



COUNCILLOR COLUMN

Get to know your local councillor in Wanneroo Link this year, beginning with recently elected North Ward Councillor, Linda Aitken.

1. What prompted you to stand for election as a Councillor?

Having identified the need for facilities and services in this growing and diverse ward, I chose to run as a councillor with the goal of effecting positive change in these areas.

2. In addition to forums, briefings and meetings what other bodies do you serve on in your role as a Councillor?

Community Funding Working Group and the Wanneroo Business and Tourism Development Working Group.

3. What other community groups are you involved in?

The Victory Life Church and Alkimos Lions plus attending various ratepayers meetings.

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

- i. The development of local business and industry which enables the people living in the City to get jobs locally.
- ii. Planning of future developments and the inclusion of adequate recreational, sporting and community facilities for local community groups.
- iii. Ensuring people in need receive assistance, whether physical, emotional, or financial. There are times when the unexpected happens and we as a community should support those in need so they can move forward and resume their normal life.

5. What makes the North Ward so special?

The wonderful sense of community. The area has some spectacular natural attractions such as the Yanchep Lagoon and Yanchep National Park. The opportunities provided by the extensive growth and the shared hopes of new residents in places like Banksia Grove Alkimos and Eglinton give the North Ward a very special feel.

6. What do the most common enquiries you get from ratepayers relate to?

Hooning, rubbish dumping, illegal use of off-road vehicles on our beaches which endangers local beach users, and when are they getting ovals and community facilities.

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

I like meeting the people and having all that I need for my daily life nearby to enjoy.



QUINNS BEACH UPDATE

Immediate coastal protection works have begun at Quinns Beach and are expected to be completed by late May 2014.

City of Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said the \$2.495 million tender had been awarded to Curnow Group Pty Ltd, who will carry out the construction of a sandbag and rock revetment and sand replenishment.

"We are pleased that these essential protection works can start so quickly," Mayor Roberts said. "The City understands the concerns of local residents and they can be reassured with the knowledge that further safeguards will now be in place to combat the effects of severe erosion."

Construction of a limestone retaining wall has also been included in the scope of works as a separate item, subject to Council's further decision based on community consultation, the outcome of the development approval application and funding considerations.

From a safety perspective, Fred Stubbs Park will be closed for the duration of the construction period however the car park will remain open to the public, apart from restrictions during sand renourishment works.

Signage will be installed at the site, and for any further information please call 9405 5000.

These issues will be discussed at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on March 4.

MEETING DATES
Council Meeting
 Tuesday 4 March // 7pm
Council Briefing
 Tuesday 25 March // 6pm
 City of Wanneroo
 23 Dundobar Rd, Wanneroo

RABBIT AND FOX CONTROL
 The City of Wanneroo will carry out a coastal rabbit and fox control program in March and April in the conservation reserves south of Quinns Road to Tamala Park bushland, including Kinsale Park.
 The program aims to reduce the number of feral rabbits that are damaging the City's coastal dunes, bushland vegetation and rehabilitation sites, as well as foxes that are targeting native fauna.
 Controlled areas will be clearly sign posted and the City requests that all visitors keep to the formalised access tracks. Dogs are to be kept on a leash at all times in these areas, or use designated dog exercise areas.
 Enquiries: Conservation Team 9405 5000.

FREE MULCH AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS
 The Greens Recycling Facility has a mountain of mulch to give away to City of Wanneroo and City of Joondalup ratepayers.
 Simply bring in your 2013/14 rates notice (1 load per notice) along with your 6x4 trailer or ute to receive your FREE cubic metre of mulched greenwaste (not woodchips).
 Available from 1 March while stocks last. 8am-4.45pm weekends and public holidays ONLY. No commercial loads.
 City of Wanneroo Greens Recycling Facility
 70 Motivation Drive, Wangara
 Enquiries 9405 5629

RETRO REWIND
 Saturday 8 March 2014 // 1pm-5pm
 SEEKING HOT RODS
 If you have a hot rod or pre-1960 custom or American classic and would like to join us at Retro Rewind, please register at wanneroo.wa.gov.au/hotrods

West Australian artists are invited to enter works and be in the running for \$16,800 worth of prizes
 Entries close 4pm 17 April 2014
 Artworks due 7 May 2014
 For more information please call 9405 5920 or email arts@wanneroo.wa.gov.au

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ACCEPTING ENTRIES
 Download your entry form at wanneroo.wa.gov.au

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