

**MAYOR'S
MESSAGE****Mayor Tracey
Roberts JP**

COVID-19 has significantly impacted our lives, and it has been wonderful to see our communities come together to help one another through this difficult time.

Please be assured, the City is also here to help and is committed to supporting our residents and local businesses through this pandemic and into recovery.

At the start of the month, Council

voted to develop a budget for the next financial year that prioritises financial relief while continuing to provide essential services and facilities for our community.

We are also reviewing our Financial Hardship Policy to ensure it provides support for those who need it most during this difficult time.

Supporting vulnerable members of our community is one of our priorities. The City has expanded its community outreach efforts and has partnered with numerous charities and not-for-profit organisations to provide direct assistance to our residents to provide them with food and other basic necessities.

With many people isolated at home, we have also looked at

what changes we can make to our services to make them more accessible. This month, the City launched the @Home facilities and services hub, a one-stop-shop for accessing many of our services that have been made available online, through the City's website.

You may have noticed that road and infrastructure works haven't slowed down in your local area. The City is committed to continuing the delivery of essential capital works projects throughout the current pandemic to support our local economy and create local jobs. We have worked in consultation with our community to prioritise and deliver projects, and we are keen to see them completed without disruption.

During these uncertain times, the City's projects will provide employment for our local workforce and contribute to the ongoing health and prosperity of our community.

Although a number of our services have been impacted by COVID-19, the City has been quick to adapt so that Wanneroo communities and businesses continue to receive the local services they rely on, whether it's waste collection, community safety or the City's business support measures.

Your City, your Councillors and I, as your Mayor, are here for you and together we will get through this.

I look forward to working with you now and through our City's recovery.

Leatherback Park sporting facility

Construction of a modern new sporting facility commenced at Leatherback Park in Alkimos last week.

The purpose-built facility will feature a multi-purpose room, two change rooms, kiosk, first aid room, umpire room and public toilets. The park has been home to football, cricket, lacrosse and other local ball clubs.

The new facility comes as part of a joint \$1.4 million local and State

Government investment into the popular space, with the population of Alkimos expected to double in the next twenty years.

Mayor Tracey Roberts said the much needed facility will support an active, healthy and connected future for our fast growing communities.

"I want to thank the State Government for their support of this project, that will meet the needs of a fast growing region and will enable

active and healthy lifestyles for local community members of all ages," Mayor Roberts said.

Brighton Seahawks Junior Football Club President Brendon Sharp said he welcomed the project.

"This is a fantastic investment into local sport as it means that more boys and girls will get a chance to get fit and healthy thanks to these great new facilities," Mr Sharp said.



Mayor Tracey Roberts with Bistel Construction Project Manager Daniel Martin at Leatherback Park, Alkimos.

WA builder Bistel Construction will be undertaking the works, with the facility due to be completed in November this year.