



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Australia's growth councils converge in Wanneroo

The City of Wanneroo was honoured to host the 2016 National Growth Areas Alliance (NGAA) congress last week.

The NGAA represents councils from across Australia - mostly those on the outer metropolitan fringes - that are experiencing high growth pressures.

The event brought together a range of stakeholders from government and private industry to discuss their views on urban growth in outer metropolitan suburbs.

Within the next 15 years, outer areas such as the City of Wanneroo will be home to 7.5 million people.

It is therefore important for decision makers including politicians, local councils and developers to plan for this growth and address challenges now.

Connect Wanneroo

During the recent NGAA driven Fund Our Future campaign, more than 12,000 emails were sent by Wanneroo residents to politicians in Canberra calling for dedicated funding for the early extension of the freeway and rail to Yanchep. Following on from that national campaign, we have recently launched Connect Wanneroo: Get on Board. This local community campaign, supported by the City, will run until the state election in March. In less than three weeks, we have already seen almost 11,000 emails and hundreds of postcards sent to politicians and candidates standing in the March state election. I encourage you to visit connectwanneroo.com.au and look out for the Connect Wanneroo bus as it travels around the City.

Win for Seniors

Congratulations to the City's dedicated Community Services team, on winning the WA Local Government category at the recent WA Seniors Awards. The award win coincided with National Seniors Week, and

recognised the City's many and varied programs and services provided.

Our seniors are very important to us, and I would like to acknowledge the valuable contribution they make to our community each and every day.

City recognised for excellence in irrigation

The City has been awarded the Irrigation Australia 'Local Government Improvement and Efficiency' Award 2016. The win was based on our commitment to reducing ground water use for irrigation by installing dosing units to active sport fields - this initiative allows wetting agents to be applied directly through sprinklers. The award also recognised our use of weather stations that determine the amount of irrigation applied, based on daily evaporation transpiration rates.

Wildcats in Wanneroo

Our City of Wanneroo Rangers took centre stage at a Perth Wildcats game at Perth Arena. The Blood Substitute, a video made in conjunction with the Australian Red Cross Blood Service, featured at the game on 13 November.

In the video, Wildcats vice-captain Greg Hire 'replaced' one of our rangers, Callum Arnold, in his duties for the day so he could be free to go make a donation. Result? Watch the video and find out more on the City's Facebook page. This was a great way to promote the important work of the Australian Red Cross Blood Service.

Wanneroo Show

This weekend, several thousand people are expected at the Wanneroo Showgrounds for the annual Wanneroo Agricultural Show.

Experience excitement with the whole family, with an action-packed sideshow alley, fireworks on both nights, interactive animal farm and plenty of action on the main stage.

Of course, the very best of the district's produce will also be on display. The City of Wanneroo is a proud sponsor of this annual event, make sure you drop by the City's marquee where there will be plenty of information on our many local services.

Mayor Tracey Roberts JP

Snakes and the City - important tips to note



With summer now on the way, it is prime time for snakes to start making an appearance after their winter rest period.

And contrary to popular belief, they are not limited to bushland areas. So what should you do if you come

across a snake in your home, garden or workplace?

Firstly, you should always keep a safe distance away and avoid any sudden movement which can cause them to slither away and hide.

Most importantly, keep the snake in sight. This is to ensure that a registered snake handler will be able to remove the snake as quickly as possible - and give you peace of mind that your property is safe.

City of Wanneroo Rangers are not authorised to handle snakes but a list of registered handlers in the City is available from snakecatchers.com

Full-time snake catcher Marcus Cosentino from Slithers and Slides said the most common snakes in the City of Wanneroo were Dugites (Spotted Brown Snakes) and Tiger Snakes.

"These are dangerously venomous species with bites that, if left untreated, can be fatal," Marcus said.

"Most snake bites occur when people try to catch or kill snakes, so it is very important that people leave this to the experts.

"It is also worth remembering that if visual contact is lost with the snake, there can be no guarantee it can be found again.

"Snakes have perfected running and hiding over thousands of years to evade predators, so if they slip out of the yard while you're not watching, no amount of searching on my part will find it.

"So always stay calm, keep a safe distance away and immediately call a professional snake catcher to come and remove it."

Once snakes are caught they are released back into the bush, away from homes.

Marcus can be contacted on 0434 574 920.

Council Meetings

Electors AGM

Tuesday 29 November 2016 / 6pm

Council Briefing Session

Tuesday 29 November 2016 / 7pm
23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo

Local Christmas carols

Tis' the season to be jolly

The City is proud to support the following Christmas celebrations via its community funding program:

Sunday 4 December / 1pm
Girradoola Community Christmas Celebration

Friday 9 December / 6pm
The Salvation Army Merriwa Community Christmas Carols

Saturday 10 December / 5pm
Yanchep Two Rocks Community Recreation Association Carols in the Park

Sunday 11 December / 6.30pm
True North Church
Somery Carols in the Park

Sunday 11 December / 7.30pm
Wanneroo Community Carols by Candlelight

Visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au for details

Wanneroo Christmas lunch

Sharing the festivities

FREE

Sponsored by the City of Wanneroo, this event is organised by local churches and offers those in need of company a chance to celebrate with a hot lunch, carols and a Christmas message.

Sunday 25 December / 12pm

Margaret Cockman Pavilion

Registration is free but essential (incl. children) call 9306 7191 or visit wanneroochristmaslunch.com



Freedom of Entry

Freedom of Entry privilege to be granted to a military unit

FREE

Members of the public are encouraged to attend this very symbolic occasion.

Saturday 3 December 2016
Commences 9am at Memorial Park, Civic Drive, Wanneroo.
Concludes 10.15am at Servite Terrace, Wanneroo.

For further details, visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au



Christmas waste service

Waste services over the festive season

NOTE

Waste services will continue as usual this Christmas and New Year with no disruption to rubbish and recycling bin collections.

Bins will continue to be picked up on the Monday and Tuesday public holidays.

For all enquiries and useful tips, please contact 9405 5000 or visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au



Beyond Gardens

Gardening workshop

FREE

Learn how to create a waterwise garden with the Beyond Gardens team who will dispel gardening myths and introduce ways to save time and money.

Thursday 8 December 2016
6.30pm-9.30pm

Carramar Community Centre
5 Rawlinna Pkwy, Carramar
Registration essential, visit beyondgardens.com.au or call 9405 5000



Civic Centre Visitors

Construction alert

NOTE

Visitors to the City of Wanneroo Civic Centre on Dundobar Road are advised of the current construction works at the rear of the building.

Some pedestrian paths will be temporarily closed, and visitors are asked to comply with directional signage.

Thank you for your patience during this time.



Connect Wanneroo

Are you on board?

SPEAK

If you're tired of being stuck in traffic, want more time with your family and more local jobs, head to connectwanneroo.com.au

Connect Wanneroo highlights the need for the state government to commit to funding the rail to Yanchep and extending the Mitchell Freeway immediately to Romeo Road, Alkimos and continuing through to Yanchep.

Get on board at connectwanneroo.com.au

