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WELCOME TO THE WANNEROO LINK, OUR FORTNIGHTLY COMMUNICATION WITH CITY RESIDENTS.

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

You can help shape the City of Wanneroo's future by getting involved and reviewing the City's Strategic Community Plan.

The 10-year Strategic Community Plan sets out the Council's long term vision and priorities for the future and was developed in 2012 following extensive community consultation.

As one of Australia's fastest growing local authorities, it is absolutely critical that we carefully plan to sustainably deliver the infrastructure, programs and services that our growing community needs.

In 2012, we listened to our community who told us that the City should focus its efforts on the environment, economy, social aspects and effective governance - and we did.

However, priorities can change over time, so we invite all residents to review the current plan and provide us with their opinion on what is still relevant and importantly, what is missing. Have your say via the City's website wanneroo.wa.gov.au/consultations

SKATE FACILITY - WANNEROO

I am thrilled to say construction of the Wanneroo Skate Park facility is now in full swing. By the end of July, local young people will be able to use the new park adjacent to the existing Youth Centre at the Wanneroo Showgrounds.

The existing skate park will remain open during the construction period, however the Youth Centre will be closed for the duration of the works. Alternative arrangements have been made for activities that would normally run out of the Youth Centre. For more information visit the City of Wanneroo Youth Facebook page or contact Youth Services on 9405 5600.

ACCESS AND INCLUSION PLAN

The City has launched a new Access and Inclusion Plan to benefit people with disability, as well as the elderly, young parents and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Improving access, removing barriers and promoting awareness of programs and services available are among the benefits that residents can expect.

The plan was developed following a review of the existing Disability Access and Inclusion Plan which recognised the similarities within multicultural and disability priority services.

WELCOME REFUGEE EVENT

I was delighted to attend the Welcome Refugee event last week. Co-hosted by the cities of Stirling, Joondalup and Wanneroo, the event was held as a celebration of our Tri-Cities' multiculturalism and to informally welcome refugees and migrants to our communities. I am so very proud of the City of Wanneroo's multiculturalism. I was also very pleased to see local Wanneroo band and Australia's Got Talent entrants, The Subih Brothers, perform.

REMINDER - BLOOD DONATIONS

Remember to take part in the friendly Tri-City challenge to boost blood donations from now until the end of June. To find out more about the challenge and how you can get involved, visit the City's website.

Mayor Tracey Roberts JP



Ian Goodenough MP, Mayor Tracey Roberts JP, Paul Miles MLA, Darren Chester MP, Albert Jacob MLA and Christian Porter MP on-site.

MITCHELL FREEWAY PROGRESSING WELL BUT ROMEO ROAD EXTENSION STILL NEEDED

WORK ON THE MITCHELL FREEWAY EXTENSION FROM BURNS BEACH TO HESTER AVENUE IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS, BUT PLANS TO STOP AT HESTER AVENUE ARE SHORT SIGHTED ACCORDING TO CITY OF WANNEROO MAYOR TRACEY ROBERTS.

"Our residents have waited a long time for the freeway to reach the borders of the City of Wanneroo so the extension is welcome, but the fact remains - the freeway needs to continue beyond Hester Avenue to cater for our rapidly growing community."

Mayor Roberts said the City had spent the last year lobbying the State Government to commit to a freeway extension to Romeo Road.

"An extension to Romeo Road will provide better

transport links to our northern communities and is likely to lead to the early construction of the Wanneroo Road to Marmion Avenue east-west link which is also needed," she said.

"Meanwhile, ending the extension at Hester Avenue will negatively impact the communities of Merriwa, the Mindarie school precinct and RAAFA Cambrai retirement village which already suffer from congestion," she said.

Mayor Roberts said people could join the City's campaign for the freeway extension to Romeo Road, as well as a rail extension to Yanchep, by visiting fundourfuture.info

"I encourage all of our residents to act now and sign the online petition so our voices can be heard by the State and Federal governments."

ARTSPOKENS AFRICAN DRUMMING FOR ADULTS

Discover the beat with master percussionist, teacher and drum maker Paul Osei Kofi. In Africa, drums are used in all important aspects of daily and spiritual life. They are considered tools of communication and are believed to have healing powers. This adult drum workshop will prove to be a riveting cultural experience for learning drumming techniques, history and rhythms.

THURSDAY 26 MAY 2016

6pm-7.30pm, Clarkson Library
\$5 members, \$10 non-members
Bookings essential via wanneroo.spydus.com/events



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Briefing
Tuesday 17 May 2016 // 6pm

Council Meeting
Tuesday 24 May 2016 // 7pm

Council Meeting
Tuesday 14 June 2016 // 7pm

All meetings held at the City of Wanneroo Civic Centre
23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo

COMMUNITY SURVEYS

The City of Wanneroo is developing a five-year Strategic Waste Management Plan to ensure an efficient, economical waste service for our community. Complete the survey by 19 May at www.surveymonkey.com/r/COW_WM Participants will go in the draw to win one of five \$50 Coles Myer vouchers.

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AGE FRIENDLY SURVEY

Residents aged over 55 are encouraged to complete an online survey regarding age friendliness. Complete the survey by 31 May at wanneroo.wa.gov.au/agefriendlywanneroo Participants will go in the draw to win a \$100 Coles Myer voucher.



Train free.

WANNEROO AQUAMOTION RECEIVE A FREE MONTH*

Purchase a three-month membership in May or June and receive an additional month free.
*Conditions apply. Enquiries 9405 5999

City of Wanneroo

FREE ENTRY

COMMUNITY ART AWARDS AND EXHIBITION

14 MAY to 11 JUNE 2016

Monday to Saturday 10am-4pm
The Gallery, WLCC, 3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo
Enquiries 9405 5920 wanneroo.wa.gov.au

OPENS THIS SATURDAY