

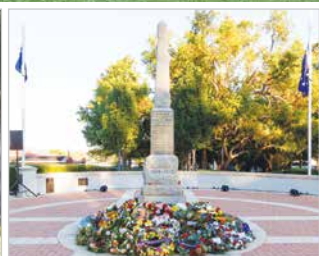
# What's Happening



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## Mayor's Message

Welcome to the first edition of *What's Happening* for 2021.

It was an absolute honour to welcome WA Governor the Honourable Kim Beazley on a tour of some of the City of Wanneroo's attractions recently.

We visited the Wanneroo Botanic Gardens and mini golf course, Yanchep Lavender Farm, Yanchep National Park and Lagoon, before a stop at The Beach House in Eden Beach, Jindalee for lunch and finally the Mindarie Marina.

The Governor's visit was a fabulous opportunity to promote our City as a tourism destination. It highlighted how accessible Wanneroo is, with a diverse range of activities for day trips.

Page four details more about the Governor's visit, and page five highlights local operators offering adventurous activities and experiences.

On Tuesday 26 January, we proudly recognised four local residents for their contributions to the local community with the City of Wanneroo's Australia Day Awards. Our community is greatly enhanced thanks to the tireless work of this year's award recipients, and I would once again like to warmly congratulate each of them.

Butler College student Aiden Campbell was awarded the Charles Searson Australia Day Youth Award, for his commitment to raising awareness about climate change.

One Big Voice (OBV) Creative Director Donna Marwick-O'Brien was honoured with the Australia Day Award for her

work with schoolchildren and teaching staff. Many families around the State have fond memories of seeing their children perform on the big stage during OBV's annual performance at RAC Arena.

No Limits Perth (NLP) chairperson Janine Wood received our Australia Day Community Group Award for her work with the Wangara-based charity, which provided over 1,500 food hampers, furniture and household items to over 6,000 people last year.

Tapping resident Eleanor Rigby was awarded Senior of the Year. Ms Rigby started the Persall-based community group Knit and Natter back in 2011, and the group continues to grow, with least 80 people at each of its weekly meetings.

Last year, the group made and donated more than 12,000 items of clothing, blankets and toys to local charities, including Cancer Care WA, Ronald McDonald House and Youth Futures WA.

The City of Wanneroo also provided support to local community events, including the Yanchep Two Rocks Community and Recreation Association's annual Australia Day breakfast.

This year's event included Awards for several community groups and members, including volunteer firefighter Derek Young and 15-year-old Scout Cayden McDermott. Yanchep Surf Life Saving Club President Billy Prinsloo accepted the award for Group of the Year on behalf of the club.

This past month has been a challenging one for our State, from a seven-day COVID-19 lockdown period in early February to the bushfires that spread across our neighbouring communities and floods to our north.



Mayor Tracey Roberts with (L-R) Eleanor Rigby, Janine Wood, Nicky de Beer, Donna Marwick-O'Brien, Hon Christian Porter MP and Aiden Campbell.

While we were fortunate the bushfire did not cross into the City of Wanneroo, we were well placed to respond and offer assistance during the crisis, due to our experiences with the Yanchep Two Rocks bushfire in 2019.

Our support included dispatching volunteer fire crews and establishing an animal welfare centre for pets and livestock, including horses, at the Wanneroo Showgrounds.

Our thoughts are with all those affected - particularly those who lost their homes - and our community remains incredibly grateful for the work of the emergency services and volunteer firefighters, whose skill and knowledge kept our community safe during volatile and unpredictable circumstances.

I would also like to extend a thank you to the many community groups and not-for-profit organisations who offered their support during the fires - in times of crisis, the generosity and kindness of our community always comes to the fore.

I hope you enjoy this edition of *What's Happening*, and I wish everyone all the best for a safe, restful Easter period.

**Mayor Tracey Roberts JP**



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**Acknowledgement of Country** - The City of Wanneroo acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land we are working on, the Whadjuk people. We would like to pay respect to the Elders of the Noongar nation, past, present and future, who have walked and cared for the land and we acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contributions made to the life of this City and this region.

## Get smart: Wanneroo and Joondalup working together to protect precious wetlands

From automating the living room lights to sophisticated home security networks, we've all heard about the benefits of smart technology in our daily domestic lives. But what about its benefits for our natural environment?

One of eight regional parks in the Perth metropolitan area, Yellagonga Regional Park spans four wetlands, including Lake Joondalup and Lake Goollelal - and the park is now the focus of a new collaborative project between the Cities of Wanneroo and Joondalup that is harnessing smart technology for smarter outcomes.

The Yellagonga Integrated Catchment Management Plan aims to improve the overall health of the Yellagonga wetlands by sampling and monitoring surfaces and groundwater, conducting flora and fauna surveys and carrying out conservation activities.

These initiatives are important to understand the ecology and functions of the wetlands, and identify future actions to improve the health and amenity of the park.

Through the Yellagonga Wetlands Smart Monitoring and Management Project, six 'smart buoys' situated on Lake Joondalup and Lake Goollelal are streaming important data on the health of the wetlands back to environmental experts.

The buoys are fitted with sensors that measure everything from water depth and temperature to dissolved oxygen, algae, turbidity, pH levels and electrical conductivity.

The sensors are part of a network installed on the lake, which gathers near real-time data and presents it on an 'Internet of Things' dashboard -



One of the buoys deployed on the lake.

which can be accessed via the City of Wanneroo website.

Visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/wetlands](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/wetlands) to see it for yourself.

Remote-controlled drone boats and aerial drones were also deployed to map the topography and geography of the wetlands.

"This park and its wetlands also have a cultural significance for the Whadjuk Noongar people, and this project is a great way to preserve the rich array of flora and fauna in the area," Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said.

"Through the use of these innovative technologies, our Cities are well-placed to learn from and better understand the wetland environment."

Joondalup Mayor Albert Jacob said the resulting improvements in data collection and analysis would allow both cities to make better-informed decisions when it came to the management of the park.

"This exciting project will improve efficiencies in monitoring environmental health and public use of the Yellagonga Regional Park and deliver community focused services that make the precinct more sustainable and liveable," he said.

The initiative was made possible due to receiving a grant of \$264,938 under the Australian Government's Smart Cities and Suburbs program, and is also run in collaboration with Edith Cowan University, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

The project was an awarded finalist under the category of Future of Place in the Smart Cities Council Australia and New Zealand awards.



City of Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts and City of Joondalup Mayor Albert Jacob at Neil Hawkins Park.



## Pictures in the Park playing this March

FREE

Settle in for some cinema under the stars. Bring a blanket and cosy up with a free family film during our new Pictures in the Park outdoor movie series.

Free, no bookings required   
[wanneroo.wa.gov.au/eventseason](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/eventseason)

### Onward (PG)

Saturday 13 March / 6pm-9.30pm  
Riverlinks Park, Clarkson

### The Hundred-Foot Journey (PG)

Saturday 20 March / 6pm-9.30pm  
Koondoola Park, Koondoola

### About Time (M)

Saturday 27 March / 6pm-9.30pm  
Bembridge Park, Hocking





## Venture into the virtual realm at Clarkson Library

Virtual reality isn't just for young people or gamers; it's an amazing tool for seniors too!

In this series of free sessions held at Clarkson Library, strap on a pair of high-tech goggles and experience the magic of virtual reality.

Explore the past or embark on adventures you have always dreamt of doing. Visit the ruins of Ancient Rome, swim with dolphins or skydive from 5000ft - there's all sorts of experiences to enjoy.

Virtual reality has been shown to have a positive effect on mood, reduce anxiety and depression, and improve social connection through shared experience.

A free morning tea will be provided to participants to enjoy whilst they chat about their virtual reality experience.

### Mondays

**8 March to 17 May 2021**  
11am-12pm

### Thursdays

**11 March to 13 May 2021**  
Times vary

(Thursday sessions tailored to people living with dementia)

Clarkson Library, Ocean Keys Boulevard, Clarkson

To book your place, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/vrclarkson](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/vrclarkson) or call **9405 5600**.

This initiative is supported by the Department of Communities through the Age-Friendly and Dementia-Friendly Grant 2019/20.

FREE



WA Governor Kim Beazley, Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts and Wanneroo Chief Executive Officer Daniel Simms with Yanchep Lavender Farm owner Karla Champion.

## City tour puts Wanneroo on show for WA Governor

The City of Wanneroo was delighted to showcase some of its visitor attractions for WA Governor, the Honourable Kim Beazley, earlier this year.

Since restrictions lifted in June last year, the Governor has been conducting a number of day trips around the Perth metropolitan area to encourage local tourism.

Mayor Tracey Roberts said it was an honour to welcome Mr Beazley and a fabulous opportunity to promote the variety of attractions and experiences on offer in the City.

"We have so many fantastic local destinations here in the City of Wanneroo," Mayor Roberts said. "There has never been a better time to explore the wonders close to home."

"The Governor's visit highlighted how accessible the City is, along with the diverse range of activities that can be incorporated into a day trip.

"We are very proud of our local businesses and grateful to be able to share what makes Wanneroo so special with the Governor.

"I encourage all Western Australians to visit and Discover Wanneroo.

Visit [discoverwanneroo.com.au](http://discoverwanneroo.com.au) or follow [#discoverwanneroo](https://www.instagram.com/discoverwanneroo) to plan your holiday here this year."

Mr Beazley's City tour started at popular family attraction, Wanneroo Botanic Gardens and mini golf, before moving to the historic buildings, coastal woodland, lakes and limestone caves at Yanchep National Park.

Stops at The Beach House in Jindalee and the picturesque Yanchep Lavender Farm, Yanchep Lagoon and The Marina, Mindarie showcased some of the City's most popular and Instagram-worthy locations.

The Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia was thrilled to experience the City of Wanneroo's tourism hotspots and was amazed at what was on offer within a 30-minute drive of the Perth CBD.

"We really are blessed to live in an area that offers breathtaking beauty and a wide range of outdoor and cultural pursuits," he said.

"Western Australians are renowned for their generosity, demonstrating a natural tendency to protect what's theirs.

"There has never been a more important time to showcase these traits. I would encourage everyone to visit and help tourism operators locally and throughout WA recover from the economic devastation of COVID-19.

"It's a win-win situation for everyone with families, friends and visitors having fun by experiencing attractions close to home whilst giving a much-needed boost to our local tourism operators."



## Embark on an autumn adventure

#Support  
Wanneroo  
Local

Embrace your adventurous side this autumn! From go-karts to helicopter rides, there are so many fun and exciting experiences to discover across the City of Wanneroo.

And there's no better time to tick an item off your bucket list (and support a local operator at the same time!)

So what are you waiting for? Here's a glimpse at all the awesome 'autumn adventures' you can experience right here in Wanneroo.

### Lights out and away we go

Feel the need, the need for speed with a visit to Wanneroo Raceway.

Channel your inner Daniel Ricciardo by taking a go-kart for a spin on a purpose-built kart track at **Mega Fast Karts Wanneroo** (1 Wattle Avenue, Neerabup), or get closer to the real deal in a Formula Ford race car by enrolling with **Fastlane Racing's** (440 Wattle Avenue, Neerabup) premier racing driver school.

If you don't feel like getting behind the wheel, but still need to scratch an adrenaline itch, hot laps around Wanneroo Raceway in a V8 Supercar with a professional driver are also available through **Fast Track V8 Race** (online only).

Looking for a bird's eye view? Soar above our picturesque coastline with a **West Coast Heli Scene** flight out of Yanchep National Park.

While you're there, you could also sample the new **Trees Adventure** course. With seven difficulty levels involving high ropes and zip lines that wind their way through the tuart canopy, there's something for ages four and up, right through to something more serious.



Trees Adventure, Yanchep National Park.



Fastlane Racing, Neerabup.

### It's all fun and games

Get a team together and step onto the battlefield with **WASP Paintball and Laser**.

With two separate arenas in Wanneroo (Pinjar and Carabooda) and a choice of paintball or laser tag, there's options aplenty for you and your friends.

With 36 holes nestled amidst an idyllic garden setting, **Wanneroo Botanic Garden's** (25 Drovers Place, Wanneroo) outdoor mini golf complex is the largest of its kind in Australia.

Tee off times run until 8.30pm, so there's even the option of hitting the course with some light-up LED balls and making a night of it.

If puzzle-solving is more your speed, pay a visit to **Time's Up Escape Room** (24 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo). There are four separate mystery rooms to solve, so return visits with your friends are a must.

### Get back to nature

**Mindarie Fishing Charters** run full-day fishing charters out of Mindarie Marina.

With lunch included and a skilled crew at the helm, you are bound to arrive back on dry land with a smile on your face and plenty of catch to share.

Pull on your walking shoes for a hike along the **Yaberoo Budjara Heritage Trail**, which starts in Neil Hawkins Park in Joondalup and winds its way through Neerabup National Park before concluding at Yanchep National Park.

The 28km trail can be completed in sections and traverses verdant tuart and banksia woodland.

Or mix history and hiking with a walk along the **10th Light Horse Trail**.

This 1.2km commemorative heritage trail in Neerabup National Park charts the history of a famed cavalry regiment that was camped in Wanneroo during the Second World War.



Wanneroo Botanic Gardens.

Soak in the natural beauty of **Yanchep National Park** on one of its numerous walking trials, which start small and stretch all the way up to the 12.5km Ghost House Walk.

Pitch a tent and camp amongst the kangaroos, pay a visit to the resident koala colony or tour Perth's only tourist cave, **Crystal Cave**.

Before you enter the park, don't forget to head online and pick up your discounted annual pass, exclusively available to City of Wanneroo residents.

For just \$15 (the same fee as a day pass), you can head back to the park all year round. To find out more visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/ynp](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/ynp)



### WAFL comes to Yanchep

Yanchep will play host to its first WAFL game these Easter school holidays, when West Perth Football Club locks horns with the West Coast Eagles on Saturday 10 April.

There's a full-day of footy and fun lined up for families to enjoy, with three games throughout the day and a free community event after the big game (kick-off at 2.10pm).

Plus food trucks, giveaways and more. Pack a picnic and enjoy Splendid Park's first taste of WAFL action.

**West Perth vs West Coast Eagles**  
Saturday 10 April / from 9am  
Splendid Park, Yanchep

Free, no tickets required

*Sponsored by the City of Wanneroo*

FREE



## Five minutes with... Ranger Mark

*What's Happening* sat down with Mark, one of the City of Wanneroo's dedicated Rangers, to chat about his important role in keeping our community safe, tidy and looked after.

### What sorts of things do Rangers do?

City of Wanneroo's Rangers improve community safety and amenity in a number of ways.

Our role includes assisting with prevention and deterring of littering; reporting vandalism and theft to City property; dog and cat registrations; returning lost pets to owners and finding new homes for stray animals; unauthorised parking; verge inspections; bushfire advice; and working with Police and other agencies to report anti-social or criminal behaviour, amongst other things.

### What is your role as Ranger?

One of my roles as a Ranger is to investigate barking dog complaints. Managing these complaints is a very challenging role, as there are often many factors involved and noise can affect people in different ways.

Many dog owners are often not aware that their dog is barking or that it is causing a problem for others. Dogs often bark when people are not home, so the owner may have no idea of the problem.

Sometimes a dog will bark at every noise or passer-by, however it is not considered normal behaviour for a dog to bark for long periods.

### What role do Rangers play in upholding community safety?

The City provides a 24/7 community safety service for our residents, and the City's ranger patrols are a vital part of helping to make our community a safer place.

We contribute to community safety by conducting regular patrols of the City's parks, beaches, skate parks and car parks. That's a lot of ground to cover - the City of Wanneroo has over 32km of coastline, more than 2600 hectares of parks and 128 conservation reserves. Rangers will routinely patrol our community centres, responding to alarms or assisting groups who have hired a facility.

We also conduct fire break inspections each year, to ensure properties are prepared for bushfire season - which runs from November to April.



Ranger Mark and his ride (inset).

During restricted or prohibited burning periods, Rangers will also respond to resident enquiries. The current prohibited burning period ends on 31 March, after which a burning permit is required between 1 April and 31 May.

We've seen how vital this fire safety role is in recent weeks, with the fires that affected our neighbouring councils at the start of February.

More information on fire breaks and burning permits can be found at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/fireinformation](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/fireinformation)

### What does a typical day look like for you?

My typical day would be to open up the Animal Care Centre and get on to washing and exercising the animals.

I then get onto my administrative duties tending to barking dog complaints, getting in touch with dog owners and responding to customer enquiries and complaints.

In the afternoon, I usually visit dog owners to discuss barking complaints, chase up registrations, and the best part of all is returning animals to their owners or finding them new homes.

I enjoy all jobs as a Ranger, as the job is varied and no day is the same. It always keeps you on your toes.

### Do you have any tips for how to deal with a barking dog?

The best way you can solve this is between you and your neighbour.

You can visit your neighbour and politely explain how the barking is affecting you.

This conversation should be courteous, informative and supportive of any suggestions.

If you do not feel comfortable doing this, you could put a Barking Dog Card in their letterbox (pictured). These can be downloaded at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/barkingdogcard](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/barkingdogcard) or we would be happy to post one out to you.

If after two weeks there is no improvement, you can contact us to request a barking dog pack, where you will need to complete the seven-day diary.

The City has a barking dog procedure to ensure that the process is fair for everyone. It is a step-by-step process to ensure that all complaints are handled consistently and fairly.

### When do I call the Police?

Police are there to help you with hooning and road policing, antisocial behaviour, substance use concerns, CCTV on private property, registering a party, noisy parties (after hours), neighbour disputes, robbery, assault and domestic violence.

### How do I know who to call?

If you think that your matter relates to what a Ranger may be able to help with, you can call the City of Wanneroo's Ranger and Safety Services on 9405 5000 during office hours or on 1300 138 393 outside of office hours.

If you think that you need to get into contact with the Police, call 000 in an emergency or life-threatening situation or 131 444 for Police assistance in non-emergency situations.



## Lest we forget: Local Anzac Day services

Anzac Day is the day on which we remember service men and women from Australia and New Zealand who served and died in war and on operational service.

Services and ceremonies will be held in several suburbs across the City of Wanneroo on Sunday 25 April 2021, and members of the public are encouraged to attend a service and pay their respects to past and current service men and women.

"Anzac Day is a time where we can reflect and pay our respects to those people who fought in the Great War and those who continue to protect our country and represent our great nation," Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said.

"Anzac Day plays an integral part in Wanneroo's rich history and it is important that we reflect on the sacrifices the service men and women have made and continue to make."

### Anzac services across the City

Please contact individual organisations for further details.



Wanneroo War Memorial.

#### Quinns Rocks RSL

Quinns Rocks Sports Club,  
Tapping Way, Quinns Rocks

5.45am - Dawn service

7am - Gunfire breakfast

1pm-4pm - Two-up

Enquiries Lisa Wallis 0403 827 689

#### Wanneroo RSL

Memorial Park, Civic Drive, Wanneroo

5.50am - Dawn service & gunfire breakfast

6.30am - Parade

Enquiries Jack LeCras 9409 1014

#### Yanchep and Two Rocks RSL

Yanchep Sports Club,  
Yanchep Beach Road

5.45am - Dawn service & gunfire breakfast

Yanchep National Park

11.30am - Parade (meet at 10.30am)

Enquiries Bill Jones 9561 2217



## Meeting of minds plots climate change course

Passionate young people from across the City of Wanneroo were recently invited to exchange ideas and explore ways of addressing climate change during a collaborative discussion forum.

"There are many passionate young people in our City who care deeply about the issue of climate change," Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said.

"It was a privilege to attend the Youth Forum and hear their views. They want to see practical action to tackle

climate change, which is exactly what the City of Wanneroo is doing."

"The City's updated Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy, which was recently open for public comment, will consider a range of proactive steps we can take to protect our community, now and into the future. This includes setting targets to reduce the City's emissions."

Local creatives and storytellers, including artist Luka Sampson and documentary filmmaker student

Aiden Campbell, joined Mayor Roberts and other Council Members on the night.

Mr Campbell said the City had made its stance on tackling climate change clear through its commitment to the WALGA Climate Change Declaration last year.

"I thank the City of Wanneroo on behalf of young people for listening and enabling emerging generations to have a say on how we shape our future," he said.

"The Forum was the perfect opportunity for the youth of our City to put forward their opinions regarding how their community should move forward.

"To have support and guidance from our leaders, investigate sustainable practices and brainstorm how we can all be more caring for nature."

Insights gathered from the forum will inform changes to the City's updated Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy, which is due out by June this year.



Attendees at the Youth Forum with Mayor Tracey Roberts, Councillor Natalie Sangalli and City staff.

# We've sorted a better bin system

We're introducing a three bin service as part of our commitment to reducing the amount of waste we send to landfill. This will include a new lime-green lid garden organics (GO) bin and a new red lid for your general waste bin, free of charge. The rollout of new bins will take place between **May and August 2021**. Your recycling bin will not change at this time.

## What will change



### General waste bin - 240L or 140L

From May, the dark green lid on your general waste bin will be replaced with a red lid. This will bring all the City's general waste bins into line with Australian standards.

If you'd prefer a smaller bin, register online. This will be delivered in **July/August**. Both the lid replacement and smaller bin are free.



### Garden organics (GO) bin - 240L

From June, properties 400m<sup>2</sup> or larger will automatically receive a 240L GO bin with a lime-green lid. Smaller properties can register online for a GO bin. All GO bins are free of charge.

## What do you need to do?

### 1. Register today for your better bin system

Simply fill in the form at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/binchoices](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/binchoices) or scan the QR code.

The form will automatically be populated with the choices available for your property once you have entered the address.

Registrations must be completed by **5pm Sunday 28 March**.

Registration is essential if:

- You have a property smaller than 400m<sup>2</sup> and would like a garden organics (GO) bin
- You would like a smaller 140L red lid general waste bin (delivery in **July/August**)
- You want to be notified of delivery dates by email and/or SMS.



Please note, only property owners and authorised agents\* can register for a GO bin or smaller 140L general waste bin. Tenants are welcome to register to receive notifications of delivery dates by email and/or SMS.

*\*Professional property managers or where a tenant has a written agreement with the property owner to make these decisions on the owner's behalf.*

### 2. Be ready for your red lid swap

In May and June, until your lid has been changed over, please leave your general waste bin out from **6am to 6pm** on your usual waste collection day.

The dark green lid will be replaced with a red lid during this time\*\*.

*\*\*If you have registered to receive a smaller general waste bin, your lid will not be replaced. Your new 140L general waste bin will be delivered from July.*



## Who will receive a garden organics (GO) bin?

All properties **400m<sup>2</sup> or larger** will automatically receive a 240L lime-green lid garden organics bin.

Properties **smaller than 400m<sup>2</sup>** can register online for a 240L garden organics bin or keep the current two bin system, where garden organic waste goes in the general waste bin.

If you are unsure about your property size, the online form will present the options available once you have entered your address.



## Bin collection times

General waste will still be collected weekly, while recycling and garden organics will be collected on alternate weeks:



**First week**  
General waste and recycling collection week



**Second week**  
General waste and garden organics (GO) collection week





## Important dates

From 1 March	Register for your better bin system at <a href="http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/binchoices">wanneroo.wa.gov.au/binchoices</a> (registration closes 5pm Sunday 28 March 2021)
May and June	Your general waste bin will receive a red lid. Make sure you leave it out from 6am to 6pm on your usual waste collection day (unless you have requested a smaller red lid waste bin)
June and July	Delivery of lime-green lid GO bins to eligible and registered properties only
July and August	Delivery of smaller 140L red lid general waste to registered properties only

The delivery dates for your property can be found at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/gotime](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/gotime) from May, or register for email and/or SMS updates at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/binchoices](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/binchoices)

## Further information

Bulk collection of general and greens waste will continue for the foreseeable future and there will be no increase to the Waste Services Charge currently paid by residents due to transitioning to a three bin system.

This project is administered by the City and supported by the Government of Western Australia and the Waste Authority.

This change to our bin system aims to improve resource recovery rates and reduce waste going to landfill.

By using your bins correctly, you can play a big part in achieving WA's target of reducing the amount of waste going to landfill by 70 per cent by 2025.

Find out more about the better bin system at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/gotime](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/gotime)

## What can go in your recycling bin (collected fortnightly)



Items must be rinsed, empty and loose in the bin

- ✓ Aluminium and steel cans
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars (lids removed)
- ✓ Plastic bottles and containers (lids removed)
- ✓ Clean cardboard (flattened)
- ✓ Paper (not shredded)
- ✗ Hazardous or electronic waste

## What can go in your general waste bin (collected weekly)



- ✓ Food waste
- ✓ Unrepairable clothing
- ✓ Nappies/sanitary items
- ✓ Shredded/dirty paper
- ✓ Dirty cardboard
- ✓ Animal droppings and bedding
- ✗ Hazardous or electronic waste - take to your nearest drop off centre



The lid of your dark green general waste bin will be replaced with a red lid. (Unless you have requested a smaller red lid waste bin)

## What can go in your garden organics (GO) bin (collected fortnightly)



Keep it loose (no bags)

- ✓ Grass cuttings
- ✓ Leaves/flowers
- ✓ Prunings and small branches
- ✓ Weeds, sticks and twigs
- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Animal droppings and bedding
- ✗ Glass or ceramics
- ✗ Building materials

[wanneroo.wa.gov.au/gotime](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/gotime)



## 'Tips and tricks' with waste truck driver Pete

Ever wondered what it takes for City of Wanneroo to pick up the bins each week?

With approximately 70,000 households across 36 suburbs, it's no mean feat - as *What's Happening* found out when it hopped aboard one of the City's waste trucks to 'talk trash' with your friendly neighbourhood waste truck driver, Pete.

A waste truck driver for the past 14 years, Pete's route plots a course across the whole City of Wanneroo during a normal week, from Girrawheen and Koondoola on a Monday, to Jindalee, Quinns Rocks and Merriwa on a Tuesday.

It is 6am sharp and Pete is already hard at work, pulling out of the City of Wanneroo's depot to start his usual Friday morning route - today, he has been tasked with zigzagging his way through Tapping's suburban streets and laneways to collect hundreds of general waste household bins.

Navigating tight bends is par for the course though, and having driven road trains in a previous role, Pete is no stranger to sitting behind the wheel of a heavy truck. Unloaded, Pete's truck weighs somewhere in the region of 13 tonnes.

Each of the City of Wanneroo's waste trucks can carry up to 10 tonnes of



City of Wanneroo waste truck driver Pete.

household waste at a time. That's about 500 to 550 bins, before needing to take a trip to the tip (Neerabup's Resource Recovery Facility) to empty and start over. Across a normal day, that adds up to more than 1,500 bins per truck.

Multiply that across every truck, every day for the whole year, and the scale of the City of Wanneroo's waste collection operation starts to take shape.

During the 2019/20 financial year\*, over 58,000 tonnes of general waste was collected from households; nearly half of this (more than 24,500 tonnes) was transformed into soil conditioning compost at the Neerabup RRF and diverted from a life in landfill.

On top of this, more than 17,500 tonnes of recyclable waste was collected and avoided an eternity at the tip.

It has been an eventful morning so far, with a spillage from someone wrongly putting oil in their waste bin (this needs to go to a waste drop off facility) taking place before *What's Happening* started riding shotgun.

Nevertheless, we're back on track now, emptying bins at a rapid rate.

"The trick to a smooth run is mapping everything out beforehand," Pete said.

"We start early to minimise overlap with the rush hour and school run - that way, we're going about our business without disrupting the community."

"The highlight of my day is seeing the smiling faces from kids along your route; they just love to watch the truck come past every week. It's great."

*\*City of Wanneroo 2019/20 Annual Report.*

## What goes where? Top tips for recycling right this Easter

Easter eggs aren't the only thing to spring up around this time of year. Here's our top tips for reducing waste and recycling right.

- Flatten cardboard boxes before sliding them into your recycling bin to save on space. It also prevents jamming our waste trucks.
- Did the Easter Bunny visit your house this year? Collect aluminium foil from eaten Easter eggs and crumple it into a fist-sized ball before dropping it into your recycling bin.
- Hot cross bun bags and other soft plastics can be taken back to a REDcycle collection bin at participating supermarkets.
- Recycle your plastic bottles and containers, glass, paper, cardboard and cans in your kerbside recycling bin - keep items loose, clean and empty.
- Remember: batteries, globes, printer ink cartridges, old phones and used motor oil don't go in your recycling bin. These can be dropped off, free of charge, at the Wangara Greens Recycling Facility on weekends and public holidays (excluding Good Friday).

- To make sure your bin is able to be collected efficiently, keep one metre between each bin and other obstacles, including water metres and electricity domes.



## Easter changes to your waste collection service

Bin collections scheduled for Good Friday (2 April) will instead be collected the following day (Saturday 3 April.)

There will be no change to bins due for collection on Easter Monday (Monday 5 April).





## South Ward update

Alexander Heights, Darch, Girrawheen, Gngangara, Koondoola, Landsdale, Madeley, Marangaroo, Wangara and Woodvale (Part)

Cr H. Nguyen

Cr V. Nguyen

Cr Parker

Cr Treby

Cr Zappa



## Sociable shed shines a light on mental health

Since 2009, the Wanneroo Community Men's Shed (WCMS) has provided local men with a creative outlet and an opportunity to socialise.

Situated in Wangara, the non-profit organisation refurbishes old computers that are then onsold at an affordable price for Centrelink customers, charity organisations and other non-profits.

One of the group's four inaugural members, WCMS Secretary Gavin McIntosh told *What's Happening* that the organisation's original mission of computer refurbishment had proven so successful that it had expanded to include a host of other activities - such as dismantling and recycling old computer parts and other e-waste, including printers, mobile phones, tablets and modems.

The WCMS also includes dedicated woodwork and metalwork nooks where members can hone their skills (or learn a new one), and work on community-based projects such as friendship benches and other furniture for local schools.

Above all, members of the men's shed are reaping rewards of another kind - improved health and mental wellbeing.

By providing a safe, friendly space to socialise and share a cuppa, WCMS member Mervyn Britton said members stood to gain a renewed sense of social connection and comradeship.

"We have a very successful operation here," Mr Britton said. "The camaraderie is extremely good, and by keeping all of these older gentlemen happy, entertained and productive, the mental health benefits naturally stem from that."



A Wanneroo Community Men's Shed member dismantling old computers in Wangara.

"We've found that what happens is, you get people who are either withdrawn or dissatisfied with their current life status - they want more, but they don't know how to go about it."

"Once they come along to the men's shed, they find that everyone here has very much the same background - they want to be using their time effectively and doing something of value."

"It builds very good relationships and great friendships."

Mr McIntosh said greater social connections and mental wellbeing were key "flow on effects" of joining a community group or club.

"Mental wellbeing or mental health is not something that we have consciously gone out and tried to solve; it's something that just happens when you keep men busy in a mixed environment like this," he said.

"We've always said from day one, that if you want to just come along and drink coffee in the lunchroom and chat, that's okay too. There's no-one standing there with a whip; it really is open to everybody."

Are you looking to join a local community group or club? Or are you simply looking for local community events and activities?

Visit City of Wanneroo's new online community directory for a rundown of what is on in your neighbourhood.

From dance classes and community choirs, to tai chi and zumba, there is something for everyone.

For more information, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/communitydirectory](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/communitydirectory) or call 9405 5600.



## Hartman Drive, Madeley

Residents in our City's South Ward can now enjoy shorter, less stressful commutes thanks to the widening of a section of Hartman Drive into a dual carriageway.

A 2km stretch of Hartman Drive between Hepburn Avenue and Gngangara Road has been transformed into a four-lane dual carriageway, complete with upgraded street lighting, drainage, shared footpaths and cycleways.

Madeley resident Joanne said the duplication works were a real benefit to her family.

"It's so much easier to get where I'm going and my kids can cross more safely to school," she said.

Construction on the \$4.7 million project was completed just before Christmas.

The City of Wanneroo received a \$3 million grant from Main Roads WA through the Metropolitan Regional Road Group for this project.



## Central Ward update

Ashby, Banksia Grove, Carabooda, Carramar, Hocking, Jandabup, Mariginiup, Neerabup, Nowergup, Pearsall, Pinjar, Sinagra, Tapping and Wanneroo

### Edgar Griffiths Park, Wanneroo

Following the opening of new clubrooms and an enclosed dog exercise area at Edgar Griffiths Park last year, a new carpark has expanded vehicle capacity and improved access to the area.



Work - which concluded in December - included the construction of new parking bays, vegetation clearing and earthworks, plus the installation of new kerbing, bollards and light poles.

The project's total cost was \$235,000. Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said the Australian Government's Local

Cr Cvitan JP  
Deputy Mayor



Cr Huntley



Cr Miles



Cr Netwon JP



Roads and Community Infrastructure Program helped fund this project.

The fund helps support local councils deliver priority road and community infrastructure projects.

### Intersection upgrade, Jandabup

The intersection of Franklin Road, Caporn Street and Rousset Road in Jandabup has been remodelled to provide priority to southbound right turns and westbound left turns in and out of Caporn Street.

Work included the installation of new signage and markings, safety barriers and retaining walls.

The modifications are expected to improve safety and minimise heavy congestion in peak hours.

Main Roads WA's Metropolitan Regional Road Group contributed \$450,000 towards this \$690,000 project.



Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts and Central Ward council members Jacqueline Huntley, Dot Newton, Paul Miles and Frank Cvitan with Café Elixir owner Taylor Moore on Rocca Way in Wanneroo.

### Council endorses Local Area Plan for Wanneroo

The future of Wanneroo town centre and surrounds is being mapped out, following Council's adoption of the new Wanneroo Local Area Plan.

The plan outlines a series of steps to be taken by the City of Wanneroo over the next few years to enhance the Wanneroo area, including the redesign of streetscapes, working with local businesses to further develop the existing town centre and investigating new service delivery models for libraries and community hubs.

"The Wanneroo Local Area Plan is the latest step in the City's 'place approach'," Mayor Roberts said.

"Our approach acknowledges the distinctiveness, diversity and heritage of local places and people.

"The plan identifies the community's priorities and ensures the City is ready to meet the needs of local residents and businesses.

"It envisions a friendly community with a 'small town feel', where people enjoy the beauty of the natural environment. Facilities such as our Wanneroo Regional Museum and Community History Centre connect us to a rich and diverse history, including local Aboriginal culture."

The Wanneroo Local Area Plan is the third of its kind, following the development of similar documents for Girrawheen/Koondoola and Yanchep/Two Rocks.

The City of Wanneroo undertook significant community engagement in developing the Plan, including holding workshops with local residents.

Over 600 submissions were received through surveys, interviews and via the City's 'Your Say' online engagement portal.

A copy of the Wanneroo Local Area Plan can be viewed on the City's website [wanneroo.wa.gov.au](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au)





# North Coast Ward update

Alkimos, Butler, Clarkson, Eglinton, Jindalee, Merriwa, Mindarie, Quinns Rocks, Ridgewood, Tamala Park, Two Rocks and Yanchep

## Halesworth Park, Butler

Construction at the site of Halesworth Park in Butler passed a significant milestone in recent weeks, with the first of two footy ovals completed ahead of term one of the 2021 school year.

The second footy oval is scheduled for completion later this year. Meanwhile, detailed design is underway on dual sports amenities buildings, with construction on these expected to commence in late 2021 and conclude in mid-2022.

When complete, the \$20.7 million Halesworth Park complex will serve as a focal point for local clubs and sporting codes, as well as the

nearby schools - John Butler Primary College and Alkimos College.

In addition to the two playing ovals, Halesworth Park will include 16 multi-use hardcourts and adjacent amenities building, cricket nets, a sports pavilion with change rooms, a dual-use running track, picnic facilities and a children's play area.

The City of Wanneroo has received commitments of \$5 million from the Federal Government and \$2 million from the State Government towards the project, as well as contributions of \$1.2 million and \$980,000 from LWP Property Group and the Department of Education respectively.



Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts and North Coast Ward councillors Linda Aitken, Sonet Coetzee and Lewis Flood meet with project manager Peter Tomsett at the site of Halesworth Park in Butler.

## YTRAC, Yanchep

Great news for Yanchep, Alkimos and Two Rocks residents: the City of Wanneroo is currently trialling an expanded customer service offering at its Yanchep Two Rocks Access Centre (YTRAC) on Yanchep Beach Road.

Until 17 May, a dedicated customer service kiosk will be located at YTRAC on Mondays from 8.30am to 4pm.



Residents will be able to pay council payments and animal registration fees over the counter (credit card and EFTPOS only), make program bookings, and lodge online building and planning applications. Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said the trial would assist the City with evaluating and anticipating future community needs in the Yanchep area.

"This three-month trial is the City's latest step in expanding its service offering to our northernmost suburbs," Mayor Roberts said.

"In addition to the trial, a free Justice of the Peace service is now available at YTRAC on Tuesdays from 9.30am to 11.30am."

A customer service kiosk is also located at Clarkson Library (corner of Ebb Way and Ocean Keys Boulevard); this kiosk will be open Tuesdays to Fridays from 9am to 5pm during the trial period.

Cr Aitken



Cr Baker



Cr Coetzee



Cr Flood



Cr Sangalli



## Dalvik Park, Merriwa

Dalvik Park in Merriwa will be the latest in a long line of playing fields in our northern suburbs to play host to a new sports amenities building, further underscoring the City of Wanneroo's commitment to supporting grassroots sports through new recreational facilities.

The new sports amenities building will feature dual change rooms, storage facilities, a kiosk, first aid room, a gated outdoor area and ample parking.

Detailed design is nearing completion, with construction due to commence by May 2021. \$587,000 of the project's total cost (\$1.64 million) has been allocated for this financial year.

The expected date of completion is June 2022.

The City of Wanneroo has received \$400,000 in funding via the State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund.





## LIBRARIES



### Go green in Girrawheen

FREE

Girrawheen Library's upcoming Living Smart course is a great way to learn more about leading a more sustainable lifestyle.

Across seven weeks, delve into sustainable practices - from saving power and water to growing your own food and retrofitting your home.

**Saturdays from  
1 May to 12 June  
9.45am-12pm**

Girrawheen Library,  
6 Patrick Court,  
Girrawheen

FREE, bookings essential  
[wanneroolibraries.  
eventbrite.com.au](http://wanneroolibraries.eventbrite.com.au)

## Flock to your local library this Easter

FREE

All manner of avian animals will take roost at your local library this Easter school holidays, in this series of interactive presentations aimed at ages six and up.

From owls and falcons to a wedge-tailed eagle and more, participants will get the chance to hold a bird and take part in special challenges.

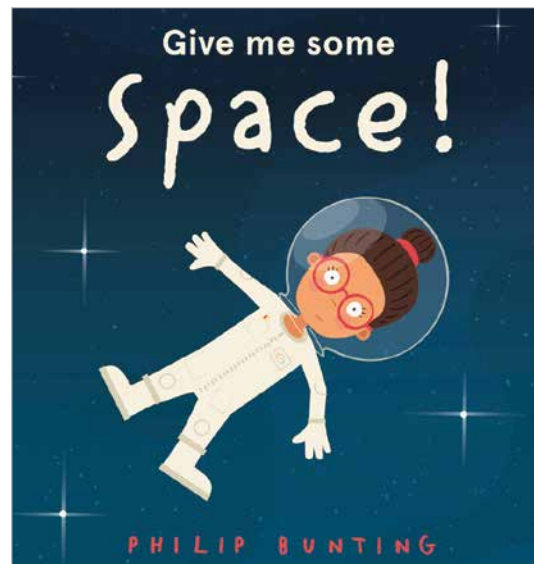
**Monday 12 April / 10am-11.30am**  
Wanneroo Library

**Monday 12 April / 1.30pm-3pm**  
Girrawheen Library

**Tuesday 13 April / 10am-11.30am**  
Clarkson Library

**Tuesday 13 April / 1.30pm-3pm**  
Yanchep/Two Rocks Library

FREE, bookings essential  
[wanneroolibraries.eventbrite.com.au](http://wanneroolibraries.eventbrite.com.au)



## Live from outer space! National Simultaneous Storytime 2021

FREE

Join thousands of bookworms and space cadets for National Simultaneous Storytime this May.

Jump aboard a virtual spaceship at your local library for an 'out of this world' livestream of an astronaut from outer space reading children's picture book Give Me Some Space by Philip Bunting.

National Simultaneous Storytime is an event that promotes the value of reading and literacy for young minds, with the whole country tuning in to share a story at the same time.

**Join a session during Library and Information Week (17-23 May 2021)**

Held at all City of Wanneroo libraries  
FREE, no bookings required, for times please visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/libraries](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/libraries)

## Learn about sustainable living

Looking to live a more sustainable lifestyle?

FREE

Learn how to make a change or pick up a new skill in this series of free workshops that cover everything from preserving food, starting a worm farm, composting and propagating plants.

Through small changes that lead to bigger things, learn to reduce your footprint on the environment and save money in the process.

**Seed saving and plant propagation**  
Saturday 20 March / 9.45am-12pm  
Yanchep/Two Rocks Library

**Preserving the harvest**  
(from tomato bottling to jam making)  
Saturday 27 March / 9.45am-12pm  
Clarkson Library

**Living lightly**  
Wednesday 31 March / 2pm-4.15pm  
Yanchep/Two Rocks Library

**Goal setting and life planning**  
Saturday 10 April / 9.45am-12pm  
Clarkson Library

**Redefining retirement**  
Saturday 17 April / 9.45am-12pm  
Clarkson Library

**Green cleaning**  
Saturday 17 April / 9.45am-12pm  
Wanneroo Library

FREE, bookings essential  
[wanneroolibraries.eventbrite.com.au](http://wanneroolibraries.eventbrite.com.au)





## ARTS / EXHIBITIONS

### *For Country, For Nation* exhibition

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a long standing tradition of fighting for country, and they continue to serve with honour in our military forces.

*For Country, For Nation* brings their moving stories and voices to life through art, objects, dance and music.

Self-guided tours, with an introduction and orientation from gallery staff, are available on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am-11.30am.

#### AN AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL TOURING EXHIBITION

#### *For Country, For Nation*

Exhibiting until Saturday 27 March  
Wanneroo Gallery, Wanneroo Library  
and Cultural Centre, 3 Rocca Way,  
Wanneroo

Wednesday to Friday / 10am-4pm  
Saturday / 10am-1pm  
Closed Sundays and public holidays

FREE entry  
[wanneroo.wa.gov.au/  
forcountryfornation](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/forcountryfornation)



Top: A young Reg Saunders surrounded by his mates of the 2/7th Battalion, AIF, in Queensland in 1943; 057894.

Bottom: Tony Albert, Coloured Diggers, acrylic on canvas, painted in Sydney, 2013, ART96531.001-004.

Images courtesy of the Australian War Memorial.



## Happy Birthday Play School: Celebrating 50 Years

Come inside and find all your favourite Play School characters in an exhibition that brings our childhood stories alive. For all ages.

### Happy Birthday Play School: Celebrating 50 Years

Wednesday 12 May to  
Saturday 31 July

Wanneroo Gallery, Wanneroo Library  
and Cultural Centre, 3 Rocca Way,  
Wanneroo

Wednesday to Friday / 10am-4pm  
Saturday / 10am-1pm  
Closed Sundays and  
public holidays

[wanneroo.wa.gov.au/eha](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/eha)



Australian Government  
National Collecting Institutions  
Touring & Outreach Program



ABC KIDS' Play School presenters Miranda Tapsell, Teo Gebert, Karen Pang and Alex Papps.



John Waters and Benita Collings.



Noni Hazlehurst.



Rocket Clock  
from Play  
School.





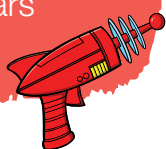
City of  
Wanneroo

# School Holidays

APRIL  
HIGHLIGHTS



**12 April**  
11am-2pm  
10-25 years  
**FREE**



## Giant Games and Laser Tag

Warradale Park, Landsdale

Join the Youth Team at Warradale Park for giant games, inflatable laser tag and lots of fun. A free sausage sizzle will be available from 12pm.

All are welcome, no bookings required, just turn up on the day!



## Up Close with the Birds of Prey

City of Wanneroo Libraries

What a plume-filled treat! WA Birds of Prey will showcase five of their majestic feathered creatures in an interactive presentation.

Watch and learn about your feathered friends with owls, a falcon, a wedge-tailed eagle and a kite. Participants will get a chance to hold a bird and complete challenges.

Wanneroo - Clarkson - Girrawheen - Yanchep/Two Rocks

**12 to 13 April**  
Times vary

6+ years  
**FREE**



**3 to 17 April**  
Open hours  
All ages  
**FREE**



## Music in the Museum

Wanneroo Regional Museum

Do you know what sound a Zither makes? Find out this April as Wanneroo Regional Museum turns musical!

Discover the stories behind fascinating musical objects from our Museum collection. Explore tunes from around the globe as you sing and dance your way through an exciting new clue hunt and a music-themed craft activity.

Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre  
3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo



## K-Pop Dance

Kingsway Indoor Stadium

K-Pop dance is a fast-growing global phenomenon taking the world by storm. Along with Korean pop, this energetic and bright choreography draws from a range of styles including rock, hip hop, and jazz. Suitable for all skills levels with no prior experience required.

Kingsway Indoor Stadium, 130 Kingsway, Madeley

**All school  
holidays**  
Open hours  
4-9 years  
**\$20**



For more information on holiday fun, visit  
[wanneroo.wa.gov.au/schoolholidayactivities](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/schoolholidayactivities)