



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Tracey Roberts JP

This week the City took an exciting step on the path to recovery by reopening many of its community facilities and programs.

In line with Phase 2 of the State Government's Covid-19 Roadmap to Recovery a number of popular amenities and programs including Wanneroo Aquamotion (partial),

libraries and the Clarkson and Girrawheen Youth centres reopened. This is a very positive step forward but there are some restrictions in place as we need to adhere to State Government guidelines to ensure the health and safety of all users.

Our number one priority is community safety and our employees have undertaken additional training to ensure cleaning regimes are increased.

We are all in this together and it is very important that we all continue to follow social distancing regulations, wash our hands regularly and stay home if feeling unwell.

These are early days and opening

hours will be affected and patronage limits will be capped at 20 attendees, so we appreciate everyone's patience during this time.

Due to Government regulations and social distancing or cleaning regime challenges, some of our facilities such as Kingsway Indoor Stadium, community centres, playgrounds, the gallery and museum, and the gym at Aquamotion will remain closed. For further information on what is open and the latest Covid-19 updates visit the City's website.

Some businesses in the City will also begin to reopen this week and I encourage everyone to continue supporting local business as much

as they possibly can.

Remember, the City has a dedicated support hotline - 9405 5600 for people who cannot access information online and I encourage anyone who needs assistance to reach out as we are here to help.

This has been a very challenging time and I want to thank everyone for their resilience and community spirit. I am sure that we will emerge from this crisis stronger and continue to be a vibrant, progressive and prosperous City. Stay safe.



Eager readers at Wanneroo Library.

Celebrating National Volunteer Week

This Monday marked the start of National Volunteer Week, an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers.

One group of volunteers making a difference in our local community is not-for-profit group Two Rocks Yanchepp Assisted Cancer Travels (TRYACT).

Since 2013 TRYACT has provided subsidised transport services for local residents who have cancer and need assistance with travelling to

and from appointments for treatment.

With most of its volunteers aged over 70 and deemed most at-risk from the effects of COVID-19, TRYACT President Sue Dash said the organisation found itself suddenly short-staffed earlier this year and contacted the City of Wanneroo for help.

Regular City of Wanneroo volunteer and mini-bus driver Eric Byleveld immediately offered to help out.

From the get-go, Mr Byleveld said he

hit it off with his first client, learning that they were even born on the same day, of the same month, of the same year.

"What are the chances of that!" Mr Byleveld laughed.

"On the way back from our first hospital trip, we decided to stop off and buy a lottery ticket that we would share the winnings from - we didn't win anything though!

"It is rewarding to help others, particularly in today's world where

we're fortunate to have our health."

Ms Dash said the connection the two shared gave her client a huge emotional boost, dubbing them the first "un-identical TRYACT twins".

"We have since recruited two more volunteers from the City of Wanneroo's support network, helping more Yanchepp and Two Rocks residents attend vital appointments."

If you are interested in volunteering, visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/volunteers