



## MAYORAL COLUMN

ON BEHALF OF ALL AT THE CITY OF WANNEROO, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH RESIDENTS AND VISITORS A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS 2016.

### CHRISTMAS JOY FOR ALL

The Christmas Appeal has once again been a huge success, with more than a thousand items donated to help local families. Food, household items and toys were generously donated to families this festive season. The toys included handmade children's chairs, doll beds and play car garages lovingly made by local resident Selwyn Anderson.

The combined churches of Wanneroo are hosting the Wanneroo Christmas Lunch on 25 December at 12pm. The event offers those who are seeking company a traditional hot roast lunch and other festive celebrations at the Margaret Cockman Pavilion at the Wanneroo Showgrounds. Registrations are essential via the website [wanneroochristmaslunch.com](http://wanneroochristmaslunch.com) or contact on 9306 7191.

### DEWARS TRACK UPDATE

Council has voted to close Dewars Track in Two Rocks after long term illegal use resulted in safety risks. The track, which runs across two private properties, will be closed from 15 January 2016. The City received many complaints from residents over the past year about repeated misuse of the track.

### COASTAL PATROLS

New coastal ranger patrols were launched on 19 December 2015 to increase ranger presence within our communities. The coastal rangers will work in pairs from Fridays to Sundays until April, keeping an eye on the 4WD access at Dewars Track and the City's increasingly popular northern beaches.

### BUSHFIRE SAFETY

Please be vigilant and adhere to bushfire safety procedures over the hotter months. Be prepared, especially if you live near bushland, by deciding if you will stay to defend your home or leave for a safer place. Make sure your property has adequate fire breaks around your home.

### POOL SAFETY

Is your backyard prepared for summer? Pool owners are responsible for safety so please make sure your pool is properly fenced and always supervise children when they are outside.

### STAY SAFE THIS FESTIVE SEASON

Whether you are travelling on our roads or swimming at our beaches, please make sure you do it safely. Take extra care to never drink and drive and always make sure you are properly rested before driving.

When enjoying the water, make sure you check the conditions, read the safety signs before entering, swim between the red and yellow flags and do not go swimming on your own.

I hope you enjoy everything that our City has to offer during the holiday period.

**Mayor Tracey Roberts JP**



Mayor Tracey Roberts with Pearsall Primary School students and their winning tree.

## FESTIVAL OF THE TREES DECORATES CITY

THE FESTIVAL OF THE TREES WAS A HUGE SUCCESS THIS YEAR WITH CHILDREN FROM SEVEN LOCAL SCHOOLS DECORATING TREES TO BE DISPLAYED IN THE WANNEROO LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTRE.

The students demonstrated their creative skills by decorating the trees with recycled materials they had gathered. Paintbrushes were turned into Santas, corks and plastic bubble wrap became angels and old Christmas cards were fashioned into bauble ornaments.

"Festival of the Trees is a great way to encourage children to exercise their creativity while recycling," Mayor Roberts said.

"As the children embrace the Christmas cheer, they can actively think about recycling and reusing everyday materials as Christmas decorations."

Pearsall Primary School was chosen as the winning school with the best display and Mayor Tracey Roberts presented the students with an art supplies hamper. Photographs were then taken in front of their winning tree. Gladys Newton Special Needs School also received a special mention for their wonderful creativity.

Other schools to participate in the Festival of the Trees included Wanneroo Primary, Burbridge Special Education School, Padbury Primary, Springfield Primary and St Anthony's Primary School.

The trees will be on display in the foyer of the Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre until January 2016.

## WASTE COLLECTIONS OVER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

All collections scheduled for Christmas Day **Friday 25 December** will be collected on **Saturday 26 December 2015**.

All collections scheduled for New Year's Day **Friday 1 January** will be collected on **Saturday 2 January 2016**.

These are the only two amendments, all other collection schedules will remain the same.



## CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

During the Christmas break, our offices will be closed from **4pm Thursday 24 December**, re-opening **Monday 4 January 2016**.

To contact the City's rangers call **9405 5000** during office hours and **1300 13 83 93** after hours and for any urgent enquiries.

Please see our website [wanneroo.wa.gov.au](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au) for other City closures and operating hours.

## BUSINESS ADVISORY SESSIONS

**ENTERPRISE HOUSE**  
First Wed of every month

FREE

**SPROUT HUB ALKIMOS**  
Second Wed of every month

**YANCHEP COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
Fourth Wed of every month  
Bookings & enquiries 9301 8000



## YANCHEP PLAY DATES

2-10 YRS

Yanchep Community Centre welcomes families to come and join in series of fun, educational activities during the January school holidays.

### LOOSE PARTS PLAY

Tuesday 12 January // 9.30am-11.30am  
\$6.80 per child (Held by Nature Play Solutions)



### PASTA CRAFT - FREE

Thursday 14 January // 9.30am-11am

### CATERPILLAR CRAFT - FREE

Tuesday 19 January // 9.30am-11am

### MINI OLYMPICS - FREE

Thursday 21 January // 9.30am-11.30am

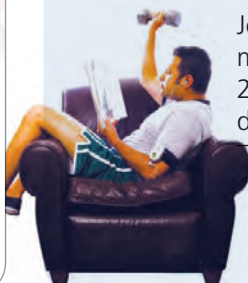
### AUSTRALIA DAY CRAFTS - FREE

Monday 25 January // 9.30am-11am

Yanchep Community Centre, 7 Lagoon Dv  
Yanchep. Enquiries 9561 2039.



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Civic Drive, Wanneroo

Enquiries 9405 5999 \*Conditions apply