



MAYORAL COLUMN

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

FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICES TO CONTINUE

The City of Wanneroo notes the recent announcement that funding will be provided by the Department of Local Government and Communities to see a continuation of much needed financial counselling services in the metropolitan areas.

The City has strongly advocated on this issue since the announcement of funding cuts through the State Government's budget process, as the City is well aware of the need for this service in our community and the benefits gained from those who access it.

The City continues to have concerns that there will be a reduction in levels of locally based service delivery, but until the result of the tender process is finalised it is too early to determine the level of reduction to services.

The City will continue to strongly lobby the State Government and explore alternative options to reinstate this program as the City does not want to see our local community disadvantaged.

Residents seeking financial counselling services should call **9405 5621**.

CYCLE WANNEROO PLAN UP FOR CONSIDERATION

The City of Wanneroo's Cycle Wanneroo plan has been put forward to Council for consideration, complementing the Your Move Wanneroo program.

The plan is an extensive 15 year project, and shapes the City of Wanneroo's vision of making cycling an integral part of daily life in Wanneroo, allowing people of all ages and abilities to use bicycles safely for all kinds of trips.

Goals outlined in the plan include a 5 per cent mode share for cycling by 2031 and 8 per cent by 2051, zero cyclist fatalities or serious injuries and the development of a 192km connected network of bike boulevards, protected cycle lanes and dedicated cycle paths.

BIKE REPAIR STATIONS ASSISTING CYCLISTS

Recently active cyclists of the Wanneroo community were provided with two bike repair stations in Madeley and Clarkson as part of the Your Move Wanneroo program.

These facilities were funded by RAC and installed at Kingsway Indoor Stadium and Clarkson Library, forming part of the City of Wanneroo's goals to empower our residents to be more physically active.

We are so pleased to be able to give cyclists a chance to carry out basic repairs to their bikes in order to give cyclists a chance to carry out basic repairs to their bikes to keep cyclists on the road, improving health and fitness, reducing the number of cars on the road, and helping the environment along the way.

Mayor Tracey Roberts JP



HELP SHAPE OUR AGE-FRIENDLY STRATEGY

SUPPORTING OUR AGEING RESIDENTS IS A KEY PRIORITY FOR THE CITY WHICH IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING AN AGE-FRIENDLY STRATEGY.

It aims to foster a community that welcomes and respects the needs of our senior citizens.

Older residents are being encouraged to attend one of a series of coffee mornings to help shape the strategy. City of Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said a key goal will be to create an environment that allows older residents to actively participate in the community.

"Older people have a valuable contribution to make and the City strives to ensure all residents enjoy living in their neighbourhoods and have access to a range of activities and services," Mayor Roberts said.

Sessions will be held at different locations around the City next month, starting on Monday 5 October through until Thursday 15 October 2015.

For further information or to register, please call **9405 5609**.

CITY LIBRARIES CELEBRATE SUCCESS

THE CITY'S LIBRARY STAFF ARE GETTING OUT FROM BEHIND THE DESK AND HELPING VISITORS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MANY SERVICES AVAILABLE.

The City's four libraries had more than 500,000 visitors for the year - Clarkson Library alone welcomed more than 250,000 of those.

Library users are embracing the City's self-checkout system. In the past year self-service rose from 24 per cent to 75 per cent. Loans of e-books are also up a whopping 239 per cent. Free wifi use has risen by 33 per cent. With all these great services available, it might be time to check out what your local library can offer you.

WANNEROO AQUAMOTION'S DOLPHIN OLYMPICS FUN FOR LITTLE CHAMPS

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS PARTICIPATED IN THE CITY'S 13TH DOLPHIN OLYMPICS AT AQUAMOTION ON SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2015.

The program helps build children's confidence and self esteem while teaching them the life skill of swimming independently.

The City is proud to sponsor this worthwhile community event and share the joy of families helping their young ones achieve great goals and become little champions.

The Quinns Rocks Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, in partnership with the City of Wanneroo, is gearing up for a day of free family fun to promote bushfire safety and awareness. The event will include children's entertainment, sausage sizzle, educational displays, face painting, food and drink vendors and more.