



COUNCILLOR COLUMN

Norman Hewer - North Ward Councillor

What prompted you to stand for election as a councillor?

I worked for the community as chairperson for Carramar and Tapping Residents Association for 13 years, and with the support of some wonderful community members gained some fantastic sporting, educational and shopping facilities. I decided to pursue this and stand for Council as I enjoyed helping people and found it very satisfying. Thankfully, I was elected to the North Ward some six years ago.

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

Roadwise, Main Roads Regional Group, Community Safety Group, WALGA North Zone and Waste Management committees. I am a Driver Reviver member and volunteer with Wanneroo Bush Fire Support Brigade as a crew leader on the Incident Control Vehicle. I also attend all of the resident association group meetings within the North Ward.

What is the issue you believe is crucial to the future of the City as a whole?

The growth of the City. As one of the fastest growing local governments in Australia, we need to be ahead of the game and have the necessary infrastructure in place. This can be achieved by working with the relevant agencies.

What issue do you believe is most important within the North Ward?

The rail and freeway extension to Yanchep needs to be sooner rather than later as the existing freeway is already congested and residents in this area have been waiting an awfully long time for this to happen. The land release in this area means we will have thousands of homes popping up in the next year or so, and the government needs to take into account the major shift in population and take action now.

What is the most common enquiry you receive from ratepayers?

Most issues arise around planning and infrastructure such as transport, traffic lights, widening of Wanneroo Road, the need for railway to Yanchep as well as the freeway extension. There are also hooning and road safety issues.

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

The best things about Wanneroo are its history and the great pioneers who settled here, the great community spirit and the wonderful people I have met. The amenities are second to none - we are five minutes from shops, medical and leisure centres, great education facilities, beautiful beaches, national parks and heritage centres. This is my home and, along with many other like-minded people, I believe it is the only place to live.



Mayor Tracey Roberts with City of Wanneroo 'elves' preparing gift hampers for distribution to needy families.

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The giving nature of the Wanneroo community has shone through, with the City of Wanneroo inundated with donations for the annual Mayor's Christmas Appeal.

Mayor Tracey Roberts said she was delighted to see the completed gift hampers ready to go out to families in need of a helping hand at Christmas time.

"It is wonderful to see the generosity of our local residents, businesses, community groups and schools," she said. "People have been so charitable this year, it really is great to know the Christmas spirit is strong in our community, and that so many are willing to help others."

"I would like to sincerely thank all who have contributed to the appeal."

Recipients will receive hampers brimming with food items, personal gifts and toys, including a beautiful array of hand crafted wooden doll furniture, wagons and garages courtesy of Selwyn Anderson.

"Every year Selwyn donates so much time and effort to the Appeal by way of his beautiful wooden toys," Mayor Roberts said. "I know the children who receive these gifts will get countless hours of enjoyment from his generosity."

"I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our residents a very safe and happy Christmas - I hope you all enjoy the holiday period and take care on our beaches and roads. I look forward to seeing you all in 2015."

FREE WANNEROO CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

The combined churches of Wanneroo are hosting the inaugural Christmas Day lunch at the Wanneroo Showgrounds, sponsored by the City of Wanneroo.

Those in need of company or who would like a hot roast lunch are welcome to come along (registration essential) and enjoy the companionship, Christmas carols and a message from a local pastor.

Mayor Tracey Roberts, who is patron of the event, will be there to celebrate Christmas with the community and support the local church groups.

Christmas Day // 12noon

(THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER)

Margaret Cockman Pavilion
Ariti Ave, Wanneroo



Register your attendance online at wanneroochristmaslunch.com or contact Rev Narelle Collas, Carramar Uniting Church at wanneroochristmaslunch@gmail.com or on 9306 7191.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE, WRAPPING & PACKAGING

Cardboard boxes and wrapping paper can be dropped off on Boxing Day, from 8am to 4.45pm, and Christmas trees at WEEKENDS ONLY, between the same hours.

Greens Recycling Facility
70 Motivation Drive, Wangara



HOURS OF OPERATION

The City of Wanneroo will have limited hours of operation over the Christmas and New Year period.

Christmas, Boxing and New Year's Day waste collections will be delayed by one day.

For all enquiries over the holiday period please call 1300 13 83 93.

	FRI 12 DEC	WED 24 DEC	THUR 25 DEC	FRI 26 DEC	SAT 27 DEC	SUN 28 DEC	MON 29 DEC	TUES 30 DEC	WED 31 DEC	THU 1 JAN	FRI 2 JAN
Civic Centre	8.30am-1pm	8.30am-4pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Hours
Ashby Op. Centre	8.30am-1pm	8.30am-4pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Hours
Libraries	9am-1pm	9am-4pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Hours
Museum	10am-1pm	10am-4pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Hours
Aquamotion	Normal Hours	5.30am-4pm	Closed	Closed	7.30am-6pm	7.30am-6pm	7.30am-6pm	7.30am-6pm	7.30am-6pm	Closed	Normal Hours
Kingsway Stadium	Normal Hours	8.30am-4pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Hours
Waste Operations	8.30am-1pm	8.30am-4pm	Closed	7am-2pm	7am-2pm	Closed	8.30am-4pm	8.30am-4pm	8.30am-4pm	Closed	Normal Hours