



Colin and Adena Leach with two of their children at the City's Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony.

## Family backs Connect

Yanchep father of four Colin Leach is forced to endure a 90-minute morning commute stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic, travelling from home to work in Canning Vale.

He wakes at 5.30am, leaves the house before his young children rise and returns not long before they go to sleep at night.

Mr Leach's return trip is even longer, taking two-and-a-half hours crawling through thickly congested traffic - a frustrating prospect for him and countless other drivers.

If time wasted in traffic sounds familiar to you, he urges you to join him and support the Connect Wanneroo campaign online at: [connectwanneroo.com.au](http://connectwanneroo.com.au)

The Leach family signed up to support Connect Wanneroo at the City of Wanneroo's Australia Day Citizenship ceremony and are 100 per cent behind the community campaign.

Now that Yanchep is home they wouldn't move for the world but are desperate for the state government to pay for road and rail upgrades.

They adore Yanchep's beauty and lifestyle - it's peaceful and affordable - but say the traffic congestion travelling to and from their much-loved suburb has a significant impact on the amount of quality time they can spend together.

Mum Adena Leach says extending the railway and freeway to Yanchep would make an enormous difference to their lives.

"Colin would be able to get home 30 to 45 minutes earlier each day, freeing up more time to spend with our family, especially our small children who are often too tired when he gets home to enjoy real quality time with him," she said.

**"We dearly love living here but the roads and public transport to Yanchep just are not good enough yet."**

Their two older children do not have the option of public transport to and from their work and Mrs Leach describes Marmion Avenue as a nightmare she avoids whenever possible, particularly at peak times. She says better transport options would also improve job prospects for local residents and says getting on board Connect Wanneroo is extremely important for all City of Wanneroo residents.

Mayor Tracey Roberts says there are many families facing similar daily transport challenges to Colin Leach.

"The provision of essential transport links will reduce travel times and activate new jobs in key areas including Yanchep and the Neerabup Industrial Estate, bringing crucial economic benefits throughout the City. Our community has waited long enough," Mayor Roberts said.

[connectwanneroo.com.au](http://connectwanneroo.com.au)



### Council Meetings

#### Council Briefing Session

Tonight - 28 February 2017 / 6pm

#### Council Meeting

Tuesday 7 March 2017 / 7pm

23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo

### Northern Perspectives

#### Local art exhibition

FREE

Come along and be inspired as you view the artworks by 2016 Year 11 and 12 students from the Cities of Wanneroo, Joondalup and Stirling.

25 February to 8 April / 10am-4pm

Wanneroo Gallery  
3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo

FREE entry, open Monday to Saturday, closed on Sundays

Enquiries 9405 5920



Artwork: Alicia Fella, Mindarie Senior College 2015

### Beyond gardens seminar

#### Flex your green thumb

FREE

A fun and informative seminar providing practical tips to make your garden water-wise and fertiliser-wise. Light lunch and refreshments provided.

Held in conjunction with the CWAWA (Inc.) Yanchep and District Branch.

Thursday 16 March / 11am-2pm

Phil Renkin Recreation Centre  
Function Room, Two Rocks

Register online at [beyondgardens.com.au](http://beyondgardens.com.au)



### Meet the Mayor

#### Meet the Mayor on the Road 2017

HELLO

Do you have some ideas you would like to discuss with the Mayor?

City of Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts makes time every Tuesday from 10am-2pm to meet with residents at the Civic Centre.

On Thursday 9 March from 11am-1pm, the Mayor will be at the Girrawheen Koondoola Citizens Club 11 Patrick Court, Girrawheen.

Appointments essential 9405 5654

### Living books

#### Share their stories

FREE

Celebrate the rich and changing diversity of our City through a series of interactive storytelling sessions to be held throughout the year across City libraries.

The first session will be held on Tuesday 21 March / 10am-11.30am  
Wanneroo Library, 3 Rocca Way

Bookings essential, call 9405 5940 or book your place online [library.wanneroo.wa.gov.au](http://library.wanneroo.wa.gov.au)



### Wanneroo Aquamotion

#### 30 days for only \$30\*

SAVE

During the month of March, pay just \$30 for a 30 day Wanneroo Aquamotion Gold membership.

Workout and discover your potential as you experience the fun atmosphere of our energising pool and gym.

Enquiries 9405 5999  
19 Civic Drive, Wanneroo

\*Terms and conditions apply. Available to new members only. Offer valid during March 2017.



### Food truck trial

#### Enhancing the suburbs

TRIAL

The City of Wanneroo is conducting a food truck trial across various locations in the City. The program will run until June 2017 in a number of strategic locations.

Please visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au) for more information.

The City also has a feedback survey running for the trial period via [surveymonkey.com/r/QBWH2P](http://surveymonkey.com/r/QBWH2P)



### Great cockatoo count

#### Information session

NATURE

An information session will be held prior to the statewide event.

Sunday 9 April / 6pm-7.30pm

Koondoola Community Centre  
90 Koondoola Avenue

Registration essential, please contact 9405 5000



### Did you know?

Up until 1998, the City of Wanneroo included the area which is now known as the City of Joondalup.