

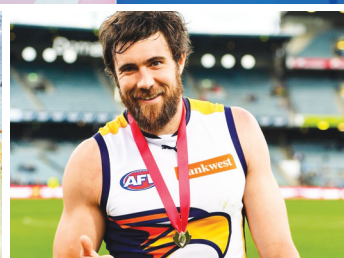
# What's Happening

## 2020/21 *summer events*

Explore our new-look event season.  
Summer Sideshows, Fresh Finds  
Markets, Pictures in the Park  
and Local Vocals. Pages 8-9

FREE

NO  
TICKETS  
REQUIRED







## Mayor's Message

Welcome to the summer 2020 edition of *What's Happening* magazine.

Our local community has faced many challenges this year. Often, extraordinary times bring out the best in people and I have seen first-hand the strength and resilience of our caring community in recent times.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has opened their hearts and donated generously to the Mayor's Christmas Appeal this festive season.

The Appeal has been operating since 2000 and I am always heartened by the overwhelming kindness of our community at this time of year.



A part of our work on the COVID-19 road to recovery is our commitment to capital works that will stimulate the local economy and ensure the prosperity of our community long into the future.

This investment in capital works comes in many forms; from a suite of projects that will host grassroots sports, to improving our road network and

maintaining the neighbourhood assets near you, such as parks and playgrounds.

I would also like to thank the Federal Government, who recently approved \$1.97m in funding for City of Wanneroo projects via its Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program.

This will finance important upgrades to community facilities, from playground upgrades and new beach access mats at Yanchep Lagoon, to tree planting in various locations across the city. This funding in addition to grants and contributions from the State Government will aid us on the road to recovery.

You can read about what's happening in your neighbourhood on pages five, six and seven, or by visiting [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/councilprojects](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/councilprojects)

There is a lot of fun to be had across the City of Wanneroo this summer, including our new-look event season which will this year focus on smaller, community-focused events.

The local markets will commence on Saturday 13 December at the Wanneroo Showgrounds. Our new season of free summer events continues until next March, and will visit 12 local parks and reserves across the City.

You can find out more by reading our cover feature on pages eight and nine, or by visiting [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/eventseason](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/eventseason)

I would like to take this opportunity to reinforce the point of staying safe this summer whilst at the beach.

Before you head out, make sure you are aware of the risks and are armed



(BEN) sign at Clayton's Beach, Mindarie.

with all necessary items to protect yourself from the sun and the ocean. Also, when you arrive, take a moment to familiarise yourself with the new Beach Emergency Number (BEN) signs stationed along our coastline.

Each BEN sign has a unique code to help emergency services quickly identify beach locations in the event of a medical emergency or shark sighting.

For beach patrol days and times at your local beach, head to [mybeach.com.au](http://mybeach.com.au)

Whether you are spending the holidays here at home or travelling our great state, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Council and all City staff to wish our residents a safe, festive season and a happy enjoyable 2021.

**Mayor Tracey Roberts JP**

## Upcoming closures

The Wanneroo Civic Centre will close early on Friday 18 December at 1pm.

It will also be closed Christmas Day (Friday 25 December), Monday 28 December and New Year's Day (Friday 1 January), with normal hours resuming Monday 4 January 2021.

For all Christmas closures, please visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/contactus](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/contactus)



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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.





Return-it-Clarkson.



## Hook, line and sinker: New bins keep coast clear of clutter

Four new bins located at popular fishing spots in Quinns Rocks and Mindarie aim to reduce the amount of waste entering our oceans and harming our wildlife.

Mindarie resident and volunteer Tanya Henkel said she got in touch with the City of Wanneroo after seeing a similar initiative lead to positive change in other coastal areas in WA.

"I'm really thrilled, this is a very positive step for the City of Wanneroo," she said. "Hopefully it will make people think and lead local fishers to do the right thing by binning their litter."

"Hooks and other fishing equipment can entangle or be ingested by birds, like pelicans, cormorants and seagulls. They are also a risk to marine animals, like the dolphins that are often spotted in the marina."

So next time you are casting a line off the coast, keep your eyes peeled for the lime green 'Reel It In' bins stationed around Quinns Rocks and Mindarie when disposing of your hooks, bait bags and other fishing debris.



Newly installed bins.

## Containers for change comes to Wanneroo

Did you know we use over 10,000 drink containers across WA every four minutes? Or that 44 per cent of litter thrown out can be recycled?

Residents across the City of Wanneroo can now cash-in their containers for 10 cents a pop.

The State Government-led Containers for Change scheme kicked off at the start of October, with the City of Wanneroo playing host to ten refund points.

"This is a great opportunity for local residents to get involved and help reduce the amount of recyclable material going to landfill," Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said.

"The City of Wanneroo is proud to support this exciting State Government initiative and encourages residents to get involved."

For more information, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/CFCWanneroo](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/CFCWanneroo)

### Refund depots

- **Return-it-Clarkson**  
23-25 Caloundra Road, Clarkson
- **Scouts WA Recycling Wangara**  
29 Dellamarta Road, Wangara
- **Super Collector Wanneroo**, Unit 8,  
1387 Wanneroo Road, Wanneroo
- **The Refund Depot**  
128 Furniss Road, Landsdale

### Bag drop locations

- **Roundabout Recycling**  
Wanneroo Sports and Social Club,  
22 Crisafulli Avenue, Wanneroo
- **Yanchep Community Men's Shed**  
2 Bracknell Road, Yanchep
- **U Can Recycle**  
40 Green Park Rd, Alexander Heights
- **Super Collector**  
8 Butler Boulevard, Butler and  
Unit 12, 1387 Wanneroo Rd, Wanneroo

### Pop-up

- **Recycling Waste Solutions**  
20 Burbridge Way, Koondoola  
(Wednesdays only)
- **Bellport Park, Mindarie** (Monday only)

## Community Waste Drop-off Weekend

**Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 February 2021**

8am-4pm, Ashby Operations Centre (north entrance),  
1204 Wanneroo Road, Ashby

**FREE**

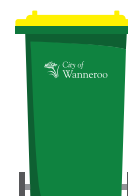


## Changes to waste collection schedule

Bin collections scheduled for Christmas Day (Friday 25 December) and New Year's Day (Friday 1 January) will instead be collected the following day. Usual bin collection days will resume from Monday 4 January.

Bins will be collected as normal on the Australia Day public holiday (Tuesday 26 January).

For more information, please visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/wasteandrecycling](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/wasteandrecycling)





## More 2020/21 budget highlights

**\$1.7 million**

Foreshore management and coastal protection

**\$332,000**

Accessibility improvements to City of Wanneroo community and youth centres

**\$240,000**

New CCTV networks and supporting infrastructure

**\$240,000**

Environmental rehabilitation of parks and reserves

**\$980,000**

Preliminary earthworks to Neerabup Industrial Area

**\$650,000**

Design and procurement of new \$7.3 million Landsdale library

**\$110,000**

Play equipment renewal at Belvoir Park, Darch

**\$145,000**

Play equipment and shade sail renewal at Windjammer Park, Jindalee

**\$136,000**

Provision of youth centre and outreach services

**4300**

Ranger requests for community safety assistance (July-Oct 2020)

**2442**

Attendees at youth centre outreach sessions (July-Sept 2020)

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



Members of the Koondoola Community Centre, Koondoola.

## New guidelines widen community funding criteria

Do you have a great idea for a project or event? The City of Wanneroo has made some changes to the provision of funds through its Community Funding Program, and is keen to hear from local community groups and organisations who could benefit from financial assistance.

Open all year round, the funding streams support one-off activities and projects through to significant celebration events held over a few years.

The enhanced funding program encourages people to align their ideas with the City's commitment to building healthy, safe, vibrant and connected communities.

The four funding streams include:

### Service provision

Enabling essential programs and initiatives to continue or expand that support vulnerable community members across the City in response to COVID-19.

### Connecting communities

Supporting activities, projects and events that celebrate our unique community and build positive connections through physical, mental and social wellbeing activities.

### Expert advice for groups and clubs

Custom support packages delivered by a specialist consultant to help build the skills of a leadership group or committee in response to COVID-19.

### Placemaking

Low-risk, low-cost projects led by community members to transform local environments into vibrant, safe, accessible spaces.

For more information, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/communityfunding](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/communityfunding)

## Community Response and Recovery Fund

For anyone seeking financial support or relief during times of emergency, the City has created a Community Response and Recovery fund open to businesses and local residents.

Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said the new fund would provide crucial short term, immediate relief packages and longer-term support options for community groups and organisations.

"Despite recent challenges, the resilience of our residents, local businesses and community groups, and care for one another, has been outstanding," Mayor Roberts said.

"Throughout this challenging time, the City has stood side-by-side with our local community to provide vital support and services to those in need."

Dynamic Flame Badminton Club President Anita Diep said the fund was already making a tangible difference for her club, which was significantly affected by the pandemic.

"We were very happy that our club was given permission by the City to resume badminton at Kingsway Indoor Stadium, however many players didn't return due to concerns about the virus," Ms Diep said. "We are still missing some of our older generation players."

"The reduction in playing numbers led to reduced income; we couldn't meet the costs required for coaching and court hire and had to dig into our cash reserves.

"The City's funding will allow our club to deepen its connection with the local community and continue to enrich lives."

For more information, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/wanneroofunding](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/wanneroofunding)



# South Ward update

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



## Southern Suburbs Library, Landsdale

As part of the State Government's WA Recovery Plan, \$3 million in funding earmarked for a youth centre in Madeley has been allocated to the construction of a Youth Innovation Hub at the City of Wanneroo's new library in Landsdale.

Minister for Sport and Recreation Mick Murray MLA confirmed the news, citing the status of the library project and the likely community benefit of the youth innovation hub as the reasoning behind the decision.

Design for the new library and Youth Innovation Hub - which will be situated at Broadview Park in Landsdale - is earmarked for the 2021/22 financial year with construction the following year.

"This funding will help broaden of the scope of our southern suburbs library project," Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said.

"I'd like to thank the State Government for its contribution, and I am looking forward to seeing how this project continues to take shape in the coming months."



## Intersection upgrades, Marangaroo

The intersection of Mirrabooka Avenue and Rawlinson Drive in Marangaroo will be upgraded early next year, as the City of Wanneroo continues its work with Main Roads WA's Black Spot grants program.

The installation of pre-deflections at the north and south entrances to the roundabout are intended to encourage approaching vehicles to reduce their speed, and reduce the likelihood and severity of traffic accidents.

Pedestrian safety will also be improved by the relocation of the existing crossings further north and south of the intersection.

Construction on the \$898,000 project is expected to commence in February 2021 and will be completed by early May 2021.

The project is entirely funded via a grant from the State Government's Black Spot Grants Program.

## Landsdale Skate Park, Landsdale

Keen skaters in our southern suburbs have been hard at work practicing their ollies and kickflips, following the opening a new skate park at Warradale Park on Warradale Terrace in Landsdale.

The new park is already a big hit with the locals both young and old, who were carving up the 'gnarly' ramps on their scooters and skateboards during the official opening in October. Landsdale resident Melissa said her two daughters, Kayla (11) and Emily (7), were regulars at the new park.

"Having a skate park so close has made a huge difference to their confidence," she said. "They are here after school most days - and sometimes before school!"

Fellow Landsdale resident Cameron said the park provided his daughter Fleur (5) with a great way to socialise with other children her age.

"We went out and bought a scooter right after the park was put in," he said. "We will walk the dogs and Fleur will bring her scooter along. She's taking big steps and improving all the time."

The City of Wanneroo would like to thank Lotterywest for the contribution of \$200,000 towards the development of this \$670,000 project.



Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts with Deputy Mayor Cvitan and Councillors Zappa and Treby at the Landsdale Skate Park.



# Central Ward update

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

Cr Cvitan JP  
Deputy Mayor

Cr Huntley

Cr Miles

Cr Netwon JP



## Hinckley Park, Hocking

Hinckley Park - located between Hinckley Parkway and Copenhagen Drive in Hocking - will play host to a range of new amenities in the coming months, with construction on the proposed passive park starting soon.

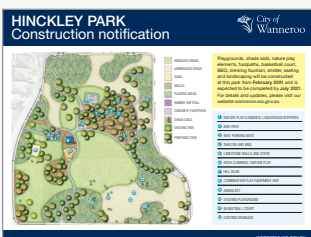
The space, which previously possessed little vegetation or tree canopy, will soon feature new nature play areas, a traditional playspace with slide and swings, a 3-on-3 basketball court and children's bike skills track.

A sheltered barbecue and picnic setting complemented by native trees, shrubs and grass will afford the area a welcoming and relaxed vibe for local families.

Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said the design was heavily influenced by extensive consultation with the community.

"The City of Wanneroo is committed to creating local spaces that encourage community wellbeing and active, healthy lifestyles," she said.

Construction of the park is expected to begin in February 2021 with completion scheduled for June 2021.



## Park assets renewal

More than \$600,000 is being spent on sprucing up parks and playgrounds in the Central Ward before the end of December.

Edgar Griffiths Park (Wanneroo), Staunton Park and Houghton Park (both Carramar), Waldburg Park and Pat Scarfo Park (both Tapping) and Gungurru Park (Hocking) will be fitted with new play equipment, shade sails and rubber or sand softfall, as part of the City of Wanneroo's ongoing Parks Asset Renewal Program.

New security lighting is planned for San Teodoro Park (Sinagra), while renovations to a further three parks - Donnelly Park (Wanneroo), Chesterfield Park and Frederick Duffy Park (both Hocking) - are also slated to happen this financial year, after design and community consultation has occurred.



Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts and Deputy Mayor Frank Cvitan with Wanneroo RSL President Jack Le Cras OAM and Central Ward Councillors Huntley and Newton.

## Wanneroo Community Centre, Wanneroo

A new clubroom lease agreement with the City of Wanneroo has secured Wanneroo RSL's long-term home.

Wanneroo RSL President Jack Le Cras OAM recently welcomed Mayor Tracey Roberts and Councillors Cvitan, Huntley and Newton to the new premises, located on the ground floor of Wanneroo Community Centre.

The 122sqm floorspace includes offices, meeting areas and ample space to display Wanneroo RSL's significant collection of military artefacts.

"The City is delighted to help secure a permanent home for Wanneroo RSL," Mayor Roberts said. "The new clubrooms

are in the ideal location, with Memorial Park situated just outside.

"The City is working with local schools who visit our nearby Wanneroo Regional Museum to link them with the RSL and its fascinating display of military history, allowing young people to explore Australia's participation in conflicts throughout the decades.

"The new clubrooms are 12 times the size of our previous offices," said President Jack Le Cras OAM.

"The new, larger premises will allow us to engage more readily with our members and will provide a place for the community, including young people, to explore our nation's military history and learn veterans' stories."



# North Coast Ward update

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



Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts is joined by Member for Pearce Christian Porter MP, Member for Butler John Quigley MLA and North Coast Ward Crs Natalie Sangalli and Lewis Flood at the site of Halesworth Park.

## Game on: Investment in grassroots sports great for local families

Grassroots sports across the City of Wanneroo's North Coast Ward will be going great guns in the coming months, as work on two high profile projects moves forward at a rapid rate of knots.

Construction work on a new \$1.4 million sports amenities building at Leatherback Park in Alkimos will conclude by the end of the year, which is great news for the Brighton Seahawks, who will be moving into the facility before their 2021 season kicks off.

"Our club has grown in number considerably over recent years," Brighton Seahawks JFC President Brendon Sharp said. "We have introduced girl's football teams to the area with one of our first year girl's teams winning the club's second premiership.

"With the club continuing to grow, these new facilities will help attract more participation with better storage, canteen and change room facilities on game days."

The new facility will feature a multi-purpose room, two change rooms, kiosk, first-aid room, umpire room and public toilets.

Meanwhile, over in Butler, construction continues on a suite of new facilities at Halesworth Park.

Nearly \$11 million has been allocated this financial year for major construction works, including two floodlit multipurpose turf playing ovals, 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 childrens' play area.

Work will be delivered in stages, with the southern oval scheduled for completion later this month, and the northern oval slated for March next year, to coincide with the start of term two.

Both sports amenities buildings are on track for completion by July 2021, with the surrounding infrastructure to follow by September 2022.

Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said both projects were part of a broader, long-term investment in grassroots sports across the City of Wanneroo's fast-growing northern corridor.

"Leatherback Park and Halesworth Park will follow hot on the heels of other major capital works projects designed to support grassroots sports and clubs, such as opening new clubrooms at Belhaven Park in Quinns Rocks earlier this year, and plans to extend the footy oval at Abbeville Park in Mindarie to include a full-size soccer pitch."

The wheels are also turning on upgrades to existing sports facilities at Gumblossom Park in Quinns Rocks, with new batting cage lighting and upgraded baseball facilities and field earmarked for this financial year.

For Halesworth Park, the City of Wanneroo has received commitments of \$5 million from the Federal Government and \$2 million from the State Government's Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries towards completion of the project, as well as contributions of \$1.2 million and \$980,000 from LWP Property Group and the Department of Education respectively.

For more information on capital works, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/councilprojects](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/councilprojects)

Cr Aitken



Cr Baker



Cr Coetzee



Cr Flood



Cr Sangalli



## Alkimos pool update

Development of the Alkimos Aquatic and Recreation Centre has taken another step forward, with Wanneroo Council resolving to begin negotiations on a preferred site at its meeting in September.

The preferred Alkimos Central site will have easy access for the general public through the planned METRONET Alkimos train and bus stations, and via the Mitchell Freeway extension.

Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said the new centre would be ideally placed to meet increased demand and provide greater convenience for residents of the northern coastal suburbs.

"The community in Alkimos is one of the largest and fastest growing areas in Australia," Mayor Roberts said.

"The construction of the centre will help our northern corridor thrive by bringing significant social and economic benefits to the area.

"With proximity to the planned METRONET Alkimos train and bus stations, which will bring vital transport links to the area, the aquatic centre will become part of an active hub, with vibrant and dynamic spaces for residents and visitors.

There will be opportunity for the community to provide feedback during the planning phases for this facility. For more information, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/yoursay](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/yoursay)





From sunset cinema screenings to carnival rides, local markets and community concerts, there is so much to see and do during City of Wanneroo's new-look events season.



# 2020/21 summer events

NO  
TICKETS  
REQUIRED



## Eat and shop local at the Fresh Finds Markets

FREE

Head on down to one of three community markets to peruse stalls from home-grown market gardens and small businesses.

From local fruit and vegetables to gifts, knick-knacks and crafts, these 'market meets' are all about foregrounding local produce and products sourced and sold by local people.

Plus, bring the kids along to enjoy children's entertainment, live music and food trucks serving up delectable street food.

For more information on vendors, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/eventseason](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/eventseason)

**Saturday 13 December**  
1pm-5pm  
Wanneroo Showgrounds,  
Wanneroo

**Saturday 30 January**  
4pm-8.30pm  
Kingsway Regional  
Sporting Complex, Madeley

**Saturday 20 February**  
4pm-8.30pm  
Old Nursery Park,  
7 Yanchep Beach Road,  
Yanchep



## All singing, all dancing: Local Vocals brings songs to the suburbs

FREE

Live music plus food trucks and family fun equals good times, guaranteed.

Our Local Vocals series of community concerts will provide local artists and acts with a platform to perform, starting with a holiday-themed Christmas concert in Girrawheen later this month.

Headline act Emmanuel Christian Community School choir will perform alongside the Christmas Wishes Trio, while children's activities, roving entertainment and food trucks round out a festive family night-out.

Then, in January, Kingsbridge Park in Butler will serve as the stage for Perth band Switch, and then in March, Banksia Grove's



Peridot Park will be getting into the groove in a soulful night filled with the smooth sounds of jazz.

More information on these upcoming events can be found at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/eventseason](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/eventseason)

### Local Vocals Girrawheen - Christmas concert

Saturday 19 December / 5pm-8pm  
Hainsworth Park, Girrawheen

### Local Vocals Butler - Family pop concert

Saturday 16 January / 5pm-8pm  
Kingsbridge Park, Butler

### Local Vocals Banksia Grove - Jazz evening

Saturday 6 March / 5pm-8pm  
Peridot Park, Banksia Grove







## Lights, camera, action: Pictures in the Park playing near you

**FREE**

What says Australian summer like settling 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 screenings.

A labour of love kicks things off with a special Valentine's Day screening of Richard Curtis' rom-com, *About Time* at Bembridge Park in Hocking.

Bring your bae and snuggle up with this quirky British comedy.

Clarkson's Riverlinks Park will play host to the madcap medieval quest that is Disney Pixar's family-favourite *Onward* on 13 March, while heartwarming comedy/drama *The Hundred-Foot Journey* will delight Koondoola Park the following week.

Food and coffee will be available for purchase on the night, with children's entertainment beforehand.



There's no need to book ahead - just pop down with your picnic basket and pillows.

Head to [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/eventseason](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/eventseason) for more information.

**About Time** (2013, M)

Saturday 13 February / 6pm-9.30pm  
Bembridge Park, Hocking

**Onward** (2020, PG)

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

**The Hundred-Foot Journey** (2014, PG)

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

All films will commence at sundown.



## All the fun of the fair: Summer Sideshowes

**FREE**

This summer, City of Wanneroo is bringing the fête to your front door for free.

Three small-scale, carnival-style afternoons, complete with inflatables and rides, will visit Quinns Rocks, Marangaroo and Wanneroo during January and February.

Think candyfloss, popcorn and corndogs. Think live music, face painting and food trucks.

Experience all the fun of the fair in our Summer Sideshow series, without the hefty entry fees and ticket prices.

For more information, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/eventseason](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/eventseason)

**Sunday 24 January**  
2pm-6pm  
Mintaro Park, Quinns Rocks

**Sunday 7 February**  
2pm-6pm  
Paloma Park, Marangaroo

**Sunday 28 February**  
2pm-6pm  
Scenic Park, Wanneroo





## Memory café initiative an important step for seniors

Once a month, a special morning tea designed to help people living with dementia and memory loss is held at a northern suburb coffee shop, providing a welcoming and informal setting where people can remain socially active and make new friends.

The Reflect and Connect memory café initiative, run in partnership with Jamaica Blue, Ocean Keys Shopping Centre and Alzheimer's WA, was launched earlier this year, and has already received a warm reception from attendees.

Feedback from the first two meetings have been positive, with participants citing the opportunity to meet new people and the café's comfortable setting as appealing aspects of the welcoming initiative.

With the City of Wanneroo's elderly population expected to increase by 80 per cent over the next two decades\*, Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said inclusive initiatives such as the memory



Jamaica Blue owner Alice Ly, Ocean Keys shopping centre marketing manager Giselle Posilero, Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts and Alzheimers WA manager Bev Wheeler.

café were crucial.

"The City of Wanneroo is committed to an age-friendly future that meets the needs of our ageing population," she said.

"It is important that we have an inclusive community and that our seniors are healthy, active and engaged."

For more information on activities and events for seniors, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/seniors](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/seniors)

### Reflect and Connect memory café

Tuesday 29 December / 10am-11am

Tuesday 26 January / 10am-11am

Tuesday 23 February / 10am-11am

Jamaica Blue, Ocean Keys Shopping Centre, no bookings necessary

*\*City of Wanneroo Age-Friendly Strategy 2017/18-2020/21*

FREE

## Brekkie trek: Local eateries serving up some brilliant brunch

It goes without saying that local businesses have been doing it tough these last few months; so, starting here, we want to share some of our favourite spots for a spot of brunch from across the City of Wanneroo.

### Blue Vue Café, Quinns Rocks

80 Ocean Drive, Quinns Rocks

Unspoilt views of the Indian Ocean, walking distance from Quinns Beach and dog friendly; what more can you ask for from a sleepy brunch spot?

Serving up baked goods prepared in-house from local produce. Open daily from 8am.



Blue Vue Café, Quinns Rocks.

### Union Kitchen, Mindarie

33 Ocean Falls Boulevard, Mindarie

Perched on the water's edge, Mindarie Marina's Union Kitchen is a casual catch-up spot offering a mix of European and Mediterranean dishes.

Take a seat in the ample alfresco area and take in the picturesque harbourside setting, while tucking into some of the delicious brunch options - which range from apple pie pancakes and chicken waffles to the classic eggs benny.

Open weekdays from 8am and weekends from 7am.

### Café Elixir, Wanneroo

3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo

Wanneroo's Café Elixir has been serving up some seriously good



Union Kitchen, Mindarie.

spreads since it first opened its doors in 2009.

The brekky wrap - complete with lip-smacking fried egg, crispy bacon, hollandaise sauce and spinach - is as close as it comes to iconic around these parts. Open Tuesday to Sunday.

### Haystack Café, Wangara

1/25 Automotive Drive, Wangara

Balinese brunch? Don't mind if we do. Haystack Café's menu covers everything from classic staples, like the 'big breakfast' and pancake stacks, to signature Indonesian-inspired cuisine, like nasi goreng and Bali satay.

Dogs are also welcome in Haystack's family-friendly alfresco setting. Open Tuesday to Sunday.



Haystack Café, Wangara.



# Block rockin' beats: Award-winning course galvanises Girrawheen Hub

A free, 10-week DJ course run at the Girrawheen Hub has garnered national acclaim for its success in fostering a vibrant and diverse community through arts and culture.

Run in partnership with Off The Wall Promotions, City of Wanneroo's 'Introduction to DJing' course has coached three cohorts of aspiring disc jockeys from novice to virtuoso since its inception in 2017.

Covering everything from music genre theory to marketing and more, Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said the course armed young people with both the practical skills and business acumen to launch a long-term career in the industry. "The Introduction to DJing course equips students with everything they need to get their career off the ground," she said. "It also builds personal confidence and inspires creativity."

A veteran disc jockey of more than 30 years, course facilitator Brandon Chowdhurie from Off The Wall Promotions said the initiative was unlike anything he had previously in Australia.



Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts with the first intake of DJ course participants.

"A lot of courses tend to overlook the teaching of important commercial skills," he said. "Many people learn to DJ, but don't know what to do next. Our course participants have gone on to start their own businesses and made lasting friendships through the course."

"I'm very proud of what we have achieved, working together with the City of Wanneroo. "The course has given participants the opportunity to take the next step and even make a career from doing something they love."

Graduate Brian Farrell said the course had helped him rediscover his passion for music.

"I'd always had an interest in DJing going back to secondary school, but I had lost touch with the technology."

"I was on the City's Facebook page, saw the course advertised and thought I'd sign up. It gave me a great perspective on DJing, as well as business skills including how to set up an ABN and promote my work on social media."

"If it wasn't for Brandon I wouldn't have gotten back in touch with music - I can't be thankful enough for his guidance and support."

"This initiative means so much to me," Mr Chowdhurie said.

"This is so much more than just a DJ course; it's a starting point so many people, that it has become bigger than myself and bigger than the City of Wanneroo."

In August, the initiative won the 2020 National Award for Local Government in the 'Art Animates' category.

The City of Wanneroo will be running another 'Introduction to DJing' course in early 2021. To pre-register your interest, please email [economic@wanneroo.wa.gov.au](mailto:economic@wanneroo.wa.gov.au)



Past graduates have returned to mentor new students.

## Wanneroo Community Directory

Connect with local community groups and find out what's happening across the City. From access to local services and facilities to exploring the experiences and attractions on offer in Wanneroo - from the beach to the bush and beyond.

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

Wanneroo Community Directory

Community Events

Community Facilities

Community Groups



## Plan ahead: Proactive preparedness will protect your pets

From man's best friend to the humble housecat, family pets, animals and livestock can form a big part of our lives - which is why the thought of losing them can be such a painful one.

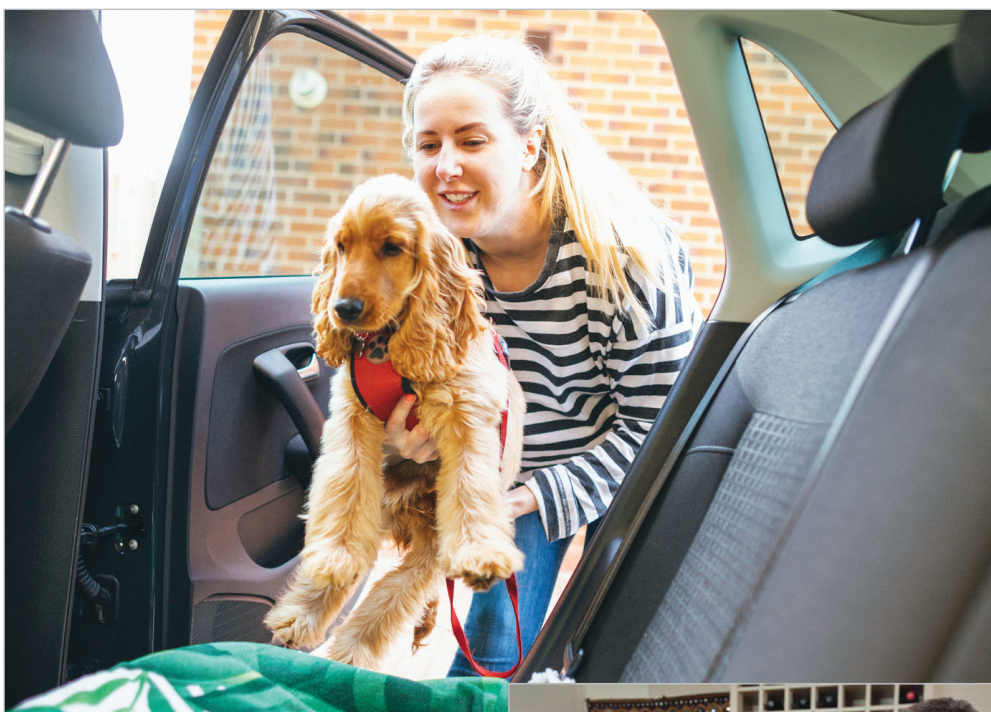
This summer, the City of Wanneroo is encouraging local pet owners and residents with horses and livestock to develop an animal emergency plan, to safeguard against loss of life during a bushfire situation.

The first and most important step is to act early; advance planning for your animal's safety will in turn keep you safe during a potentially stressful and time-sensitive emergency.

City of Wanneroo Chief Bushfire Control Officer Tyron McMahon said there was a range of factors to consider when developing an animal emergency plan, starting with the fact that animals will not be allowed in evacuation centres, with the exception of guide dogs.

"Animals will require a constant source of water, food and shade," Mr McMahon said. "If you are choosing to relocate your animals, give some thought to how you will transport them and where you will board them.

"Have an emergency kit packed and ready that includes items for your pets and animals such as leads, food and water, bedding, identification and copies of vaccination records.



"It is also important to ensure your animal's details are up-to-date; this includes vaccinations, council registration and microchip information."

If you choose to leave pets at home, it is important to ensure they are secure and are not able to run away from home.

"Leave them indoors, if possible," Mr McMahon said. "Keep boundary gates closed to avoid animals running onto potentially busy roads, and place animals in separate rooms with small or no windows, if possible."

"Animals may behave differently during emergency situations, and may become frightened and stressed.

"Therefore, it is crucial to plan ahead and be ready to put your plan into action. A good plan will help you identify triggers to act and will help to keep you, your pets and animals and your household safe."

Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said animals were ultimately the responsibility of their owners.\*

"A key learning from the Yanchep/Two Rocks bushfire last December was the importance of planning for pet and animal welfare in an emergency," she said.



"I urge all our residents to incorporate this facet into their proactive bushfire preparedness plans, in order to ensure our cherished four-legged family members are kept safe during a bushfire."

For more information, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/preparingtogether](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/preparingtogether). Residents can also subscribe to the City of Wanneroo's biannual Emergency Management email newsletter, for updates direct to their inbox.

**\*Note:** The City acknowledges that in emergencies, household emergency plans can become overwhelmed very quickly. The City will continue to work on strategies to assist pet owners during evacuations; however, the ultimate responsibility for the welfare of pets and animals remains with the owner or carer.



## Prohibited burning period in place until April

From 1 December until 31 March, all burning is prohibited including burning garden waste or lighting fires in the open air for the purpose of camping or cooking. Exemptions apply for pizza ovens fitted with a spark arrestor and purpose-built solid fuel barbecues.

The City offers a complementary SMS service that residents can sign up to so they can be notified of fire bans. For more information, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/emergencysmsnotifications](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/emergencysmsnotifications)



## Young blood: Local students take the lead

City of Wanneroo's celebrated School Leadership Program has overcome the challenges presented by COVID-19, and provided bright sparks from five local schools with the chance to become 'community changemakers' during the 2020 school year.

Now in its second year, the program supports students in identifying issues or concerns in their local community, and subsequently gives them a platform to discuss, map out and shape sustainable solutions alongside their peers and City of Wanneroo's Childhood and Youth team.

Five schools - Wanneroo Secondary College, Ashdale Secondary College, Carramar Primary School, Ashdale Primary School and Roseworth Primary School - took up the challenge; with 50 students aged 10 to 18 working on a group passion project all the way from vision to fruition.

Students at Roseworth Primary School in Girrawheen chose to celebrate Wanneroo's indigenous heritage, through a new cultural walk that winds its way through the school grounds.

Called 'Djen Djen Bidi' (meaning 'two feet walking'), the trail visits different works of art, plaques and colourful totem poles that together tell a story about Wanneroo's original custodians.

Carramar Primary School ran with a similar slant, by creating a cultural meeting place or 'bush tucker garden' complete with native Australian plants and an authentic indigenous art mural.

"My favourite part is coming up with ideas and then being able to make them come to life," year six student Ava Robinson said. "All our ideas have gone into it - it's really exciting."



Attendees of the Youth Leadership Forum at Quinns Mindarie Community Centre.

At Ashdale Secondary College in Darch, pupils tasked themselves with hosting a recycling day designed to encourage locals to reduce, reuse and recycle household waste.

They asked their peers and local residents to collect plastic bottles and lids, aluminium and steel cans or containers, plastic bread clips, clothing, stationery, old mobile phones, electronic devices and soft plastics.

With the event coinciding with the school's Tree Day, the first 50 participants were rewarded with a small sapling donated through a sponsorship with a local Bunnings Warehouse.

"Lots of people have different ideas and it's hard to try and get them all to fit," year nine student Benjamin Ang said.

"Coming up with a way where everyone is happy, I think is the best way."

Filling six bins with recyclable material - four with plastics, two with metal - the school said it now planned to hold the event annually.

Also in Darch, students at Ashdale Primary School chose to focus on improving the mental wellbeing of their peers, by implementing a 'mindfulness area' filled with relaxing, meditative activities.

Year six student Emilia Tankoski said her group wanted to design a safe area where students could unwind and relax between classes. "With everything that's going on, some kids don't have the time to take a moment and relax," she said.

"I want to change our community by being more mindful and taking notice of how we should speak to each other."

Fellow Ashdale Primary student Preston Shean said his group learned how to work as a team. "I feel it's not just about leading the school with pride; I feel like it's about all of us coming together and accomplishing something," he said.

City of Wanneroo's School Youth Leadership Program will return in 2021 with 11 schools registered to participate.



### School's out for summer!

Come and remember why we love summer so much. Get your flex on in a great yoga class before making a splash on the pools inflatable obstacle course. Finish the day with an awesome BBQ lunch and games.

Friday 15 January / 11am-2.30pm  
Ages 12-18, cost \$7

There's fun and games galore going down this summer school holidays. For more information on activities and events in your neighbourhood, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/schoolholidayactivities](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/schoolholidayactivities)



Students from Carramar Primary School creating a 'bush tucker garden'.



## LIBRARIES



### Soil care and composting workshop

Soil is by far the most important aspect in getting your garden right, so why are so many of us are getting it wrong?

In this free workshop, learn the ins and outs of soil preparations and care by qualified and experienced horticulturist Carla Weir, founder and director of Gaia's Organic Gardens.

Carla and her team have helped hundreds of Perth families grow their own food and become more self-sufficient.

Carla is an accomplished and inspiring teacher of organic living and has been featured on the ABC series Waste Warriors, as well as many other TV and radio shows.

**Saturday 12 December**  
9.30am-10.30am  
Girrawheen Library  
6 Patrick Court,  
Girrawheen

Free, bookings required  
[library.wanneroo.wa.gov.au](http://library.wanneroo.wa.gov.au)

FREE

## Embark on a summer reading adventure with your local library

Journey to your local City of Wanneroo library this summer to energise your child's mind by enrolling in our new Summer Reading Club.

West Coast Eagles championship player and eager reader Josh Kennedy said this year's theme was all about myths, fairy tales and legends.

"Kids are all legends at something - why not become a reading legend too?" he said.

"I used to love books about surfing, ocean creatures and big birds - that's not a surprise is it?"

"These days, I'm always reading the footy facts in the newspaper, and I have the best



West Coast Eagles star Josh Kennedy.

time sharing heaps of great books with my kids.

"This great club is free to join and there are fabulous activities happening in the holidays. Every time you visit the library, there will be fun prizes to collect and win."



To get started, just pop into your local library, pick up a reading record and activity book, and set out on your first quest, adventure or voyage.

Summer Reading Club is on now and runs until the end of January.

Find out more about City of Wanneroo's Summer Reading Club by visiting [library.wanneroo.wa.gov.au](http://library.wanneroo.wa.gov.au)

FREE

### All hands on deck: Community book pays homage to local families

Parents and children who attend City of Wanneroo's popular It's All About Play (IAAP) program at Yanchep Two Rocks Library have been honoured with a personalised community book that celebrates their family.

The fourth book of its kind, following similar initiatives developed at the Girrawheen, Wanneroo and Clarkson libraries, the book features photos and quotes from IAAP participants. Titled 'What Do Hands Do?', the book even incorporates key word signing into each page to encourage and support language development.

Yanchep resident Jane said her grandson Jeremiah (2) was excited to spot himself in the new book.

"The book has awesome illustrations and the theme is fantastic. The It's All About



Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts at Yanchep Two Rocks Library with the It's All About Play attendees.

Play program is a great way for him to build relationships with other kids, and also develop some independence."

IAAP is a free, multi-sensory, hands-on program where families with children up to five years of age can play and learn together at City of Wanneroo libraries.

It's All About Play session will return to your local City of Wanneroo library following the introduction of Phase 5 restrictions.



## HERITAGE / MUSEUM

### Five minutes with... Curatorial Officer Alana Part

Wanneroo Regional Museum's curatorial officer (and resident history nerd) Alana Part chats to What's Happening about her work preserving Wanneroo's rich heritage.

#### How does the City engage with its history and heritage?

The City of Wanneroo explores and celebrates our cultural heritage and history through our fantastic venues: Wanneroo Regional Museum, Community History Centre, Cockman House and Buckingham House.

Here in the museum, we research, preserve and develop the City of Wanneroo's cultural heritage and history, sharing the stories of the region through the City's collections and connecting contemporary life to that of past generations.

We also have a range of heritage trails such as the Shipwreck Trail and the 10th Light Horse Trail and together with volunteers, we provide activities, programs and experiences through active engagement with visitors throughout the museum and heritage houses.

Our dedicated Heritage Education team also delivers a popular range of programs that make history come alive for generations of school children.

The Museum is also committed to telling the continuing stories of our First Nations peoples and providing a safe, welcoming, gathering place for people from all backgrounds.

#### Why do you feel this is important?

History and culture has a way of connecting people across time through shared experiences. It helps people to build bridges across differences and celebrates all that unites us; it gives us a sense of where we come from and where we are going.

#### What do local residents stand to gain from visiting the Wanneroo Regional Museum or local heritage site?

Sometimes it is easy to forget that those that came before us were real people with complicated and fascinating life stories.

I think visitors to both our museum and heritage sites will be surprised by how much these stories resonate with modern life.

#### Migration is a huge part of Wanneroo's shared history. How are these stories documented by the museum?

Our newest display focuses on migration to the City of Wanneroo. Migration is a human story that connects us all.



Alana pictured at the Wanneroo Regional Museum.

The stories that lead people here link us not only to each other but also to the history of the region. New migrants can face many challenges, such as learning a new language, homesickness, looking for work, and adjusting to a new community and culture.

The display highlights personal stories from past and present residents of the City of Wanneroo that shows us that while we may come from far and wide, we share so much common ground.

#### Which object or item in the City's collection stirs your imagination?

One of the most significant collections of items we hold is the Alkimos Ship Log Books. Written almost entirely in Greek by the Ship's Captain and yet to be translated, the log books record the journeys that the City's most notorious 'ghost ship' took around the world.

I'd love to know what secrets and stories they contain!

## ARTS / EXHIBITIONS

### Palladio Park, Clarkson

New signage installed at Palladio Park in Clarkson is paying respect to the suburb's rich First Nations heritage.

The signage features artwork from Bibbulmun artist Esandra Colbung, and tells the Dreaming story of two cursed men who find themselves transformed into stone pinnacles.

The story of the pinnacles and their significance to the local environment is depicted in the new artwork, Ms Colbung said.

"This site is very close to my heart," she said. "It holds memories of a time when Elders came across from the Central Desert and met up with Elders here in Perth, not too far from where the site sits in Clarkson."

"I was a young girl and met the Elders who had discussions about the song lines and the stories that have been handed down over the generations between both Central Desert and Noongar people."

"It is also very significant to the Aboriginal people as it is one of the many places that holds great spiritual cultural connections to the land and heritage."

Ms Colbung's artwork depicts five elements - the ocean, the coast, the wind, limestone and the pinnacles themselves - that intertwine and share the story of the site's rich history.

Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said the decision to erect the new signage was a collaborative one between the City of Wanneroo and its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Advisory Group.



New signage installed at Palladio Park, Clarkson.

"The City of Wanneroo is very proud of its heritage," Mayor Roberts said. "Through close collaboration with our RAP Advisory Group, the City continues to engage with and advance opportunities for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples."

"I encourage residents to visit Palladio Park to reflect on the site's significance to First Nations Australians."





City of  
Wanneroo

# School Holidays

JANUARY  
HIGHLIGHTS



**14 January**  
11am-2.30pm  
12-18 years  
\$7



## Summer Splash

### Wanneroo Aquamation

Remember why we love summer so much? Get your flex on in a great Yoga class before making a splash in the pool's inflatable obstacle course. Finish the day with an awesome BBQ lunch and games!

Bring your own towel, change of clothes, appropriate footwear and water bottle. 19 Civic Drive, Wanneroo.



## The Summer Reading Club

### City of Wanneroo Libraries

The Summer Reading Club is legendary these holidays! Drop into your local City of Wanneroo library for heaps of fun doing activities and earning awesome prizes. Our feature reading legend is Josh Kennedy from the West Coast Eagles.

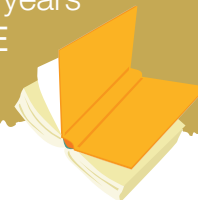
Wanneroo - Clarkson - Girrawheen - Yanchep/Two Rocks

**All of January**

Times vary

3-13 years

FREE



**All school  
holidays**  
Open hours  
All ages  
FREE



## Summer Fun for Young Explorers

### Wanneroo Regional Museum

Step back in time by visiting our replica beach shack! Experience life as a local back when summer holidays were spent on the sand and in the sea. Hang five on the museum surfboard, take part in a new treasure hunt for junior explorers, or crack the clues and take home a sea-themed craft! Free entry. No bookings required.

Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre  
3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo



## Basketball Camp

### Kingsway Indoor Stadium

These exciting half and full day camps will keep your kids occupied with skills, drills and heaps of game play courtesy of some awesome coaches. Beginner and advanced courses available. Bookings essential.

Kingsway Indoor Stadium, 130 Kingsway, Madeley



**All of January**

Times vary

5-12 years

\$30 half day

\$70 full day

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