

# What's Happening



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# Mayor's Message

Welcome to the Summer edition of 'What's Happening'

Following the recent local government election, it is my pleasure to welcome our new council members, Helen Berry, Natalie Herridge, James Rowe and Jordan Wright.

We also welcome back our re-elected council members, Linda Aitken, Sonet Coetzee and Paul Miles. I look forward to working with all council members to represent the best interests of our large and fast growing community.

I thank our departing council members – Dot Newton, Lewis Flood, Hugh Nguyen and Domenic Zappa – for their service to the community during their terms of office on Council.

I would also like to thank Cr Frank Cvitan JP as the City's former Deputy Mayor and welcome Cr Brett Treby to the role.

This edition of *What's Happening* is all about arts, culture, events and activities happening across the City.

Our summer events season has started and includes two free, festive events: the Christmas twilight markets at Hinckley Park in Hocking on 4 December and a Sunset Sounds community concert at Kingsbridge Park in Butler on 11 December.

Next year, our residents can look forward to a special evening with Perth Symphony Orchestra and the popular Wanneroo Festival in March.

As we move into the warmer summer months, it is important that we all prepare for challenging weather.

See page 18 for information on preparing for bushfire season. If we all do our part, we can mitigate the risk of damaging bushfires – something our local volunteer fire brigades and the SES will be thankful for.

We are very fortunate to have our local Surf Life Saving Clubs who help to keep our beaches safe over the summer months. Please make sure to swim between the flags.

Please find enclosed your 2022 calendar which features photos of our beautiful City taken by local residents.

On behalf of Council and City staff I wish all residents and visitors a safe festive season and a happy, prosperous 2022.

**Mayor Tracey Roberts JP**

*Pictured (L-R): Cr Jordan Wright, Cr Helen Berry, Cr Paul Miles, Cr Sonet Coetzee, Mayor Tracey Roberts, Cr Linda Aitken, Cr James Rowe, Cr Natalie Herridge.*

## Christmas and New Year opening hours

The Wanneroo Civic Centre will be closed on the Christmas Day and Boxing Day public holidays (27-28 December) and the New Year's Day public holiday (3 January).

For all Christmas closures – including Wanneroo Aquamotion, Kingsway Indoor Stadium and your local library – please visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/contactus](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/contactus)

## Bin collections during the holidays

There will be no change to your regular waste collection day this Christmas, New Year or Australia Day.

## We want to hear from you!

Do you have a story to share, or feedback for us? Get in touch with the team behind *What's Happening* by emailing [publications@wanneroo.wa.gov.au](mailto:publications@wanneroo.wa.gov.au)



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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.



# Aquamotion

## Family Fun Day

*When it comes to free fun for the whole family, Aquamotion has it in bucket loads!*

This ultimate summer holiday event is jam-packed with giant pool inflatables, a slip-n-slide, games, face painting, giveaways, free class demos, music, and so much more.

Enjoy a delicious donut and thirst-quenching slushy from Splash Pad Café while you wander around and soak up the fun! No tickets required, entry is free.

**Saturday 8 January 2022 - 1pm to 4pm**

**Wanneroo Aquamotion**

**19 Civic Drive, Wanneroo**



## High five the summer season

*Get set for summer with five weeks' free gym membership at Wanneroo Aquamotion!*

Pay for a five-week gym membership and get a further five weeks free.

Regular exercise comes with a whole host of benefits, such as:

- Improving your mental health and wellbeing
- Improving your mood and boosting your memory and brain function
- Helping you feel fit and healthier
- Lowering blood pressure and improving heart health
- Reducing feelings of anxiety and depression.

So if you want to look good and feel great this summer, find your five at Wanneroo Aquamotion.

Offer available exclusively to new members until Friday 10 December. For more information on pricing, call **9405 5999**, email [wannerooaquamotion@wanneroo.wa.gov.au](mailto:wannerooaquamotion@wanneroo.wa.gov.au) or chat with one of our friendly staff during your next visit.

Plus, gold members are entitled to free access to our wonderful crèche facilities until 1 March 2022.

## Splash and Swim

*Wanneroo Aquamotion's popular swim school is expanding to include 'Splash and Swim', a dedicated class for babies aged three to six months.*

Did you know that early childhood swimming can help with cognitive function, improve your baby's sleeping pattern, build muscle, and most importantly, give you more quality time with your little one!

Splash and Swim classes run in the hydropool at 12.10pm every Monday and 11.05am every Tuesday. For more information on how to book, call **9405 5999** or email [swimschool@wanneroo.wa.gov.au](mailto:swimschool@wanneroo.wa.gov.au)





# Project updates

## Neerabup Industrial Area, Neerabup

*The development of the Neerabup Industrial Area (NIA) has long been recognised as a key strategic project for the City of Wanneroo.*

The 1000-hectare site will provide significant long-term economic growth through commercial opportunities and job creation; ultimately employing up to 30,000 people.

Neerabup already benefits from strong regional connections and is well situated on major transport routes. However, future road and rail infrastructure, including the northern Mitchell Freeway and Yanchep Rail extensions, coupled with the development of Flynn Drive and improved east-west connections, will open up passenger and freight access routes, helping Neerabup thrive, long into the future.

Agrimate Fencing Owner and Director Claude Bezuidenhout said he decided to grow his business in Neerabup, because of its growth potential and affordable price point.

"We started about 20 years ago, from my garage, [but] as business was expanding, I decided to invest in a bigger property and premises, and we decided to look at Neerabup," Mr Bezuidenhout said.

"I like Neerabup because the price is competitive; you can get a good property for a decent price and it is an expanding area, where all the new neighbours in this area are just growing."

Banhams WA General Manager Paul Colliver echoed that sentiment, citing Neerabup's future industrial growth and key transport links.

Work recently commenced on the Australian Automation and Robotics Precinct, which will form one of the biggest test facilities of its kind in the world.

The 51-hectare precinct will be a major hub for testing and research into the latest developments in automation, remote operation and robotic systems.

The precinct is being delivered by Development WA through a \$20 million commitment from the State Government, and will position Neerabup as the national centre for robotics and automation.

The Western Australian Planning Commission also recently approved the subdivision of the City of Wanneroo owned, 16-hectare Lot 9100 which has the capacity to deliver up to 41 industrial lots. Development of this area will commence in 2023.

## Quinns Road, Quinns Rocks

*In response to community concerns about traffic congestion and safe pedestrian access, the City is widening Quinns Road from Tapping Way to Marmion Avenue.*

Quinns Road will benefit from two new right turn lanes onto Marmion Avenue, which will ease peak hour traffic congestion and increase safety for all road users.

This work includes modifications at the Salerno Drive/Tapping Way roundabout and the Marmion Avenue/Quinns Road intersection.

Construction is due to take place during December 2021 and January 2022 to minimise traffic disruptions during the school term.

This project is budgeted at \$1.2 million including funding of \$870,000 from the State Government's Roads Improvement Program.





## Dalvik Park, Merriwa

### *Enjoy exercising in the great outdoors?*

Outdoor exercise equipment has been installed at Dalvik Park in Merriwa to support low intensity exercise and improve strength, flexibility, mobility and balance.

The equipment is suitable for people of all abilities and will be sheltered from the sun with a shade sail.

The \$87,000 equipment is fully funded under the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

A new sports pavilion is also under construction at Dalvik Park.

Featuring a multipurpose room, kiosk, change rooms, club storage facilities, first aid room, umpires room and toilets, the pavilion will cater for the City's growing community and grassroots sporting clubs.

Other improvements include a new car park, tree restoration and landscaping works. These works are budgeted at \$2.26 million, including \$400,000 funding from the State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund.

Construction started in July this year and is expected to be completed by April 2022.

Dalvik Park is located off Dalvik Avenue in Merriwa.



## Alexander Drive, Landsdale

### *The City of Wanneroo is committed to supporting a connected, active and safe community.*

A three-metre wide shared pathway is being constructed along Alexander Drive from Gnangara Road to Hepburn Avenue, Landsdale to improve connectivity and safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Construction of the 2.8km long pathway is scheduled to commence in 2022.

During this time, temporary fencing and traffic management will be in place to safely manage pedestrians and traffic.

This project is budgeted at \$3.2 million.



## Christmas time at your local library

### SANTA'S STORY WORKSHOP WITH GLENN SWIFT

Glenn Swift and his elf accomplice will be kick-starting the Christmas fun at your local library this December. Join us for sparkly festive tales and songs and get enthused about sharing sacks of stories over the summer months, in our Summer Reading Club.

Thursday 2 December / 10.30am to 11.15am / Yanchep Two Rocks Library

Tuesday 7 December / 10.30am to 11.15am / Clarkson Library

Thursday 9 December / 10.30am to 11.15am / Wanneroo Library

Friday 10 December / 10.30am to 11.15am / Girrawheen Library

[wanneroolibraries.eventbrite.com.au](http://wanneroolibraries.eventbrite.com.au)

FREE



### AUTHOR TALK WITH REBECCA RAISIN

Join us for a discussion of Christmas fiction at this talk packed with tinsel, carols and even a gift or two. Author Rebecca Raisin will be hosted by journalist Belinda Cipriano, and share insight into her festive work of fiction, *Flora's Travelling Christmas Shop*.

Great Court, Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre

Friday 3 December / 6pm to 7.30pm  
FREE, bookings essential

[wanneroolibraries.eventbrite.com.au](http://wanneroolibraries.eventbrite.com.au)

## Tis to the season to be sustainable

*All of our upcoming sustainability sessions are free, but bookings are essential. To find out more and to book, visit [wanneroolibraries.eventbrite.com.au](http://wanneroolibraries.eventbrite.com.au)*

### THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WORMS WITH PEG DAVIES

Learn how worms can help you get rid of your kitchen waste this Christmas. Peg Davies will share tips and tricks on how to get your worm farm working well.

Girrawheen Library  
Wednesday 1 December  
10am to 11am

### CREATE YOUR OWN VEGGIE BED

From choosing materials to planting seeds, this workshop presented by Ecoburbia will help you to build a simple raised veggie bed using recycled materials. Learn how to sow your seeds, install drip irrigation and prepare your soil.

Yanchep Two Rocks Library  
Saturday 12 February  
10am to 12pm

### LIVING SMART AND MORE SUSTAINABLY

Interested in living a simpler, healthier lifestyle? This course, presented by Ecoburbia, is the ultimate behaviour change course, from tips on saving power and water to 'food for thought' on transport and food usage.

This course is available in a range of formats, from the traditional seven-week course to a shorter four-week course and can be tailored to cover the topics that interest you. You can even attend a one-off taster session to test the waters.

Clarkson Library  
Seven-week course starting  
Saturday 19 February  
2pm to 4.30pm



## Social media advice for parents

Does your teenager spend hours browsing social media every day? Have you ever thought what the impact of addiction can be on a young mind? This informative presentation will guide you through what can often feel like a minefield and provide helpful and practical advice for parents struggling with 'plugged-in' teens.

Girrawheen Library  
Wednesday 9 February,  
1.30pm to 2.30pm  
FREE, bookings essential

[wanneroolibraries.eventbrite.com.au](http://wanneroolibraries.eventbrite.com.au)



# Talking books

## with Winnie the Wombat

**Summer Reading Club is back! Bring your summer to life by visiting your local City of Wanneroo library to pick up a reading passport filled with inspirational activities, fun challenges and great giveaways.**

Summer Reading Club's well-read 'spokeswombat', Winnie, caught up with *What's Happening* to preview all the fun and games at the library this summer...

**Summer Reading Club is on now at City of Wanneroo Libraries. How does it work?**

It is free to join and there are great activities happening throughout the school holidays. When you visit the library, you can collect and win fun prizes.

The theme of this year's Summer Reading Club, 'Bring it to life', covers everything from puppetry and music to robotics and animation.

### **What are the benefits of reading?**

Reading from a young age is a great way to help your child learn new words and expand their vocabulary! Stories can impart life lessons, improve your child's attention span and teach them important listening skills.

Most importantly, books and stories open up a completely new world to your child. Fiction stirs the imagination, while non-fiction helps us learn about the real world.



### **That's awesome! What are some of your favourite books?**

I like stories about other wombats and marsupials and even birds. My favourite books are *Diary of a Wombat* by Jackie French (pictured) and *Wombat Stew* by Marcia K Vaughan and Pamela Lofts.

But sometimes I read funny tales, superhero adventures and scary stories too.

### **Can you share some animal-themed recommendations with us?**

You can't look past the classics – they are a great place to start! Try checking out A.A Milne's *Winnie the Pooh* stories, Roald Dahl's *Fantastic Mr Fox*, Kenneth Grahame's *The Wind in the Willows* or C.S Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

### **When does a wombat find time to read?**

Well, wombats are mostly nocturnal, which means I sleep during the day and stay awake at night. Between digging burrows and feeding on roots and bark, I do all my reading when it is dark – with a night light, of course!

### **When does Summer Reading Club start?**

Summer Reading Club starts 1 December and runs until the end of January. Get in quick to get started!

### **Where can I go to find out more about Summer Reading Club?**

Head online to find out more – visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/src](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/src)

## FACT FILE: WOMBATS

*Wombats are curious creatures. Here are some fascinating facts about these cute marsupials...*



Wombats can run fast – up to 40km an hour! They can run at this speed for about 90 seconds.



Their poo is cube-shaped! Wombats use their poo to mark out their territory – and being cube-shaped, it won't roll away.



Like kangaroos and koalas, wombats have pouches to carry their babies. Wombat pouches are different because they face backwards to protect baby wombats from getting dirty when their mum is digging a warren in the ground.



A wombat burrow or warren can stretch for over 200m – making them a great place for other animals to hide from predators or to shelter during bushfires.

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY ADVENTURE TRAIL

Two Rocks

Gravity Discovery Centre  
(Gin Gin)

Yanchep Two Rocks  
Library

Yanchep

Yanchep Lagoon  
Sun, sea,  
sand and  
lots of fun!

Yanchep National Park

Caves  
Picnics in the park  
Scenic walks  
Chocolate Drops  
Yanchep Inn  
Bike riding  
Spot the koalas

Kinkuna Park  
Eglinton

Shorehaven Beach  
Alkimos

Shorehaven's Treasure Island  
Adventure Playground

Halesworth Park  
Butler

Chillisaurus  
Mini Golf  
Merriwa

Addison Park  
Merriwa

Quinns Rocks

Ocean Keys  
Shopping Centre

Clarkson  
Library

Wanneroo Raceway

Mindarie

Mindarie Marina  
Lots to do,  
lots to eat,  
lots of fun!

Mega Fast Karts  
Wanneroo  
Neerabup

Discovery Park  
Banksia Grove

Wanneroo Botanic  
Gardens & Mini Golf

Yellagonga Regional Park

Wanneroo  
Library and Cultural  
Centre

Wanneroo

Hinckley Park  
Hocking

Cockman House

Buckingham  
House

Landsdale  
Animal  
Farm

Marangaroo  
Golf Course

Girrawheen  
Library

Perth City

Ahoy mateys! Set sail and plot a course for summer fun these school holidays, with so much to see and do, who knows what adventures you might get up to...?

Here are some things you might need to pack...

Sunscreen  
Sunglasses  
Water  
Snacks  
Hat  
Camera



Map is for illustrative purposes only





# SUMMER OF FUN

2021/22

**CARNIVALS,  
CONCERTS,  
CHRISTMAS  
MARKETS  
AND MORE**

## MAKE SOME NOISE AT SUNSET SOUNDS

*Live music, great food, fun and games for the whole family – what's not to love? Pack a rug, snag a spot on the grass and soak in the sweet tunes as the sun sets at one of our free, family-friendly community concerts.*

### SUNSET SOUNDS – BUTLER

Gather to celebrate the festive season with a Christmas musical troupe who will be playing modern twists to old favourites you know and love, that will be sure to knocking back the eggnog and swinging your hips.

Plus, the North Coastal Children's Community Choir will be taking to the stage, plus a special appearance from Santa and his magical elf.

Browse the markets, sample some food truck cuisine or simply pack a picnic and soak up the festive atmosphere.

Saturday 11 December 2021  
5pm onwards  
Kingsbridge Park, Butler  
Situated off Kingsbridge Blvd

FREE

### SUNSET SOUNDS – LANDSDALE

Two awesome local acts form the line-up for Sunset Sounds Landsdale; electrifying six-piece band Switch, who boast both delicious harmonies and eye-popping dance moves, and modern acoustic duo Jana Chanelle (on vocals) and Matt Williams (on guitar) – also known by their stage moniker, Brooks.

Come grab a bite to eat from our selection of food trucks, and then dance the night away. There will be free face painting and children's rides to keep the whole family entertained.

Saturday 19 February 2022  
5pm onwards  
Warradale Park, Landsdale  
Situated off Warradale Terrace

FREE



## CHRISTMAS CAROLS, MARKETS AND MORE

*Christmas is a time for giving – and what better place to bag a great gift or a nifty knick-knack than your local twilight market?*

So if you need a pressie for a rellie or just some festive nibbles, get into the spirit of the season by browsing the dozens of stalls from local small businesses, makers and market gardens. Plus, Santa Claus will be putting in an appearance in the photo booth!

With food trucks and live music from Charlie Scott to enjoy, you can take a night off from the cooking and tuck into some delectable street food instead.

Christmas Twilight Markets  
Saturday 4 December 2021  
4.30pm to 8.30pm  
Hinckley Park, Hocking  
Situated off Copenhagen Drive

FREE

**12 December – Yanchep Carols in the Park** Head along to Yanchep's Splendid Park from 6.30pm for True North Church's popular Carols in the Park concert. Enjoy a wonderful night singing along to your favourite Christmas carols, culminating in an amazing fireworks display! Visit [facebook.com/yanchepcarols](https://facebook.com/yanchepcarols) for more info.

FREE

**15-17 December – Merriwa Christmas Festival** True North Church's three-day Christmas festival will feature indoor ice-skating, outdoor movies and Christmas markets, plus live music, a Christmas lights trail and a grand fireworks finale. The festivities run from 6.30pm to 8.30pm each night, at True North Block on Connolly Drive in Merriwa. Visit [facebook.com/truenorthblock](https://facebook.com/truenorthblock) for more information.

FREE

**25 December – Wanneroo Christmas Day Lunch** Rotary Club of Mindarie will be hosting the long-running Wanneroo Christmas Day Lunch at Irene McCormack Catholic College in Butler, from 12pm on Christmas Day. For more information, email [wanneroochristmasdaylunch@gmail.com](mailto:wanneroochristmasdaylunch@gmail.com)

FREE

# SYMPHONY UNDER THE STARS

*On 26 February, City of Wanneroo presents **Symphony Under the Stars**, a sensory evening with Perth Symphony Orchestra, featuring a catalogue of family favourites, both old and new.*

*What's Happening* spoke to the creative minds behind the concert about the decision to bring Perth Festival to the picturesque ocean-side setting of Splendid Park and what audiences can expect from the orchestra.



## PERTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FOUNDER AND CEO BOURBY WEBSTER

**Can you tell us a little bit about Perth Symphony Orchestra?**

We are an orchestra passionate about breaking the rules of traditional orchestral concerts and sharing the magic of orchestral music with the widest possible audience.

We are 10 years old and, in that time have become one of the largest arts companies in the state, taking music out of the concert hall and into the community.

Our mission is 'music for everyone'. Encouraging people to listen – and fall in love with – an orchestra for the first time is what keeps us doing what we do!

**PSO is renowned for performing a wide range of music. Can you give us a sneak peek at the tracklist for *Symphony Under the Stars*?**

We play in crazy places and spaces from car parks to warehouses and perform music from Nirvana to Mozart and everything in between.

You can expect music by David Bowie, Vivaldi, Katy Perry and many, many more. The program features music from almost every genre including classical, music theatre, rock, pop and jazz.

**Yanchep's Splendid Park isn't your typical concert hall. Can you tell us a little bit about Perth Symphony Orchestra's mission of 'music for everyone'?**

Taking music out of the traditional setting of the concert hall into beautiful open-air spaces turns it from a traditional, regimented environment into a place where people can relax, join friends, picnic and sing along.

We believe orchestral music is the most powerful, evocative and exciting music there is (think of the soundtrack to *Halo* videogames or the *Lord of the Rings* films).

We want to share our passion for music and musical instruments with every Western Australian so the orchestra becomes 'everyone's thing'.

**What if orchestra really isn't my thing?**

Then you are yet to see us in action! I don't know one person who could have a life devoid of music. And having music performed by so many gifted musicians who've spent thousands of hours learning their craft is something incredibly special.

We've had literally thousands of people contact us after a performance to say, "I got dragged along and thought I was going to hate it, but I've just experienced one of the best concerts in my life".



## PERTH FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTOR IAIN GRANDAGE

**Can you tell us a little bit about the theme of Perth Festival 2022?**

Perth Festival 2022 is themed around the ocean, or 'wardan'. The ocean is many things to many people – somewhere to have fun with friends, somewhere to cleanse yourself, somewhere to gaze into the setting sun and ponder the beauty of our environment. Inside the festival, we explore stories of migration and belonging.

**With its famous lagoon and Fisherman's Hollow, Yanchep has a long and storied cultural connection with the ocean. How does this intersect with the theme(s) of Perth Festival 2022?**

Just as the ocean has many faces, we are bringing the festival to different places – with concerts in Fremantle, Rockingham and now in the northern suburbs of Perth. It is a joy to bring the festival into the City of Wanneroo, to celebrate the ocean in a place where people have such a connection to its beauty and the rewarding lifestyle it offers.

Symphony Under the Stars with Perth Symphony Orchestra  
Saturday 26 February 2022 - 5pm onwards  
Splendid Park, Yanchep

FREE



# SUMMER SIDESHOWS

*Roll up, roll up! We're bringing the fête to your front door for free! Our Summer Sideshows are a community carnival where you can experience all the fun of the fair, without the hefty entry fees or ticket prices.*

Two small-scale, carnival-style afternoons, complete with inflatables, amusement rides and live music, will visit Carramar and Quinns Rocks in January and February.

Think candyfloss, popcorn and corndogs, face painting and food trucks serving scrumptious snacks and sides.

## Where and when?

Saturday 15 January 2022 / 2pm-7pm  
Houghton Park, Carramar

Saturday 12 February 2022 / 2pm-7pm  
Mintaro Park, Quinns Rocks

FREE



# WHAT'S ON THIS AUSTRALIA DAY

**26 January – Australia Day Breakfast** Lions Club of Girrawheen will be hosting their regular Australia Day brekkie at John Moloney Park in Marangaroo (on Highclere Blvd) from 7am to 11am. There's no need to bring a thing, except a smile.

**26 January – Australia Day Breakfast** Entry to Yanchep Two Rocks Community Recreation Association's Australia Day brekkie is free, with no prior registration necessary. Just pop down to the Phil Renkin Centre on Lisford Avenue from 8am to tuck into some delicious free food.

# SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 2022 AND BEYOND!

*But wait, there's more! Mark these dates in your calendars for further festivities and frivolity in 2022.*

**12 March – The Marina Swim** Hosted in the beautiful clear and calm waters of Mindarie Marina, swimmers will be able to experience open water swimming within the safety of the marina. The Marina Swim has several different events to choose from, including the 1.25km City of Wanneroo Swim Classic, making it an event for the whole family to enjoy. Register at [themarinaswim.com](http://themarinaswim.com)

**19 March – Wanneroo Festival** This lively event at the historic Wanneroo Showgrounds celebrates the traditional music, cuisine and dance of our multicultural community. Featuring food trucks, world music and dance, and a daring drone display to cap-off a wonderful evening. For more information, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/events](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/events)

**2 April – Get Reel Two Rocks** This popular fun-filled family fishing event is back for 2022! Featuring market stalls, live music, children's entertainment, fishing demos, games and competitions. For more information, visit [getreeltworocks.com.au](http://getreeltworocks.com.au)



**9 April – Yanchep Twilight Markets** Looking for a great gift, a nifty knick-knack or some of the freshest produce sourced from local growers? Then search the stalls at our twilight markets to grab a bargain. Yanchep's Old Nursery Park is the setting for this relaxed affair, so pick a spot on the grass and bask in the live music and late summer vibes. For more information, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/events](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/events)



Koorliny Koort Boodja Yorgas with their artwork, *Djinanging at Nature's Kwobidak*, at the Wanneroo Gallery.



Fiona Gavino.

## Art and ocean intersect at *Converging Currents*

**Now exhibiting at the Wanneroo Gallery, *Converging Currents* explores cross-continental and local collaborations, with a focus on migratory stories, Wanneroo's sparkling coastline, the local fishing industry and more.**

Stories connected by this theme take the form of a suite of solo shows, group exhibitions and collaborations, by artists living and working in and connected to the Wanneroo region.

*Converging Currents* forms part of the state-wide Indian Ocean Craft Triennial – IOTA 21 – a festival spanning more than 30 major galleries and venues across Western Australia.

An artist with Australian, Filipino and Maori heritage, Fiona Gavino is best known for using textiles, fibres and natural materials to create sculptural, woven artworks that are both eye-catching and environmentally conscious. Her practice began in the Northern Territory, the foundation of which has had a lasting effect on the way in she approaches her art.

For *Converging Currents*, Fiona worked collaboratively with a group of local indigenous women (known collectively as Koorliny Koort Boodja Yorgas) to create *Djinanging at Nature's Kwobidak* (or *Looking at Nature's Beauty*).

The artwork, made from natural plants and found objects from domestic settings such as the coast, local parks and gardens, sits pride of place, at the entry to the Wanneroo Gallery.

Mingulo Bartlett, a member of Koorliny Koort Boodja Yorgas, told *What's Happening* that the group of yorgas (Noongar word for women) jumped at the chance to participate in *Converging Currents*.

"A lot of love and passion went into our work," Mingulo said. "In fact, it was a matter of eyes wide shut, as many of us had not done anything like this before."

"Fiona facilitated the work and taught us the skills. As we worked, we chatted and told stories, sharing each other's life stories; we gained new knowledge and learnt many new skills."

Fellow yorga Dianne Liddelow said the piece was inspired by the many dialects of the Noongar nation – represented by banksia nuts – and the many lakes near Wanneroo Road, such as Lake Yellagonga, Goollelal and Joondalup.

"This piece of art incorporates storytelling from Noongar people, stories [which] have been passed through the generations," Dianne said.

"We have woven together Aboriginal places of significance, with Dreaming stories and animals that relate to the coast and the land along the northern suburb's Indian Ocean coast.

"We chose the curved or circle shape because it is never-ending, and we can see whatever we want to see through the circle. The history and stories are timeless."



## Converging Currents

Wanneroo Gallery  
Upstairs at the Wanneroo Library  
and Cultural Centre

Exhibiting until 15 January 2022  
Open Wednesday to Saturday,  
10am to 4pm

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



Courtney Hill pictured with her bespoke artwork, *Nyitting Wanneroo*, at the Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre.



## Five minutes with...

### Noongar artist Courtney Hill

***What's Happening spoke to Marangaroo resident and Noongar artist Courtney Hill on translating thousands of years of local storytelling into her ground-breaking artwork, Nyitting Wanneroo, which takes people on a journey across the entire Wanneroo district.***

From our interlinking lakes to the origins of the land, Courtney's large-scale canvas artwork captures her unique and very personal interpretation of the region's Aboriginal history and heritage stretching across time, generations and distance.

*Nyitting Wanneroo* will be incorporated into the City of Wanneroo's brand and was specially designed and created to bring the unique stories of the area to life, helping people understand and connect with the Aboriginal heritage that forms a significant part of the City's identity.

**Can you start off by telling us a little bit about yourself – your history with Wanneroo, and what influences you as an artist?**

I'm a Noongar woman with family connections to the Wardandi, Koreng and Minang clan groups and was born on my grandmothers' country Minang, now known as Albany.

After moving around quite a lot, I eventually settled in the Wanneroo area about 25 years ago. I'm very influenced by storytelling and love to paint unique people to bring out their personality.

**This work – titled *Nyitting Wanneroo* – represents your take on the Aboriginal history of the Wanneroo region, as well as the connection between art and Country. Can you walk us through the different elements, the stories and their significance?**

This work is interpreted as a moment in time in the City of Wanneroo.

There are fourteen Noongar language groups depicted as rocks surrounding the giant goanna who is fighting with shark. Shark and goanna is a Noongar story, telling how reefs off Two Rocks, Garden Island and Rottnest Island were created.

There is the Wanneroo lake systems with turtles swimming in Lake Gnangara. The red-tailed cockatoo is feasting on the banksia blooms. A kangaroo grazes on the fresh grass and as he disappears, footprints are left on the edge of the lake. Emu has already gone but has left his footprints.

There are family groups of children and women with bowls and digging sticks; the children are seated in the inner circle, and the outer circle represents women as their protectors

and teachers. The men are on the left with the creation being in the form of a serpent known as Waugal, his body encircling them to safeguard their minds and bodies. Moon and stars shine over everyone and the outer edges have 36 campsites, which are connected with travel lines, representing the suburbs of the City of Wanneroo.

**What was most challenging part of this project?**

As I painted my adaptation of Aboriginal narratives, I was always very mindful of portraying a uniquely Wanneroo story whilst maintaining the integrity of our timeless Noongar Dreamtime stories.

**Are you excited to see how elements of your art will be used as part of the City's brand?**

I am honoured to represent stories from the region of Wanneroo with this artwork, as this brand project is the first time the City has incorporated Aboriginal art in such an extensive way. I will be keen to see elements of the painting in general around the City of Wanneroo, on uniforms and banners and other things.

For more information on *Nyitting Wanneroo*, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au)



## Waste wise: How locals are sending less to landfill

*What's Happening paid a visit to two 'waste wise' locals who are embracing change and successfully sending less to landfill.*

Landsdale resident Jen said her family chose to downsize from a 240L waste bin to a 140L waste bin because it "made sense".

"We rarely filled up our 240L bin, so it just made sense for us to switch to the smaller waste bin when it was introduced," she said.

"I find it helps us be accountable for how much we're throwing out. Our new smaller bin is typically only half-full when we put it out each week.

"We try to keep our waste to a minimum by utilising different waste reduction methods.

"We are nowhere near completely zero waste, but we try to do our part and keep as much out of landfill as possible."

Jen said food scraps from the kitchen go into a bokashi bin (eco-friendly composting system), which they

keep in the laundry. As the family doesn't have a huge backyard, Jen shares the compost from the bokashi bin with a neighbour, who uses it on their garden.

But that's not all. Jen's family takes all their cans and bottles to a local Containers for Change exchange every couple of weeks and recycles soft plastics through REDcycle.

"I have a personal rule that I can't buy a takeaway coffee unless I've brought my own cup, so I always carry one with me," Jen laughed. "We also buy our meat from a butcher, so we bring our own containers and our own bags when we go shopping.

"Another really helpful method is that we shop second-hand for a lot of things, especially for toys, books, and clothing.

"When it's time to pass things on, we utilise our local 'Buy Nothing or Pay it Forward' Facebook page, which is a great way to keep things that still have plenty of life out of landfill."

Meanwhile, in Hocking, avid gardener and 'earth cycler' Joan is making the most of her new garden organics (GO) bin.

"I put leaves and lawn clippings in my compost bin, but a lot of what's in the GO bin has come off the lemon tree and lime tree, which were overgrowing and had to be trimmed back," she said.

"Before, that all went in the other green (rubbish) bin for the landfill and waste.

"We prefer having the new GO bin because we know it's all going to become compost."

Joan also knows how important it is to keep rubbish, like plastic bags, out of the GO bin to ensure plastic doesn't make its way into the high-quality soil amendment products, like potting mix made using our clean greens.

"We don't use plastic bags to collect our green waste, we use buckets and the wheelbarrow," she said.

For more information on how to sort your waste and send less to landfill, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/sortwaste](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/sortwaste)

## Name a City of Wanneroo waste truck!

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Entries close Monday 13 December 2021. Good luck!





# Let's sort what goes where

Getting your waste to the right place reduces what is sent to landfill, turns waste into valuable resources, and protects the environment.



- ✓ Grass cuttings
- ✓ Leaves and flowers
- ✓ Prunings and small branches
- ✓ Weeds

Keep it loose  
(no bags)



- ✓ Glass bottles and jars
- ✓ Paper and cardboard
- ✓ Cans
- ✓ Plastic bottles and containers

Items to be rinsed, with  
lids off and loose in the bin



- ✓ Nappies/sanitary items
- ✓ Plastic bags
- ✓ Food waste
- ✓ Clothing/textiles
- ✓ Animal droppings

No problematic or  
hazardous waste\*

\* Items such as batteries, electronic waste, paint and tyres can be taken to a drop-off centre.

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

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





# Suburb spotlight: Clarkson

*Once a sparse area of pastoral land used for sheep herding, Clarkson is now a thriving town centre with eateries and abundant opportunities for recreation and retail therapy.*

## PASTORAL PAST

If we wind back the clock to the 1890s, the area now known as Clarkson was home to one property, the Mindarie Homestead, built and owned by the Clarkson family.

The first permanent European settler in the area was explorer and politician, Bernard Drummond Clarkson (1836-1909), who acquired a pastoral lease of 18,000 acres covering Clarkson, Mindarie, Quinns Rocks and Merriwa for the purposes of grazing sheep.

The Clarkson family would move their sheep up and down the coast with the seasons, going as far north as Yalgoo, along the 'Stock Route', a path that today marries up with the Mitchell Freeway and Wanneroo Road.

The limestone ruins of Mindarie Homestead are still standing, preserved by the City of Wanneroo at Homestead Park in Clarkson.

Many of the streets, parks and reserves in the area are named after significant people in Wanneroo's past.

The name Anthony Waring Park, for example, honours a local Vietnam War veteran, while Lukin Drive pays homage to Bernard Clarkson's wife, Isabella. One of Bernard's long-time shepherds, Syd Quinn, served as the inspiration for neighbouring suburb, Quinns Rocks.

## MODEST BEGINNINGS TO BUSTLING 'BURBS

Following the construction of the neighbouring Mindarie Marina, development in Clarkson kicked into high gear – with rapid residential development attracting a mix of young families (60 per cent of residents are aged under 35) and migrants from Britain, New Zealand, South Africa and India (43 per cent of Clarkson residents are born overseas).

Today, Clarkson boasts more than a dozen parks and playgrounds and some serious shopping options. From cars to comic books, the main shopping precinct along Ocean Keys Boulevard offers a mix of big and small commercial opportunities.

"I have watched the Clarkson retail area expand and grow over the last seven years," Collector Zone Comics owner Chris Topfer said. "With even more being built right now, Clarkson is not done growing yet."



*Mindarie Homestead at Homestead Park, Clarkson.*



Opposite the sprawling Ocean Keys Shopping Centre, nestled on the corner of Ebb Way and Ocean Keys Boulevard, is Clarkson Library – your one-stop destination for literacy and learning.

From weekly singalong and nursely rhyme sessions for little ones to chess, mah-jong and Scrabble clubs to get your grey matter working, there's something for all ages at Clarkson Library.

Just around the corner from the library, is another community facility – Clarkson Youth Centre and Skate Park on Key Largo Drive. With a mix of elements, such as grind rails, quarter pipes and wedge ramps, the skate park is a good place to start for those looking to get into skating.

### **DREAM TEAM: EAGER LOCALS ON A MISSION TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Past Connolly Drive, we arrive in the Clarkson train station precinct. It's here that a small group of local businesses, known as the 'East Keys Collective' town team are working collaboratively with the City of Wanneroo to revitalise and reinvigorate the street adjacent to the train station.

Local business owners Sara Revet, who runs the Art en Soul wellness centre, and Sarah Hemetsberger, told *What's Happening* that the City of Wanneroo initially connected them with the Town Team movement, which works with communities to rejuvenate urban areas across the State.

"Working with the City of Wanneroo, we've been able to drill down into what we want to arrive at what's possible – so that we can hold events or get grant money for projects, to better the environment and to connect to the community" Sara said.

The collective is working to improve the aesthetic and amenity of the area. The changes are small-scale and subtle, but geared towards adding colour and a dash of vibrancy to the street. A colourful mural now adorns the front of Sara's centre and she hopes there's much more in the pipeline.



*Sara and Sarah from East Keys Collective.*

"We're pushing ahead with plans to decorate some of the drab, dull bollards and lamp posts that line the street," Sara said. "We're working with a local art teacher, Jo, and we hope to attract local art students to help."

"In the short-term, we could look at adding solar lighting to the trees in the median strip, and long-term, we might build a lending library, install a community garden or fix some planter beds in a parklet to bring people together in our corner of Clarkson.



*Clarkson Youth Centre skate park.*

"It's been an uphill struggle at times, but with a lot of the challenges that come our way, we're hoping other likeminded people and business owners will contribute things in kind to help us out and give the area a lift."

***Could you lend a hand? Search 'East Keys Collective' on Facebook or get in touch with Sara via [eastkeyscollective@gmail.com](mailto:eastkeyscollective@gmail.com).***

## **What's on in Clarkson**

**Lego Club** – Build your own imaginative / creations at Lego Club! From 10am to 11.30am every Saturday at Clarkson Library, recommended for ages five and up.

**Junior Chess Club** – Whether you are a rookie or a king when it comes to chess, Clarkson Library's Junior Chess Club is a great way to improve memory and problem solving. Recommended for ages six and up. From 4pm to 5pm every Monday.

**Knitters Group** – Bring along your knitting projects and enjoy creating with others. No need to book, just pop in and get knitting! Every Monday from 10am and every Friday from 1pm at Clarkson Library.

**Reflect and Connect Memory Café** – A safe and stigma-free space for people living with dementia to socialise and forge friendships. From 10am on the last Tuesday of every month at Jamaica Blue Ocean Keys.

**Paint Wanneroo REaD Reading Corner** – A community space where families, carers and the wider community are invited to pick up a book and read to a child. Situated at the Ocean Keys food court. If you have children's books you no longer need, donate these next time you're at the centre at the Information Desk and give them a second lease of life.



## Are you prepared for bushfire season?

*The City of Wanneroo's Prepare Together program supports residents with bushfire readiness and emergency preparedness activities.*

The project is designed to save lives and mitigate the impact of a bushfire, storm or other major emergency.

To ascertain your level of readiness for an emergency, you can complete our online Prepare Together community survey.

The survey, which only takes five minutes to complete, will walk you through the things you need to consider and understand, as well as help the City of Wanneroo identify the types of prevention and preparedness activities and resources that could help the community.

To complete the survey and find out more about Prepare Together, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/preparingtogether](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/preparingtogether).



### Did you know that bushfire warning colours in Western Australia were recently changed?

In September, new warning colours and symbols for bushfires were introduced to ensure consistency across all Australian states and territories. An Advice level warning is now accompanied by a yellow icon; Watch and Act with orange; and Emergency Warning with red. Please refer to the picture above for more information.

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



### PROHIBITED BURNING AND FIREBREAK INSPECTIONS

Burning is prohibited between 1 December and 31 March; after which, fire mitigation measures remain in place until 30 April and a permit is required to burn.

During restricted burning periods, permits can be obtained online at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/burnpermit](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/burnpermit) or in-person from the Wanneroo Civic Centre on Dundobar Road.

Firebreak inspections are now underway. It is important that, if necessary, you prepare your property for bushfire season and stay safe.

## Have you seen a quenda?

*The City of Wanneroo is home to an amazing array of native fauna, but sadly some of these animals face extinction in suburbia.*

Boasting 32km of coastal foreshore and more than 120 conservation reserves, the City has many suitable areas to support native mammals including the quenda, western brush wallaby, possum, honey possum and western grey kangaroo.

To confirm where native animal populations are currently located, our conservation team and volunteers have been monitoring our foreshore and reserves, collecting data via trail cameras and on-ground evidence surveys.

In recent months, native quenda populations have been returning to areas from which they had previously disappeared. Fauna surveys also show returning populations of wallabies and kangaroos in some of the City's larger reserves.

These results are testimony to the City's conservation work success.

The community can help play a role in looking after our native animals by reporting sightings of native animals such as quenda on 9405 5000 or email [conservationmaint@wanneroo.wa.gov.au](mailto:conservationmaint@wanneroo.wa.gov.au)

More information about conservation in the City is available at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/conservation](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/conservation)







## Ensuring access and inclusion *for all*

**Friday 3 December marks International Day of People with Disability, a day to reflect on the importance of inclusion and increase awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability.**

In line with our Access and Inclusion Plan, the City of Wanneroo is committed to building a community where all people are accepted, welcomed and encouraged to participate and contribute.

Here's a look at some of the initiatives that are improving accessibility to our facilities.

### WANNEROO AQUAMOTION

Wanneroo Aquamotion, on Civic Drive in Wanneroo, is home to the popular Dolphin Program - a dedicated swim school for people with a wide range of needs. Teachers are skilled in and passionate about helping people living with a disability to build confidence, awareness and self-esteem in the water, as well as how to swim independently.

The heated program pool at Aquamotion is ideal for physiotherapy and rehabilitation. Fitted with a graded ramp with handrails and a hydraulic

chairlift for disability access, the pool is 1.4m deep at its deepest point and heated to a toasty 33°C.

The main 25m lap pool at Aquamotion was also fitted with an accessible 'pool pod' earlier this year. First developed for the London 2012 Paralympic Games, the innovative pool pod is controlled via a wristband, and can safely move two people from poolside into the water in as little as 20 seconds.

To find out more about both the Dolphin Program and the accessible amenities at Wanneroo Aquamotion, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/wannerooaquamotion](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/wannerooaquamotion) or call 9405 5999.

### BEACH WHEELCHAIRS

Enjoying our dazzling coastline has never been easier, thanks to the City of Wanneroo's two free purpose-built beach wheelchairs available at Quinns Beach and Yanchep Lagoon.

Designed to move easily across the sand and safely into the surf with the support of a carer, the beach wheelchairs can be hired for free during the summer months, from 1 November at Yanchep Lagoon and 1 December at Quinns Beach.

Heavy-duty mats were installed at both beaches last year to help people with a disability or impaired mobility access the sand and surf.

For more information, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/beachwheelchairs](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/beachwheelchairs) or call 9405 5600.

### SOCIAL STORIES AT OUR HERITAGE HOUSES

School-age students who attend an excursion at either Cockman House in Woodvale or Buckingham House in Wanneroo can access a dedicated 'Social Stories' resource to help guide them through the experience.

The Social Stories tool is designed to explain social situations, guide appropriate behaviour and alleviate anxiety, particularly for students with Autistic Spectrum Disorder or other social difficulties.

If you are interested in visiting Cockman House or Buckingham House and using this resource, contact 9405 5905 or visit [www.wanneroo.wa.gov.au/educationalresources](http://www.wanneroo.wa.gov.au/educationalresources)

## Get smart and save with a Power-Mate meter

**Looking to reduce your household energy bill? Did you know that you can measure and track the power consumption of electrical appliances and devices in your home?**

Drop into your local City of Wanneroo library and borrow a Power-Mate smart energy meter, that can monitor your household's electricity usage to help you discover how you can reduce energy consumption and save money in the process.

You can go through all the appliances in your home to identify power-hungry gadgets and work out an energy saving scheme to suit your household.

For more information on how you could reduce your energy use, as well as other tips on how you can help the environment and make your home more sustainable, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/environment](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/environment) and [switchyourthinking.com/rewards-for-residents](http://switchyourthinking.com/rewards-for-residents)



**COMPETITION FOR KIDS!**

# NAME A TRUCK



**We have a fleet of new recycling trucks on the way  
and we need your help to name them!**

In celebration of National Recycling Week in November, we're giving local kids the chance to come up with some fun and original names for each of the eight new recycling trucks arriving early next year. The lucky winners will have their chosen name printed on a recycling truck and will also receive a special prize.

Collect and submit an entry form at any City of Wanneroo library or the Wanneroo Civic Centre.  
Entries can also be submitted online.

**Full competition details available at  
[wanneroo.wa.gov.au/nameatruck](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/nameatruck)**

*Competition commences 6 November 2021 and closes 13 December 2021.*