WOO D SMOKE SAFETY

A cosy fireplace is great for winter but when we breathe in wood smoke a fraction of the smoke particles are retained in our lungs, impacting on our health.

You can reduce the amount of smoke pollution from your chimney by:
- Keeping woodpiles under cover
- Never burning green, wet or treated firewood
- Checking your chimney for smoke
- Starting your fire with dry kindling and with the wood heater air control fully open
- Keep the fire burning brightly

For more information on wood smoke visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au or contact the City’s Health Officers on 9405 5000.

BOOST FOR CITY’S HEALTH SERVICES

Construction of Edith Cowan University’s Health Centre, incorporating the Wanneroo GP Super Clinic in the Wanneroo Town Centre, is on track to be open to the public in just over a year.

The $22 million project will provide much-needed health services to the region, offering general practitioner, nursing and midwifery services to the community whilst providing teaching and research opportunities for ECU students and staff.

It will also deliver allied health services such as clinical psychology, physiotherapy, speech pathology, occupational therapy, nutrition and exercise physiology, along with Indigenous health and visiting specialist services.

ECU Vice-Chancellor Professor Kerry Cox said construction began on the Dundebar Road site on 30 January, and was progressing well.

“I am pleased to say that the project is progressing on time with a practical completion date in mid-2014,” Professor Cox said.

The internal fit-out will then take place mid-year, and the clinic is expected to be operational by October 2014.

The four level office-style Health Centre, which includes a basement car park, has an overall gross floor area of more than 4,000sqm and will provide parking for 70 cars.

Earthworks have been finalised, lift cores poured and concreting of the first floor is being finalised.

The project is currently on budget as well.

“Access to healthcare is vital, especially in such a rapidly growing region,” Mayor Roberts said. “Once complete, the ECU Health Centre will become one of our greatest community assets, providing for our residents’ health needs and taking pressure off Joondalup Health Campus.

“It is exciting to see the building take shape and each day we are a little closer to having a state-of-the-art health clinic in our own town centre.”

ECU Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Health Advancement), Professor Cobie Rudd agrees with Mayor Roberts.

“The ECU Health Centre is a great example of the University listening to the community and working collaboratively with stakeholders to devise solutions,” Professor Rudd said. “Our health researchers and students will have new and unique opportunities to undertake meaningful work alongside community members.”

Professor Cox said it was pleasing to see the ECU Health Centre go from plans on a drawing board to reality.

The Commonwealth Government and State Government have each contributed $5 million to the project, with ECU investing $12 million.

KINGSWAY REGIONAL PLAYGROUND

A contract to undertake the construction of a ‘nature play based’ playground has recently been awarded, with the appointed contractor currently making arrangements to install the play equipment. The site is located centrally within the Kingsway Sporting Complex immediately to the west of the irrigation lakes. Work on site is expected to commence in late September 2013.

THE HUB PROJECT

Butler Writer’s Group
Wednesday // 9.30am-10.30am
Therapeutic art for relaxation & self-esteem
Wednesday // 11am-12pm
Butler Community Centre, 55 Kingsbridge Blvd, Butler. Cost $10 per class.
Bookings to Azure Entertainment on 0408 999 943 or email contact@azureentertainment.com.au

SUPPORT VIA PARENTING PLACE

Find out how to make the most of your child’s early years. This is your one stop shop for parenting resources, information and support.

Ocean Keys Shopping Centre, 36 Ocean Keys Boulevard, Clarkson (near Kmart entrance)

For more information contact the City of Wanneroo Early Childhood Officer on 9405 5907.