

# What's Happening



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## Deputy Mayor's Message

**Brett Treby**

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

With spring in the air, make sure you read our special environment feature to learn what the City is doing to conserve our environment and how you can get involved (pages 6-7).

In great news, the Burns Beach to Mindarie shared coastal path is open. The City of Wanneroo worked in partnership with other agencies to deliver the 3.5km dual use path for our community, which is now part of a continuous route from Jindalee to Fremantle. Read more on page 3.

Meanwhile, works are progressing on the Splendid Park cycling facility in Yanchep, which on completion will feature a full criterium-width track that winds its way around the park's existing ovals and sport court facilities.

The cycling facility will be the first of its kind in the State and will support casual riding, racing, bike education and bike riding events.

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, as well as \$400,000 from the State Government through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to help deliver the facility.

With events season upon us, get your diaries out to pencil in family fun days at the Wanneroo Festival and Celebrate Girrawheen.

Make sure you discover the line-up for school holidays, with free events including spring activities, skateboarding and BMX, or visit our beautiful parks and playgrounds.

The City has proudly unveiled local Noongar artist Courtney Hill's bespoke artwork, *Nyitting Wanneroo*, in our Council Chamber.

The piece translates thousands of years of local storytelling, capturing the artist's interpretation of the Wanneroo region during the Nyitting or Creation time, to take people on a journey through the City's Aboriginal history.

An impressive print of the artwork hangs in our Council Chamber and you can check out the original piece in our Civic Centre reception area.

We recently celebrated the incredible work of the City of Wanneroo Bush Fire Brigade volunteers at the annual Fire Services Dinner.

The City recognises the sacrifices volunteer firefighters make to provide an essential service to our community, with a busy year already protecting our lands, homes and businesses.

I would like to remind our readers that the Yanchep Two Rocks Access Centre (YTRAC) has reopened.

Open Mondays, you can pay your rates, register your animals and receive assistance with online building and planning applications.

Do you know someone who tirelessly gives back to our community?

The City of Wanneroo is calling on residents to honour our most upstanding citizens by nominating them for the 2023 Australia Day Awards.

Nominations close on Friday 11 November 2022.

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

## Local photography competition now open



Ellen Devereux's photo entry from 2021.

Calling all amateur shutterbugs.

Showcase the special sights of our suburbs and your photo could be featured in our 2023 community calendar!

Entries close 5pm, Friday 7 October 2022. For more information, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/locallens2022](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/locallens2022)



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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.



Cyclists enjoying the newly opened Burns Beach to Mindarie coastal path.

## Burns Beach to Mindarie path opens

Dust off your joggers, the Burns Beach coastal path is now open, a 3.5km dual use path that stretches from Burns Beach to Mindarie.

The City of Wanneroo worked in partnership with the City of Joondalup, Western Australian Planning Commission, Tamala Park Regional Council and Peet Communities to deliver the path for our community, which is now part of a continuous route from Jindalee to Fremantle.

Pedestrians and cyclists can now jump on the path at Burns Beach then walk, run or ride all the way to Mindarie and beyond.

This celebration is the culmination of a project many years in the making and a collaboration between our two cities.

The path offers stunning views of the Indian Ocean coastline and will encourage more people to head outside and get active.



## Kingsway Indoor Stadium adult sports

Keen to have fun, get fit and make some new friends?

Join us for our spring and summer season at Kingsway Indoor Stadium.

### Monday nights

Indoor AFL and mixed soccer

### Wednesday nights

Men's futsal and mixed netball

### Thursday nights

Men's futsal and mixed volleyball

### NEW – 3 on 3 basketball

Kingsway's newest competition! In teams of three, take on opposition sides in our fun, friendly and fast-paced 3 on 3 basketball games.

To register, head to [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/kingswayadultsports](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/kingswayadultsports)

## Wanneroo Aquamotion wins Aquatic Facility Safety Award

Wanneroo Aquamotion has taken out the Aquatic Facility Safety Award at the inaugural WA Aquatic Recreation Industry Awards.

The Leisure Institute of Western Australia awards celebrate individual and organisational excellence in the State's aquatic recreation industry.

The Aquatic Facility Safety Award recognises commitment to continuous improvement of aquatic health and safety outcomes through outstanding safety culture.

The award follows an impressive result on Wanneroo Aquamotion's recent Royal Life Saving Safety Audit – one of the highest safety standards in Australia.

Leisure Institute of Western Australia Executive Officer Steve Good said they were pleased to present Wanneroo Aquamotion the Aquatic Facility Safety Award.

"The team's commitment to compliance and safety is applaudable," he said.



The award winning Wanneroo Aquamotion team.

Aquamotion's continuous improvement and high safety standards mean the community can enjoy a fantastic day in the water knowing they are safe.

Among the innovative safety features that earned Wanneroo Aquamotion the Aquatic Facility Safety Award is a web-based program that tracks

first aid data and helps tailor lifeguard training to real-life scenarios.

Centre staff also complete a range of practical safety courses such as hazardous substance training to ensure the safe handling of chemicals such as chlorine, as well as extensive health and wellbeing training.

## Flynn Drive, Neerabup

Central-West Ward

Detailed design of the \$22.75 million Flynn Drive project has reached completion, with construction scheduled to start later this year.

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 to ensure a safe driving experience in the future.

The project was an important upgrade to improve safety for the community.

As our northern suburbs grow, it is important that we continue to future-proof the network with upgrades such as the Flynn Drive works.

The City is working with the State Government and Main Roads WA on this important project, which forms part of the City's \$10.3 million spend on roads and traffic treatments in 2022/23.

Local businesses are also set to benefit from road upgrades worth \$2.8 million in the existing Neerabup Industrial Area.



Councillors James Rowe JP, Vinh Nguyen, Natalie Herridge and Deputy Mayor Brett Treby at Liddell Park in Girrawheen.

## Liddell Park, Girrawheen

South Ward

Get ready to get your heart pumping, with new work-out equipment coming to your local Girrawheen park.

New fitness equipment will be installed at Liddell Park early next year, with the community set to benefit from free and unrestricted access.

Following community consultation, four types of exercise equipment is

set to be installed, with design to be finalised this year and construction to be completed early next year.

Outdoor exercise equipment is an opportunity for residents to get active and improve overall mental and physical wellbeing.

The City thanks the State Government for a \$37,000 contribution towards the \$85,500 project.

## Dalvik Park, Merriwa

North-East Ward

Sporting clubs in the North-East Ward are benefiting from upgraded facilities at Dalvik Park in Merriwa.

Completed earlier this year, the new sports pavilion is the latest addition to grassroots facilities in the City's growing suburbs, and features two sets of change rooms, two universal access toilets, four storage areas, a multipurpose room, first aid room, umpire's room and a kiosk.

Other improvements include a new car park. Tree restoration and landscaping works are currently in progress to take advantage of the colder weather and upcoming spring growth.



Councillors Linda Aitken JP, Glynis Parker, Sonet Coetzee and Deputy Mayor Brett Treby at Dalvik Park in Merriwa.

Having secured Dalvik Park as a third home ground for this year's season, Mindarie Football Club said access to the new facility has been welcomed by the club's members and supporters.

This \$2.3 million project was supported by \$400,000 from the State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund.



Councillors Jacqueline Huntley, Frank Cvitan JP, Jordan Wright and Deputy Mayor Brett Treby at Edgar Griffiths Park in Wanneroo.

## Edgar Griffiths Park, Wanneroo

Central Ward

**Good news for our four-legged friends – pooches will get longer play times when lighting is installed at one of the City’s dog exercise parks.**

Opened in 2019, the Edgar Griffiths dog exercise park has quickly become the place to be for Wanneroo dog lovers and their furry friends.

Late night walkers and exercisers will be thrilled by the new timer and sensor controlled lighting that will enable people to exercise their dog in a safely lit environment in the evenings.

While the park’s main lights automatically turn off at 10pm, the upgrades mean they will be able to be activated by a sensor at any time.

The park includes a small dog area, an ‘all’ dog area, agility equipment, lead-free drinking fountains with tippable dog bowls and an off-lead open space nearby.

The lighting upgrade is supported by the Australian Government’s Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and is expected to be completed early next year.

## Alexander Drive, Landsdale

South-West Ward

**Construction on a shared pathway along Alexander Drive, from Gngara Road to Hepburn Avenue, is set to start later this year.**

The continuous 2.8 kilometre, 3-metre wide bitumen path will provide improved connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists travelling through Landsdale.

Creating connected and accessible suburbs with improved opportunities for local residents to walk or cycle is a priority for the City.

Enabling our community to travel actively is an important step towards a more sustainable City and has added benefits for residents, including improved

health, enjoyable recreational opportunities and reduced car dependency.

Preliminary works are scheduled to start this December and will include clearing and levelling the verge along the west side of Alexander Drive, replacing current above ground electricity with below ground cabling and improving drainage to prepare the area for construction of the path.

The \$3.2 million project is fully funded by developer contributions, with a scheduled completion date of January 2024.

## Yanchep Lagoon

North Ward

**Yanchep’s much-loved Orion Café kiosk and adjoining changerooms are set to get a new lease on life when upgrades are completed.**

This includes extending the café dining area, a new outdoor deck area facing the ocean, refurbishing the existing toilets and upgrades to the roof.

The upgrades will provide more seating space with a better view once the café works are completed.

An accessible path from the pedestrian crossing on Brazier Road to the café entrance will also be installed.

Detailed design and community engagement has been completed. Construction is set to start in April 2023 and be completed by December 2024.



Orion Café, Yanchep.

## Grandis Boulevard, Banksia Grove

Central-East Ward

**The City has worked with the Grandis Primary School community to achieve a fantastic result for local children’s safety.**

A children’s crossing, controlled by a traffic warden, will be soon be installed on Grandis Boulevard, west of Rhizome Way, to encourage more children to walk to school.

A high priority for the City, the new children’s crossing was approved by Western Australian Police and Main Roads WA and is set to be completed this month.



Robyn and Jennie volunteering at Chancellor Park in Marangaroo.

## Volunteers key to City's conservation efforts

**Dedicated local volunteers have played an essential role in helping conserve the City's precious environmental resources.**

This year, City officers and a team of volunteers have planted an incredible 15,834 endemic tube stock plants across twenty revegetation sites – all before springtime.

The plantings were carried out on a smaller scale due to COVID-19 restrictions, but that did not stop our committed conservation volunteers, their friends, local schools and scout groups.

Geoff and Robyn have been volunteering at Chancellor Park in Marangaroo for more than nine years.

The active pair help maintain 23 hectares of bushland through hand weeding, litter collection, pruning, fauna and flora monitoring and community engagement.

They also run the annual wildflower walk every spring.

"Throughout the year we regularly weed and collect litter, but we get the most enjoyment from planting," Geoff said.

"It's great to interact with Council, volunteers and community members and have a chat while planting.

"Hopefully these types of events encourage more people to interact with our wonderful natural bush conservation areas within Wanneroo."

Recently, the City's Parks and Conservation team also planted 2,200 tube stock plants at Yanchep foreshore to stabilise the dune and improve biodiversity.

## Urban greening continues in Wanneroo

**Residents can expect to see greener streets this summer thanks to the City's annual verge tree-planting program.**

More than 3,500 street trees were planted to increase the City's overall tree canopy cover.

Trees provide many benefits, from reducing greenhouse gases to improving air quality and increasing habitats for local and native fauna.

The City is committed to creating greener neighbourhoods and combatting climate change and we

are currently finalising an Urban Forest Strategy.

Parks and Conservation Coordinator Jeremy Walker said the team was pleased by the community's response to this year's verge tree-planting program.

"We had a record number of requests for verge trees this year, and it's wonderful to see our community get involved," he said.

The City conducts all maintenance for the first two years, including watering, weeding, pruning and re-staking of all trees planted as part of the program.

"As we enter the warmer months, we encourage residents to water any newly planted trees during periods of extended hot weather, where possible," Jeremy said.

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



City Parks and Conservation Maintenance team members water a recently planted tree.



## Spring activities

Free

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

### Guided Walks

Chancellor Park  
Saturday 10 September  
9am-11am

Koondoola Bushland  
Wednesday 14 September  
9am-11am

Discovery Park  
Tuesday 20 September  
9am-11am

Whitfield Park  
Sunday 2 October  
9am- 11am

Mindarie Foreshore  
Sunday 6 November  
9am-11am

### Beachcombers

Yanchep Foreshore  
Friday 30 September  
9.30am-11am

### Bushcare Days

Da Vinci Park  
Thursday 6 October  
9am-11am

Rufus Park  
Thursday 20 October  
9am-11am

Voyager Park  
Monday 7 November  
9am-10.30am

To register or for further information on all events, please contact the City's Parks and Conservation team on 9405 5000 or email [ConservationMaint@wanneroo.wa.gov.au](mailto:ConservationMaint@wanneroo.wa.gov.au)

## Five minutes with... Tree Technical Officer Sarah

*What's Happening* sat down with the City of Wanneroo's Tree Technical Officer Sarah to chat about the City's environmental efforts.

**What does a day in the life of a Tree Technical Officer look like?**

Every day is different, which makes my job so enjoyable. I monitor tree health, tree structure and perform risk assessments to ensure our trees are well-managed and pose no risk to the community.

We look at how much traffic passes under the tree, how close it is to infrastructure and power lines, soil condition and weather it is exposed to. I also offer arboriculture advice to the City about the cultivation of trees and shrubs.

I have the joy of managing the tree planting program every winter, which includes procuring trees and working with residents and contractors to get them planted.

**What exciting projects have you completed lately?**

This is my first year working for the City and I was really excited about marking National Tree Day (31 July).

This year, to recognise the day we planted at Foundation Park in Quinns Rocks. I'm looking forward to seeing the trees develop and add some green canopy to the area.



**What is your favourite park in the City of Wanneroo?**

My favourite park in the City would have to be Kingsway Dinosaur Park (pictured) – the playground is great for children and there are lots of places to sit, relax and enjoy the scenery.

**How important is it that we are developing an Urban Forest Strategy?**

Urban forest strategies are really useful as they provide a strategic approach to increasing canopy coverage and help create an urban forest in the suburbs.

Increased trees and canopy cover can help address heat islands – urbanized areas that experience higher temperatures than outlying areas due to structures such as buildings, roads, and other infrastructure absorbing and re-emitting the sun's heat.

The approach will benefit the environment and future generations to come. Trees are so beneficial to us as a community and to the environment.



Charleeboo Shoes.



Safe Central's Adam Burling received the 2022 Curtin Ignition Program scholarship.

## City supports development of local business ideas

Two local entrepreneurs have been awarded City of Wanneroo funded scholarships to the 2022 Curtin Ignition Program.

The intensive, one-week education program, led by Curtin University, helps entrepreneurs, business people and innovators trial and prepare their business idea for the market.

Mindarie resident Danette de Jager was awarded a place on the program for her Charleeboo Shoes concept – a range of footwear designed for kids with social anxiety.

The shoes are designed to be fun and contemporary, with a range of 3D characters, or travel mates, to accompany the wearer.

Ms de Jager said the footwear line was developed to help her daughter Charlee cope with social anxiety at a young age.

“Charlee was a very shy toddler struggling to make friends especially in new environments, always clutching her soft toys – her travel mates gave her confidence to play in crowds and also sparked conversations among the children,” she said.

“Through the Ignition program, I hope to learn how to find investors and

funding, learn a strategy to pitch to investors, fine-tune a business plan and learn marketing strategies.”

Safe Central's Adam Burling was also selected to develop a new product line that extends his existing range into a new market.

Established in Wangara in 2011, Safe Central delivers high quality and intelligently designed safes and security products to the Australian market.

Mr Burling said he hoped to use the mentoring program to develop a clear and achievable business development plan and strengthen the Safe Central marketing strategy.

“I think the City's sponsorship of this program is a very clever idea for the development and improvement of the local business community,” he said.

“I would never have thought to seek the kind of education that Ignition aims to provide, but through the networking experience I have found within the City, I have been presented with an opportunity to grow and develop my business further than I would have been able to on my own.”

Small businesses form the backbone of our community and the creation of

local jobs is a key focus of the City's economic development strategy.

Through this scholarship we are supporting local entrepreneurs to transform their innovative ideas into successful businesses.

The Curtin Ignition Program runs from 4 to 9 September 2022.

The City also recently unveiled the new Business Wanneroo website at the Wanneroo Business Association Breakfast with WA Premier Mark McGowan.

The website will support and guide local businesses to succeed, regardless of industry or size, by providing clear and easy to find information on how to start a business in Wanneroo, navigate the approvals process and where to access ongoing local support.

For more information on future opportunities, such as business support and scholarships offered by the City of Wanneroo, sign up to our business e-newsletter at [businesswanneroo.com.au](http://businesswanneroo.com.au)



## Online Community Directory connects our residents Free

Did you know that the City of Wanneroo has an online Community Directory?

You can list your group or club and promote specific events or activities for free!

It is used by thousands of people each month and provides valuable opportunities to promote local events and connect with your community.

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







## Wanneroo Festival kicks off free summer events season Free



The City of Wanneroo has a fantastic new events season planned for residents from October to April.

From festivals and sideshows, to concerts and markets, exciting events will be held across the City, providing entertainment for people of all ages.

The season kicks off with the Wanneroo Festival on Saturday 29 October, 4pm to 9pm at the Wanneroo Showgrounds.

This lively, family friendly event celebrates the traditional music, food and dance of our multicultural community.

Plus, there will be plenty of free children's activities and entertainment, and a spectacular drone show to cap off the night.

Read more at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/featureevents](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/featureevents)



## Local gathering to celebrate Girrawheen

Girrawheen is the place to be on Saturday 12 November, as the Celebrate Girrawheen festivities launch.

Held at the Girrawheen Hub and Library, 12pm to 4pm, the event will offer food, multicultural stage performances, live music and dance from around the world.

There will be local market stalls as well as free rides, face painting, children's entertainment, craft activities and 'have-a-go' sessions.

The City's events season will feature 10 events to cater to all members of the community.

From Girrawheen in the south to Two Rocks in the north, these events provide an opportunity for our residents to connect with others in their community and enjoy the wonderful activities on offer.

This lively event celebrates the traditional music, cuisine and dance of our multicultural community.

The full schedule of City of Wanneroo events can be found at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/featureevents](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/featureevents)

Free



# Mambakoort Mindarie - magical lights to shine across marina



The City of Wanneroo and The Marina Mindarie are excited to bring an immersive and colourful projection show to the marina this September.

Mambakoort Mindarie is a vibrant art projection show that will feature illustrator Kambarni's bold, colourful works projected onto boats at the marina to provide an immersive experience for viewers.

Mambakoort, a Noongar word for ocean, will be held over three nights,

is free and includes night markets, entertainment and kids activities including dot painting workshops.

Friday 9 September to Sunday 11 September / 5pm-10pm

The Marina, Mindarie  
33 Ocean Falls Boulevard

For more information, head to [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/communitydirectory](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/communitydirectory)



The City's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Reference Group, Ni Kadadjiny Koort.

## Ni Kadadjiny Koort providing guidance

The City is consulting with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Reference Group to develop a new Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Named Ni Kadadjiny Koort, which means listening, thinking and learning from the heart, the group is providing local knowledge and guidance on the development and implementation of the new RAP 2023-2025.

The group meets every three months and provides advice to the City on issues relating to communities and people of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background.

Chair Derek Nannup said Ni Kadadjiny Koort brings the community together to share knowledge and information about the City's shared history.

"Making Aboriginal history, culture, language and registered sites accessible to the wider community helps form a sense of pride and ownership," he said.

"The City of Wanneroo sees the importance of collaboration with our Aboriginal community, which helps teach people the significance of the area."

The RAP focuses on three priorities or 'pillars' – Relationships, Respect and Opportunities.

Actions under the 'Relationships' pillar acknowledge key dates in the Aboriginal cultural calendar, help us develop our relationships with Aboriginal communities and organisations, and cement our commitment to achieving the RAP's outcomes.

The pillar of 'Respect' is focused on building our knowledge of past and current cultural practices, cultural protocols, and history, including the impacts of past Government policies.

Underpinning this pillar is a strong commitment to staff training and community education programs to improve cultural understanding and awareness.

The pillar of 'Opportunities' focuses on developing strategies to increase employment opportunities and the support and engagement of Aboriginal organisations and businesses.

It identifies ways the City can refine, prioritise and focus its actions to achieve real results in employment and training outcomes for Aboriginal Australians.

## Noongar seasons

**Kambarang (October to November)**

The Noongar seasonal calendar includes six seasons in a yearly cycle.

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

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

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

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

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

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





Wanneroo Central Bush Fire Brigade members Ian Storey, Lt. 2 Eddie Harris, Captain Paul Humphries, Bonnie Rodman and Lt. 4 Chris Hudson.

## Wanneroo's firefighting capacity increases

A new mobile forward command trailer will add to the firefighting capabilities of the Wanneroo Central Bush Fire Brigade.

The 75-strong volunteer brigade received a \$30,000 Caring for Our Communities grant from the State Government to purchase the vehicle, which will help with fire mitigation activities across the City and support major incidents.

The mobile forward command trailer will add to the brigade's three light tankers and two heavy duty appliances.

The vehicle is a great asset and will

support the essential services of the City's bush fire brigades.

The City of Wanneroo is set to be home to more than 285,000 people by 2031.

As our community continues to grow, volunteer firefighters' efforts to keep our communities safe, raise awareness of bushfire management plans and educate about emergency preparedness is increasingly important.

At Quinns Rocks Bush Fire Brigade, \$50,000 was secured through the State Government's Caring for Our Communities fund for training

equipment and personal protective equipment.

This year, 190 firefighting volunteers across our four brigades responded to a total of 292 incidents across the State, including 88 incidents in the City of Wanneroo.

### Firebreak reminder

Do you own rural, semi-rural or vacant residential land?

Please ensure your firebreaks are cleared by 1 November 2022.

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

## Security measures will provide peace of mind for park users

CCTV and automatic gates are set to be operational by October at four public car parks – Highview Park in Alexander Heights, Frederick Stubbs and Queenscliff parks in Quinns Rocks and John Moloney Park in Marangaroo.

The CCTV will enhance safety, allowing City rangers to remotely view sites.

CCTV is a proven antisocial behaviour and crime prevention measure.

Having CCTV at the park will help deter vandalism and protect the surrounding area for everyone,

from dog walkers and people who want to run, cycle or exercise at the park, to families who want to spend a day outside.

The safety of our community and the ability for our residents and visitors to enjoy our City is a top priority.

Alexander Heights Senior Citizen Club secretary Sally-Ann Donovan said the group were pleased about the installation of the automatic gates and CCTV.

"We are happy with the added safety for residents in Alexander Heights," she said.

The gates to all car parks will open at 6am and close at 8pm. From November, they will close at 10pm.





The Old Wanneroo School House is located beside Buckingham House on Neville Drive, Wanneroo.

## Visit Wanneroo's stunning heritage sites this spring Free

Two of the City's state heritage listed places, Cockman House and Buckingham House, will re-open to the public on Sundays from September to November.

The Buckingham House precinct in Wanneroo features a hidden gem – the old Wanneroo State School building where generations of local residents were educated.

Wanneroo State School was opened on 30 January 1899 with Charles Shaw as teacher and 14 students enrolled.

By February 1934, there were 100 children on the roll and 47 of these were in the upper room with Head Teacher Mr Henderson.

He wrote in his school journal: "There was only enough seats for 36 children... the children are cramped and work cannot be carried on successfully as it is."

Four students attempted a 'Guy Fawkes Plot' in 1919 and tried to blow up the school.

The entire plan was discovered when two of the boys, Mait Chitty and Roy Darch, rubbed some gelignite – also called blasting jelly – into Teddy Ashby's hair and gave him a terrible headache.

Teddy's father Eli Ashby visited the school to complain to the teacher and they discovered the boy's stash of gelignite underneath the boy's latrine.

Visitors to the Buckingham House precinct will find new interpretive signage telling the stories of this fascinating site.

Once you've visited Buckingham House, travel 10 minutes south to take a walk through the historic Perry's Paddock and finish with a picnic in the grounds of Cockman House, the City's oldest surviving residence.

Learn all about the families who lived here for generations, chat to our knowledgeable volunteers and take part in all of the activities on offer.

For more information about these two stunning heritage properties visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/cockmanhouse](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/cockmanhouse) or [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/buckinghamhouse](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/buckinghamhouse)



Wanneroo State School Class of 1911. PD02781. Image courtesy of Wanneroo Regional Museum.

## Trace your family tree with the City of Wanneroo Free

Get help to uncover details about your family history with the City's interactive library program Trace Your Family Tree.

Using a range of online resources, staff and volunteers at Wanneroo and Yanchep libraries can assist you on your journey of discovery.

The team has experience searching for military records, Australian and international records, newspapers

and journals.

You can also access the City's Community History Centre, located in the Wanneroo Regional Museum, which has an extensive collection on the history and heritage of Wanneroo.

The collection includes books, flyers, images, maps, oral history interviews, archive material and newspapers.

Search from home using the online library catalogue. Visit [library.wanneroo.wa.gov.au](http://library.wanneroo.wa.gov.au) and select the resources option.

Trace Your Family Tree sessions are free and there is no need to book.

Wanneroo Library  
Mondays / 9am-12pm

Yanchep Library  
Thursdays / 1pm-3pm

# Honour boards a significant piece of Wanneroo history

Two honour boards commemorating servicemen from the First and Second World Wars are now on display in the Wanneroo RSL Sub-Branch Clubrooms in the Wanneroo Community Centre.

One board commemorates soldiers who served in the First World War from the Wanneroo District and acknowledges those who were killed in action.

These included two local boys and best friends, William Edgar Cockman and Richard Smales, both of the 51st Infantry Battalion, who enlisted together and lost their lives in France on 3 September 1916.

The second board commemorates three servicemen who lost their lives in the Second World War including Albert B. Facey, better known as 'Barney,' the eldest son of Albert Barnett Facey, author of the Australian literary classic, 'A Fortunate Life'.

Barney was killed in 1942 in Singapore, aged just 23.



Wanneroo RSL Sub-Branch members Brian McMurdo, Peter Tuck, Peter Epps, Sue Tuck and Vicki Campbell with the City's Curatorial Officer Alana Part.

Wanneroo RSL Sub-Branch vice-president Peter Epps said he was moved to see the honour boards hanging in the clubrooms.

"They're home now – it is a huge privilege to be able to display the boards in our clubrooms," he said.

The boards previously belonged to the Wanneroo Road Board and in recent years have been kept in climate controlled storage in the Wanneroo Regional Museum.

To visit, email the Wanneroo RSL Sub-Branch at [wanneroorsl@bigpond.com](mailto:wanneroorsl@bigpond.com)

## Tattoo photographic exhibition tells stories of loss and love

A unique photographic exhibition is heading to Wanneroo Gallery that showcases Australia's modern veterans and their families, who through their tattoos commemorate the people, events and experiences that shaped their lives.

The Australian War Memorial touring exhibition, Ink in the Lines, tells the stories behind veterans' tattoos.

Inscribed on skin are their identities, the commemoration of loss,

experiences of trauma, overcoming adversity and the bonds of family and friends.

Many members and veterans of the Australian Defence Forces have tattoos, and while their reasons for getting tattooed are varied, self-expression and belonging play a part.

Kylie, whose body art features in the exhibition, said her recovery from service-related PTSD has been challenging.

She said the medals tattooed on her calf were a reminder that, while her service is an important part of her life story, she is committed to moving on.

Kylie's other tattoos function as supportive tools for moving forward into another phase of life, which includes working with local athletic groups.

The tattoo on her left arm is a potent message about the qualities she possesses: "To me, they're engraved on my bones. I've got courage. I do love. I do have wisdom and I am strong," she said.



Exhibiting from 9 November to 14 January 2023

Wednesday to Saturday

10am-4pm

Wanneroo Gallery, 3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo

Free

Image courtesy of the Australian War Memorial.



Susie Vickery, *Peregrinations of a Citizen Botanist* installed at Mundaring Arts Centre, 2019. Photo courtesy the Artist and Jess Boyce.

## Susie Vickery: *Peregrinations of a Citizen Botanist*

*Peregrinations of a Citizen Botanist* is an immersive and finely crafted installation by Susie Vickery which takes the form of a cabinet of curiosities, charting the journey of the 18th Century French botanist Jacques-Julien Houtou de Labillardière.

**Exhibiting until 15 October**  
Wednesday to Saturday  
10am-4pm, Wanneroo Gallery,  
3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo  
[wanneroo.wa.gov.au/peregrinations](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/peregrinations)

Free

This project has been made possible through the Regional Exhibition Touring Boost managed by the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries, supported by Royalties for Regions and delivered by ART ON THE MOVE.



## Kidz Awesome Play for Telethon

Kidz Awesome Play for Telethon is back for its third year to help the sick kids of Western Australia.

The family event will once again take place at Wanneroo Showgrounds and include rides, food and entertainment.

**Sunday 16 October**  
10am-4pm  
Wanneroo Showgrounds,  
Ariti Ave, Wanneroo

Keep an eye out on our for more information at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/communitydirectory](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/communitydirectory)



## Free youth Skate Park series spectacular

Want to have fun, get fit and get your adrenaline pumping?

Come down to the City's skate park series, held in partnership with Freestyle Now.

At the BMX Jam during the October school holidays, local young people will develop skills with coaching from professionals who will encourage positive skate park culture for all abilities. Coaches will be inclusive for BMX and mountain bike riders.

The Freestyle Now team will also assist in skill development from beginners through to experienced riders.

**Monday 3 October / 1pm-4pm**  
Houghton BMX Track  
For ages 6+

Free

The Skate Series during Term Four is for all skill levels and the Freestyle Now team will offer technical advice, trick tips, skill development and skate park etiquette while helping build confidence through the six-week series.

**Wednesdays starting 2 November until 7 December**  
3.30pm-5.30pm  
Landsdale Skate Park  
For ages 6+

Free

## Discover Wanneroo

From Yanchep National Park to adventurous playgrounds, a beautiful coastline and strawberry fields, there's plenty to do in the City of Wanneroo this spring.

Follow @discoverwanneroo on Instagram for tips on where to visit in our City.



## Clarkson Youth Centre upgrades

Clarkson Youth Centre will be closed from the beginning of the October school holidays and into 2023, while exciting upgrades take place.

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 – watch this space!

The City's youth program will move to the Butler Community Centre during this time.

The upgrades are funded by a \$1 million contribution through the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and \$500,000 through Lotterywest.

For more information on our youth programs, hours and times head to [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/youthcentres](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/youthcentres) or Facebook and Instagram @cowyouth



### Search for our Mini Mayor

The search is on for the 2022 City of Wanneroo 'Mini Mayor' to take part in official duties at the annual Wanneroo Agricultural Society's Wanneroo Show.

We will roll out the red carpet for the Mini Mayor, including the honour of setting off the fireworks finale!

The winner will also receive a family pass to the Wanneroo Show, a showbag filled with tasty goodies, free rides in sideshow alley, food vouchers and a one-of-a-kind Mini Mayor sash.

The Wanneroo Show will be held at the Wanneroo Showgrounds, Friday 18 and Saturday 19 November.

[wanneroo.wa.gov.au/minimayor2022](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/minimayor2022)



### Mindarie Festival

Free

Mindarie Festival is back at The Marina Mindarie on Sunday 20 November.

This free family day out is a celebration of our local community with a range of stalls, rides, the RAC helicopter, entertainment and activities for the whole family.

The City of Wanneroo community stage will host the best and brightest young local talent including dancing, singing and fashion.

To register your organisation's interest in performing, email [festivals@themarinamindarie.com](mailto:festivals@themarinamindarie.com)



### Playgroup WA's 50th Birthday Fun Day

Free

Playgroup WA's 50th Birthday Fun Day will be held at Wanneroo Showgrounds on Tuesday 22 November.

The event celebrates 50 years of playgroup with free fun activities for you and your little ones.

Enjoy live entertainment, animal encounters, sport, music and craft activities, face-painting and a program from the City's libraries team.

Attendance is free but registration is required, keep an eye out on our website for more information [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/communitydirectory](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/communitydirectory)

## It's All About Animal Tales

It's All About Animal Tales is a fun, interactive program for young families that supports the development of children's emotional and motor skills.

Held outdoors, each session brings stories to life through imaginative play, songs and storytelling, and features guest animals and giveaways.

Between September and November, outdoor sessions will be held across

the City from Kingsway Dinosaur Park to Wanneroo Aquamation.

The City has partnered with Therapy Dogs, Ausark and Educated by Nature to deliver these events, supported by funding from the State Government, State Library of Western Australia and Better Beginnings.

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

Free



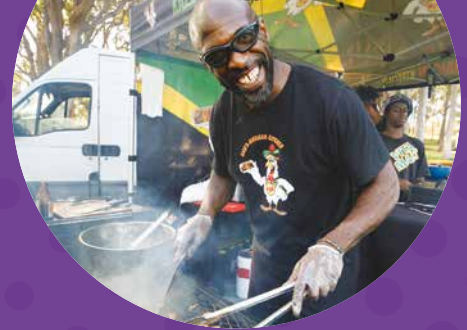
### It's All About the Past

Calling budding pre-school age history lovers and their parents, grandparents and carers to take part in It's All About the Past.

Each week there are new activities to explore together, so it's always a good time to pop in to Wanneroo Regional Museum.

Monday to Friday 10am-4pm  
Saturday 12pm-4pm  
3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo

Free



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# FESTIVAL

Saturday 29 October 2022

Wanneroo Showgrounds / 4pm-9pm

This lively event celebrates the traditional music, food and dance of our multicultural community.

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



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