

What's Happening

Budget Edition 2021/22

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Mayor's Message

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

This edition details important information on the key projects that are planned for the 2021/22 financial year.

It will be another busy year across the City of Wanneroo, as we work to provide essential infrastructure and services that will support and connect our community in the coming years, including new parks, playgrounds, road improvements and sports facilities.

You can also read more about this year's budget by visiting wanneroo.wa.gov.au/budget22

I am proud to advise that the City of Wanneroo's hard working Approvals team received the Master Builders Association Award for Local Government Best Practice for sustained excellence in service delivery.

Throughout the year, the City has seen a 75 per cent increase in building applications received compared to 2019/20.



(L-R) Coordinator Building Services Steve Patten, CEO Daniel Simms and Director of Planning and Sustainability Mark Dickson.

A remarkable 99.99 per cent of these applications were approved within their legislated timeframes, which in turn has allowed new homeowners who were eligible for grants to meet the relevant criteria for approval timeframes.

Our Approvals team has done an amazing job in supporting the building industry during the current building boom, and they are a very deserving winner of this year's award.

Small businesses form the backbone of our local economy, which is why the City of Wanneroo is delighted to be one of the first local governments to have taken part in a new program designed to streamline approvals for small businesses.

The Small Business Friendly Approvals Program, led by the Small Business Development Corporation, aims to smooth the process of obtaining licences and permits from local governments.

A survey of local businesses conducted last year told us reducing red tape was key to our post-COVID economic recovery – and by participating in the SBDC Approvals Program, we are directly responding to the needs of our business community.

Do you know someone who tirelessly gives back to the local community?

You can honour our City's most upstanding citizens by nominating them for the 2022 Australia Day Awards.

Four awards will be presented at our 2022 Australia Day citizenship ceremony:



2021 City of Wanneroo Australia Day Award recipients.

- *Charles Searson Australia Day Youth Award*: for an individual under 25 years.
- *Australia Day Award*: for an individual over 25 years.
- *Australia Day Community Group or Event award*: for an outstanding local community group or event.
- *Senior of the Year Award*: for an individual over 65 years.

Nominations close Friday 12 November 2021. For more information, visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/awardfunding

The wonderful team at Wanneroo Aquamotion was recently presented with gold waterwise status at the 2021 Water Corporation Waterwise Awards.

The accolade recognises the facility's commitment to effectively and responsibly managing its water use.

The facility also made a splash at the recent Parks and Leisure Australia Awards of Excellence, with a nomination in the Facility of the Year category, which recognises innovative features of design, development and operation.

Well done to the Wanneroo Aquamotion team!

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.

Introducing the new bins on the block

For most households across the City, two bins is now three bins. Our new three bin system helps everyone get waste to the right place. If you're unsure of how your waste should be sorted, we've simplified it below.

General waste bin (red lid)



Your red lid bin is for general household waste - food scraps from the kitchen as well as the stuff that won't biodegrade or recycle.

To help get our waste to the right place, think of your red bin as the last resort - more often than not, there is a sustainable and smart way to dispose of most household items.

Food waste and unrepairable items of clothing (that can't be sold or donated) should go in your general waste bin, along with nappies, sanitary items, dirty cardboard/paper, and animal droppings.

Certain items, like batteries, aerosol cans, electrical items or light globes need to be dropped off at a collection location like Tamala Park Waste Facility.

Recycling bin (yellow lid)



Here's the one people often struggle with, but it doesn't have to be confusing.

In the City of Wanneroo, we keep it simple by remembering to recycle just these five:

- Aluminium and steel cans
- Glass bottles and jars (lids removed)
- Plastic bottles and containers (lids removed)
- Clean cardboard (flattened)
- Paper (not shredded)

Items must be rinsed, empty and loose in the bin with the lids off.

This reduces contamination and makes sorting at the processing plant quicker and easier.

If in doubt, check it out by visiting wanneroo.wa.gov.au/recycleright

Garden organics bin (lime green lid)



The new garden organics (GO) bin is exclusively for green waste from the garden; that means leaves, grass, weeds and small branches - and only these.

After collecting your GO bin, the City of Wanneroo sends the contents to a local, family-run business, where it is processed into a range of high quality soil-enhancing products, such as mulches and potting mix.

In the past, garden organics were recovered as a low quality soil conditioner, with limited applications due to the glass content.

Your GO bin provides a year-round alternative to the City of Wanneroo's annual green waste collection service, allowing you to pick when you prune. Perfect! Plus, it helps keep our yards clear of leaf litter and other flammable organic matter during fire restriction periods.



Waste Education Officer Emma Syme meets with Kingsway Christian College French teacher Arlette Pedretti and her Year 9 class (L-R) Bianca, Tania, Isabella and Taylor, to demonstrate the toolkit.

Toolkit teaches responsible waste disposal

Did you know that one in five City of Wanneroo residents* speaks a language other than English at home?

To communicate the recent changes to our kerbside waste collection service to our multicultural community, the City of Wanneroo joined forces with Waste Authority WA, to develop a unique waste education resource.

The educational toolkit - titled 'Waste Sorted-Talking My Language' - teaches participants about the importance of recycling and sorting household waste using colourful flashcards, icons and annotations translated into 10 languages.

Through a series of games and quizzes, participants are challenged to

correctly identify items and their English translation, before sorting them into one of three mini bins that mirror those at home.

"This initiative allows the City to make information accessible and easily digestible for our residents for whom English is a second language," Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said.

Kingsway Christian College students in Arlette Pedretti's year nine French class (pictured) have been using the toolkit during lessons, allowing them to develop their understanding of sustainability and recycling at the same time as learning a foreign language.

Year nine student Bianca (14) said pairing items with their corresponding

colour was good for recall and made sorting waste correctly easy to remember.

"The cards have helped me to unlearn some misconceptions about where these items can be disposed of, like aerosol cans or disposable coffee cups," she said

The toolkit is available in 10 languages: Arabic, Amharic, French, Burmese, Simplified Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Macedonian, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

Residents and community groups interested in hiring a toolkit for free can visit their local City of Wanneroo library or call 9405 5000.

Translated documents in a digital format can also be downloaded by visiting wanneroo.wa.gov.au/wasteandrecycling

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

*Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2011 and 2016. Compiled and presented by .id

Download our 2021/22
Waste Guide
[wanneroo.wa.gov.au/
wasteguide](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/wasteguide)



How do we look after *Our House*?

Our City is like one big house and like you, we have a budget for looking after it.
From keeping the lights on all night to maintaining nearly 600 parks,
we keep things running so you can enjoy the many services and
facilities that make *Our House* a great place to live.



Welcome to
CITY OF WANNEROO

Do you know how much it costs to run *Our House*?

\$6.3m



on lighting local
roads at night,
making them safer
for everyone.

\$3.1m



to subsidise
sporting facilities
for local clubs and
community groups.

\$666,000



to remove verge
waste and clean up
instances of illegal
dumping.

\$6.1m



to mow, mulch,
and water, to keep
local parks looking
neat and tidy.

\$4.5m



for regular ranger
patrols, to ensure
your neighbourhood
remains safe.

Over \$1m



to care for local
bushland and protect
natural biodiversity.

\$719,000



to provide engaging
and entertaining
support programs
at youth centres.

\$7.7m



to educate and
entertain visitors to
our local libraries.

RECEIPT

ROADS, PATHWAYS & STREET LIGHTING	\$54.8M
WASTE & RECYCLING	\$43.1M
SPORTS FACILITIES	\$41.4M
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	\$30.5M
COMMUNITY HEALTH, SAFETY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$15.0M
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	\$14.3M
LIBRARIES, MUSEUM & HERITAGE	\$13.4M
FORESHORE MANAGEMENT & CONSERVATION	\$9.5M
GOVERNANCE	\$7.2M
BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$2.0M
TOTAL	\$231.2M



Dinosaur Park, Madeley.



Edgar Griffiths Dog Park, Wanneroo



Monaghan Park, Darch

Budget strikes the 'right balance' for residents

City of Wanneroo has allocated a total of \$69.5 million for capital works during 2021/22, with a range of infrastructure projects set to receive significant investment in the coming months.

This includes continued construction at the site of Halesworth Park in Butler, putting in a shared use path along Alexander Drive in Landsdale and work associated with shaping a new aquatic and recreation centre in Alkimos.

More than \$6.9 million will be spent on vibrant, verdant open spaces where residents can recreate, with interactive upgrades to be installed at Wonambi Park, Jindinga Park, Frederick Duffy Park (all Wanneroo) and Chesterfield Park (Hocking). These are in addition to a comprehensive renewal of existing park assets at more than a dozen neighbourhood playgrounds.

A further \$4.2 million will be spent on caring for our coastline and bushland, with rehabilitation at Honeypossum Reserve, Boomerang Reserve (both Banksia Grove) and Badgerup Reserve (Wanneroo) designed to offset the impact of new infrastructure.

In addition, the City will invest \$186 million in operations expenditure next year to provide a range of important services to our community.

This includes \$37.2 million on waste services and our ongoing efforts to send less household waste to landfill through our new three bin waste system.

Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said this year's budget balanced both investment in new infrastructure and maintenance of existing assets.

"In addition to the development of key capital works projects, this year's budget focuses on preserving the fantastic amenities that our residents use each and every day - such as the 500 plus parks, reserves and open spaces, or our youth centres, libraries and skate parks," she said.

"I believe we have struck the right balance between advancing key infrastructure in our rapidly-growing outer suburbs and ensuring the City's existing assets are looked after."

On average, this year's rate increase equates to the cost of three cups of coffee or a monthly family Netflix subscription fee.

For more information on the City of Wanneroo's 2021/22 budget, visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/budget22

Looking back at our top projects from 2020/21

From safer roads to slick new skate parks, the wraps have come off a string of major projects these past 12 months - here's a snapshot of some of the big ticket items that are now making our City a better and brighter place to live, work and play.

Hartman Drive duplication, Madeley

A 2km stretch of Hartman Drive was transformed into two lanes travelling north and south, complete with upgraded street lighting and shared cycleways to make daily commutes safer and smoother.

Hinckley Park, Hocking

Billed for completion later this month, Hocking's 4.1 hectare Hinckley Park will play host to ample green space, a three-vs-three basketball court, barbecue facilities and 10,000 shrubs and trees.

Leatherback Park, Alkimos

Completed in November 2020, the \$1.8 million Leatherback Park facility supports grassroots sports clubs, such as the Brighton Seahawks and the Alkimos Pirates Lacrosse Club.

Marmion Avenue duplication, Butler to Yanchep

A crucial piece of road infrastructure to support growth in our northern suburbs, the duplication of Marmion Avenue from Butler to Yanchep was fully funded by the State Government and developer funds. Works concluded in July 2020.

Shelvock Park, Koondoola

Replacing outdated facilities, this \$1.9 million sports amenities building was completed in mid-2020 and supports a string of local groups, such as soccer club Westnam United.

Splendid Park skate park, Yanchep

Construction on this popular skate park in Yanchep was completed in mid-2020 and was co-funded by the State Government, Lotterywest and the City of Wanneroo.



Splendid Park skate park, Yanchep.



Wonambi Park, Wanneroo

Following extensive consultation with the community earlier this year, Council has greenlit a string of upgrades to Wanneroo's Wonambi Park.

The upgrades will feature equipment and play spaces suitable for children of all ages, including a cubby house with slides, balancing bridge, tunnel, sand play and monkey bars.

Mayor Tracey Roberts said upgrading the City's parks and open spaces made neighbourhoods more appealing and benefitted residents, especially young families.

"Providing opportunities for our residents to foster and maintain an active and healthy lifestyle is a key focus for the City," Mayor Roberts said.

"Revitalising Wonambi Park, and our other parks and open spaces across the City, is an important contributor to promoting community spirit and building good physical and emotional health.

"The upgrades to the existing playground will give families and individuals access to shared picnic areas, new bench seating and an outdoor space that is inviting and inclusive."

The development of the park is a single stage construction as part of the 2021/22 budget and funded through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

Construction on the upgrades is set to begin in October 2021.



Mayor Tracey Roberts with Central Ward council members Frank Cvitan, Dot Newton, Jacqueline Huntley and Paul Miles at Studmaster Park in Wanneroo.

Studmaster Park, Wanneroo

Work is underway to renew the bridge, boardwalk and viewing platform overlooking Yellagonga Regional Park at Studmaster Park in Wanneroo.

The modernised structure will include accessible seating and will significantly reduce ongoing maintenance costs.



After seeking feedback from the community on proposed designs, the \$500,000 upgrades are set to be completed by December 2021.

Playgrounds and open spaces

More than \$6.9 million will be spent on parks and playgrounds across the City of Wanneroo this coming financial year, with new play equipment, shade shelters and security lighting all set to enhance the amenity of an open space in your neighbourhood.

Around \$1.7 million has been allocated to the annual Parks Asset Renewal Program, which each year sees new play equipment, rubber and sand softfall areas and shade sails installed at a host of local parks and playspaces.

In the next 12 months, the following parks will be revitalised:

Central Ward

- Brightlands Park, Litchfield Park and Glenfine Park, Carramar
- Eiffel Park and Tandara Park, Tapping
- Elliot Park, Wanneroo

South Ward

- Ashdale Park, Darch
- Curtis Park, Girrawheen
- Versailles Park, Landsdale
- Alexander Heights Community Centre, Alexander Heights

North Coast Ward

- Avondale Park, Mindarie
- Little Green Park, Quinns Rocks
- Booderee Park, St Andrews Park and Yanchep Community Centre, Yanchep
- Verwood Park, Butler
- Jenolan Way Community Centre, Merriwa

Additionally, new shade structures will be installed at five parks:

Mintaro Park in Quinns Rocks, Paloma Park in Marangaroo, Curtis Park in Girrawheen and Studmaster Park and Clarkside Park in Wanneroo.

Halesworth Park, Butler

Billed as a future focal point for local sports in our northern suburbs, works at Halesworth Park in Butler will continue into the coming financial year, at a cost of approximately \$5.7 million.

Detailed design is already underway on two new sports amenities buildings, with construction set to commence later this year.

Meanwhile, two new playing ovals, and hardcourts are on track for completion later this month, and will be open to the public shortly after.

A dual-use path, children's play area, picnic facilities, baseball dugout and cricket nets will ensure the Halesworth Park complex caters for a host of local clubs and sporting codes.

Alkimos College Foundation Principal Nancy McNally said students were already benefitting from access to the Halesworth Park facilities.

"The college now has access to the southern oval at Halesworth Park and our students have already begun enjoying this fantastic new facility for our physical education classes and after-school sporting academies, including soccer," she said.

"We are also looking forward to the completion of the northern oval and additional amenities, which will be well utilised by our growing student population in years to come.

"The Halesworth Park precinct is not only a much welcomed facility for the college to use, but will be an amazing amenity for the Alkimos and wider communities as a whole to enjoy."

With 200 playing members, Butler Netball Club President Kerry Joubert said the new facilities at Halesworth Park would support the club's continued growth, and provide its members with a base of operations for years to come.

"Butler Netball Club has now become one of the fastest growing clubs in our

association, thanks to the ongoing support and growth from our local Butler community," Ms Joubert said.

"Being able to train at the new Halesworth facility will provide our club and families their own 'home community base' to gather and support each other.

"Having more training space available will also help our club encourage more families to join and participate on all levels in many sports available.

"We look forward to training in our local area where our families can feel at home."

The project's total cost of \$20.7 million is shared between the City of Wanneroo, the Federal Government (\$5 million), the State Government (\$2 million), the Department of Education (\$980,000) and LWP Property Group (\$1.2 million).

Overall project completion is expected in March 2023.

Montrose Park, Girrawheen

More than \$587,000 to construct new tennis clubrooms. Plans include a new storeroom, office space, multipurpose space with kitchenette and an external verandah overlooking the courts for spectators.

Construction is scheduled to commence in January 2022.

Sports floodlighting

Upgraded sports floodlighting fixtures will be installed at ovals across the City of Wanneroo, with Ferrara Park in Girrawheen (\$343,000), Belhaven Park in Quinns Rocks (\$335,000) and the south oval of Paloma Park in Marangaroo (\$150,000) earmarked for this financial year.



Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts and North Coast Ward council members Chris Baker, Linda Aitken, Sonet Coetzee, Natalie Sangalli and Lewis Flood at Dalvik Park in Merriwa.

Dalvik Park, Merriwa

More than \$1.6 million will be spent constructing a new sports amenities building at Dalvik Park in Merriwa, the latest in a long line of playing fields in our northern suburbs to receive grassroots recreational facilities that cater for our growing community and local clubs.

The new sports amenities building will feature dual change rooms, storage

facilities, a kiosk, first aid room, a gated outdoor area and ample parking.

Construction commenced in May this year and is expected to conclude in May 2022.

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

Southern Suburbs Library and Youth Innovation Hub, Landsdale

Plans for a new library and youth innovation hub situated at 15 The Broadview in Landsdale will be put to the public in the coming months, after architectural firm Bollig Design was appointed to conduct a detailed design in May.

The \$10.5 million project will be nestled next to Broadview Park, overlooking the adjacent greenery.

It will host multifunctional spaces, meeting rooms and IT infrastructure designed to support a range of local community groups, programs and activities.

Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said the project would provide a balance between traditional library activities and more flexible spaces that included cutting-edge technologies and catered for the diversifying needs of local residents.

"When complete, these facilities will serve as an important focal point for Landsdale and the surrounding community," Mayor Roberts said.

"The City of Wanneroo has received \$3 million via the State Government's WA Recovery Plan towards the construction of the youth innovation hub."

"Proposals for the hub include a technology-focused activity zone, with interactive digital displays, computer labs for design work and programming, spaces for recreational gaming, art, printing, music and performance."

Landsdale Primary School Principal Josh Jashari said the library and youth



Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts and South Ward council members Brett Treby and Glynis Parker with Wanneroo Chief Executive Officer Daniel Simms, Member for Landsdale Margaret Quirk MLA and Bollig Design Group Managing Director Edwin Bollig.

hub was a wonderful initiative for the Landsdale community.

"Not only will the Hub be a draw card and central meeting place of the broader community but it would attract and inspire creativity, ingenuity and engagement of the younger age group through catering for their interest in digital technology and music," he said.

"It would also support our school's strong focus on digital technology and act as a pathway to transition and connect this learning into our immediate community."

Member for Landsdale, Margaret Quirk MLA, said she was thrilled to see the next step in this important project for the community.

"This exciting development offers youth in the growing area an attractive array of activities," she said. "I am so pleased to have secured State Government funding for this important community asset".

The hub space will focus on 'STEAM' (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) learning, which will allow people of all ages to enhance their digital learning, explore different technologies and learn some new skills to assist with gaining employment in emerging industries.

Along with design, preliminary construction is tipped to commence this financial year at an allocated cost of \$1.7 million, with a proposed project completion date of October 2023.

Protecting and preserving our pristine coastline

To better understand and preserve our coastline, the City of Wanneroo will expand its coastal monitoring programme in the next 12 months.

This includes six-monthly aerial photography of vulnerable locations (including but not limited to Quinns Rocks, Yanchep and Two Rocks) and coastal surveys, regular inspections following stormy weather and the installation of remote monitoring cameras that can monitor short-term, seasonal and long-term shoreline changes.

Meanwhile, ongoing beach renourishment works at Quinns Beach and Yanchep Lagoon will mitigate the effects of coastal erosion during wet and woolly winter weather.

The timber staircase adjacent to Mary Street in Quinns Rocks will be removed and replaced with a durable and low-maintenance beach access structure (\$335,000), allowing for safe and functional access to the beach in the future.





What's in a name?

The City of Wanneroo is located within Noongar country, with a history dating back thousands of years. But did you know that many of our suburb names have Aboriginal meanings?

For example, Koondoola is an Aboriginal word meaning 'emu'; Marangaroo means 'blue flowers'; Jandabup is a word possibly meaning 'place of little eagle' or 'bark of banksia' and Carabooda is derived from an Aboriginal word, Karroborup or Karabooda, which is thought to mean 'place of spider holes' or 'place of wild potato'.

Source: Landgate.

Six seasons – Makuru

In the Noongar seasonal calendar, Makuru sees the coldest and wettest time of the year come into full swing. Traditionally, this was a good time to move back inland from the coast as the winds turned to the west and south bringing the cold weather and rains.

Flowers will include the blues and purples of the Blueberry Lilly (*Dianella revoluta*) and Purple Flags (*Patersonia occidentalis*).

As the season comes to a close, you should also start to notice the white flowers of the weeping peppermint (*Agonis flexuosa*) as the blues start to make way for the white and cream flowers of the Djilba (August-September) season.

NAIDOC Week

Held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, NAIDOC Week is a great opportunity to participate in and engage with our nation's indigenous past.

The theme of this year's NAIDOC Week – 'Heal Country!' – calls for all Australians to seek greater protection of lands, waters, sacred sites and cultural heritage.

Officially opened earlier this month, a new yarning circle at Kalbarri Park in Yanchep will foster deeper community connection and cultural celebration as a place to gather and share stories.

Students from nearby Yanchep Secondary College have worked in partnership with a local indigenous artist to paint six wooden poles that represent the Noongar Six Seasons.

Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said development of the yarning circle was a great opportunity for the City to support the existing cultural practices at this site and provide cultural learning opportunities with the local community.

"The City has worked closely with the community and our Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Group to transform this site into a wonderful meeting place that honours our past," she said.

NAIDOC Week events

NAIDOC Week cooking workshop

Inspired by indigenous ingredients and flavours to create delicious favourites with a modern twist. Lemon myrtle and wattle seed will be the stars of the show!

Monday 5 July / 10am-2pm
Pearsall Hocking Community Centre
Ages 12-18

NAIDOC Week art masterclass with Aboriginal artist Rhys Paddick

Perth-based artist Rhys Paddick will teach all about Aboriginal art and their stories. Explore the techniques and symbols, and create your own inspired art pieces.

Tuesday 6 July / 9am-12pm
Koondoola Community Centre
Ages 9-11

Noongar language workshop

Part of a series of six workshops themed around the Noongar Six Seasons, this workshop is themed around Makuru and incorporates conversational phrases for participants to use with the wider community.

Wednesday 7 July / 10am
Wanneroo Civic Centre
All ages



Creature weaving workshops with Sharyn Egan

Pop across to your local library for a free creature-weaving workshop with local Aboriginal Elder Sharyn Egan.

Learn about the special significance of totems in Aboriginal culture, then let the totem story inspire you to use simple binding and wrapping techniques to make a creature to keep. Ages 7+.

Wednesday 7 July / 10am to 11.30am
Wanneroo Library

Wednesday 7 July / 1pm to 2.30pm
Girrawheen Library

Friday 9 July / 10am to 11am
Wanneroo Civic Centre

Friday 9 July / 11.30am to 1pm
Wanneroo Gallery

NAIDOC flag raising ceremony

Join us for a traditional Welcome to Country and Flag Raising Ceremony as we recognise NAIDOC Week and the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The ceremony will start with a Welcome to Country before a flag raising ceremony led by Mayor Tracey Roberts and members of the community.

After the ceremony, you are invited to join us in the Banksia Rooms for morning tea. All members of the community are welcome to attend this free event

Friday 9 July / 9am to 10am
Jacaranda Amphitheatre, Wanneroo Civic Centre, 23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo

All events are free, for more information or to book your place, please visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/naidocweek



Five minutes with... Youth Program Officer Sophia

What's Happening sat down with Sophia, one of our passionate Youth Program Officers, to chat about her important role in making sure there are plenty of programs and events in place to help with the development of local young people.

What sort of things does a Youth Program Officer do?

We split our time between the office and being out in the community, at one of the four youth centres or the City's skate parks.

Day-to-day, we plan activities and games at the youth centres, run school holiday activities and excursions, and represent the City at community events.

Our aim is to engage with young people and empower them, through positive role modelling and the delivery of activities that increase their social and emotional development.

Why is your role so important in the community?

As Youth Program Officers, we are out in the community a lot.

As our presence grows, so does our ability to make an impact on young people and

be the connection between them, and the support that their community and local government can provide.

We are a conduit: people who young people can trust to give them a choice and be a part of decision-making that directly affects them.

To be able to give young people the opportunity to feel safe and heard at the youth centres is an enormous privilege.



What are some of the most rewarding parts about being a Youth Program Officer?

I'd be lying if I said it wasn't when young people remember your name, or say hello to you at the skate park, or even just say thank you, because that, for sure, feels rewarding.

The fact that we have young people attending the centres and talking to us is everything.

To know you have contributed to a space that they come to and feel safe in is very rewarding.

What are some of the most challenging aspects of your role?

Having to balance priorities at the Centres. Some days the young people are very excited and energetic, so just making sure they stay safe, along with the other users of the Centre and our skate parks.



Youth Centre drop-in sessions

Free weekly drop-in sessions for young people.

Clarkson

Wednesdays and Fridays
3.30pm-6.30pm
Thursdays / 4pm-7.30pm

Hainsworth

Tuesdays (years 5-7 only)
Thursdays and Fridays
3.30pm-6.30pm

Wanneroo

Wednesdays, Thursdays,
Fridays / 3.30pm-6.30pm

Yanchep

Tuesdays (years 5-7 only)
Wednesdays, Thursdays
3pm-5.30pm



Youth Program Officer Sophia.



North Coast Ward Councillor Natalie Sangalli with students at this year's Youth Leadership Forum.

Young people take the lead

Local young people are driving positive change in their schools and communities, as part of the City of Wanneroo's School Leadership Program.

Eighty-three students from nine local schools attended leadership forums earlier this year, and are now in the midst of bringing various community action plans to fruition. The program helps young people discover their leadership style, encourages teamwork and provides the skills to help set and achieve goals.

"It is fantastic to have so many enthusiastic, dedicated young

people participate in our School Leadership Program," Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said.

"Our forums are about empowering the next generation of creative and vibrant community champions to develop solutions to local issues.

"Participants are encouraged to draw upon what inspires them, to be imaginative and future thinking. I am really looking forward to seeing their projects."

For more information, please visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/cowyouth or email youth.services@wanneroo.wa.gov.au

Hip hip hooray: Celebrate the 50th anniversary of an Aussie icon at Wanneroo Gallery

National Museum of Australia's popular travelling exhibition, Happy Birthday Play School, is currently exhibiting at Wanneroo Gallery until Saturday 14 August – and you are invited to come inside and say hello!

Featuring all your favourites, like Big Ted, Little Ted, Humpty and Jemima, this free exhibition is only making one pitstop in the Perth metropolitan area, before it departs to Geraldton for the final leg of its tour.

See your favourite characters as you travel through time via historical props from the iconic children's show, including the original windows, the rocket clock and the flower clock.

National Museum of Australia Senior Curator Sophie Jensen attributed the show's ongoing success to the team in front of and behind the camera.

"Adults and children across the country enjoy the program each day -



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picking favourite toys and presenters, choosing which window to go through, telling the time on the Play School clock, making craft, listening to stories, dancing, singing along and generally having fun," she said.

"Inevitably, the key reason for this success lies with the team of people who work in front of the camera and behind the scenes, putting the program together."

Q&A with Play School presenter Benita Collings

Benita Collings is one of Play School's longest-serving presenters, having appeared on the show for 30 years, recording the highest number of episodes of any presenter – a staggering 401!

Benita's journey as an actress first began in theatre, before making the move to film and television.

What's Happening recently caught up with Benita to talk about all things Play School, from her most memorable moments on the show to seeing the Happy Birthday Play School exhibition tour the country.

When did you first start out as a Play School presenter and how did that opportunity come about?

In the mid 1960s I auditioned for Play School and failed my first audition, which was very funny looking back on it (laughs). I'll admit very naughtily I didn't know my script 100 per cent. As an actress that's a no-no, you just don't do that.

Anyway, the second time, two years later they (the ABC) asked if I would like to audition again. I had really boned up on how Play School operated because it's a very different kettle of fish – you talk to the camera as though it's a 'child'.

That's what the kids get, the feeling that you are talking to them. It makes a hell of a difference, that one-on-one thing. Of course, when they offered it to me again I knew my script, I was on the ball. I passed and the rest is history, as they say.

Did you ever believe Play School would become as big as it is today?

No, I had no clue. I don't think anybody thought that it would go on like it has. For me, it was just another job.

Play School could only make 45 new episodes each year, spread between five couples as we were back then.

This meant you only worked on it 10 days a year, the rest were repeats. So all of us were actors off doing all sorts of other things, you know, doing film, television, plays, whatever it was. So, it wasn't a thing that took over your life at all.

You've been a part of the show for quite a long time, spanning 30 years - did you ever have any interesting or unusual experiences during your time on the show?

One of the funniest ones was 'pets day' every Wednesday, and invariably we had some live animal of some kind – it could've been birds in a cage, a rabbit – anyway this particular day it was a baby goat, a kid.

It was sitting on my lap and I'm saying, "Can you see its eyes? And this is its ears" and I suddenly felt this wet warmth and I thought "Oh my goodness! I think he's a bit scared, he's just wet himself".

I could see out of my peripheral vision the crew were falling about, they thought it was hysterically funny.

They didn't stop recording, they kept going and then at the end of it when we said, "Goodbye it's time for us to go", I said, "Yeah and I'll just go and change my clothes."

You filmed the most episodes out of any presenter, do you have a favourite episode?

I don't have a favourite episode, I enjoyed all of them. Whoever wrote them wrote delightful episodes. I never got a script and said, "This is awful, I don't want to do it." They were all terrific!



Benita Collings.



Collings with fellow Play School host John Waters.

How did you find working with the other presenters?

It was great! Each one was very different. John Hamblin was wickedly funny and John Waters was lovely and had a beautiful singing voice.

Philip Quast was a very tall man with this amazing singing voice. All of them were different and I didn't ever think, "Oh my gosh, I'm working with so and so today", it was always, "Oh good I'm working with Philip, oh good it's John."

How has it felt to see Play School transition over the different eras?

When we [first] got the rocket clock, that was exciting and new. Over the years there have been some changes, but they've all been subtle and part of Play School. It's just going with the times and what is happening in the world.

So they haven't been left behind from that point of view. I think it's done well and will continue to do well.

Did you ever get to keep anything from Play School?

Somebody many years ago for my birthday gave me a bear, it was a replica of Big Ted, and he's wearing a shirt with Play School written on it.

From then on, people started giving me bears for my birthday, so I now have quite a few bears of varying sizes and shapes.

Do you ever get recognised out in public?

I'm aware people grew up with me and sometimes you see people looking at you and that's okay because it's part of my life. I'm delighted that I was part of it, because I think it's a very good show for kids, for pre-schoolers.

I enjoyed my time on Play School and it has absolutely stood the test of time.

How did you feel when you heard that Play School was turning 50?

I thought it was terrific that they [National Museum of Australia and ABC] were doing it. The exhibition is wonderful, and I'm delighted it's [still] on the road. I have been to [see the exhibition in] Melbourne, Sydney and up the NSW coast.



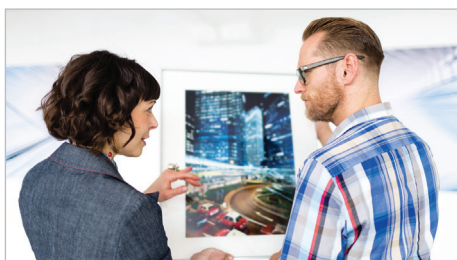
Happy Birthday Play School: Celebrating 50 Years

Now showing at Wanneroo Gallery from 10am-4pm, Wednesday to Saturday, until 14 August. For more information, visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/playschool
Brought to you by the National Museum of Australia, in collaboration with the ABC.

FREE



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



Tips and tools for artists

The ArtsTNT series of free talks provides professional development for artists looking to move from amateur to professional, covering everything from marketing and web design to social media and more.

How to create an engaging and successful social media presence for your arts practice with Cindy Lane

Find your audience, build your brand, and strengthen your following across social media channels.

Thursday 8 July / 6pm-7.30pm
Free, bookings now open

How to compose a professional artist's CV with Jana Braddock

Often the first point of contact with your arts practice is your CV and biography. In this talk, advance your skills in writing your CV.

Thursday 22 July / 6pm-7.30pm
Free, bookings now open

How to photograph your artwork with Chris Kershaw

Good professional photographs of your artwork will serve you well in every instance.

Thursday 5 August / 6pm-7.30pm
Free, bookings open 8 July

How to get the best bang for your buck with art supplies with Cindy Lane

Knowing when it is OK to use artist, student or supermarket quality art supplies, and the best places to source them.

Thursday 19 August / 6pm-7.30pm
Free, bookings open 22 July

How to produce a professional website for your arts practice with Jana Braddock

Your website is your selling point for you as an artist and your artwork. It needs to be simple, fresh, interesting and up-to-date.

Thursday 2 September
6pm- 7.30pm
Free, bookings open 5 August

All talks are held in the Conference Room at the Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre.

Bookings are essential, for more information visit hmawanneroo.eventbrite.com.au

FREE



LIBRARIES



Get back to nature these school holidays

FREE

Calling all bright-eyed, bushy-tailed adventurers!

It's time to get back to nature with the City of Wanneroo's Nature Passport!

Developed in partnership with Nature Play WA, the Nature Passport activity booklet is your one-stop shop for nature playgrounds, green open spaces, wetlands and other nature-rich locations in the City of Wanneroo.

Each passport is packed with interactive activities for children of all ages and families to enjoy, including an activity map, a list of 15 'things to do', stickers and a nature safari section.

So if your little explorers or adventurers are looking for fun and games to stir their imagination these school holidays, hightail it to your local library to pick up a copy - but you'd better get in quick, because physical copies of the passport are limited!

Or, you can download a digital version to your tablet or smartphone by visiting wanneroo.wa.gov.au/naturepassport

Children's Book Week 21 to 27 August

The theme for Children's Book Week this year is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds' – and where better to explore imaginary worlds but your local library?

Book a session with our virtual reality headset and immerse yourself in the virtual world of Tilt Brush where you can draw your own character or setting.

Free at various locations beginning Monday 23 August 2021.

www.cbca.org.au/cbca-book-week

FREE



Would you like to improve your English?

FREE

Come along to a fun and friendly conversation group at your local City of Wanneroo library, to chat with others about a range of interesting topics – the more you practice, the better you get!

Mondays / 9.30am-11am, Wanneroo

Thursdays / 9.30am-11am, Girrawheen

Fridays / 9.30am-11am, Clarkson

Free, bookings essential.

Wonder out yonder... with Google Earth!



Would you like to see Kilimanjaro or Karijini National Park? Discover how to use Google Earth to travel virtually to these magnificent places in these interactive sessions.

Google Earth is just one of the topics on the Be Connected learning platform. Bring your own device or borrow a library iPad or laptop.

Tuesday 20 July / 1.30pm-2.30pm
Girrawheen Library

Tuesday 27 July / 1.30pm-2.30pm
Wanneroo Library

Tuesday 3 August / 1.30pm-2.30pm
Clarkson Library

Free, bookings essential.

FREE

Book all libraries events online at wanneroolibraries.eventbrite.com.au



Extended opening hours

Wanneroo and Clarkson libraries have extended their opening hours on Saturdays. You can now linger longer into the afternoon, with Saturday opening hours from 9am-5pm.

wanneroo.wa.gov.au/openinghours



Great gut feelings during National Science Week

FREE

A healthy gut is a happy gut. This National Science Week, we're exploring the ways in which the microbiome – the rich ecosystem of microorganisms that live inside the human body – can improve our health and mood, or cause all kinds of unfortunate issues.

ECU School of Medical and Health Sciences PhD candidates Tina Yan and Jo Rees are experts in the interaction between nutrition and the microbiome.

In these special presentations, they will reveal the ways in which the food we eat can cultivate the microbiome for the benefit of our own health and happiness.

Saturday 14 August / 10.30am-11.30am
Clarkson Library

Tuesday 17 August / 6pm-7pm
Wanneroo Library

Wednesday 18 August / 12pm-1pm
Girrawheen Library

Free, bookings essential for each event.





Gemma and her three daughters, Zoe, Emilie and Alice at Wanneroo Aquamotion

Early start builds pool skills and confidence

From tots to teens and beyond, Wanneroo Aquamotion's award-winning swim school program offers families a wide range of swimming programs that build pool skills and confidence in and around the water.

Get your children used to the water and develop instinctive skills through songs and games, then progress through to swimming strokes and survival skills, rescues and resuscitation.

There are currently openings available in programs including:

- Aquababies (6 months to 2.5 years)
- Tadpoles/Toddlers (2.5 to 3 years)

- Frogs (3 to 5 years)
- School aged (5+ years)
- Junior Lifeguard Club (8+ years)

Local mum Gemma Thompson enrolled her three daughters Zoe (9), Emilie (7) and Alice (4) in the Aquababies program as early as she could to make them water ready, and they have progressed up through each program.

"I had a bit of a scare when I was young; someone jumped on top of me in a pool so I didn't learn to swim until I was about nine. I was terrified of the water," she said. "I didn't want my girls to have a fear of water or not know what to do in



Wanneroo Aquamotion makes a splash

Did you know that Wanneroo Aquamotion recently earned Gold waterwise status at the 2021 Water Corporation Waterwise Awards?

The accolade recognises the facility's commitment to effectively and responsibly managing its water use.

What a 'waterful' achievement!

the water. I wanted them to learn water safety.

"I wanted that peace of mind that if they do go in the water and for some reason they are out of my sight, I need to know that they are going to be able to get out. "The girls love it, it's good for fitness and they have made a lot of friends."

Enrol in a Swim School program and enjoy unlimited pool access outside of lesson times.

For more information or to enrol, email swimschool@wanneroo.wa.gov.au call 9405 5999 or visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/aquamotionswimschool

Funding for local community groups and events

The City of Wanneroo Community Funding Program offers small to large grants up to \$5,000 throughout the year to support local activities, projects and events that benefit the wider City of Wanneroo community.

For more information and to apply, please visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/communityfunding

For grant requests up to \$5,000, applications with one or more of the following focus areas are invited:

- Celebrates diversity
- Encourages community members to engage positively with our environment

- Showcases the City of Wanneroo's unique history
- Increases participation of disadvantaged or vulnerable community members
- Increases digital literacy through learning opportunities
- Educates the community on sustainability and waste management
- Celebrates the City of Wanneroo's distinctive places and areas of interest
- Improves the health and wellbeing of our community

- Increases connection and understanding across different ages, cultures and abilities in our community.



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School



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

For all ages, free entry

26 May to 14 August 2021

On show at Wanneroo Gallery, Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre, 3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo.
Wednesday to Saturday 10am-4pm wanneroo.wa.gov.au/playschool



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