



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Tracey Roberts JP

Over the last few weeks, a number of City of Wanneroo facilities have reopened their doors and welcomed back patrons.

Regulars at Wanneroo Aquamotion can now make use of the swimming pool, gym, spa, and sauna; teens and young people can drop into a

youth centre or ride the rails at their local skate park; and families can once again use the play equipment at their local park.

The Wanneroo Regional Museum and Kingsway Indoor Stadium are open for business and regular story time sessions have resumed at the libraries. Last week's singalong nursery rhyme session for young families at Clarkson Library was full of smiling faces and happy tunes.

Visitors to the Wanneroo Regional Museum can now experience a new open space featuring interactive treasure hunt games, as well as

space on the colourful walls for visitors to leave feedback, thoughts and ideas of their own.

After weeks and months of following isolation guidelines, it is lovely to see so many local families out and about, safely enjoying each other's company, as well as continuing to support local retailers and restaurants across the City.

The health and safety of our residents and our staff is paramount, which is why we have ensured all City facilities align with the State Government's Roadmap to Recovery guidelines, as we move out of phase



It's All About Rhymes at Clarkson Library.

three and into phase four over the weekend.

More information on how this latest change will affect the City's services and facilities can be found by visiting our website in the coming days: wanneroo.wa.gov.au/covid-19

Food hampers for residents in need

A collaborative effort between the City of Wanneroo and Vinnies WA will enable local residents to access food hampers during these challenging times.

Vinnies WA reported an increase in the demand for food support since the beginning of March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to the increase, a new model of providing support was established and food hampers were distributed to those in need.

The successful initiative has now been extended to those living in the City of Wanneroo, where vulnerable residents or those experiencing financial hardship can request a food hamper.

Vinnies WA Executive Manager of Member and Volunteer Services Andrew York said many people in the community are being affected by disruptions caused by COVID-19 and accessing basic needs such as food was becoming a challenge for some.

"Being able to provide emergency food relief, even in the form of a hamper left at the door, can keep an individual or even a family going for up to a week," he said.

Food hampers are packed at the Vinnies Canning Vale Distribution Centre and delivered to a hub in Wanneroo, ready to be distributed to residents by City volunteers.

"The initiative is a great partnership that will really benefit our community and provide additional support to



Hamper packing at Vinnies WA.

those who need it most," Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts said.

Residents who would like to request a hamper should contact Vinnies WA on 1300 794 054. The program is initially due to run for three months with the possibility of extension.