

VALUABLE LESSONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

There are many challenges to be faced when providing services to one of the fastest growing communities in Australia.

The City of Wanneroo regularly liaises with other local government authorities around Australia who have experienced similar challenges.

Mayors, Councillors and CEOs from local governments around Australia recently attended the Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) Congress in Melbourne.

“With an overarching theme of Productive Committees, many of issues discussed revolved around the challenges of delivering services to an ever expanding community within tight budgets,” Mayor Tracey Roberts said.

“Within the timeframe of the conference elected members met with other CEOs and Mayors from growth areas who are actively lobbying Federal and State Government for the support local governments need to tackle issues such as erosion, transport infrastructure and other services.

“To think this can be achieved without being able to meet with the decision makers who attend conferences such as the LGMA Congress is simplistic, and I appreciate that the CEO and Councillors Glynis Parker and Frank Cvitan took time out of their busy schedules to attend.”

According to WALGA President Mayor Troy Pickard the congress provided a valuable training and development platform for attendees.

“The charge of governing and managing a Local Government Authority is a significant responsibility. WALGA actively encourages elected members, as well as senior local government managers, to undertake training and professional development such as conferences and seminars to expand their industry knowledge and comprehension,” Mayor Pickard said.

“Relative to the recent LGMA National Congress in Melbourne, attendees were fortunate to be exposed to international speakers detailing their councils’ experience in adapting to change through multidisciplinary, integrated and collaborative models that are achieving informative outcomes.

“Given the reform and funding challenges currently facing the sector in WA, it was very timely for elected members to have exposure to these insights.

“It is a false argument for those that would criticise elected members for undertaking such development, as I imagine they would also be the first to criticise if their Council was to make poor decisions out of ignorance or incompetence.”



WINTER PLANTING DAYS

Get your hands dirty for a good cause by taking part in the City of Wanneroo’s annual winter planting events.

Local residents are invited to help make a difference in our environment by replenishing plant stock in six different locations throughout the City.

The City will also undertake plantings at a further 20 conservation reserves and parks over the coming winter period.

The winter plantings are important for the continued conservation and survival of our remaining bushland and reserves and the vegetation helps support native animals as well as contribute to vital ecosystem functions.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 15 June // 9am - 11am
Gumblossom Park, Quinns Rocks*
Meet near the tennis courts behind the Gumblossom Community Centre.

Sunday, 29 June // 9am - 12pm
Quinns Beach Bushland, Quinns Rocks*
Meet at the car park at the corner of McPharlin Avenue near Quinns Road.

Sunday, 6 July // 9am - 12pm
Lake Joondalup Foreshore, Wanneroo
Meet at the Wanneroo Recreation Centre car park off Scenic Drive, near Church Street.

Sunday, 13 July // 9am - 11am
Rufus Park, Madeley
Meet at the entrance of the T-junction at Zeus and Martindale Avenues, Madeley.

*HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE QUINNS ROCKS ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP.

NOMINATE TODAY AS A WANNEROO PIONEER

Have you lived in the City of Wanneroo for more than 50 years (after the age of 18) and shown an outstanding passion and commitment to the district?

To receive a nomination form, call 9405 5012 or email sandra.hansen@wanneroo.wa.gov.au

Nominations close 27 June. The annual Pioneers’ Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, 23 July 2014.



FAMILY HISTORY AFTERNOON

Family history research is fun and addictive but knowing where to start can be difficult.

Join us for our popular presentation and find out the best ways to record and organise the information you discover and enjoy a demonstration of selected research tools, including Ancestry and Find My Past.

Saturday 28 June 2014 // 2pm-4.30pm

Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre
3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo.
Cost \$20, bookings 9405 5920

SENIORS’ FORUM

University of the Third Age (U3A)

Supported by UWA, U3A encourages participation in learning and sharing knowledge and interests. Come along and hear local Peter Flanigan, President of the U3A Network WA.

Housing for the over 50s

Presented by Diana Marks, Council on the Aging (COTA) WA, this session aims to assist you in making informed decisions about your future housing options.

Thursday 26 June 2014 // 2pm-3.45pm

City of Wanneroo Council Chambers
23 Dundobar Road Wanneroo.
Bookings 9405 5600 or email fundedservices@wanneroo.wa.gov.au



MEETING DATES

Council Briefing

Tuesday 17 June // 6pm

Council Meeting

Tuesday 24 June // 7pm

ART AWARDS 2014

EXHIBITION OPEN NOW to Sunday 15 June 2014

Tuesday to Friday // 10am-4pm
Weekends // noon-4pm

FREE ENTRY