

## Celebrating Noongar Seasons

Last week the City observed National Reconciliation Week, acknowledging the contribution and celebrating the culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Activities included the unveiling of new Noongar Six Seasons interpretive signage on the Lake Joondalup Foreshore in Yellagonga Regional Park (near Rotary Park).

The signage was developed in collaboration with the City's Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group and includes information on each of the six seasons in the Noongar calendar - Birak, Bunuru, Djeran, Makuru, Djilba and Kambarang - as well as information about Aboriginal culture and history within the City of Wanneroo.

Similar interpretive signage will also be installed at Marangaroo Conservation Reserve and Quinns Beach Bushland.

"The City is committed to creating an inclusive community with strong relationships across cultures, based on mutual respect and understanding so that all people are valued and participate fully in our community," said Mayor Tracey Roberts.

"I encourage all members of our community to enjoy the walking trails and take the opportunity to view the signage and learn about our City's strong links to local Aboriginal culture and history."

To commemorate the theme of National Reconciliation Week 2018,

*Don't keep history a mystery: Learn. Share. Grow*, Aboriginal Heritage signage at Kahana Park in Butler and Palladio Park in Clarkson will also be upgraded.

The City delivered a number of other activities and initiatives during the week designed to connect local primary school students to Aboriginal culture.

The City's Youth Centres recognised this year's theme through sharing stories, conversations and art activities.

As part of the National Reconciliation Week Street Banner Project, a banner was displayed at Elizabeth Quay showcasing the City's logo alongside this year's reconciliation theme and



City of Wanneroo Diversity Officer Marion (Gecko) Chalker, Mayor Tracey Roberts and RAP Working Group Deputy Chairperson Jason Barrow.

artwork from WA Aboriginal artist Katie Ward.

National Reconciliation Week recognises the 1967 referendum (27 May) and 1992 Mabo decision (3 June). You can learn more at [www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week](http://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week)

## Free winter planting community events



Local residents can play their part in greening the City of Wanneroo with the upcoming winter planting community events.

With more than 4300 groundcovers, shrubs and trees to be planted, residents are encouraged to join the City's Conservation team to help rehabilitate natural areas and improve biodiversity.

Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said the planting events will take place in Madeley, Two Rocks and Quinns Rocks this year, the latter coinciding with National Tree Day.

"The annual community planting events are a great opportunity to get out and discover more about your local area," Mayor Roberts said. "Not only are you contributing towards a greener future, you will meet your neighbours and fellow community members."

Madeley residents, Glen and Bill Larcombe, have volunteered their time at Rufus Park ever since planting and weeding events began at the site, and encourage others to get involved.

"It's wonderful to see all the neighbours getting in there and helping out, especially families," Mrs Larcombe said.

"As the kids grow up, they will hopefully continue to look after the bushland."

"With a bit of care, we are maintaining the bushland in its natural state and providing a home for native wildlife, as well as adding greenery to the suburb."

**Rufus Park, Madeley**

Sunday 17 June / 9am-11am  
Morning tea will be provided.

*Held in conjunction with Friends of Rufus Park.*

**Forrest Grove Park, Two Rocks**  
Sunday 8 July / 9am-12noon  
Morning tea will be provided.

**James Cook Park, Quinns Rocks**  
Sunday 29 July / 9am-1pm  
National Tree Day, a light lunch will be provided. *Held in conjunction with Quinns Rocks Environmental Group.*

For all events, please bring gloves, a trowel, water bottle and wear sturdy enclosed shoes. Registration is essential.

For more information or to register, please call 9405 5000 or email [conservationmaint@wanneroo.wa.gov.au](mailto:conservationmaint@wanneroo.wa.gov.au)

### Rabbit vaccination (RHDV)

#### Public notice

PETS

Residents are reminded to vaccinate their pet rabbits against Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV) ahead of a targeted release this spring.

The virus specifically targets wild rabbits but can also affect domestic rabbits. It does not affect humans or other animals.

The Australia Veterinary Association recommends vaccinating domestic rabbits at 10-12 weeks of age, followed by an annual booster and health check.

To further protect pet rabbits from possible RHDV1 K5 infection, owners should also ensure animals are protected through appropriate housing.

For further information please visit:

- Department of Agriculture and Water Resources  
[www.agriculture.gov.au/animal/health/rabbit-haemorrhagic-disease-virus](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/animal/health/rabbit-haemorrhagic-disease-virus)
- Australian Veterinary Association  
[www.ava.com.au/rabbit-callicivirus](http://www.ava.com.au/rabbit-callicivirus)



### Have your say

#### Library survey

TALK

Your feedback will provide valuable information about the role and impact of our libraries in the community and guide future development of library services within the City of Wanneroo.

Complete the survey for a chance to win a \$50 gift card. Visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/librariesfeedback2018](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/librariesfeedback2018)



### Dementia awareness

#### Information sessions

FREE

These informative sessions are presented by Dementia Australia.

**Tuesday 19 June 2018**  
Yanchep/Two Rocks Library  
10.30am-11.30am

**Tuesday 19 June 2018**  
Wanneroo Library / 2pm-3pm

**Wednesday 20 June 2018**  
Girrawheen Library / 2pm-3pm

**Monday 25 June 2018**  
Clarkson Library / 2pm-3pm  
Bookings are essential, register online at [library.wanneroo.wa.gov.au](http://library.wanneroo.wa.gov.au)



### Kingsway Indoor Stadium

#### Basketball competition

HOOP

New to Kingsway Indoor Stadium is the Senior Basketball competition.

Games are played on a Thursday night at a cost of \$60 per team. The competition is for males aged 16 years and over. Register your team today.

**Kingsway Indoor Stadium**  
130 Kingsway, Madeley  
Enquiries 9408 1920



### Free library series

#### Sustainability

FREE

Join local experts as they delve into a range of topics uncovering how we can live more sustainably.

A series of presentations, workshops and movie screenings will take place in City of Wanneroo libraries over the next two months.

Bookings are essential, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/explorediscoverconnect](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/explorediscoverconnect) for the list of events and booking details.



### Community Art

#### Exhibition now open

FREE

This exhibition showcases local artists and those from the wider WA arts community. Entry is free and most artworks are for sale.

**Exhibiting until Friday 22 June**  
Monday to Saturday 10am-4pm  
The Gallery, WLCC, 3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo  
[wanneroo.wa.gov.au/artawards](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/artawards)

Robert Parkman, *The Cabin in the Woods*. Best City of Wanneroo resident award.



### Council meetings

#### Council Briefing

Tuesday 19 June / 6pm

#### Council Meeting

Tuesday 26 June / 7pm

All meetings are held at 23 Dundobar Rd, Wanneroo



### Did you know?

The word Wanneroo comes from the Noongar word 'wanna' and means 'place of Aboriginal woman's digging stick'.

