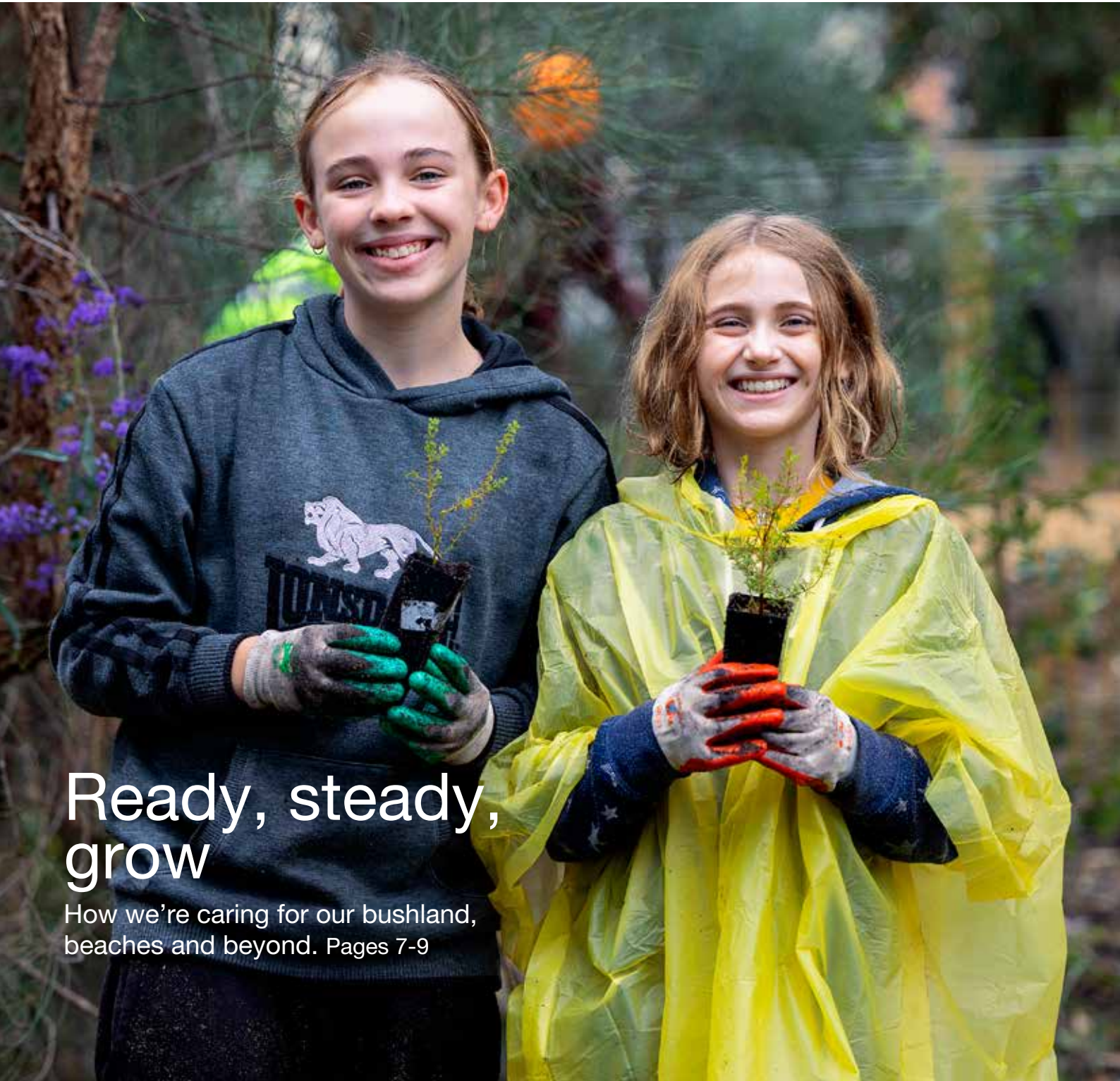


What's **Happening**



Ready, steady,
grow

How we're caring for our bushland,
beaches and beyond. Pages 7-9



Mayor's Message



Welcome to the spring edition of *What's Happening* magazine. With spring in the air, the focus of this edition is sustainability and caring for our natural environment.

Earlier this year, Council endorsed a new Strategic Community Plan, which outlines the City of Wanneroo's vision and aspirations for the next decade. Sustainability was identified as a key priority area in the plan, following extensive consultation with our community.

As you will discover in our special cover feature on pages seven to nine, we are committed to shaping a more sustainable future for all – from improving our waste management sustainability through a new three-bin system, to preserving our pristine coastline and planting thousands of new trees on verges and in reserves every year.

From new playgrounds to tree planting, \$8.7 million of improvements are scheduled for implementation by the end of the year.

More than 40 priority projects are currently in the works, courtesy of key funding provided by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP).

Work is also underway on new parks and recreational facilities in Yanchep and Landsdale. To find out more, turn to pages ten and eleven.

I would also like to remind our readers of the upcoming Local Government election, on Saturday 16 October. While voting in local elections is not mandatory, it is your opportunity to have a say on who represents you and your community. More information on how to vote in the upcoming election can be found on page twelve.

I'm looking forward to seeing you around in the community. Keep safe.

Mayor Tracey Roberts JP

Magazine seeking feedback

To help us better understand our readers' interests, we want to hear your thoughts on what the future holds for *What's Happening*. What are your likes and dislikes? Is there a topic or subject matter we don't cover that you would like to see more of? Do you prefer the digital or print version?

To share your thoughts, please email publications@wanneroo.wa.gov.au



Mayor Tracey Roberts with 2021 Australia Day award winner Donna Marwick-O'Brien (second from right) and Freeman of the City Bill Marwick (second from left).

Nominate a community hero

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

The City of Wanneroo is calling on residents to honour our City's most upstanding citizens, with nominations now open for the 2022 Australia Day Awards.

Four awards will be presented at the 2022 City of Wanneroo Australia Day citizenship ceremony:

- Australia Day Award (Individual over 25)

- Charles Searson Australia Day Youth Award (Individual under 25)
- Australia Day Senior Award (Individual over 65)
- Australia Day Community Group Award (Local group or event).

Nominations close Friday 12 November 2021.

For more information, visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/awardfunding



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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.



Spring fling

Free bush walks and nature talks

Explore the abundant natural beauty in our backyard on a free guided walk or bushcare day hosted by the City of Wanneroo's conservation team this spring.

Learn about local flora and fauna from an experienced guide, and enjoy a morning tea with your tour group. Be sure to dress for the occasion; wear sturdy enclosed shoes, a hat and sunscreen, and bring a water bottle.



Schedule of events

Guided walks

Meet with an experienced guide, who will introduce you to an array of plants and animals living in your local area.

Discovery Park, Banksia Grove

Friday 3 September / 9.30am–11.30am

Meet at the reserve on Botanic Avenue, opposite Saxicola Road, Banksia Grove. Wheelchair accessible.

Marangaroo Conservation Reserve

Tuesday 7 September / 9.30am–11.30am

Held in conjunction with the Friends of Marangaroo Conservation Reserve.



Meet at the reserve on Decourcey Way, Marangaroo, at the main entrance near the limestone plinth sign.

Koondoola Bushland

Thursday 16 September / 9.30am–11.30am

Held in conjunction with Friends of Koondoola Bushland.

Meet at the Koondoola Community Centre car park, 90 Koondoola Avenue, Koondoola.

Yanchep Foreshore

Tuesday 9 November / 9.30am–11.30am

In conjunction with Yanchep Coastcare and Perth NRM.

Meet at Mary Lindsay Homestead, 100 Capricorn Esplanade, Yanchep.

Mindarie Foreshore

Sunday 14 November / 9.30am–11.30am

In conjunction with the Quinns Rocks Environmental Group and Perth NRM.

Meet at the car park on Rosslare Promenade, Mindarie.

Bushcare days

From wildflowers to weeds, learn about the spectacular flora in our reserves and help care for your local bushland.

Voyager Park, Pearsall

Tuesday 5 October / 9.30am–11.30am

Held in conjunction with Friends of Voyager Park.

Meet at the reserve on Scamills Way, Pearsall.

Da Vinci Park, Tapping

Friday 8 October / 9.30am–11.30am

In conjunction with Friends of Da Vinci Park.

Meet at the northern-grassed area on Da Vinci Drive, opposite Archimedes Crescent.

Rufus Park, Madeley

Sunday 24 October / 9am–11am

Held in conjunction with Friends of Rufus Park.

Meet at the reserve on Zeus Avenue opposite Martindale Avenue, Madeley.

How to book

For more information and to book, contact the City on 9405 5000 or email the Wanneroo Conservation team at conservationmaint@wanneroo.wa.gov.au

FREE



Six seasons walking trails

In the south west of Australia, the Noongar seasonal calendar includes six different seasons in a yearly cycle.

September to October is a transitional time of the year, with the Noongar season of Djilba – where cold, clear days combine with warmer, windy weather – making way for Kambarang.

During the Kambarang season, longer dry periods accompany a warming trend, triggering transformation across the landscape and an abundance of colours from blossoming flowers and new foliage.

Rich yellows of acacias, vibrant banksias and delicate native orchids display their vibrancy while plants such as the kangaroo paw come to life.

Did you know that you can learn more about each Noongar season and the associated environmental indicators on three walking trails that wind their way through local bushland and reserves?

These trails can be found in the Marangaroo Conservation Reserve, Quinns Beach Bushland Reserve and Yellagonga Regional Park.

For more information on the six Noongar seasons and local walking trails, visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/sixseasons.



Spring fling

Grow your own way: Why buying locally- grown produce is best

Are you getting your five a day? If so, chances are one of those is from right here in the City of Wanneroo.

The City of Wanneroo produces and/or processes 17.5 per cent of Western Australia's total vegetable production.*

This includes 35 per cent of the state's total strawberries, 68 per cent of sweetcorn, 20 per cent of capsicum, 20 per cent of beans and 22 per cent of cabbages.

When you buy local, 67 per cent of the profits go back into the local community. You can make a small change and support local producers by buying locally at farmer's markets or even directly from the farm gate.



Pick your own and #SupportWannerooLocal

Who needs pricey punnets of strawberries when you can roll up your sleeves, pick your own and support a local family-run farm in the process?

From early September, a number of market gardens across rural Wanneroo throw open their doors and welcome eager locals looking to load up on fresh, succulent strawberries and other local produce.

Before you hop in the car, be sure to call ahead or check Facebook or the website to see when each farm is open for business.

- Sue and Tim's Strawberry Farm (157 Badgerup Rd, Gnangara)
- Kien's Strawberry Farm (360 Badgerup Rd, Gnangara)



- Wanneroo Strawberry Picking Farm (55 Grisker Rd, Wanneroo)
- D'Uva's Strawberry Farm (424 Badgerup Rd, Wanneroo)
- Neerabup Strawberry Fields and Tearooms (2024 Wanneroo Rd, Neerabup)
- Hoang Le's Strawberries (120 Trichet Rd, Wanneroo)

**Source: City of Wanneroo Agribusiness Position Paper 2019.*

Market with "happy, community feel" loves keeping it local

Start your weekend off right with a visit to the community-run Kingsway Markets, on Bellerive Boulevard in Madeley.

Held every Saturday morning from 8am to 12pm, and run in partnership with Olympic Kingsway Sports Club, Kingsway Markets boast free entry, a dog-friendly setting and live music every week.

Diane, from Neerabup-based grower Dedo and Co, said the market was a great spot to grab produce from local businesses.



Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts with local grower Harry Trandos and WBA member Bev Errington.

"There's been such a great vibe from day one, a very happy, community feel," she said.

Visitors to Kingsway Markets can expect to find a host of fresh produce, from fruit and vegetable stalls to meat and bakery items, coffee and cold-pressed juices.

Skip brekkie and sample something from one of the many vendors selling cuisine from around the world – vegan bagels, Dutch pancakes, satay skewers, Japanese street food and gluten-free ice-cream, to give you a taste of what's on offer.

Stephanie from Kingsway Markets said customers could check out the

weekly stall list on their Facebook and Instagram pages, to see what activities were on that week.

"We have kids' activities such as giant Jenga, totem tennis, bouncy castles, pony rides, animal farms and origami classes," she said. "Not to mention live music every week from talented local musicians."

"I think it's important, now more than ever, to support local businesses. Come rain or shine, we want to keep our local market community growing and thriving."

For more info, visit olympic-kingsway.com.au/kingsway-markets





Blazing a digital trail at Cockman House

The oldest remaining house in the Wanneroo area – Cockman House in Woodvale – is opening its doors to the public this spring, and sharing the story of its settler namesake via a new interactive digital trail.

From the start of September until the end of November, Cockman House will be open to the public to visit on Sunday afternoons from 1.30pm to 4pm. Using Nature Play WA's Play Trails app on your smartphone or tablet, you can follow the story of settler, James Cockman, who built Wanneroo's oldest standing house in 1860, and his remarkable journey of determination and resourcefulness in the early Swan River colony.

Generations of the Cockman and Backshall families lived at the house until 1987, when the house was acquired by the City of Wanneroo and transformed into a museum.

The new digital trail explores the house, the story and the region, and includes hands-on activities, audio tales, image gallery, videos, quizzes and games to play as you complete your journey and earn a commemorative magnet.

The Play Trails app takes traditional scavenger hunts to the next level, allowing players to unlock challenges, solve quiz questions, score points and learn about the site.

To try the trail for yourself, download the Play Trails app from your device's App or Play Store.

Pair your tour of Cockman House with a pit stop at Buckingham House! The restored heritage home, situated on Neville Drive in Wanneroo, will also be open to the public on Sunday mornings until the end of November.

Cockman House

Entrance via Ancestor Retreat, off Woodvale Drive, Woodvale.

Open every Sunday afternoon during spring (Sept, Oct, Nov) 1.30pm-4pm

Buckingham House and the Old Wanneroo Schoolhouse

10 Neville Drive, Wanneroo

Open every Sunday morning during spring (Sept, Oct, Nov) 10am-12pm



Lark in the park: exclusive offer for City of Wanneroo residents

Did you know that as a City of Wanneroo resident you can purchase an annual pass to Yanchep National Park for the same rate as a standard day pass?

For just \$15, you and your family can visit the national park all year round. As spring kicks into gear, the park is awash with colour as wildflowers bloom and trees flourish. So pack a picnic, pick up your discounted park pass, and make a day of it, all year round.

For more information, visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/ynp

Local lens: Calling all amateur shutterbugs

Showcase the special sights of our suburbs, and your photo could be featured in our 2022 community calendar!

From landmark sites to flourishing flora and fauna, this is your chance to get snap happy and show off City of Wanneroo's most photogenic places, people and things.

Entries close 4pm Friday 1 October 2021. For more information, visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/locallens



Rockin' the suburbs: Concerts, carnivals, markets and more

From lively concerts to low-key twilight markets, the City of Wanneroo is putting on another jam-packed series of community events for everyone.

Starting with A Splendid Day Out in Yanchep on Saturday 30 October and running all the way through to April next year, there's a great variety of entertainment for residents to enjoy during the balmy spring and summer months.

Entry is free to all community events and no booking is required – just pop in and enjoy!

Here's a look at what's coming up in the lead-up to Christmas. For more information and to view the full spring/summer schedule of community events, visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/events



A Splendid Day Out

The race is on during this awesome afternoon featuring all things automotive! From a local car club show-n-shine to go-karts, bumper cars, train rides and slot car racing, this free event has something for revheads, young and old.

Whether it's on two wheels or four, you'll find it here.

Saturday 30 October, 12pm-4pm
Splendid Park, Yanchep
Situated off Splendid Ave

Celebrate Girrawheen

Dance, eat, sing and smile at a colourful, multicultural festival that celebrates the local faces, flavours and flair of Girrawheen. Experience music, food and dance from all four corners of the globe. Plus free rides, face painting, kids entertainment and more.

Saturday 13 November, 11am-4pm
Girrawheen Hub, 11 Patrick Ct, Girrawheen



Hocking Twilight Markets

Grab a Christmas gift for the family, sample some food truck grub or simply pick a spot on the grass and soak in the vibes as the sun sets – with live music, fun for the kids and plenty of stalls to sift through, there's something for everyone.

Saturday 4 December, 4.30pm-8.30pm
Hinckley Park, Hocking
Situated off Hinckley Parkway

Summer Sounds Butler

Santa Claus is coming to town! Gather to celebrate Christmas with a festive singalong that features all your favourite carols, plus free kids activities and roving entertainment throughout the evening.

Pack a picnic or indulge in the delicious food on offer from local vendors.

11 December, 4.30pm-9pm
Kingsbridge Park, Butler
Situated off Kingsbridge Blvd



What's on: City of Wanneroo supported events

City of Wanneroo is proud to support a range of events and programs in the community.

10 October – Kidz Awesome Play for Telethon

This family event will once again take place at Wanneroo Showgrounds. \$5 entry, all funds raised go to Telethon.

23-24 October – 2021 Relay for Life West Coast

Mayor Tracey Roberts and Team Wanneroo will hit the track for this year's Relay for Life, raising funds for Cancer Council WA.

This new flagship event will be held in Kings Park and unite teams from across Perth in support of those

affected by cancer, highlighting the truth that cancer knows no boundaries.

If you would like to be involved, register a team or donate, visit cancerwa.asn.au.

19-20 November – The Wanneroo Agricultural Show

This annual extravaganza returns to the Wanneroo Showgrounds once again this November. With fun rides, exhibits and activities for the whole family, plus food trucks and fireworks to round it off. The Show has been a fixture of the local calendar since 1909 and has grown to become the state's largest regional agricultural show.

Head to wannerooshow.com to purchase tickets.

Green is the word: climate change strategy put into action

Following extensive community consultation across a range of demographics including a Youth Forum, the City of Wanneroo is taking proactive steps to ensure a brighter, greener future aligned to the revised Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy (CCAMS), adopted by Council earlier this year.

The updated CCAMS outlines a range of short, medium and long-term actions to help the City respond to the impacts of climate change as they arise, with a focus on mitigating temperature increases, reduced rainfall, extreme weather events, rising sea levels and greenhouse gas emissions.

“Along with an Urban Forest Strategy, which is currently in development, and the City’s status as a signatory to the WALGA Climate Change Declaration, this strategy will enable us to reduce our carbon footprint and protect and enhance our natural environment for future generations,” Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said.

For the first time, the CCAMS outlines a range of carbon emissions reduction targets. By 2024/25, the City is aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from its light vehicle fleet by 25 per cent and reduce the diesel waste fleet’s greenhouse gas emissions (as a target per bin serviced) per year by 25 per cent*.

The City of Wanneroo has had electric cars in its light vehicle pool since 2020, and recently has been trialling the feasibility of a 100 per cent electric rear-loading compactor waste truck.

No fuel means no emissions while driving, which makes these trucks cleaner for the environment. A regenerative braking system feeds energy back to the battery every time the truck stops – giving it a range of 190km. The City learned a lot from the trial, and gathered valuable data on the viability of introducing an all-electric fleet in the future, as the technology continues to mature and develop.

The introduction of a third bin for garden organics is also yielding early positive outcomes. 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 mulch and potting mix.



In the past, garden organics were recovered as a low quality soil conditioner, with limited applications due to the glass content. Now, we anticipate that 14,000 tonnes of clean green waste will be transformed from waste into a resource within the first 12 months of implementing the third bin for garden organics.

City of Wanneroo Environmental Advisory Committee Presiding Member, Craig Butt, said the CCAMS illustrated the City’s continued commitment to environmental sustainability, both now and into the future.

“Given the City’s diversity of ecosystems, all of which are impacted in some way by the effects of climate change, a comprehensive strategy to mitigate and adapt is critical,” Mr Butt said.

“The Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy is an excellent development for the City of Wanneroo that demonstrates a proactive approach to addressing and understanding the impacts of climate change on our environments, both built and natural.”

To view the CCAMS, visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/sustainability

**Note: Diesel fleet target based on emissions per bin per year. Total fuel use and associated emissions expected to rise in the short-term due to new households in growing suburbs being serviced by waste fleet.*



Attendees of last year’s Youth Forum on Climate Change.



Did you know...?

Each year, the City of Wanneroo plants thousands of new trees in public spaces and on residential verges.

An increased tree canopy not only beautifies suburbs and shades our streets, but creates a more climate-resilient community for years to come.

This year, from June to August, we planted 3,500 trees as part of the annual planting initiative – these included the Western Australian peppermint tree (*agonis flexuosa*), the King’s Park special (*callistemon citrinus*) and the little ghost gum (*eucalyptus vitrix*).



Waste Education Officer Emma in action at an event in Two Rocks earlier this year.

Five minutes with... Waste Education Officer Emma

What's Happening sat down with the City of Wanneroo's enthusiastic Waste Education Officer, Emma, to 'talk trash' – from the encouraging outcomes of introducing a third bin for garden organics, to responsible recycling and sustainability.

We hear a lot about the importance of responsible waste sorting. Why is that?

Quality input will lead to quality output. Our recycling and garden organics bins are for specific items so that they can be recovered as resources. Each system is designed to do some preliminary sorting, then it's over to humans to determine what goes where.

There's extra, messy work that another human being has to do to pull out the wrong items from the good stuff. Incorrect items can really mess up the quality of the final product.

Our residents generally do a great job of getting their waste in the right place, but we can always do more to help our friends, family members and neighbours improve.

What are some quick wins for people who want to 'recycle right'?

Make sure your recyclables are clean and empty, and leave them loose so they can mingle and be sorted correctly.

There are only five types of items that belong in our kerbside recycling bins: plastic bottles and containers, paper, cardboard, cans and glass.

Beyond the recycling bin, other quick wins are to keep your lime-green garden organics bin free of plastic bags and cardboard boxes. Contaminant-free garden organics can then be recycled into high-quality soil amendment products, such as mulch and potting mix.

To brush up on your recycling knowledge, check out the Recycle Right app or our new Waste Services Guide on our website: wanneroo.wa.gov.au/wasteguide

You mentioned the third bin for garden organics that the City recently introduced in conjunction with the State Government's Waste Authority. Why can't I put food organics in my new bin, too?

The process for turning FOGO (food organics and garden organics) into compost is different to the one for recycling garden organics.

We're working on it but until that changes, the GO system accepts 'clean greens' which makes a great product for the garden, but means our food organics need to go in the general waste bin, or earth-cycled

via your worm farm, compost bin, kitchen bokashi bucket (eco-friendly composting system) or fed to the chooks.

So, will there be more changes in the future? Is FOGO a no-go?

I know many people have FOMO for FOGO.

Unfortunately, industry wasn't quite ready to process all the organic waste produced by a Local Government as large as the City of Wanneroo.

However, the City is working with local industry and other government bodies to realise the dream of implementing FOGO across Perth by 2025. Watch this space.

Sustainability is a key theme of the City of Wanneroo's vision for the next decade. What does 'sustainability' mean to you?

Sustainability is about choosing to do things that we could continue to do forever without running out of money, energy or resources.

I'm so excited about the City's commitment to the development of a circular economy, which in waste terms is about keeping our precious resources in circulation for as long as possible and keeping them out of landfill.

Going bush: Community comes together to care for local parks and reserves

Local green thumbs have been hard at work over the winter months, attending the City of Wanneroo's community planting days to help rejuvenate local parks and reserves.

Dee Farrell was the driving force behind forming the group 'Friends of Voyager Park', along with some of her Pearsall neighbours.

Ms Farrell said she was disheartened by the amount of rubbish being blown onto the land or dropped by passers-by. When she contacted the City of Wanneroo in 2018 about taking action, Ms Farrell found she was not the only resident with concerns.

"We like to walk around the neighbourhood and when we discovered this rubbish littering our park we decided to do something," she said.

"We immediately contacted City of Wanneroo Conservation Officer, Sasha, and she told us that another neighbour named Neville was very interested in helping keep the park tidy, so we all got together and formed the Friends of Voyager Park."

With the support of the Friends group, the City installed conservation fencing to protect the flora and laid a track to prevent people walking over the vegetation.



Local families getting stuck into a community planting event at Voyager Park in July.

The group meets on the first Tuesday of every month for a bushcare day. A well-attended community planting day was held in July, where locals of all ages braved the rain to help plant 15 different species of flora to improve the park's biodiversity.

Sasha said the Wanneroo community was particularly enthusiastic about protecting the local environment, and planting days had grown in scale since the initiative had started 13 years ago.

"This year, with the help of Friends groups, community members and local schools, we will be planting 15,866 tubestock at 15 revegetation sites," she said.



Mayor Roberts and local children during this year's National Tree Day planting event at Willespie Park in Pearsall.

Local sustainable house a labour of love

Local residents Rob and Rita Phillips have poured their hearts into establishing a passive solar house in rural Wanneroo.

The property includes a wide range of sustainable features, from energy efficient heating and cooling to waste minimisation, rainwater storage, drip irrigation and an edible garden.

The couple said a passive solar house was achievable in the city or the suburbs.

"You can do the same thing in the city, depending on how you design your house, where your block is and which way the house faces," Rob said.

"Our house faces north and has big windows. We close the curtains during the day in summertime to keep the heat out, and in winter we close the curtains at night to keep the warmth in."

Rita said this daily practice meant the house never got hotter than 30 degrees even when it was 40 degrees outside.

She said they had lived in the house for 30 years without air-conditioning and along with the solar panels on the roof, their power bill was always around \$100.

Additionally, the couple keep their processed food and pre-packaged food purchases to a minimum, buy and eat fresh meat and vegetables, and try to reduce packaging.

Rita said cooking for one was challenging, but suggested single people cook a meal large enough for two or three days.

"Real food is cheaper to buy, it's more fun to make and with COVID restrictions, you've seen everybody's gone back to cooking and baking, so people can see the benefits," she said.

Rob and Rita's home will be open to view on Sustainable House Day (17 October). For more information, visit sustainablehouseday.com.



Rob and Rita Phillips built their dream energy efficient home in rural Wanneroo, but said a similar passive solar house could be achieved in the city or suburbs.

Hinckley Park, Hocking

Have you visited the new and improved Hinckley Park?

The City of Wanneroo recently completed a \$1.4 million development of the Hocking open space, which included the addition of a new all-access path network, inclusive playground equipment, basketball court, barbecue facilities, nature play space, shade structures and over 10,000 shrubs, trees and native groundcovers.

The park acknowledges the native and agricultural market garden heritage of the Wanneroo area, with life-size statues of emus, kangaroos and livestock.

"It's great for us to have something like this so close to home," local resident Courtney (pictured) said. "I can't wait to see our little one enjoying the swings when he's older."

Hinckley Park is located off Hinckley Parkway in Hocking.



Accessibility was front of mind when designing the new Hinckley Park amenities.

Fragola Park, Landsdale

Fragola Park in Landsdale is set for an exciting upgrade, with the Wanneroo Council endorsing a preferred design concept in June.

Residents were encouraged to provide feedback on two design concepts during the community consultation period, which ran from March to April this year – with 70 per cent expressing a preference for a design concept modelled on a nature play theme and including play equipment and sensory areas for a range of abilities.

Adjacent Carnaby Rise Primary School Principal Karen Giacomucci said the park would give students opportunities to build community connections.

"Fragola Park will provide opportunities for our children to explore and develop a relationship with the natural environment, gain a sense of freedom and self-exploration, and enjoy space to imagine and think," she said.

"The park will be a wonderful place for our school community to gather, before and after school.

"Currently there is limited opportunity for this to occur on the school grounds. I can see this space will be well utilised with families forming bonds and a strong sense of community."

The upgrades will also include accessible seating, shade sail cover, a water fountain and car parking including an ACROD bay.

The amenities will take into consideration the nearby school, specifically around peak pick up and drop off times.

The projected cost is \$779,378, supported by funding from the Developer Contribution Plan.

A more detailed design based on the concept is expected in 2021/22, with construction anticipated to occur the following financial year.



Splendid Park, Yanchep

A state-of-the-art cycling facility at Splendid Park is one step closer, after Council endorsed a detailed design in July.



The new cycling facility at Splendid Park will wind its way around the existing facilities, such as the skate park.

The highly-anticipated Splendid Park Cycling Facility will feature a full criterium-width track that winds its way around the park's existing ovals and sport court facilities.

City of Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said she was excited to see the project progressing, given the overwhelming public support for the project during the early stages of consultation.

"When we first brought the concept for the new track to the community, we quickly saw how important the project was to our residents, with over 97% of respondents in support of the development," she said.

Northern Beaches Cycling Club President Chris Howard said the new track would complement the existing facilities at Splendid Park.

"Young and old alike, residents will have more choice for getting active outdoors.

"As a club, we are excited at the prospect that the cycle track will be completed in time for the summer criterium season in 2022, where it will attract both participants and spectators to action-packed bike racing."

Construction on the Splendid Park Cycling Facility will begin in late 2021.

LRCIP funding supports string of suburban projects

The Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) supports local governments to deliver priority projects to help communities recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

Since May 2020, the City of Wanneroo has received more than \$8.7 million for 41 projects – all scheduled for completion before the end of 2021.

The funding will help the City deliver accessibility upgrades and new pathways, landscaping, tree planting, parking, lighting and playground improvements, stretching from Two Rocks to Marangaroo.

Patron Senator for Perth's northern suburbs, Dean Smith, said it was exciting to see the LRCIP helping the area to emerge from the pandemic as an even better place to live.

"I've been delighted at the overwhelmingly positive response to the LRCI initiative from both local government and residents, as well as the businesses it's supporting through the challenges of COVID-19," Senator Smith said.

"This is part of the Australian Government's focus on continually improving quality of life for those living, working and enjoying recreation in this rapidly-growing part of the city.

"I'm looking forward to seeing these latest projects completed and benefitting the communities we're so lucky to have here."

During May and June, approximately 2,000 new trees were planted in over 60 locations across the City, to beautify our neighbourhoods and increase shade on road reserves.

Improved air-conditioning will be installed at four clubrooms ahead of the summer sports season: Addison Park (Merriwa),



Belhaven Park in Quinns Rocks (pictured) will play host to new floodlighting.

John Moloney Park (Marangaroo), Phil Renkin Leisure Centre (Two Rocks) and Anthony Waring Park (Clarkson).

John Moloney Park will also feature new fitness equipment, including a bench press, stretch station and aerobic walker by the end of the year, while six fitness stations designed to test and improve strength and mobility will be installed at Dalvik Park in Merriwa.

The equipment will be accessible for people of all abilities and will be sheltered from the sun, courtesy of an accompanying shade sail.

Two local BMX tracks at Gungurru Park (Hocking) and Houghton Park (Carramar) have been upgraded to a hard surface to improve safety for users, reduce maintenance costs and accommodate greater usage.

Meanwhile, new pathways in Mindarie (Bergen Way), Ashby (Carosa Road), Two Rocks (Lisford Avenue) and

Yanchep (Sunningdale Road) will open up access and make our suburbs safer.

New floodlighting will illuminate the west oval at Belhaven Park in Quinns Rocks and the south oval at Paloma Park in Marangaroo, allowing local clubs and groups to use the space for longer during the dark winter months.

Wanneroo Aquamotion will receive a string of upgrades designed to improve accessibility and safety.

A new family change area and hydropool changerooms, both set to be completed by Christmas, will complement the recent installation of a new mechanical accessibility lift for the main lap pool.

Plus, new disabled parking bays, footpaths and access roads to Aquamotion and the Wanneroo Central shopping centre will be built during October and November.

For more information on the City of Wanneroo's LRCIP projects, visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/LRCIPProjects



Yanchep Lagoon, Yanchep

A raft of new additions are adding vibrancy to the Yanchep Lagoon area ahead of summer.

Two new shade sails, by the surf club kiosk and outside Orion Café, plus new shade trees in the surf club forecourt, will offer visitors to the lagoon some respite from the heat on sunny days.

New natural-looking seating made from merbau wood has also been installed, offering a fantastic vista of the ocean.

To connect locals and visitors to the lagoon, new signage detailing the area's history and heritage has been installed at Fisherman's Hollow.

Strategic plan sets the agenda for coming decade

The City of Wanneroo has a renewed vision for the future, following the endorsement of its Strategic Community Plan 2021-31 (SCP).

Based on feedback from more than 1400 community members and ratepayers, the SCP outlines the City's vision and aspirations for the next decade and sets out the key strategies to achieve these.

Feedback was sought from the community via face-to-face consultations and online surveys, and identified key themes, including



a strong sense of community, vibrant and connected places, sustainability and security.

Read the SCP here: wanneroo.wa.gov.au/strategiccommunityplan21-31



Cast your vote in this year's local government election

Election Day is Saturday 16 October 2021, and all eligible voters will receive a postal voting package around three weeks prior.

The package includes information on each candidate standing for council, instructions on how to vote, the ballot paper, and return post envelopes.

The City has 14 Councillor positions in total, with Councillors serving a term of four years each. Elections are held every two years for half the council, meaning the October 2021 elections will be for seven Councillor positions.

For more information on voting and polling day, please visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/elections



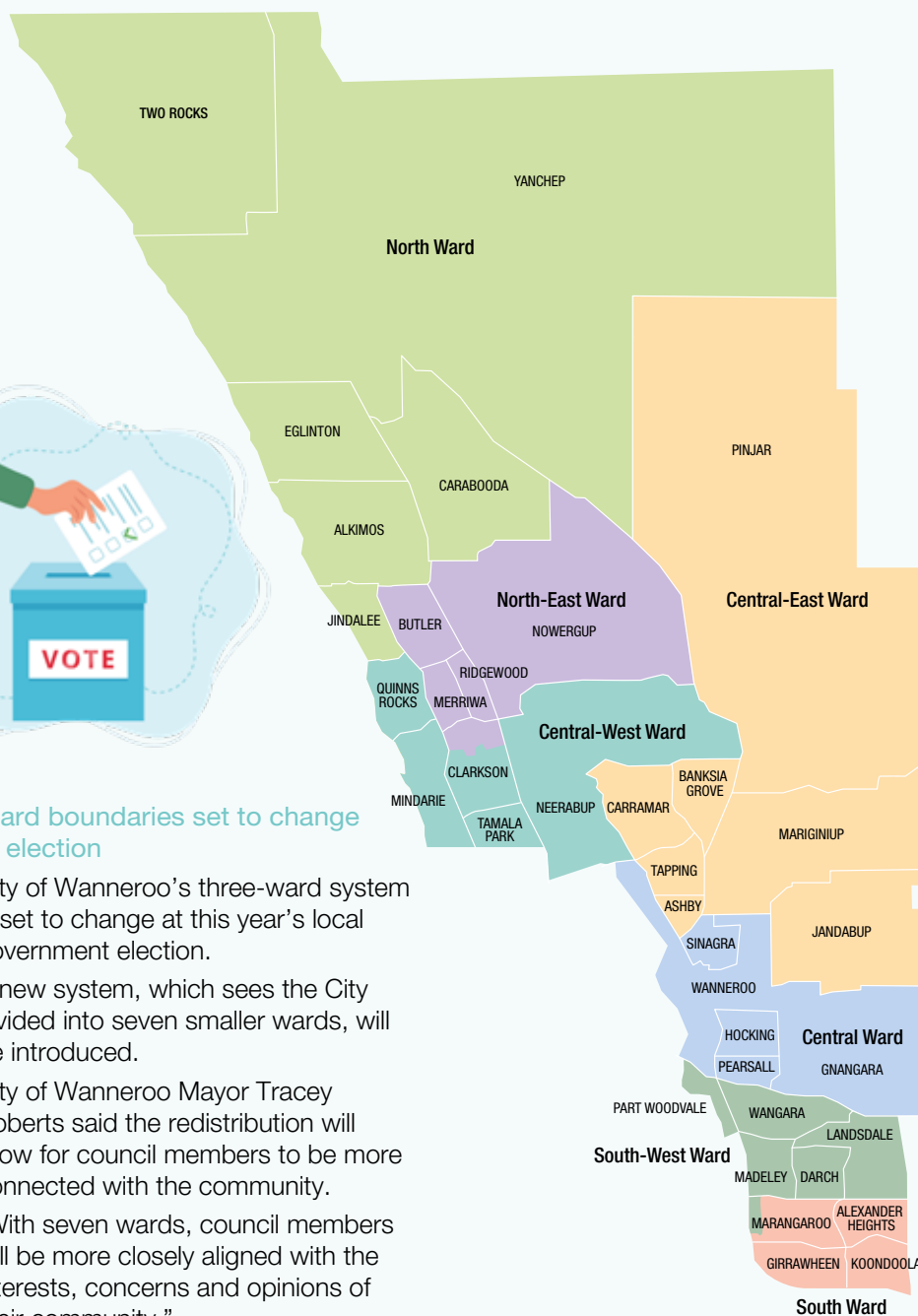
Ward boundaries set to change at election

City of Wanneroo's three-ward system is set to change at this year's local government election.

A new system, which sees the City divided into seven smaller wards, will be introduced.

City of Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said the redistribution will allow for council members to be more connected with the community.

"With seven wards, council members will be more closely aligned with the interests, concerns and opinions of their community."





Take a walk on the wild side these school holidays

FREE

This spring school holidays, your local City of Wanneroo library is all about creatures and critters, great and small. RSPCA WA will be popping in to talk to primary school aged children about animal welfare and responsible pet ownership.

Each session aims to promote empathy towards animals and teach safety around animals, particularly dogs.

Friday 1 October / 10.30am-11.30am / Wanneroo Library

Tuesday 5 October / 10.30am-11.30am / Clarkson Library

Thursday 7 October / 10.30am-11.30am / Girrawheen Library

Einstein's Australia will be running three fun interactive workshops for children about how to be safe and respect Australia's iconic native wildlife. Kids will learn basic first aid skills and create a creepy creature to take home with them.

Tuesday 5 October / 10.30am-11.30am / Girrawheen Library

Wednesday 6 October / 1.30pm-2.30pm / Clarkson Library

Friday 8 October / 10.30am-11.30am / Wanneroo Library



Pathways to employment workshops

Are you looking for work or contemplating a career change? Hear from career coach Alison Bannister in this series of free workshops that will give you tips and tricks to succeed in the modern job market.

Job searching tips and tricks

FREE

Girrawheen Library

Tuesday 7 September / 11am-1pm

Building an effective LinkedIn profile

Theatrette, Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre

Thursday 9 September / 11am-1pm

Mature-aged jobseeking (for the over 45s)

Clarkson Library

Monday 13 September / 11am-1pm

Resume and cover letter help service

Girrawheen Library / Every Monday, 1pm-3pm

Wanneroo Library / Every Tuesday, 1pm-3pm

In conversation with...a panel of crime authors

This signature event is one not to miss! There will be bodies in the library during this special soiree with WA crime authors Sally Scott, Lisa Ellery and Karen Herbert. You will be shivering with anticipation and thrilled

to your toes as our trio of authors trade secrets, take questions and talk shop.

**Friday 8 October / 6pm to 8pm
Wanneroo Library**

FREE

Registration essential

wanneroolibraries.eventbrite.com.au



Lisa Ellery.



Sally Scott.

Author talk: Rebecca Prince-Ruiz

In 2011, Rebecca Prince-Ruiz founded the Plastic Free July movement - and the idea has taken on a life of its own and become one of the world's most impactful environmental campaigns.

In this captivating author talk, hear from Rebecca on how we can rethink

our response to waste and make change through small steps.

FREE

Thursday 23 September / 6pm-7.30pm

Wanneroo Library

Registration essential

wanneroolibraries.eventbrite.com.au



ARTS / EXHIBITIONS

Now showing at the Wanneroo Gallery

Our popular *Play School* exhibition has been extended! If you haven't been to visit Big Ted, Jemima and the gang, you now have until Saturday 9 October to swing past and say hello.

Celebrating 50 years of the iconic ABC children's program, this exhibition has travelled all the way from the National Museum of Australia in Canberra, and includes the original costumes, props and sets from the show – including the rocket clock and flower clock.

See it before it's gone for good – this is the show's last stop on its national tour.
wanneroo.wa.gov.au/playschool

Up next: *Converging Currents*

Coming soon to the Wanneroo Gallery is a new exhibition that demonstrates that what divides us, also connects us.

From migratory stories and heritage houses to the crafts of the fishing industry, *Converging Currents* covers a range of themes through intercontinental and local collaborations, in the form of basketry, ceramics, textiles, jewellery, woodwork and more.

The exhibition forms part of the inaugural Indian Ocean Triennial Australia (IOTA 2021), a festival spanning over 40 exhibitions across Western Australia.

Converging Currents will open on Wednesday 27 October 2021.



Coming up: Yanchep concert

Bring along your picnic rug and dancing shoes for an afternoon of family fun. Ice-cream and coffees will be available, plus a sausage sizzle fundraiser by a local school.

Sunday 21 November / 2pm-4pm
Oldham Park, 91 Lagoon Drive, Yanchep

SENIORS

Activities and events for seniors

Are you an older person looking to meet new people and try something new? Here's a look at some events and activities that might interest you.

Seniors Week Showcase

Develop your digital literacy in this supportive technology showcase for seniors. Try a range of devices and apps and share your thoughts, top tips and tech stories.

FREE

Ocean Keys Shopping Centre
Tuesday 9 November / 10am-12pm

Tap it out with the Jukebox Lady

In this engaging musical experience, revisit classic hit tunes from the past with Annette Raison, the Jukebox Lady. Plus, learn all about streaming music for free with library resource, Hoopla. Refreshments provided.

Clarkson Library
Monday 8 November / 1.30pm-3pm
Registration essential
wanneroolibraries.eventbrite.com.au

Meet Me at the Museum

Come along and reminisce at Meet Me at the Museum. With a different theme each month, this drop-in event offers older adults the chance to sit back and share memories of times gone by with our friendly museum staff. Tea and coffee are provided and all are welcome.



Wanneroo Regional Museum

Last Thursday of every month / 10.30am-12pm
No registration necessary

Brain games at the library

These sessions are a great way to be social while giving your brain a workout. All activities are free to attend, all players are welcome and there's no need to book ahead – just pop across and get stuck in!

Chess Club

Clarkson Library
Every Wednesday / 10am-11.30am

Scrabble Club

Clarkson Library
Every Monday / 10am-12pm

Mahjong Club

Clarkson Library
Every Tuesday / 9am-12pm

Wanneroo Library

Every Monday / 9am-12pm
Every Tuesday / 1pm-3pm

Yanchep/Two Rocks Library
Every Friday / 9am-12pm

GOLD program

The Growing Old and Living Dangerously (GOLD) program provides a range of exciting and challenging activities for people aged 50 years and over, living in the City of Wanneroo.

Previous programs have included everything from introductory pilates to bus tours of Optus Stadium.

For more information about upcoming activities and how you can get involved, please call 9405 5000 or email programs@wanneroo.wa.gov.au

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

Good as gold: Find time for you with free crèche access

Ever feel like you need extra time for yourself? With Gold membership at Wanneroo Aquamotion, you're good to go.

Sign up for or upgrade your existing membership to Gold today*, and unlock FREE access to our wonderful crèche facilities – with no cap on how often you visit.

That's right – you can enjoy unlimited access to our gym facilities, pool and group fitness classes, while our caring crèche team look after the little ones during your visit, free of charge. For silver members, that's just an extra \$2.40 a week or \$110 a year.

Just book your timeslot the day before, drop in when you arrive and we will take it from there.

Our crèche is open Monday-Friday from 8.45am-12pm, Saturdays from 8am-11am and closed Sundays and public holidays.

To find out more or to upgrade your existing membership, call 9405 5999, email wannerooaquamotion@wanneroo.wa.gov.au or chat with one of our friendly staff during your next visit!

**Offer available to both existing and new members. Valid for direct debit memberships and 12 months paid-in-full memberships only. Crèche facilities available for children aged eight weeks to nine years.*



Game on: Competitive team sports kick-off at Kingsway

Get active, stay social and have fun this spring with Kingsway Indoor Stadium's social sport competitions.

Gather your friends and family and take to the court for mixed volleyball, netball (ladies and mixed), indoor Aussie Rules and futsal (men's and mixed), all at the same venue at affordable prices.

Shelter from the warmer weather, cool off with Kingsway's new indoor fans and recharge afterwards at the onsite café, Kerri D's Kitchen.

Starting from Monday 4 October and running until February 2022. Team registration fees start from just \$40. Weekly match entry fees vary. What are you waiting for?

Visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/kingswayindoorstadium for more information and register.





City of
Wanneroo

School Holidays

OCTOBER
HIGHLIGHTS



25 Sept to 9 Oct

Open hours

All ages

Free



Arts and crafts from the past

Look at how wood, fabric and even beeswax can be created into works of art and hear the stories about the skilled craftspeople from both past and present. Explore the museum with our popular clue hunt activity.

Wanneroo Regional Museum, 3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo



School holiday sports

Enjoy a multitude of different sports at Kingsway Indoor Stadium, including netball, basketball, soccer, AFL, cricket, hip-hop and crazy craft.

Kingsway Indoor Stadium, Madeley | bookings required

27 Sept to

8 Oct

Open hours

2-12 years

From \$12



28 Sept to 10 Oct

Mon-Fri 11am-1pm

Sat-Sun 1pm-3pm

5-15 years

\$7



Pool inflatable fun

Climb, bounce and slide across our inflatable obstacle course at Wanneroo Aquamotion! Test your balancing abilities or take a trip down the slide while having fun in our indoor and outdoor pools.

Wanneroo Aquamotion, 19 Civic Drive, Wanneroo



RSPCA are animal champions

These sessions teach children five and over about safety around animals, with an emphasis on dogs, raising awareness about animal welfare issues in the community, and promoting empathy towards animals.

City of Wanneroo Libraries | bookings required

1 to 7 Oct

10.30am-

11.30am

5+ years

Free



Monday 4 Oct

9.30am-2.30pm

9-11 years

Free



Comb the coast

Adopt a beach and learn how to take care of our beautiful coastline. Lunch provided, please wear warm clothes and enclosed shoes.

Quinns Beach, Quinns Rocks | bookings required



For more information on holiday fun, visit
wanneroo.wa.gov.au/schoolholidayactivities

