



COUNCILLOR COLUMN

Nguyet-Anh Truong - South Ward Councillor

What prompted you to stand for election as a councillor?

Having spent many years working at Girrawheen Senior High School assisting students with understanding the English language as well as operating a very successful local newsagency, I came to know and understand many issues of concern for the local community. Over time I developed a reputation for assisting locals from many diverse and ethnic backgrounds resolving various issues and consequently they encouraged me to run for Council.

In addition to forums, briefings and meetings what committees or external bodies to do you serve on?

In addition to many Council committees, I also volunteer my time to a number of community based services and activities, including working with 89.7 Twin Cities FM where I present a weekly two-hour Vietnamese segment to serve the Vietnamese community. I also work with the Wanneroo Agriculture Society, liaising with many local growers to exhibit in the annual Wanneroo Show. This year I successfully organised the first annual Spring Blossom Festival for the Lunar New Year 2015 at the Kingsway Regional Sporting complex. This event aims to introducing a diverse range of food, cultural and entertainment experiences to the Australian community.

What other community groups are you involved in?

I continue to be involved with a range of multicultural groups - assisting Vietnamese, Thai and Cambodian communities with the completion of their legal documents and liaising between them and various government agencies. Additionally, I help out at the Our Lady of Mercy Primary School in Girrawheen, translating for Vietnamese parents and I have also worked for several years with the Vietnamese Seniors Club.

What key issues do you believe are crucial to the future of the City as a whole?

Household internet connectivity will become as important as water, gas and electricity, and Council should support and lobby for improved internet services. I am also of the view that the community in Wanneroo will face enormous challenges as a consequence of reduced State and Australian government funding for services and facility provision over the next five years.

What three issues do you believe are most important within the South Ward?

The renewal of facilities and residential properties will be one of the most critical issues the local community will face in the coming years. Housing renewal will lead to an increase in density which will in turn increase the population of Girrawheen and Koondoola by around 6,000 people. Improved retail and commercial opportunities will need to be planned to meet this growth. In addition, new residential developments through Landsdale, Madeley and Darch will necessitate additional supporting infrastructure.

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

I love the multicultural diversity and sense of community connectivity throughout our City. I also value the extensive public open space and nature bushland reserves in the South Ward. I am very proud to be able to serve my local community of Wanneroo.



Mayor Tracey Roberts pictured with City staff and recipients of the City's first Scores on Doors certificates recognising food hygiene and safety excellence. From L to R, Wayne Harris, Ron Chiltern, Hal Vo and Dep Duong (front), Mayor Tracey Roberts, Ian Bickle and Sarah Kermode (front), Amir Budroodin and Alan McColl.

CITY LAUNCHES FOOD RATING PROGRAM

City of Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts recently presented four local business owners with certificates recognising food hygiene and safety to launch the City's new food rating program.

As part of the Scores on Doors program, participating food businesses will display distinctive blue and yellow posters which rate their compliance with food safety standards, including food temperature control, food prepared in advance of service, food handler hygiene, cleaning, sanitisation and pest control.

Mayor Tracey Roberts said the City of Wanneroo was proud of the initiative which would allow people to make an informed choice about where to eat or shop for food.

"We are fortunate to enjoy a fantastic range of quality restaurants within our City and

I encourage you to support the local businesses that are taking part in the program and who will be proudly displaying their compliance posters," Mayor Roberts said.

Scores on Doors provides greater transparency of compliance by food businesses in the City.

Local food businesses recently presented with their certificates include Darch Fish and Chips in Madeley, Mughal Foods in Wangara, Bib's Tuck Shop in Yanchep and Christo's Lunch Bar in Landsdale.

Businesses wishing to take part can download an application form from the City's website.

The City's Environmental Health Officers will carry out unannounced inspections and premises that score three stars or above will then be offered a certificate to display in a prominent position such as the front window or behind the counter.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2015 City of Wanneroo Student Scholarship Awards.

Students receive a scholarship to the value of \$400 to support the cost of their studies in the following categories: outstanding academic achievement (WACE exams); outstanding academic achievement (non WACE exams); and encouragement.

Butler College
Murtaza Mohammadi, Year 10

Mindarie Senior College
Danielle Pope and Dane Stewart, Year 11
Crystal Pearce, Ashaidi Johari and Alexander Hayward, Year 12

Wanneroo Secondary College
Joel Quaid, Year 10 and Jaxsyn Todd, Year 11

Yanchep District High School
Ruby Savage-White, Year 10



COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Council Briefing
Tuesday 19 May // 6pm

Council Meeting
Tuesday 26 May // 7pm
Please note meeting location:
Gumblossom Centre,
Quinns Rocks

Meet the Mayor on the Road
Friday 5 June 11am-1pm
SPROUT, Alkimos Beach
Bookings essential 9405 5654



ARTAWARDS 2015 EXHIBITION

Enjoy a cultural journey and be visually inspired as you view the latest works from Western Australian artists.

OPENS THIS SATURDAY

ENTRY IS FREE and artwork is available for purchase.

Saturday 16 May to Saturday 13 June

Monday to Saturday // 10am-4pm

The Gallery
Wanneroo Library
and Cultural Centre,
3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo