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Welcome to the Wanneroo Link, our fortnightly communication with City residents.

I am pleased to advise that Council has resolved to build a limestone wall at Quinn's Beach. This will allow residents access to the highly-popular Fred Stubbs Park, which has been badly impacted by storm damage.

It was very sad to see the devastation of the storms during September, which resulted in the loss of 10 to 12 metres of sand dunes.

Because of serious safety concerns, the City closed Fred Stubbs Park and the carpark and removed the play equipment.

Extensive works are underway and detailed research will continue.

The construction of the limestone wall will allow residents to enjoy what is a local icon and help preserve what is a wonderful foreshore area. The 5.3m high wall will enable the retention of a wider and more usable grassed area for the community.

I have taken a personal interest in this issue that has included high levels of community consultation.

Elected members felt the clear message from local residents was that they wanted to see as much of the park as possible available for public use now and into the future.

I commend local residents for their willingness to participate in the consultation process and appreciate their contribution.

The work at Quinns is one of the many community projects underway, including the much needed extension to the City's Civic Centre.

The City of Wanneroo is proud to be one of the main employers of local people.

Designed to house 275 staff, the Civic Centre already holds 297, with a further 52 being housed off site in the Wanneroo Community Centre.

Accommodating these extra staff in the current building and off site means the community has lost the use not only of the Community Centre but also a large function room previously available in the Civic Centre - a valuable asset to residents that was often used by local groups.

YSpeak!

A FACE, PLACE AND VOICE



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Young people within the City of Wanneroo have an opportunity to help shape the City's future, by voicing their opinions as part of a youth engagement study.

The YSpeak! A face, place and voice study is specifically for 8-25 year olds who live, work, study or 'hang out' in the City of Wanneroo.

The City would like to hear from young people on a range of current youth issues, existing youth activities, and possible future programs and facilities.

This is a valuable opportunity for young people to have their say and help shape the future of the City.

The survey opens on 1 March and will run until 31 May 2014. Hundreds of dollars worth of prizes are up for grabs, simply by completing the survey.

Surveys may be completed online via the City's website or Facebook pages and paper copies are available through local community centres and libraries.

Updates on how the study is progressing will be posted on the City's Youth Facebook page.

Further information about YSpeak! A face, place and voice, is available from Youth Services on 9405 5600, programs@wanneroo.wa.gov.au or Facebook.

As part of the plans this facility, capable of hosting 300 people, will be returned to public use, as will the Community Centre.

The extension design will also encapsulate a much safer road network for the local school and deliver 150 extra parking spots near the Wanneroo Town Centre as well as delivering commercial opportunities.

Given the cost of renting the office space that will be required to house the people who deliver vital services to residents of one of the fastest growing local authorities in the country, it is a prudent decision to go ahead with this extension.

I can also assure the community this is not an "either or" situation. Council will continue to deliver the vital projects, programs and services needed by a growing population.

As one of my fellow elected members said recently, this project will be a catalyst for further investment in the town centre and comprises only five per cent of the City's infrastructure budget over the next four years.

I was recently honoured to open the City's first major exhibition of the year, Nurses: from Zululand to Afghanistan.

The exhibition explores the valuable role nurses have played over the years, from the Zulu War of 1879 through to modern day conflicts.

I highly recommend you learn more about these amazing men and woman and visit the exhibition at the Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre Gallery. For opening times, contact 9405 5914.

I trust everyone had a fantastic time at the recent Live in the Amphitheatre movie series and the Retro Rewind event at Yanchep National Park. Global Beats and Eats is next on 5 April. We hope you enjoy these free events as much as we enjoy delivering them.

Finally, I encourage all of our young people to get involved in our youth engagement survey (see top of page) and help shape the City's future by voicing their opinions.

I look forward to seeing you out and about in our wonderful City.

Mayor Tracey Roberts JP

MONEY MANAGEMENT

FREE

This interactive money management course for residents will help you improve your financial skills as you cover topics such as budgeting, spending and saving, goal setting, banking, debit and credit cards, debt and the cost of credit.

Thursday 1, 8 and 15 May // 11.30am-3pm
Carramar Community Centre, Carramar
Bookings essential, call 9405 5621 or email fundedservices@wanneroo.wa.gov.au
Light lunch and free childcare provided.



WRITING YOUR MEMOIRS

A popular workshop presented by Rosemary Stevens for budding authors and memoirists.

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?

The techniques and guidelines used in this workshop will vividly engage your memory and help you choose the style and format best for you.

Sunday 6 April 2014 // 1pm-4pm

Ground Floor Meeting Room,
Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre
Cost \$20 (max 15 people)

Bookings and enquiries on 9405 5920.



MEETING DATES

Council Briefing
Tuesday 25 March // 6pm
Council Meeting
Tuesday 1 April // 7pm

VERGE TREE PLANTING

FREE

The City offers this service to all residents and businesses. There are a variety of trees to choose from with planting occurring over the winter.

For more information or to submit a request, visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/planning or call Conservation Maintenance on 9405 5000.

Requests need to be submitted by Wednesday 30 April 2014.

