

# What's Happening



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## Deputy Mayor's Message

Brett Treby

Welcome to the winter 2022 edition of *What's Happening*.

In this edition, we look at key projects across the City that are planned for the 2022/23 financial year.

Over \$58 million has been allocated in this year's Capital Works Program to maintain and upgrade existing facilities and construct new infrastructure to support and connect our community in the coming years.

This includes:

- \$19.5 million for sporting facilities
- \$10.3 million for roads and traffic treatments
- \$4.8 million for foreshore and coastal management activities and bushland preservation
- \$4.6 million on community buildings
- \$2.8 million for pathways and trails.

Read more on pages 4 to 9.

On behalf of the City, I would like to congratulate departing Mayor Tracey Roberts on her declaration to office as the Federal Member for Pearce.

Over her 19 years of dedicated service to the City, Tracey demonstrated a strong commitment and passion for our community and, with Council, delivered a number of fantastic initiatives, services and

facilities to benefit our growing community.

We look forward to continuing to work with Tracey as the Federal Member for Pearce on projects for our community.

Local businesses are the backbone of our community, providing more than 56,000 jobs to local people.

As part of our commitment to making the City of Wanneroo a region of choice for businesses to establish and grow, we work closely with the Wanneroo Business Association (WBA) to align our support services with our business community's needs.

A recent survey of local businesses identified that reducing red tape was a key issue, so we created Business Wanneroo – a place for clear and concise information on how to start a business, navigate the approvals process and access ongoing support.

The City was delighted to launch the new website at the WBA Business Breakfast in June, with the Honourable Mark McGowan MLA, Premier and Treasurer of Western Australia. Visit [businesswanneroo.com.au](http://businesswanneroo.com.au)

In this edition, you can also read about some of the City's 2022 NAIDOC Week (3-10 July) events that celebrated the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

There are a range of exciting school holiday activities planned including

African drumming at Pearsall Community Centre and high energy sports clinics at Kingsway Regional Sporting Complex. Visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/schoolholidayactivities](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/schoolholidayactivities)

Locals are invited to have a say on the City's first Local Planning Strategy. The document will guide decision making around future land use, so it is important that it reflects the planning and development aspirations of our community and stakeholders. [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/yoursay](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/yoursay)

Do you know someone who tirelessly gives back to the local community? You can honour our City's most upstanding citizens by nominating them for the 2023 Australia Day Awards.

Four awards will be presented at our 2023 Australia Day citizenship ceremony:

- Charles Searson Australia Day Youth Award: for an individual under 25 years.
- Australia Day Award: for an individual over 25 years.
- Australia Day Community Group or Event award: for an outstanding local community group or event.
- Senior of the Year Award: for an individual over 65 years.

Nominations close on Friday 11 November 2022. For more details, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/awardfunding](http://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.



## Meet your new recycling trucks!

Layla, with her family, named one of the new recycling trucks Garbina.

Our recycling trucks have debuted their new names, thanks to a team of creative kids from across our City!

We received hundreds of entries to our 'Name a Truck' competition, which ran late last year, but there could only be 8 winners.

Keep an eye out on your next recycling collection day for Benang, Crushasaurus, Djoorabiny, Phoenix, Karli, Kaya, Yanga and Garbina!

Congratulations once again to the winners - Cruz (5), Harvey (2), Abbey (6), Avalon and Annwyn (10 and 7), Tyler (10), Jade (12), Laylah (12, pictured),

and the Wanneroo Secondary College Follow the Dream Program students.

Did you know if every person in the City reduced what they discarded by just 5 per cent, we'd throw away a whopping 4,300 tonnes less in a year?

If we all make a few small changes, such as recycling right, it's easy to reduce our environmental impact and the amount of waste that ends up in landfill.

Learn about the names of our new recycling trucks and check out some handy recycling tips from our competition winners at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/nameatruck](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/nameatruck)

## Youth trailer winning fans

The City of Wanneroo's Childhood and Youth Services trailer is proving popular with young locals after being wheeled out at events and community spaces across the City from Yanchep to Girrawheen.

Launched at the start of the year, the trailer is used for youth outreach activities at the City's parks and skate parks, as well as to carry out school holiday programs in community spaces and at events.

Since January, over 700 young people, their families and community members have visited the trailer at events.

Youth program officer David Perry said the Childhood and Youth Services team aimed to provide a safe environment for young people to socialise and access support.

"We roll the trailer out at locations where we think it will have the biggest positive impact to complement the important work of the City's four bricks-and-mortar youth centres – Clarkson, Girrawheen-Hainsworth, Wanneroo and Yanchep," he said.

"The response from our local young people has been fantastic. They love our mobile phone charging station and like the trailer visiting their local parks as we provide food, water, music, seating and games."

The trailer is part of the City's commitment to providing safe spaces where young people can socialise, build friendships and access support and associated services.

## City of Wanneroo Youth Instagram

The City of Wanneroo's Childhood and Youth Services team has a new Instagram page!

Follow the team to see what's on at the Hainsworth (Girrawheen), Wanneroo, Clarkson and Yanchep Youth Centres, and find out which local parks and open spaces will be

hosting team visits, where young people aged up to 25 can take part in a range of programs, activities and events throughout the year.

Make sure you give them a follow on Instagram at [@cowyouth](https://www.instagram.com/cowyouth)





# Budget delivers for City of Wanneroo residents

## All Wards

The City of Wanneroo adopted a \$235 million 2022/23 budget last month, allocating a total of \$58.4 million for capital works, with investment in a range of community services and facilities that benefit everyone.

The budget includes a \$2.8 million boost for pathways and trails across the City, which includes \$1 million for the Active Transport Plan 2022/23 – 2025/26.

The goal of the plan is to create a safe, connected and reliable active transport environment to encourage people to use forms of transport other than driving, such as cycling, walking and eRideables.

To improve safety and future-proof the road network, the City will spend \$10.3 million on roads and traffic treatments, including important upgrades to Flynn Drive.

About \$4.6 million will be spent on community buildings, including \$1.53 million for upgrades to Clarkson Youth Centre this financial year.

To enhance safety in the City, \$1.3 million will be spent on a range of measures, including an improved CCTV network for the Wangara industrial area.

A \$1.7 million investment will support the renewal of 18 parks across the City:

## Central Ward

- Bembridge Park, Hocking
- Nyunda Park, Wanneroo
- Wanneroo Showgrounds

## Central-East Ward

- Burma Park, Banksia Grove
- Carosa Park, Ashby
- Carramar Community Centre
- Discovery Park, Banksia Grove
- Parakeelya Park, Banksia Grove
- Provost Park, Tapping

## Central-West Ward

- Abbeville Park, Mindarie

## North-East Ward

- Addison Park, Merriwa
- Butler Community Centre
- Brampton Park, Butler
- Wilton Park, Butler

## South Ward

- Butterworth Park, Koondoola

## South-West

- Keith Griffiths Park, Darch
- Longford Park, Darch
- Monticello Park, Landsdale

New shade structures will also be installed at Sandow Park in Clarkson, Parktree Park in Yanchep, Hinckley Park in Hocking, Waldburg Park in Tapping, and Old Trafford Park and Kingsway Sporting Complex in Madeley.

Several parks will also be upgraded, including Wanneroo's Taywood Park, which will welcome an improved play space, new play equipment, nature play area, picnic shelter, shade structure and drink fountain.

A further \$19.5 million will be spent on sporting facilities, including the completion of the highly anticipated Splendid Park cycling facility in Yanchep.

A \$4.8 million investment will help maintain our natural assets, through foreshore and coastal management activities and bushland preservation.

This includes \$3.2 million for maintenance works and upgrades to the Mindarie Breakwater to ensure the structure remains functional for the next 50 years.

Wanneroo Deputy Mayor Brett Treby said Council had delivered a balanced budget that considered the needs of the growing community.

"We are committed to driving maximum value through rates collected to ensure we meet our community's needs," he said.

"This budget will ensure we can deliver what our residents have told us they want to see in their community - new facilities, safe and efficient roads, vibrant and accessible parks and playgrounds, protections for our natural environment, enhanced community safety, and so much more.

"We are investing in the future City of Wanneroo, which will be home to more than 285,000 people by 2031."

For more information on the City of Wanneroo's 2022/23 budget, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/budget23](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/budget23)



## How your rates will be spent in 2022/23



# Looking back at our top projects from 2021/22

From upgraded parks and play spaces to a brand new waste sorting system, we've completed a wide range of major projects over the past 12 months. Here's a snapshot of some of the big ticket items we've introduced that are helping make our City a great place to live, work and play.



Current City councillors and staff, joined by Quinns Rocks Little Athletics Club's Mariaan Van Loggerenberg, Senator Matt O'Sullivan, Devlyn Construction's Matthew Hall, Burns Beach MLA Mark Folkard and former Mayor Tracey Roberts, at the opening of the Belhaven Park Pavilion in Quinns Rocks.

## Belhaven Park Pavilion, Quinns Rocks

Central-West Ward

Completed in November 2021, the \$1.4 million Belhaven Park pavilion is now providing local sports clubs with new facilities, including change rooms, a kiosk, toilets, storerooms, first aid facilities and an umpire's room.

Funded with contributions from the Sport Australia Community Sport Infrastructure Grant Program and the State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund.



Councillors Jacqueline Huntley, Jordan Wright, Natalie Herridge, Vinh Nguyen and James Rowe.

## Warradale Park, Landsdale

South West Ward

Visitors to Warradale Park in Landsdale can now enjoy the view of the lake from a new jetty and viewing platform, following completion of the structure in April 2022.

Designed to reduce maintenance costs and improve safety, the jetty is the perfect spot to take in the scenery and watch the local wildlife.

## Gumblossom netball courts, Quinns Rocks

Central West Ward

An upgrade breathed new life into the Gumblossom Netball Courts in Quinns Rocks, with new court surfaces, netball hoops and basketball rings. A clever re-design of the western court, which was a combined netball and basketball court, has created space for dedicated basketball hoops and netball rings. A new shelter and seating is also in place for spectators.



Councillors Glynis Parker, Jacqueline Huntley, Helen Berry, Natalie Sangalli and Jordan Wright.

## Three bins

All Wards

More than 60,000 new lime-green lid Garden Organics (GO) bins were provided to eligible households across the City free of charge.

The implementation of the GO bins has allowed the City to transform an estimated 14,000 tonnes of clean green waste into high quality soil-enhancing products, such as mulch and potting mix, over the past year.



## Highclere Boulevard, Marangaroo

South West Ward

Work is nearly complete on stage one of upgrades to Highclere Boulevard in Marangaroo (Hepburn Ave to Rawlinson Dve). The upgrades include alterations to centre islands, widening of the existing median strip and the installation of street trees in the median and verges.

Stage two of the project (Rawlinson Dve to Marangaroo Dve) will start this July.

## Wonambi Park, Wanneroo

Central Ward

Thanks to recent upgrades, visitors to Wonambi Park in Wanneroo can now enjoy new seating and picnic facilities, and new children's play equipment including a cubby house, slides, a balancing bridge, sand play and monkey bars.

Completed in December 2021, the upgrades were funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

## Carramar BMX track

Central East Ward

Completed in September 2021, upgrades to the BMX and pump track at Houghton Park in Carramar improved the track's safety and reduced future maintenance costs.

The upgrade was funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.



## Park and playground upgrades a win for local families

Central Ward

More than \$3.5 million will be spent on the development of parks and playgrounds across the City of Wanneroo in the 2022/23 financial year, including on new play equipment, park furniture, shade structures and security lighting.

The upgrade of Taywood Park in Wanneroo is a highlight of the City's recurring Passive Park Development Program.

The projected cost of the park upgrade is \$275,750, which will include an improved play space with new equipment, a basket swing, rocker, nature play space, picnic shelter, shade installation, sand pit and drink fountain.

The City recently completed community consultation on the project, with overwhelmingly positive feedback from residents who were keen to see the park upgraded.

Pearsall resident Kate said it was great to see investment in facilities for families in the area.

"My daughters love getting outside, so it's fantastic that we will have another park close to home," she said.

"Not only can I bring the kids to play, but we can come and spend time with our neighbours and friends here. The whole community gets something out of spaces like these."

Wanneroo Deputy Mayor Brett Treby said it was exciting to deliver upgraded facilities the whole community would enjoy.

"Revitalising our parks and open spaces promotes community spirit and helps people maintain good physical and mental health," Cr Treby said.

Families with children make up over 40 per cent of households in the City of Wanneroo, making it important to provide safe and inviting spaces where people can come together, connect and form a sense of community.



All Wards

Pathways and trails across the City will get a \$2.8 million budget boost, including \$1 million for the revised Active Transport Plan 2022/23-2025/26.

With a renewed focus on all modes of transport across the City, including walking, cycling and eRideables, the

## Blazing new trails across the City of Wanneroo

plan aims to create a safe, connected and reliable local transport environment that supports alternatives to driving.

Wanneroo Deputy Mayor Brett Treby said encouraging active transport was a focus for the City and its growing community.

"We are committed to enhancing the active transport environment for residents, commuters and visitors," he said.

"The new plan aims to improve access and facilities for cyclists, and looks at how we can create pathways to cater to walkers and riders alike.

"Cycling, walking and eRideables are

environmentally-friendly transport options that offer a wealth of health and economic benefits for individuals and the community. They also help to reduce congestion on roads and are a lower-cost, energy-efficient way to travel.

"We want people to move around our City easily and safely, and we can only do this by delivering infrastructure that supports alternatives to driving."

Other projects that support the Active Transport Plan include a new shared path along Alexander Drive from Hepburn Avenue to Gnangara Road, and a new pathway from Brady Street to Hartman Drive in Wangara.

## Local people power Fragola Park upgrade

South West Ward

Local children can look forward to an exciting new play space, with upgrades to Fragola Park set to be finished by the end of 2022.

As well as a new playground, the \$780,000 project will provide an all-access car park and connecting path networks, including a new footpath connecting Kingsway Road to the play area to provide safe access to the new facilities.

The City worked closely with Carnaby

Rise Primary School to tick off on a preferred playground design to suit children of all ages.

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 space to imagine and think," she said.



Local residents Harlow and Frankie.

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

## Splendid cycling facility nears completion

North Ward

Construction of the highly anticipated Splendid Park cycling facility is underway, with the criterium-width track to be completed by the end of 2022.

The track, which winds its way around the perimeter of Splendid Park, will offer multiple course configurations and will be able to support training, competitions and a variety of other recreational pursuits, such as skating and running.

The addition of the cycling track will provide residents with yet another sporting opportunity at the popular Yanchep park, which already plays host to a range of sporting amenities – from two multipurpose ovals and two multipurpose hard courts, to cricket nets, long jump pits and a skate park.

Northern Beaches Cycling Club president Dr Chris Howard, who has been working closely with the City since the project's inception, said the track would support the northern suburbs' youngest cycling enthusiasts.

"The Splendid Park criterium track was inspired by the enthusiasm of the kids of our youth squad, who needed a safe place away from traffic to learn skills, train and race," Dr Howard said.

"The new track will allow us to move from training in car parks and on

public roads, to WA's premier road cycle facility, where local kids can have a blast tearing around the track for their personal best time, or pacing with friends to set team records.

"We've also established an 'any bike' format, so kids can participate on whatever bike they have."

The community is eagerly awaiting the opening of the new facility, with the track already being flagged as the preferred site to hold the State cycling titles in February next year.

"We have recommenced youth training so that when the track opens we will have a squad ready to be competitive with riders from across the State," Dr Howard said.

"As soon as the track is ready we will host training several times a week for youth, elite and masters-aged riders, with racing events to be conducted on weekends over the summer months."

The City plans to use up to \$2.2 million provided by the Australian Government, through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and the Building Better Regions Fund, and \$400,000 from the State Government through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to help deliver the facility.



Splendid Park, Yanchep.



Olympic Kingsway Soccer Club member Paul Errington, president Steve Nelkovski and life member Steve Trandos.



Kingsway Regional Sporting Complex.

## Spotlight on Kingsway Regional Sporting Complex

South West Ward

Upgraded sports floodlighting fixtures will soon be installed on the soccer pitches at Kingsway Regional Sporting Complex in Madeley.

The Olympic Kingsway Soccer Club successfully advocated for the project and received a grant of \$2.6 million from the State Government's WA Recovery Plan fund to allow the City to progress with the upgrade in 2022/23.

The project will see the current floodlighting replaced with energy efficient LED lighting ranging from 500 lux on the main field, to meet the Australian Standards for professional match play level, through to 50 lux on the north and central training fields.

Olympic Kingsway Soccer Club President Steve Nelkovski said the lighting upgrade was not only significant for the club, but for the wider community as well.

"This upgrade is the result of a continued dialogue between the club, the State Government, and the City of Wanneroo, who helped to ensure we were all on the same page," Mr Nelkovski said.

"This world-class project will provide residents with a top quality facility that will help with player development, increase participation and allow us to confidently host professional league games.

"We're so pleased that the City listened and understood the importance of this project."



## Budget boost for community safety

Central Ward, South West Ward and South Ward

The City of Wanneroo will invest \$1.3 million in measures to keep the community safe in 2022/23.

CCTV and automatic closing gates will be installed at four public car parks – Fredericks Stubbs and Queenscliff car parks in Quinns Rocks, John Moloney car park in Marangaroo and Highview car park in Alexander Heights.

Wanneroo Deputy Mayor Brett Treby said he welcomed all efforts to enhance safety across the City.

“The safety of our community and the ability for our residents and visitors to enjoy our City is a top priority,” he said.

Wanneroo Police Station officer in charge Senior Sergeant Mo Livingstone said CCTV was a proven antisocial behaviour and crime prevention measure.

“We work very closely with the City of Wanneroo and local residents to keep the community safe, and the benefits of this collaboration are further enhanced and supported by CCTV,” Senior Sergeant Livingstone said.

The City will also improve bush fire preparedness by upgrading its Fire Danger Rating signs.

The upgraded signs will align the City with national standards that aim to improve public safety and reduce the impacts of bushfires by improving the scientific accuracy behind fire danger predictions and the way that fire danger is communicated.

The new signs are time stamped to show the information displayed is up-to-date, feature four simplified ratings and allow for continuous improvement based on changing scientific knowledge and climate factors.



The City’s Acting Chief Bushfire Control Officer Daniel Heptinstall said the upgraded signs would provide a more accurate fire danger rating to help the community understand when to action bushfire survival plans.

“The signs will increase the City’s bush fire preparedness and help better protect our community, ensuring emergency information is reliable, consistent and accessible,” he said.



## Road network improvements on the cards

Central West Ward

To improve safety and future-proof the road network, the City of Wanneroo will spend \$10.3 million on roads and traffic treatments, including the start of construction on the \$22 million Flynn Drive upgrade.

Currently a stretch of single-lane road that runs through Neerabup and Banksia Grove, Flynn Drive will be widened into a dual carriageway from Wanneroo Road to Pinjar Road.

Detailed design and preliminary construction have taken place and construction is due to start in the

2022/23 financial year. The project is supported by State and Federal government funding.

The development of Flynn Drive will connect Neerabup to the key east-west road connections needed to move goods within the City and outside the City.

It will also provide vital connections to regional freight links, including Northlink and the Perth-Darwin National Highway.

These links will enhance job creation, attract investment and drive economic growth in the region.

## New Animal Care Centre has tails wagging

Central East Ward

A new Animal Care Centre (ACC) is on the cards for the City of Wanneroo, with the detailed design of the facility to start in 2022/23.

Key aspects of the design will include site safety and security, animal exercise options, parking and accessibility, plus a range of features that will maximise the comfort and wellbeing of animals.

Looking to adopt a four legged friend? Have a look at the available dogs on our website at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/adoptingapet](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/adoptingapet)

We also work closely with the Cat Haven to rehome our feline friends. Visit [cathaven.com.au](http://cathaven.com.au)





## Clarkson Youth Centre upgrades

Central West Ward

Improved accessibility will be a key feature of the upgraded Clarkson Youth Centre, with improvements to the facility to continue this financial year.

The \$1.53 million project will include the addition of accessible study and kitchen spaces. Energy efficient appliances, LED lighting and smart technology in meeting rooms will future proof the building.

The centre's main entrance will be relocated to allow the building to open to the external activity space and improve access to outdoor facilities, including the pump track and adjoining skate park.

Wanneroo Deputy Mayor Brett Treby said the project would provide young people of the Central-West Ward and surrounds with an updated, inclusive community hub.

"The Clarkson Youth Centre is now 20 years old and in need of upgrades that will allow the facility to cater for the needs of our growing local community of young people," he said. "More than 20 per cent of the City's population is aged between 10 and 24, and our youth centres provide a safe environment for young people to socialise, participate in recreational activities and find information about other community services.

"The upgrade of the centre aligns strongly with the goals and key priorities set out in the City's Strategic Community Plan, which aims to create an inclusive and accessible City with places and spaces that embrace all."

Mental Awareness With Sports (MAWS) run clinics at the youth centre's skate park.

MAWS coach Nicholas De Graaf said he was very excited for the upgrades.



Clarkson Youth Centre skate park.

"The works will allow improved access to indoor and outdoor facilities, bringing a safe and interactive environment for youth to socialise," he said.

The upgrades are partly funded by a \$1 million contribution through the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

The next stage of the project will see the City go out to tender for the construction of the upgrades, with a proposed project completion date of June 2023.

## Foreshore management and bushland preservation

Central West Ward, South West Ward

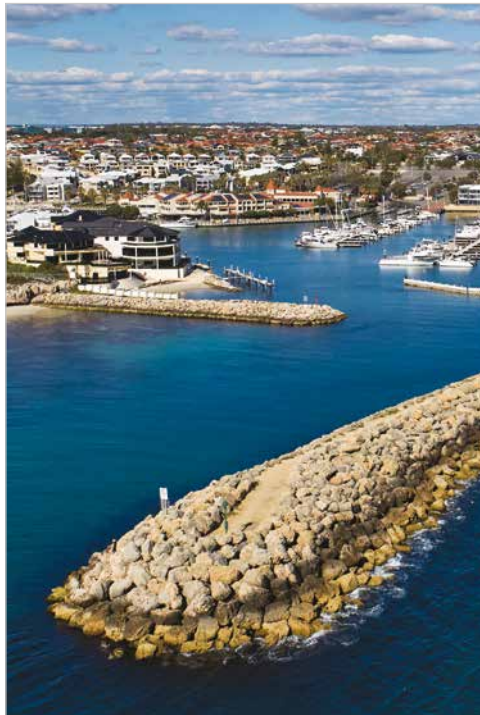
The City will spend more than \$4.8 million over the coming year on the maintenance of our natural assets, through foreshore and coastal management activities and bushland preservation.

Over \$3.2 million will go towards maintenance works and upgrades to the Mindarie Breakwater, which provides safe, calm water conditions in the Mindarie marina and nearby infrastructure, including parking, roads, pedestrian pathways, residential properties and commercial businesses.

An Options Assessment and Detailed Design Study completed earlier this year identified the need for maintenance works to ensure the breakwater remains safe and functional into the future.

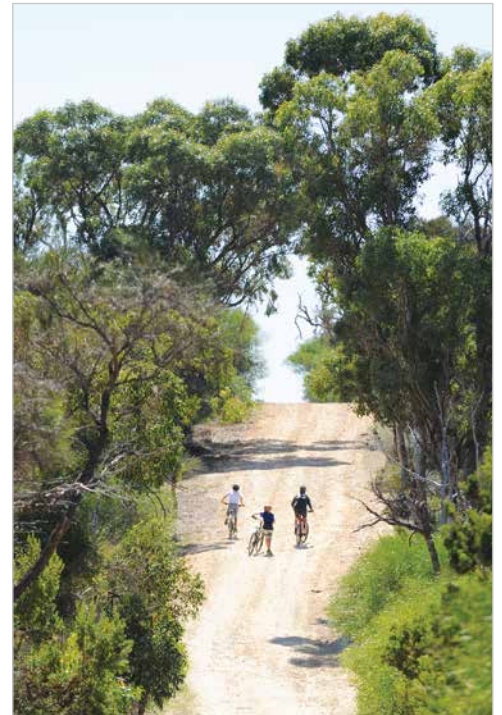
The works are expected to start in October this year and will be staged over the next two financial years.

Approximately \$1 million will be spent on key bushland preservation and conservation management activities such as revegetation works, weed control and water quality monitoring in Yellagonga Regional Park.



Mindarie Marina.

Supported by the Yellagonga Integrated Catchment Management Plan, these activities form part of the long-term approach to improve catchment health and protect the diverse values of the Yellagonga Regional Park, one of the City's most popular natural assets.



Yaberoo Budjara Heritage Trail.

The City's conservation management activities also include the ongoing maintenance of 32 main beach access ways from Mindarie to Two Rocks, and the planting of roughly 16,000 native species in 17 rehabilitation sites including bushland, coastal and wetland areas.

# NAIDOC Week 3-10 July 2022

Held across Australia each July, NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

The theme of this year's NAIDOC Week was 'Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!'

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Reference Group Deputy Chair Judith Birchall said this year's theme represented the importance of "everyone coming together as one - standing together and moving forward together".

"I am blessed to call Noongar boodja my home and I love getting out during

NAIDOC week to see what new and exciting events are taking place," she said.

To find out more about NAIDOC Week, visit [naidoc.org.au](http://naidoc.org.au)



## Students feel pride over Yarning Circle



Aboriginal Artist Sharyn Egan and local Cultural Consultant Derek Nannup have shared their culture and knowledge with Yanchep Secondary College students to create a new Yarning Circle.

Located in Kalbarri Park in Yanchep, the Yarning Circle features six jarrah poles painted with native animals, plants and Aboriginal symbols to reflect the six seasons in the Noongar seasonal calendar - Birak, Bunuru, Djeran, Makuru, Djilba and Kambarang.

Participating students took part in a design workshop, then developed the designs for the poles and participated in a painting day, adding their painted handprints to represent the role of Aboriginal people as carers of Country.

Yanchep Secondary College Aboriginal Islander Education Officer, Victor Woodley said the Yarning Circle was an important landmark for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

"It represents a place where the students involved can feel a sense of pride and ownership, and something that connects the students to the school as well as their heritage and culture," Mr Woodley said.

The Yarning Circle is the perfect place for the community to come together to celebrate the City's Aboriginal heritage and to learn more about Aboriginal culture.

The City is pleased to have been able to provide the students with the opportunity to take part in this community-focused project.



### Noongar seasons

#### Djilba (August–September)

The Noongar season 'Djilba' is represented by the colour pink as it symbolises the growth of wildflowers and plants.

Djilba is a transitional time of the year, with some very cold and clear days contrasting with warmer, rainy, windy days along with the occasional sunny day.

As the days start to warm up, we witness the first of the newborns with their proud parents, providing them with food, guiding them through foraging tasks and protecting their family units from much bigger animals, including people. As the season progresses and the temperatures continue to rise, the flower stalks of the balgas (grass trees) emerge.

## A generous donation

Wanneroo Junior Football Club has generously donated one of their Indigenous Round jumpers to the City, to be featured in an upcoming display at the Wanneroo Regional Museum.

Designed by Aboriginal artist Kevin Bynder, and signed by Wanneroo Junior Football Club players, the framed jumper will soon be on display as an important piece of Wanneroo history.

Wanneroo Junior Football Club Vice

President Dean LaFrenais said commissioning the club's first Indigenous Round jumper was a very special moment.

"This is something all our players, parents, guardians, sponsors, members and supporters should be proud of," Mr LaFrenais said.

Nine-year-old footballer Jaxon said when he wore the jumper he felt like it gave him super powers, helping him run faster, jump higher and kick more goals.



The Indigenous Round jumper designed by Kevin Bynder.





Aboriginal Employment Advisor Minyulo.

## Five minutes with... Aboriginal Employment Advisor Minyulo

*What's Happening* sat down with the City of Wanneroo's Aboriginal Employment Advisor, Minyulo, to chat about what she does and why she loves her job.

**What does a day in the life of the Aboriginal Employment Advisor look like?**

Kaya. The City of Wanneroo has an incredibly diverse community, and it's important that our community is represented in our organisation.

My role is responsible for ensuring we are building a welcoming and inclusive workplace that invites and encourages everyone to work here, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, in line with our Aboriginal Employment Plan, which reinforces our commitment to increasing diversity in our workplace.

**What are you working on at the moment?**

Currently, I'm helping embed the City's Aboriginal Employment Plan.

The implementation of this plan was such an important step for the City, and is just the beginning of our journey to achieving true reconciliation.

Part of this includes cultural awareness training, which is now being rolled out for all staff. The training is fantastic, and has led to some eye-opening conversations with staff.

We're working really hard towards creating an inclusive community with strong relationships across cultures based on mutual respect and understanding.

I am also excited to be organising the second Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff support network forum.

I hope we can give our group a Noongar name; one that we as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and the City as a whole can be proud of.

**What are some of the most rewarding parts about being an Aboriginal Employment Advisor?**

Aboriginal Employment is one of my three top passions, so when an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person gets a job with us it is very rewarding. I get excited even if someone has been short listed for interview.

The City of Wanneroo is a great place to work – its commitment to a diverse workforce is fantastic.

I also love when staff have a chat to me about their heritage – great to hear the backgrounds and stories of all our fabulous employees.

Oh, by the way, did I say I love my job!



### Happening holidays

Free

Beat the rain these winter holidays and come explore the great indoors at the Wanneroo Regional Museum.

Have a go at our new scavenger hunt, take part in our hands-on activities and crafts, but most of all relax and have fun!

Visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au) to find out more.

Wanneroo Regional Museum, Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre, 3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo



### It's All About Animal Tales

Free

Join the library team for an early years' program combining animal tales, activities and movement. (Ages 3-5 years plus parents)

**Tuesday 30 August**  
9.30am-10.30am  
Rotary Park, Wanneroo

### On the Write Track

**Six Writers' Workshops with David Allen-Petale**

Join local author and journalist, David Allen-Petale, as he explores all aspects of the writing process. Held weekly on Wednesday evenings at Clarkson Library from 20 July. \$10 per workshop, bookings essential at [hmawanneroo.eventbrite.com.au](http://hmawanneroo.eventbrite.com.au)





## City 'uncovers' new recycling initiative

A new partnership will see the City of Wanneroo trial a new method of recycling old pool covers to help reduce waste to landfill.

Currently, there are few recycling options for pool covers in the Perth metropolitan area, meaning most end up in landfill.

Thanks to a collaboration with Welshpool-based business Daisy Pool Covers, City of Wanneroo residents can now drop-off their old pool covers at Wangara Greens Recycling Facility for free, using the recycling drop-off voucher issued with annual rates notices.

Covers will be recycled into a variety of products, including mining sample bags and builders film.

Deputy Mayor Brett Treby encouraged residents to make use of the trial to help the City reduce waste to landfill.

"With winter approaching, the City's 13,000 registered private pool owners might be looking to upgrade their pool's protection in the colder months," he said.

"This trial is part of the City's commitment to caring for our environment and protecting it for current and future generations.

"Our population is set to increase to 285,000 people by 2031, and this initiative is another positive step towards building an environmentally sustainable City for our residents now and into the future."

Daisy Pool Covers will collect all solar bubble style pool covers, regardless of manufacturer. Before you drop your cover off for recycling, please ensure it is free of organic matter such as leaves, and remove any cords or attachments.

The trial runs until June 2023. For more information, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/wastefacilities](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/wastefacilities)

## City recognised at 2022 WasteSorted Awards

The City of Wanneroo's 'WasteSorted - Talking My Language' toolkit has been crowned Waste Initiative of the Year at the 2022 WasteSorted Awards.

The annual awards recognise the top performers in WA's recycling and waste industry, and celebrate individuals, businesses, government, schools, and community organisations that are developing innovative solutions for reducing waste.

In 2022, the awards assessed 38 finalists across 10 categories.

The City was a finalist in both the Waste Team and the Waste Innovation Award categories, and took out the Waste Initiative of the Year award for the 'WasteSorted - Talking My Language' toolkit.

The toolkit was developed to make waste information accessible for the City's culturally and linguistically diverse community.

More than 40 per cent of the City's population were born overseas and 20 per cent of residents speak a language other than English at home.

The toolkit is an innovative way for our waste education team to work with our multicultural community to help them sort their waste, use the recently rolled out three bin system correctly, reduce bin contamination, divert waste from landfill and increase recycling.

The toolkit was rolled out across the City in August 2021 and is available in 11 languages including Amharic, Arabic, Burmese, French, Hindi, Indonesian, Macedonian,

Simplified Chinese/Mandarin, Tagalog, Italian and Vietnamese.

The project was funded by the State Government through the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account, and administered by the Waste Authority.







Take a walk through history at the 10th Light Horse Trail in Neerabup.

## Exciting immersive Sunset Coast experience

The City of Wanneroo has partnered with Destination Perth to bring residents a unique trail experience along Perth's sunset coast.

The Sunset Coast Immersive Trail invites people from near and far to discover Perth's most significant historical sites and take a step back in time through augmented reality (AR).

The trail contains seven historical sites, including the City's own 10th Light Horse Trail in Neerabup and Perry's Paddock in Woodvale.

Visitors can scan QR codes at the sites to delve into an immersive AR experience via Facebook or Instagram.

Named after Jack Perry who bred racehorses at the turn of the 20th century, Perry's Paddock was a popular venue for big sports, horse races and picnic days, and the cottage, stables and bunkhouse are representative of the lifestyle of early European settlers.

You can also experience the 10th Light Horse Trail – an historic World War II campground where 600

men of the 10th Light Horse Trail made their home in the bushland of Wanneroo.

There are sites to explore throughout the cities of Wanneroo, Stirling, Joondalup and the Town of Cottesloe, so get a group together for a historical experience like no other!

Learn more about the Sunset Coast Immersive Trail at [destinationperth.com.au/sunset-coast-immersive-trail](https://destinationperth.com.au/sunset-coast-immersive-trail)

## Heritage houses

Save the date for a Spring re-opening of Cockman House and Buckingham House.

Discover the charms of these beautiful historic homes by taking part in the interactive digital trail and fun activities, or enjoy a picnic in the grounds.

The houses will be open each Sunday during September, October and November.

Buckingham House is located at 10 Neville Drive, Wanneroo.

Cockman House (pictured) is located off Ancestor Retreat, Woodvale.

Visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au](https://wanneroo.wa.gov.au) to find out more.



Completed in 1860, Cockman House in Woodvale was a family home for three generations.





Susie Vickery, Peregrinations of a Citizen Botanist.

## Save the date: Peregrinations of a Citizen Botanist exhibition

Free

The Wanneroo Gallery will host Susie Vickery's immersive and finely crafted exhibition.

A cabinet of curiosities charts the journey of the 18th Century French botanist Jacques-Julien Houtou de Labillardière, who came to Western Australia in 1792 on the ship Recherche, captained by Bruni d'Entrecasteaux.

Vickery presents an alternative history of Labillardière's journey, with the botanist gradually shedding his preconceptions as he encounters a rich and ancient land where his language and assumptions about the world fall away.

At a time of accelerating climate crisis, this exhibition invites viewers to reflect on our relationships with home, history and environment, and by imagining an alternative past, to think creatively about possible futures.

**Exhibiting from 27 August to 15 October 2022**

Wednesday to Saturday / 10am-4pm

The Gallery, Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre, 3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo

## 'Let Me Be Myself' Anne Frank exhibition

Free

Back by popular demand, travelling Anne Frank exhibition 'Let Me Be Myself,' has returned to the Wanneroo Gallery.

The thought-provoking exhibition tells the personal story of Anne Frank in the historical context of her time, highlighting the relevance of her experiences in contemporary society in relation to prejudice, discrimination and exclusion.

**Exhibiting until 5 August**

Wednesday to Saturday  
10am-4pm

The Gallery, Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre, 3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo



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## Library Information Week

Free

Meet local author, leadership expert and presenter of aircraft stories Don Gordon as he discusses the time he spent as a volunteer working on aircraft exhibits at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford in the UK. (Adult audience preferred)

**Saturday 23 July / 2pm-3pm**  
Wanneroo Library

## National Science Week

Free

Kath Moller will demonstrate how to 'get preserving', local MasterChef Jenny Lam will bring sample dishes featuring pickles and scientist Jo Rees will discuss the health benefits of fermented foods in this fascinating Science Week series exploring the properties of glass and its uses.

**13 August to Sunday 21 August**

## Children's Book Week

Free

Join local author Erica Bentel for a fun-filled play-on-words session while she reads her famous title 'Has a Book got a Spine?'.

Celebrate reading with this session that is like Pictionary, a guessing game and story time all in one. (Ages 6+ years plus parents)

**Saturday 20 August**  
10.30am-11.15am, Wanneroo Library

For more details on each event, please visit [library.wanneroo.wa.gov.au](http://library.wanneroo.wa.gov.au)



# Accessibility upgrades make a splash at Wanneroo Aquamotion

Grab your goggles – Wanneroo’s favourite aquatic centre has improved accessibility for people of all ages and abilities, with \$1 million spent to benefit swimmers and spectators alike.

The family and disability change room in the program pool area has been upgraded and now includes lower mirrors, a washbasin with lever tap, contrasting toilet seat colours, grab rails, braille signage and an emergency alarm to cater for people in wheelchairs or those who use walking frames, as well as people with sensory loss or arthritis.

An extra toilet and shower in both the male and female change rooms has also been installed.

On the main pool deck, a new block of family change rooms has three change spaces – two big areas for school swimming lessons and an accessible family change room.

Tapping resident Jennifer Cooper,



Swim school instructor Kerry enjoying a lesson at Wanneroo Aquamotion with Charlie.

whose family have been Aquamotion members for more than six years, is excited about the upgrades.

“I have been bringing all three of my sons here since they were babies,” she said.

“The swimming instructors are just phenomenal, the kids love the pools, we also come after school. My mum goes to the gym here too – my family is here a lot!”

The upgrades were completed with \$990,000 from the Australian Government’s Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and \$146,000 from the City.

The new change rooms support existing accessibility features at Aquamotion, including a mechanical accessibility ‘pool pod’ lift that helps wheelchair users enter the 25m pool safely.

## City welcomes federal funding commitment to bring Alkimos Aquatic and Recreation Centre to life

With a \$25 million funding commitment made by the Federal Labor Government, the City is on track to deliver a full-featured Alkimos Aquatic and Recreation Centre (AARC).

Deputy Mayor Brett Treby said the commitment was exciting news for the City and residents of the rapidly growing northern suburbs.

“Thank you to everyone who contacted their local politicians and candidates to advocate for this project, as well as the thousands of residents who registered their support for the AARC to help the City attract this funding,” he said.

“The construction of a public swimming and recreation facility in the northern suburbs has been a high priority for the City for a

number of years as part of our commitment to providing facilities that enable residents to lead healthy and active lifestyles.”

Two-time Olympic swimmer and passionate AARC advocate Blair Evans said she was thrilled to hear the City’s advocacy campaign had helped secure additional funding for the project.

“These contributions will help deliver a state-of-the-art centre for the whole community, with facilities that will support up and coming athletes in the region,” she said.

The City of Wanneroo has \$25 million allocated to the AARC project, and received initial funding commitments of \$10 million from the State Government’s WA Recovery Plan funding program and \$5 million from the Federal Government.



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## LET ME BE MYSELF

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### The Life Story of Anne Frank

Let Me Be Myself - The Life Story of Anne Frank reflects on the life of Anne Frank from her birth in Frankfurt, Germany in 1929 to her death in Bergen-Belsen in 1945.

Designed for families, this exhibition highlights prejudice, and discriminatory issues then and now through young voices.

Produced by the Anne Frank Australia Exhibition board in conjunction with Anne Frank House, Amsterdam.

Free

Exhibiting until 5 August 2022

Wednesday to Saturday / 10am-4pm

Wanneroo Gallery, 3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo

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