council meeting on 31 May 2011. The public consultation will commence shortly and will aim to identify areas of interest that may require further investigation.

Dog exercise beach at Quinns Rocks.

Part 1 of the Plan will investigate:

- The possibility of designating additional dog beaches
- The possibility of designating a horse beach within the City of Wanneroo
- Tourism ventures within the City of Wanneroo
- The possibility of segregating recreational beach activities
- The possibility of additional Surf Life Saving Clubs
- Naming beaches along the entire City of Wanneroo coastline

"The coast is one of the City's greatest assets and provides many opportunities for recreation, tourism and protection of the environment, which is why it is so important that our residents take part in the community consultation for this vital plan," Mayor Kelly said.

Please visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au for up to date details of the Community Consultation. Alternatively you can contact the City on 9405 5000.

Big boosts for Koondoola, Landsdale, Alexander Heights

More than $2 million worth of projects have been approved in the 2011/12 budget for key suburbs in the City of Wanneroo, including Alexander Heights, Koondoola and Landsdale.

Landsdale residents will benefit from improvements to existing infrastructure, including a $650,000 upgrade to Warradale Reserve, which will see the oval extended, while a further $20,000 will be spend on upgrading the Warradale Community Centre.

In Broadview Park work will be done on pathways and the lookout structure and street-lighting will be upgraded on Abbotswood Drive at The Broadview roundabout.

Motorists will also notice improvements on Alexander Drive, with $450,000 allocated for rehabilitation of the eastern carriageway between Gnangara Road and Kingsway, and a 570m section of the western carriageway.

In Koondoola an assessment will be carried out to determine the site and amenities required for a new community facility, and traffic management treatments will be upgraded at Hollingsworth Avenue.

The Koondoola Regional Bushland will undergo a $225,000 drainage upgrade, with drainage swales built at various points within the conservation area.

In Alexander Heights, Ian Robbins Park and Alexander Heights Park will also receive upgrades, with the staged construction of underground drainage storage systems.

Security will also be improved at Ian Robbins Park, with lighting installed in the car park and toilet block.

Wanneroo Mayor Jon Kelly said it was important to continue renewing older infrastructure in the City's more established suburbs.

"While the City of Wanneroo is one of the fastest growing local governments in Australia with many new suburbs, we are also home to several suburbs which are older and more developed," Mayor Kelly said.

"The City will continue to invest in both the infrastructure and services for the residents living in these areas, as Wanneroo continues its unprecedented growth."

$165,000 boost for access

Disabled access will drastically improve at two key City of Wanneroo community facilities with the City successfully bidding for over $165,000 from the Federal Government's Accessible Communities initiative.

A universal access toilet block will be constructed at the popular Opportunity Playspace. Complete with specialised wheelchair-friendly playground equipment the Playspace has been a big hit with children of all abilities, Wanneroo Mayor Jon Kelly said the City received $82,441 for this project, and the City will contribute the balance.

"The 2003 Survey of Disability Ageing and Carers estimated that Wanneroo had over 1,949 children with a disability under the age of 14, and more than 900 with a profound limitation to core activities," Mayor Kelly said. "Since this time, the City has grown by about 8,000 people per year, and therefore we need to continually provide services for all members of our community.

"Since it opened in 2008, the Opportunity Playspace has become extremely popular - it was rated WA's third most popular park by a Playgroup WA Poll in 2010.

"The City is thrilled that the Playspace will be further improved with the universal access toilet block, a crucial addition for children requiring the use of accessible toilets."

The City of Wanneroo will receive a further $84,171 for the installation of an accessible lift in the Kingsway Indoor Stadium, while the remainder of the $170,000 project will be covered by the City.

The new lift will replace the existing one in the complex, which has been deemed inadequate for users experiencing mobility difficulties or who require the use of mobility aids.

"Kingsway Indoor Stadium hosts a variety of activities as well as specialised programs such as Sportslink, which is specifically designed for children with disabilities," Mayor Kelly said.

"As a regional hub for activities the centre provides access to physical activity for the significant population of adults and children with disability in Wanneroo, which is estimated to be more than 16,500.

"We pride ourselves in Wanneroo on our sense of community and to be able to deliver access for all to our facilities wherever possible is a matter of pride for the City."

Mayor Jon Kelly participating in Sportslink at Kingsway Indoor Stadium.

Wanneroo EcoVision homes reach lock up

The City of Wanneroo's two new EcoVision homes in Tapping are on schedule to be opened in September.

Mayor Jon Kelly said the two new EcoVision homes will showcase sustainability by including 8 star passive solar design principles coupled with energy efficiency and water minimisation features.

"The City is committed to promoting sustainability and these homes provide practical examples for new home builders considering environmental practices," he said.

The two Eco homes are a joint venture between the City of Wanneroo and Cedar Woods Properties and are being built by Benchmark Designer Homes, with architectural services provided by Arcologic Design. ECU are a major sponsor of the project.

"The two homes are expected to be completed in September 2011 and home buyers, renovators and other interested people will be able to take free tours to experience sustainability in action," Mayor Kelly said.

"The homes include eco friendly features such as bamboo floors, insulated cavity bricks, photovoltaic cells, rainwater tanks and a grey water system that utilises waste water from the laundry and bathroom to water the garden."

The insulation being fitted into the cavity walls and roofs of both homes will reduce the need for artificial heating and cooling.

Cedar Woods' WA State Manager Stuart Duplock said the homes are a perfect fit with the company's commitment to sustainability principles while offering affordable housing solutions.

For more information about the project, please visit www.ecovisionwanneroo.com.au

Cr Nguyet-Anh Truong, Deputy Mayor Tracey Roberts, Cr Norman Hewer, Shannon Horsley, Cr Rudi Steffens and Cr Stuart Mackenzie with members of the City of Wanneroo Road Wise Working Group.

New Driver Reviver Caravan

The City of Wanneroo's new Driver Reviver Caravan will work to keep drivers alert and safe on the roads this year, manned by its dedicated volunteers.

The new van, will be located at a new site (rest area) on Wanneroo Road, 8km north of the Yanchep/ Two Rocks turnoff, providing drivers with an opportunity to have a rest and enjoy a coffee to break up long journeys behind the wheel.

This year the dedicated volunteers will be able to enjoy the comforts of a new custom built van, including a toilet and washbasin, air-conditioning, radio and storage areas - making the long hours in the caravan more enjoyable.

Mayor Jon Kelly said the volunteers played a vital role in reducing unsafe driver behaviour and encouraging drivers to take a break.

"Wanneroo Road is the last stretch of road before drivers hit the metropolitan area, and it is often dangerous due to driver fatigue and the desire to get home in a hurry," he said.

"For the safety of drivers, their passengers and other road users, I encourage everyone to take the chance to enjoy a coffee break and stretch their legs before finishing the last leg of their journey home.

"I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of three of the City's elected members in the provision of this wonderful service.

Councillor Rudi Steffens has been instrumental in the delivery of this service each year and obtaining the funding for the new van

Cr Norman Hewer and Cr Dot Newton JP have also played a vital, ongoing role in keeping the Driver Reviver service active."

The new caravan has been purchased by the City of Wanneroo with funding from the WALGA/ Roadwise Local Government and Community Road Safety Grant program, which is funded by the Road Trauma Trust Fund administered by the Road Safety Council.

City gains more volunteer fire fighters

The City of Wanneroo's volunteer fire services have received a boost with six new fire fighters joining their ranks.

The six new recruits passed an intense training course that was held in June, with a mix of theory and practical components.

Recruits must now complete 20 hours of hazard reduction or black out work before their full training course requirements are complete.

Wanneroo Mayor Jon Kelly said the new volunteer fire fighters would then be able to attend fires.

"Every winter our fire services run two recruit training courses for local residents," Mayor Kelly said. "Once they have passed all of the training requirements, they are assigned to their local brigade, Wanneroo, Quinns Rocks or Two Rocks Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.

"The training occurs during the quieter winter months and the new recruits are then able to attend jobs during the busy summer fire season.

"Our volunteers range in age from teenagers through to people in their 70s, and we are receiving more calls every year from people wanting to give up their time to help the community."

Five experienced volunteer fire fighters were also certified to become trainer/assessors last month, so they can now deliver the training modules to new recruits.

Partnerships a plenty

The City of Wanneroo and Edith Cowan University (ECU) are working together on a number of joint partnerships to benefit the wider community. Some of the current partnerships include:

Business I-lab

A joint initiative between the City of Wanneroo and ECU's Faculty of Business and Law, the program allows students to work with small local business in a series of work integrated learning projects, developing business plans and solving real business problems.

Mayor Jon Kelly believes the program is a fantastic opportunity for local businesses to draw on the knowledge and expertise of the graduates whilst also providing a wonderful learning opportunity for students.

"I would strongly encourage local businesses to embrace this unique opportunity and engage with graduates from a number of specialist areas to further strengthen their business in the City of Wanneroo," Mayor Jon Kelly said.

Local businesses within the City of Wanneroo are eligible to be part of the program.

For more information please visit wannerooo.wa.gov.au contact the City on 9405 5000 or email economic@wanneroo.wa.gov.au

Wanneroo GP Super clinic

The City will work with ECU and the North Metro Area Health Service to begin designs and develop business arrangements and clinical services after the announcement of a GP Superclinic for Wanneroo.

The Wanneroo GP Super Clinic will complement the City's $32 million revitalisation of the Wanneroo Town Centre which includes Wanneroo Aquamotion, the Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre and Wanneroo.

The new Wanneroo GP Super Clinic will offer general practitioners, nurses, psychologists, midwives, speech pathologists, occupational therapists, Aboriginal Health Workers and a visiting specialist paediatrician.

"The Wanneroo GP Super Clinic under the leadership of ECU will provide a holistic wellness service to our community and we look forward to being part of it," said Mayor Kelly.

Tutoring Service 'yourtutor'

Edith Cowan University (ECU) is proud to sponsor the City of Wanneroo to make yourtutor accessible to all local students.

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Students in year 4-12 can connect instantly to tutors Monday to Friday from 4pm to 8pm.

Subject support is available in Math, Science, English, Assignment Research and Study Skills.

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Kingsway Regional Sporting Complex

The massive $22.3m redevelopment of the Kingsway Regional Sporting Complex continues, with the City soon to embark on Stage 5 of the project.

To date, works on the 70-hectare complex have including the installation of lakes to improve irrigation to the entire complex, installing hydrozoing irrigation to the cricket, hockey and football areas and redevelopment of the athletics facilities.

The recently completed Stage 4 works include the realignment of soccer and rugby fields and training areas, the installation of 15 floodlight towers to support seven playing and training areas and increased parking facilities and improved traffic management around the soccer and rugby fields.

Stage 5 works, which will commence in October 2011, will focus on the south western sector of the Complex, with works to include the removal of the existing clay shed, the relocation of the soccer club shed to a position south of the club house.

Players and spectators to the soccer club will also notice that the playing fields closest to the clubhouse will be significantly modified, with the level dropped and a retaining wall installed. The main pitch will also be realigned centrally with the clubhouse.

These works, costing $3.9m are estimated for completion in February 2012, in time for the start of the 2012 soccer season.

Mayor Jon Kelly said the masterplan for the Complex was a sizeable investment for the City but would reap benefits for the City by providing a sporting complex of the highest standard.

"When complete, Kingsway will be one of two facilities of its size in Western Australia and be able to cater for soccer, rugby union, football, netball, baseball and softball, cricket to WACA competition standard and little athletics," he said.

Discover the olden days at Cockman House

Recall a time when the only thing you would get on line was a fish and a social network was just you and your mates?

Share memories of how it used to be or discover what it was like in the olden days at Cockman House, the oldest remaining residence in Wanneroo.

At Cockman House, discover the story of James and Mary Ann Cockman who were amongst the earliest settlers drawn to the new Swan River Colony in 1829, and their descendants who lived in this house.

Come and enjoy the house that is largely unchanged since it was built, and the surrounding grounds and buildings.

Cockman House is open every Sunday from 2pm - 5pm (except February) and is located on Ocean Reef Road (just west of Wanneroo Road). Entry is by donation.

Group tours are also available on week days. For information or bookings for group visits, please phone 9405 5906 or email bryce.kershaw@wanneroo.wa.gov.au

Clarkson resident overall winner of Art Awards

Northern suburbs artists were the big winners at the City of Wanneroo's 10th - and richest - Art Awards, held at the Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre recently.

Clarkson resident Janey Emery won the City of Wanneroo Open Award, taking home $5,000 for her oil painting titled Back Off. *(pictured)*

Judges said the work displayed a confidently executed narrative of urban culture and environment, which instantly engages the audience.

The other major prize category was for the Best City of Wanneroo resident, with $1,500 awarded to Butler resident Christopher Young for his light-jet print.

Wanneroo Mayor Jon Kelly said with $12,000 worth of prizes, this was the richest art awards the City had held.

"This year the City received more than 260 entries from artists across Western Australia, and one third of them were from City of Wanneroo residents," Mayor Kelly said.

"This is the second year the City has held these prestigious awards at the purpose built exhibition gallery at the Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre, which is proving to be the cultural hub of the City."

Award Winners:

City of Wanneroo Open Award ($5,000) - Janey Emery

Best City of Wanneroo Resident ($1,500) - Christopher Young

Painting Award ($1,000) - Judy Rogers

Painting commendation ($500) - John Stribling

Sculpture Award ($1,000) - Jeannette Rein

Sculpture commendation ($500) commendation - Albie Herbert

Works on Paper Award ($1,000) - Jane Grierson

Works on Paper commendation ($500) - Angie Beck

People's Choice Award ($1,000) - Anthony Smith

Art 'n' About Markets

The City of Wanneroo's popular Art 'n' About market is back this winter, in the comfort of the Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre.

On 31 July there will be a record number of 70 exciting stalls at the indoor market, selling a huge range of unique items such as woodcraft, paintings, clothing, jewellery, hand-made toys and a tasty range of preserves.

More than 3,000 people attended last year's winter Art 'n' About market, and this year the crowd will be treated to even more exciting and innovative stalls.

After the successful introduction of free workshops last year, they will also be back by popular demand.

"The Art 'n' About market brings a hive of activity to the Wanneroo Town Centre which is fantastic to see," Mayor Jon Kelly said. "Be sure to come along and see some of the fantastic locally produced products - there will be something for every member of the family."

Yanchep resident Katie Richards *(pictured)* is one of the new stallholders at this year's market, selling handmade vinyl record handbags.

The bags have detachable, adjustable straps in a huge range of patterns and colours, with the fabric base hand-stitched to the records.

"I definitely have a love for music, so there have been a few records that I have come across that I haven't used for the bags - I would feel too guilty damaging them in any way," Miss Richards said.

"They are unique and the straps are detachable so you can have a range of different colours."

Ivy Vinyl is just one of the many unique stalls at Art 'n' About on Sunday 31 July from 10am to 4pm, at the Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre, 3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo.

For more information about our Art 'n' About markets, please call the City of Wanneroo's Events Officer on 9405 5362 or visit our website wanneroo.wa.gov.au

Activities at Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre

Check out what's new at the City of Wanneroo libraries.

Digital Audio Players - The all-in-one audio book

Digital audio players bring your book to life at the push of a button. This new format is an easy-to-use player that comes with an entire audio book pre-loaded on it and ready to go.

The universal headphone jack is compatible with standard listening accessories, like headphones, speakers and all standard car adaptors.

With your Digital Audio Player weighing only 55gms, it is small enough to fit in the palm of your hand. You can use it gardening, cleaning the house, walking, in the car the player can go anywhere you do! No cassette, no CD, no downloading. Just press PLAY!

Visit any of the four City of Wanneroo libraries and have a look at this new and exciting way to enjoy books. Bookings on 9405 5920.

Computer Classes and Clubs

Stage 1 - The Blank Slate
(6 sessions, total cost $30 per person)

Stage 2 - Know a little, not a lot
(6 sessions, total cost $30 per person)

Stage 3 - Internet and Email Essentials (4 sessions, total cost $20 per person)

These classes are aimed at teaching mature aged people basic computer skills (like turning on a computer and using the keyboard and mouse), through to using emails and printing photos from digital cameras. These ongoing courses are available throughout the City of Wanneroo.

Bookings essential, 9405 5940.

Computer clubs are now running during school terms for mature aged people. Spend an hour with volunteers learning what you're interested in on the computer, even on your own laptop, for beginners to intermediate home users.
$5 per Session

Clarkson Library - 9407 1600
Fridays // 11.30am - 1pm

Wanneroo Library - 9405 5940
Wednesdays // 11am - 12.30pm

Patch Theatre - Emperor's Nightingale

FREE

The ever popular Patch Theatre are back to help bring another story alive. These sessions are very popular so please book early.

FREE session, bookings essential.

Girrawheen Library - 9342 8844
Monday 22 August // 4pm

Wanneroo Library - 9405 5940
Tuesday 23 August // 4pm

Clarkson Library - 9407 1600
Wednesday 24 August // 4pm

Story time sessions

Story time aims to capture the imagination while introducing books in a fun environment. A parent or guardian must accompany children to the session.

FREE event, call your local library for times and details.

FREE

Children's Book Week

Saturday 20 August - Friday 26 August 2011

Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia, celebrating its 65th birthday in 2010.

Join in with the City of Wanneroo as we spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators.

Bookings are essential, for further details please contact Kym Andrews on 9405 5948 or visit our website wanneroo.wa.gov.au for the full schedule.

FREE

Reconciliation Action Plan

Jade Dickerson - *A Womens Journey to the Earth*.

The City of Wanneroo is developing a Reconciliation Action Plan to help provide better opportunities, build better relationships and show respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Five community gatherings have already been held, with community members giving City of Wanneroo staff fantastic feedback on would they would like to see in the Reconciliation Action Plan.

One of the key aims of the plan is to help address the inequalities experienced, and to help close the 17 year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and other Australians.

A working group has also been formed, made up of community members, councillors and City of Wanneroo staff.

For more information, please contact the Community Development Officer (South Zone) on 9405 5900 or email RAP@wanneroo.wa.gov.au

Abstract Earth - photography by Richard Woldendorp

Thursday 11 August - Sunday 11 September 2011
Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre Gallery

For the last 50 years, Richard Woldendorp has been depicting the Australian landscape from a unique perspective - the sky.

From his aerial vantage point he has photographed, with great skill and precision, shifting tides, moving sands, the reflective waterways, roads, farmed regions, forests and more.

Enquiries: 9405 5914
wanneroo.wa.gov.au

FREE

Exhibition presented by ART ON THE MOVE

Top of Curtis Island, Cape Capricorn, Queensland.

Swimmers on Bondi Beach, New South Wales.

Pink Lake, north-west of Esperance, WA.

WANNEROO AQUAMOTION

Your Wanneroo Aquamotion community

Since re-opening in 2009, the City of Wanneroo's Aquamotion leisure facility has been growing from strength to strength with ever improving programs and services for the local community.

The facility has recently invested in new equipment, expanded services and increased professional development to ensure that staff can offer knowledgeable and friendly advice to its customers.

Gym and Fitness Centre

The Aquamotion Fitness Centre contains a fully refurbished state-of-the-art gymnasium, group fitness studio and is currently one of the few fitness centre facilities to provide Fitness Australia accredited gym instructors at all times of operation.

Group Fitness Classes, which include the latest releases of Les Mills ©, Zumba © and freestyle classes are a great way to get in shape, meet new friends and have fun. All instructors provide up-to-date techniques and releases so that you are always motivated and challenged.

Other services include affordable personal training packages that will kick start your health and fitness journey, as well as assist with weight loss, sports specific training, toning, muscle gain, and general fitness goals.

Come in and experience the first class facilities, professional service and become a part of the Aquamotion community.

Aquatic Centre

The family-friendly Aquatic Centre includes an outdoor deep pool, spa and sauna, 25-metre heated lap and leisure pools, a children's splash pad and a cafe and crèche facility.

Swim School

Wanneroo Aquamotion Swim School is a highly regarded quality aquatic program and is endorsed by both Austswim and Royal Life Saving Society.

The Swim School provides a range of classes for all levels and abilities, allowing participants to progress as they improve.

Gold, Silver, and Bronze memberships are now available to suit your needs. There are also corporate membership packages available.

WANNEROO AQUAMOTION

Civic Drive, Wanneroo 6065

Opening Hours
Monday to Friday 5.30am-9pm
Weekend/ Public Holidays 7.30am-6pm

For further information, please call **9405 5999** or visit **wanneroo.wa.gov.au**

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City of Wanneroo

Pay your rates in full or your first instalment by 5 September for your chance to WIN a range of fantastic prizes. See your rates notice or visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au for details.