

# What's Happening March to May 2023

## Mayor's Message

Welcome to the autumn edition of What's Happening.

In this edition, read all about the City of Wanneroo's role in the FIFA Women's World Cup™ as a team base camp and training site (page 3) and keep up-to-date on important projects in your neighbourhood.

We congratulate our Australia Day Award winners and bring you the latest news on the Alkimos Aquatic and Recreation Centre.

Find out how the City is combatting climate change and learn more about our series of family-friendly free events.

I encourage residents, ratepayers, non-resident owners and business occupiers to apply to be a voter before we go to the October Council General Election.

You can enrol online through the Western Australian Electoral Commission's website.

If you're interested, the City of Wanneroo's Council Meetings are now available to watch via live stream – head to our dedicated Youtube channel 'City of Wanneroo Council Meetings'.

I wish everyone all the best for a safe, enjoyable Easter period.

## Five minutes with... Mini Mayor Isabelle

Every year, the City selects one young person to be Mini Mayor. Last year's Mini Mayor Isabelle, had the honour of launching the fireworks at the Wanneroo Show.

### What do you like about our community?

I love living in the Wanneroo area – I live in Butler and my favourite place is the lake as I like the ducks. I also like Yanchep because there are lots of animals, including kangaroos and black cockatoos. Another place I love is the Wanneroo Museum, because they have lots of history and arts and crafts that are cool.

I also like the libraries as I love reading and going to their holiday events. My favourite event is the Wanneroo Show as I enter lots of categories and I won a trophy last year.

### How can you help the City of Wanneroo?

This year I have done a project on cockatoos with Millennium Kids and did presentations and told lots of people how we can help them. I have done a workshop and I brought home a black cockatoo nest box and a parrot nest box.

The City has helped me and found a place at my local park to put up the nesting boxes. I'm looking forward to seeing black cockatoos using the boxes.

In winter, I'm also going to help plant some trees. I would love for more kids to join in too - it's really fun!

## Kingsway scores FIFA Women's World Cup

Kingsway Regional Sporting Complex will host the Denmark international side as part of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™.

The Danish team has chosen the City's facility in Madeley for its team base camp and training site. A floodlighting upgrade at Kingsway will ensure the main soccer field will have 500 lux lights to meet professional match standards.

Wanneroo Mayor Linda Aitken said it was great to see Kingsway Regional Sporting Complex recognised as a world-class sporting venue.

"This is an exciting opportunity for a City facility to play a role in one of the biggest women's sporting events on the planet," she said.

"We're hopeful that attracting FIFA will encourage more women in our community to get involved in sport. "I can't wait to show off all that the City of Wanneroo has to offer."

FIFA Chief Women's Football Officer Sarai Bareman said training base camps at the FIFA Women's World Cup will ensure teams and players are provided with the best possible platform to perform at their peak.

"Our mission for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 is to go 'Beyond Greatness', and to do that we must provide elite environments for the 32 teams to train, rest and recover," she said.

"With great support from our host countries, governments and the host cities, FIFA will provide each team with the best training and preparation environment possible, enabling them to focus on their performances at the tournament while at the same time offering them the chance to connect with people and communities where they are based."

The FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 will see matches held across Australia and New Zealand, including five matches confirmed for Perth in July and August.

The \$2.7 million Kingsway Regional Complex floodlighting project is funded by the State Government's WA Recovery Plan and a \$126,000 contribution from the City of Wanneroo.

## Eiffel Park upgrades

In a win for local children and families, Eiffel Park in Tapping is set to be upgraded.

Works include the replacement of the existing viewing tower, the installation of a picnic shelter with two accessible picnic settings and solar lighting.

Providing welcoming and accessible parks is important for vibrant and inclusive communities. Remedial works will also be carried out to the surrounding concrete path, turf and irrigation.

The works are part of the City's 2022/23 capital works program and are set to start this month.

## Trichet Road traffic treatment

To enhance safety for the community, sealed shoulders will be constructed along Trichet Road in Wanneroo.

Trichet Road is heavily used by trucks and other commercial vehicles and the works aim to provide a safety buffer for drivers, cyclists and other road users.

Funded by Main Roads' Black Spot Program, the sealed shoulders will run from Franklin Road to Hawkins Road on both sides of the road.

The works will create a safer road network that links to the City's East Wanneroo precinct, which is currently in the planning stages and set to house 150,000 residents in 50,000 homes in the future.

Works are expected to start later this month and be completed by the end of July.

## Clarkson Youth Centre works

Construction continues to modernise the Clarkson Youth Centre.

The \$1.6 million project will include a complete revamp of the centre, with the addition of accessible study and kitchen spaces, a new lounge area, function room with timber flooring and universal access toilet facilities.

New energy efficient appliances, LED lighting and smart technology in meeting rooms will future proof the building, while the centre's main entrance will be relocated to better connect the building with the outdoor facilities, including the pump track and adjoining skate park.

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

Mayor Linda Aitken said the works would transform a key community space.

"The Clarkson Youth Centre is now 20 years old and requires an upgrade to cater for our growing community," she said.

"These important improvements will ensure our young people have a safe and modern environment where they can socialise and take part in recreational activities."

City Youth Worker Tarelle Malone said local young people were excited for the Clarkson Youth Centre to re-open and to curious to check out the new space.

"While the Centre has been closed, the Youth Services Team have been running outreach programs at the skate park on to maintain rapport and engagement," she said.

"Local young people have said they're happy that we are still delivering programs and are eagerly awaiting the new centre opening."

Clarkson Youth Centre is now closed for works, but young people can still access youth programs from Butler Community Centre on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Clarkson Skate Park will remain open and the youth trailer will be on-site each Thursday from 3.30pm to 6pm.

## **Fragola Park play space, Landsdale**

Local children and families have a fantastic new space to play, after works at Fragola Park in Landsdale were completed.

As well as a new playground, the \$780,000 project provides a car park and connecting path networks, including a new footpath joining Kingsway Road to the play area for safe access.

The City worked closely with Carnaby Rise Primary School to determine a preferred playground design. Carnaby Rise Primary School Principal Karen Giacomucci said the park gives students opportunities to build community connections.

“Fragola Park provides 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.

“The park is a wonderful place for our school community to gather, particularly after school.”

## **Mindarie breakwater Upgrades**

Mindarie Breakwater has been given a new lease on life, with maintenance and upgrades to the breakwater structure currently taking place.

The works also include upgrades to parking, drainage, pathways and kerbing which will ensure the breakwater structure will remain functional for the next 50 years.

Council has resolved to review the 2022/23 capital works program and allocate funds for the project from the Coastal Management Reserve, and will continue to explore State Government funding options for the balance of the project.

Works are expected to be completed by December this year.

## **Jindalee roundabout blackspot funding**

Construction works are set to make a Jindalee road safer for residents, local businesses and shoppers.

A new roundabout will be built at the intersection of Jindalee Boulevard and Investigator Parade, partly funded by Main Roads' Black Spot Program.

The works will create a safer and more time effective intersection, as well as calming traffic travelling along Jindalee Boulevard. Works are expected to be completed by the end of April.

Impacts to nearby businesses and residents will be minimised, however some temporary road closures and detours may be required.

## Girrawheen path upgrades

Footpaths in a busy Girrawheen hub are set to be upgraded, improving safety and accessibility.

A shared asphalt cycle path is being constructed along Girrawheen Ave from Hudson Avenue to Amberton Avenue.

Concrete paths will be installed at Wade Court and Patrick Court, helping pedestrians walk safely, eliminating trip hazards and cracked paths.

The paths will improve community access to Girrawheen Library, two local primary schools and a nearby shopping centre.

The works complement the recently installed shared path that runs along Hudson Avenue in Girrawheen, from Templeton Crescent to Girrawheen Avenue.

Funding from the State Government's WA Bicycle Network Plan went towards the completion of this project. The shared asphalt cycle path will be constructed in March, followed by line-marking.

## Construction continues at Warradale Community Centre

Work continues on the construction of new unisex changerooms, first aid room, umpire's room, storerooms and upgrade of the toilets at Warradale Community Centre.

The project has been made possible by a \$600,000 contribution through the State Government's WA Recovery Plan. Mayor Linda Aitken said our growing community is set to benefit from modernising the Landsdale facility.

"These upgrades will be invaluable to sports clubs who play at Warradale Park, as well as community groups who use the community centre for meetings and events," she said.

"I thank the State Government for supporting this project."

State Member for Landsdale Margaret Quirk said she was delighted to help secure funding for the much-needed improvements. "Warradale is an important community facility and is much in demand," she said. "It is a challenging time to undertake construction and I thank the City for meeting that challenge."

The upgraded facilities will complement other recent improvements at Warradale Park, including the upgraded skate park, new jetty and lake viewing platform.

The project, which will be completed with funding from the City, is expected to be finalised by February 2023.

## AARC progressing swimmingly

The Alkimos Aquatic and Recreation Centre (AARC) has advanced to the detailed design stage, after Wanneroo Council endorsed the progression of the project.

Mayor Linda Aitken said the next stage of the project will provide a more accurate picture of the facility, the costs and the construction timeline.

"The northern corridor community has been so supportive of the AARC project from its infancy, and I look forward to being able to share the detailed designs with them," she said.

"It's been fantastic to see the local community getting involved in this project, and I'm proud that the City is moving a step closer to breaking ground on the site.

"We will continue to work with external technical stakeholders, sporting and community groups, and the project working group moving forward."

The City has received funding commitments from both the Federal and State governments for the AARC facility, which will feature indoor and outdoor swimming pools, gym and fitness facilities, sports courts, a crèche, café, change rooms and a car park.

"We are grateful to have received \$30 million from the Federal Government, \$10 million from the State Government and \$10.6 million through the Alkimos-Eglinton Developer Contribution Plan to help us deliver this facility for our growing community," Mayor Aitken said.

## A new chapter begins for Dordaak Kepap

The concept design for Dordaak Kepap, the Library and Youth Innovation Hub in Landsdale, has been praised by locals during recent community consultation.

The project will now progress to the detailed design stage.

Wanneroo Mayor Linda Aitken said it was fantastic to hear directly from families and young people about what they wanted to see in the future library and youth innovation hub.

"The consultation showed that the most popular services, programs and activities planned for Dordaak Kepap are the classic library elements, early childhood offerings, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) programs," she said.

"This feedback has demonstrated that we are on the right track with the design of the facility, and I want to thank everyone who took the time to have their say on the concept design.

"I was pleased to see such a positive response from the community, as well as some fantastic comments and suggestions from local students that will prove valuable as we progress to detailed design."

The library and youth innovation hub's name Dordaak Kepap, meaning Place of Living Waters, was chosen through consultation with Noongar elders and community members to reflect the site the facility will sit on, overlooking Broadview Park.

The City will receive a \$3 million funding contribution under the State Government's WA Recovery Plan to enable the delivery of the youth innovation hub.

Member for Landsdale, Margaret Quirk MLA, said she was thrilled to see the project progressing.

"This exciting development will offer youth in the growing area an attractive array of activities and will greatly enhance the library," she said.

## Jindalee parkside pop-up beloved by local community

A Jindalee restaurant launched a successful parkside pop-up last year after listening to the wants of northern suburbs families.

The Beach House started the Cubby House series last summer, expanding their restaurant dining experience into a family-friendly activation at the adjoining Eden Beach Foreshore Park.

The popular parkside pop-up – which won the 2022 City of Wanneroo Business Awards Visitor Experience Award – offered a place for the community to connect while enjoying live entertainment, free activations, food and drinks in the outdoors.

The Beach House owner Mat Walker said there were young families moving into the northern suburbs corridor who were seeking out no-fuss, comfortable dining.

“We wanted to cater to all residents – our main restaurant is a table service experience, lending itself for special occasions or a nice dinner out,” he said.

“The Cubby House is just really chill, you don’t have to dress up and can stop by with the kids or the dog after a swim at the beach.

“Kids can enjoy the playground and kick the footy, and parents can have a drink and burger in the sunshine while they watch them.”

The Cubby House 2021/22 summer series featured lawn games, face painting, a bouncy castle, petting zoo and live music, and ran several special events with the City and Satterley including a Christmas Festival, Easter Festival and a market day.

Mat said they were proud to feature music from northern suburbs artists and also expanded the operation to sell coffee, breakfast wraps and burgers on weekend mornings.

To help kick-start the business by securing this live entertainment, The Beach House received a grant

through the City’s Economic Recovery Funding, which supported local businesses to recover from the financial impacts of COVID-19.

## Wangara business showing the way

Wangara-based business Safe Central continues to go from strength to strength, with owner Adam Burling recognised for his business leadership.

Established in 2011, the small business delivers high quality and intelligently designed safes and security products to the Australian market.

The City of Wanneroo sponsored Adam's scholarship to take part in the 2022 Curtin Ignition Program, an intensive program that helps entrepreneurs, business people and innovators trial and prepare their business idea for the market.

Adam said that Safe Central had greatly benefitted from him attending the Curtin University-run program.

"Ignition provided a platform to allow me to focus solely on the operations and trajectory for the business, while providing me with direct access to many people with skills and experience to help guide that process," he said.

"It has changed the way we approach every element of our business and I genuinely believe it has given me the ability to clearly identify the path that we will take in the coming years.

"Since Ignition, we have employed two more team members, growing our production and service departments, as well as engaged new external support consultants to assist with marketing and business strategy."

Adam was awarded the 2022 City of Wanneroo Business Awards Business Leader Award and Safe Central was awarded Best Business: Over 5 and Under 15 Employees Award.

## Motor sport set to rev-up Wanneroo

### Perth SuperSprint

Get excited – Wanneroo Raceway will host the Perth SuperSprint from 28 to 30 April.

You don't want to miss out on the start of a new era for the sport at Western Australia's only round of the championship. Enjoy three days of full throttle on-track action, off-track entertainment and activities.

Purchase a grandstand ticket to receive a limited edition SuperSprint lanyard. Children aged 12 and under receive free general admission ticket with a paying adult.

Attracting exciting events such as the SuperSprint is an important part of the City's Tourism Plan 2019-2024.

[supercars.com/perth-supersprint](https://supercars.com/perth-supersprint)

### Australian Karting Championships

The Australian Karting Championships are coming to WA for the first time in more than a decade. Head to the Wanneroo Karting Club for a fuel-filled weekend, with national champions and juniors hitting the tracks.

The free event will be held from 21-23 April 2023. For details, visit [facebook.com/TigerKartClubWA](https://facebook.com/TigerKartClubWA)



## Staying safe on our shared pathways

Shared pathways are a wonderful way for walkers, runners, cyclists, wheelchair users and eRiders to be active and explore our City.

### Safety tips

- Pedestrians should keep left, keep dogs on a lead at all times, and avoid wearing headphones or earbuds in both ears when listening to music to make sure you can hear others approaching.
- Cyclists should ride single file at a safe speed to allow for stopping, give way to pedestrians, and always ring your bell to let others know you are approaching. Make sure you slow down around children and dogs and leave as much space as possible when passing others.
- eRiders should only travel up to 10 kmph on footpaths near houses and cross over driveways, and up to 25 kmph on bicycle and shared paths.

For more information head to [mainroads.wa.gov.au/travel-information/paths-cycling/](https://mainroads.wa.gov.au/travel-information/paths-cycling/)

## Meet your new North-East Ward Councillor

Local high school teacher Bronwyn Smith was sworn in as a North-East Ward Councillor in December last year.

Receiving 1,010 out of 2,577 votes, Cr Smith will serve as a councillor for a term expiring 18 October 2025.

## City committed to fight against climate change

The City of Wanneroo is committed to playing a leading role in addressing climate change, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and encouraging the community to do the same.

To help tackle climate change, the City has endorsed a Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy, an Urban Forest Strategy and a Smart City Strategy.

Other sustainable initiatives and actions include the introduction of a three bin system, installation of solar photovoltaic systems on City-owned buildings, replacement of floodlighting with LED lights, an increase in annual tree plantings and embracing hybrid and electric alternatives for our vehicles.

Mayor Linda Aitken said the City had an obligation to reduce its carbon footprint, and embrace and promote new technology.

“We are committed to a greener future and to creating a sustainable City that balances urban growth and the environment, while planning for climate change and managing waste and its impacts,” she said.

“We can achieve this by working collaboratively with the State and Federal governments, as well as with the local community.

## Urban Forest Strategy

The City has proudly endorsed an Urban Forest Strategy, a key document in setting the City's goals for protecting, retaining and improving canopy cover and vegetation over the next 20 years.

The Strategy outlines the City's commitment to work with the community and key stakeholders, including the State Government, to protect the City's existing canopy and vegetation, while increasing new canopy cover.

This will help the City achieve our canopy coverage goals and reduce the impacts of these heat islands, ensuring our urban forest is preserved and protected for future generations.

## Smart City Strategy

The City is taking strides to becoming a 'smart city' using the latest technologies and innovative solutions, as set out in our Smart City Strategy.

The Strategy will help the City leverage technology and data to improve our ability to deliver community services and harness local opportunities in innovative ways.

We will continue to work with developers and other partners to ensure smart initiatives and technology is incorporated wherever possible into new developments, facilities and amenities to future-proof the City.

## Solar and LED technology

The City has installed solar photovoltaic (PV) systems on several large City-owned buildings, including the Civic Centre, Wanneroo Aquamotion, Kingsway Indoor Stadium, libraries and other smaller community buildings.

At two City facilities, we installed technology to help us understand and monitor energy use, which allowed us to implement efficiency measures.

We also replaced floodlighting with LED lights at a number of sporting fields and car parks to reduce power use and enhance the sustainability of these facilities.

## Three Bin System

In 2021/22, the City rolled out the three bin system as part of our commitment to reducing the volume of waste sent to landfill.

More than 60,000 new lime-green lid garden organics (GO) bins were provided to eligible households across the City.

The roll out of the GO bins for organic waste 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.

Since the rollout, the City has been able to divert a large amount of refuse away from landfill, doing our part to help achieve WA's target of reducing waste to landfill by 70 per cent by 2025.

## Tree Planting Program

The City is committed to creating greener neighbourhoods and playing a role in combatting climate change. More than 3,500 street trees were planted as part of City's annual verge tree-planting program last year to increase the City's overall tree canopy cover.

Along with the aesthetic, habitat and shade benefits, at maturity, trees can absorb up to 40kg of CO<sub>2</sub> every year. Trees provide many benefits, from reducing greenhouse gases to improving air quality and increasing habitats for local and native fauna. The City had a record number of resident requests for verge trees last year – a wonderful result.

## Electric vehicles

The City is committed to sustainable transport and has been introducing electric vehicles and hybrid technologies to its fleet and further evaluating alternative fuel technologies.

The City is also replacing diesel waste trucks with lower emission trucks and exploring hybrid and alternative fuel technologies for heavy vehicles, including hydrogen-powered and electric waste trucks.

Changing the City's waste trucks when they are due for replacement to lower emissions vehicles or alternate fuel technologies such as hydrogen-powered vehicles has the potential to help the City achieve this target

## Stats

The City aimed for a 25 per cent reduction in total greenhouse gas emissions from our 2017/18 levels by 2024/25. The City has already exceeded this target by 9 per cent!

The City aimed to reduce its municipal solid waste generation by 10 per cent by 2024/25. We are already meeting this target and have been since 2018/19.

## Free verge trees for residents

Did you know that the City of Wanneroo provides free verge trees for residents?

To help increase the City's canopy cover and protect our environment, you can request a verge tree to be planted this winter.

The four main trees available for selection are Paperbark, Bottlebrush, Eucalyptus and Western Australian Peppermint.

Request your tree by Sunday 30 April by visiting [wanneroo.wa.gov.au](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au)

## Noongar season

Djeran (April to May)

Djeran brings with it cooler nights and the occasional rainy day.

Banksias begin to flower, providing a nectar-rich food source for small mammals and birds.

## Awards highlight incredible work of our volunteers

Four residents and one local not-for-profit organisation were celebrated at the City of Wanneroo's 2023 Australia Day Awards.

Carramar resident Janine Gaskell was awarded for 28 years of volunteering at her local football club. Janine was the driving force to launch the JETS Joondalup Kinross Junior Football Club's All Abilities program Starkick in 2016. The program welcomes boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12 years with all physical and cognitive abilities.

Thanks to Janine, who has been the coach, recruiter and coordinator of the program for the past seven years, simple things many take for granted, such as having a post-game sausage sizzle with club mates, wearing your club shirt or cheering on your team are now a reality for local children with disabilities.

Wanneroo resident Marcia Dinnie was presented the Senior Award for her advocacy on behalf of seniors within Wanneroo and the wider community. Marcia has been a member of the Wanneroo Senior Citizens Club for nearly 30 years, and club president for more than two decades.

The club is a vital hub in the community, offering social connection, lifelong learning and a range of engaging activities such as bingo, tai chi, dancing and arts and crafts.

Community stalwart Marcia adapted the club's operations during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure members remained socially connected and mentally well.

She allocated all involved seniors to a committee member who would act as a buddy responsible for maintaining connection with that person.

Wangara-based The Pantry WA was awarded the Community Group Award for outstanding community service.

As the need for food support grew during the COVID-19 pandemic, the organisation continued to provide food hampers to those who were going through a difficult time.

In order to meet the growing need, the group moved into new bigger premises and provided a drive-through system.

The Pantry WA also developed a new business plan to create several new income streams to continue to support their work.

Kyeden Heir, who graduated from Girrawheen Senior High School (GSHS) last year, was awarded the Youth Award for his leadership qualities and contribution to the local community.

While a student at GSHS, he was the co-president of the student council and represented the Clontarf Foundation, acting as a positive role model to younger students and encouraging and motivating all students to achieve success and be proud of their culture.

Kyeden has volunteered in soup kitchens, was a student ambassador and peer mentor for local primary school students, supported cultural sporting events such as NAIDOC carnivals, school competitions and coached basketball with younger students.

## What is the Wanneroo Way?

If you or a fellow City of Wanneroo resident has done something to help another person in our community – acts of kindness, bravery, fundraising, volunteering or just being creative – we want to know.

From Girrawheen to Two Rocks, we want to celebrate residents for all the incredible things you do to help each other and make our community great every day.

Our amazing people are what makes the City of Wanneroo a place people want to live, work and play, and we want to give a shout out to people who show the #WannerooWay

Nominate someone today for a chance to win a \$100 voucher!

## Yanchep Sports Club shows the Wanneroo Way

By making specialised wheelchairs available for play, a Yanchep sports club is making sure no-one misses out on the great game of bowls.

Yanchep Sports and Social Club has custom made bowling wheelchairs available for any community members who would like to try the sport.

The wheelchairs have been a passion project of club president Jodie Nikolic.

More than 10 years' ago, Jodie's life changed forever when she was struck by a car while cycling and suffered a spinal cord injury. She said as a former top triathlete, finding a sport to participate in was important for her happiness.

After trying badminton and para sailing, she joined her partner in their sport of choice – bowls.

"Para sports are for people with disabilities, I really just wanted to be able to roll up on a Friday night and catch up with my mates – I didn't want to be separate," she said.

"It's a social sport, we play and then head to the clubrooms afterwards for a drink, food and laughs. "At the club I'm just Jodie who uses a wheelchair to bowl."

However, Jodie needed a specialised wheelchair to access the greens and to protect the surface. She had a chair constructed with custom spokes, wider wheels and a low seat. Getting the chair in March last year, the "bowls widow" said she soon became "addicted".

A natural talent, Jodie has already represented WA at the Multi Disability Championships and will take part in the Pathways Program as part of the Para-Jackaroos squad.

Jodie said she was privileged she could afford the custom chair and understood many others may not be able to afford one.

Bowls WA provided funds to purchase two new wheelchairs, which are now available to use at Yanchep Sports and Social Club. Jodie said the club hosted a five-week long program to encourage the community to try out bowls.

"Young people came, as well as two people in wheelchairs who used the gear which was great," she said. "The chairs aren't just for people with a disability, they can also be used for the older generation who can't play anymore.

"Bowls is one of the most accessible sports you can play – come and join us and try it out!"

## Heritage spaces support neurodiverse audiences

Wanneroo Regional Museum now has sensory backpacks available for public use – just one of a series of new initiatives to welcome visitors of all abilities.

The sensory backpacks, which are also available at Cockman House and Buckingham House, were developed with the support of the City of Wanneroo's Disability, Access and Inclusion Reference Group and advice from the Spectrum Space Women's Council.

They contain fidgets linked to museum themes, a torch, magnifying glass, a visual checklist, scavenger hunt activity and visiting story, and have already proved popular with local school children.

The neurodiverse audience pilot program also includes online visual stories, a choice board and a sensory friendly map developed in collaboration with disability support provider Rocky Bay.

Mayor Linda Aitken said these initiatives helped to empower visitors to plan ahead and ensure a relaxing and enjoyable experience at the City's heritage spaces.

"We know that visiting a place for the first time can sometimes be daunting," she said.

"The visual stories available, for example, provide a reassuring guide of what to expect when visiting the museum and our heritage houses.

"This project is just one of the ways we are providing inclusive and accessible spaces for community members of all abilities."

APM Communities representative and National Disability Insurance Scheme Local Area Coordinator Partner Paige Wilson said she supported any initiative to welcome people from a neurodiverse background.

"The sensory backpack helps to create an experience that will allow individuals to engage in community activities," she said.

"APM Communities work closely with communities and local government to support initiatives such as this."

The City's Heritage team members also received training from Wanslea and Sensorium Theatre, which helped create a deeper understanding of the needs of people who are neurodiverse.

Wanneroo Regional Museum is a member of the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Lanyard Scheme and team members wear the sunflower supporter lanyard.

Museum visitors can borrow sunflower lanyards – a discreet way of letting team members know if someone in your group has a hidden disability.

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

## **Wanneroo stories celebrated in Heritage Festival**

The City will celebrate its unique history this April and May, taking part in the Australian Heritage Festival.

Coordinated by National Trusts across the country, the program of events has become the country's largest festival that celebrates natural and cultural heritage.

Running from Monday 10 April to Sunday 14 May, the 2023 theme is Shared Stories.

This theme helps us reveal Australia's layered history by sharing stories of our natural, cultural and Aboriginal heritage, and encourages the community to build deeper connections by sharing their own diverse stories along the way.

Get tied up in a rope-making workshop with Eric Coates – learn about the history of rope-making in this hands-on demonstration.

Take part in a weaving workshop with Fiona Gavino or join us for Friday Flicks, featuring footage of Wanneroo's past. Learn how to grow a bush tucker garden or have a go at memoir writing.

For the full program, locations and dates, head to [hmawanneroo.eventbrite.com.au](https://hmawanneroo.eventbrite.com.au)

## **Anzac Day services in the City**

Wanneroo RSL Sub-Branch - Dawn Service followed by a march

Tuesday 25 April / 5.50am, Wanneroo Memorial Park, Wanneroo

Enquiries Sue Tuck 0429 900 355

Quinns Rocks RSL Sub-Branch - Dawn Service followed by a gunfire breakfast

Tuesday 25 April / 5.45am, Quinns Rocks Sports Club

Enquiries 0400 425 003

Yanchep-Two Rocks RSL Sub-Branch - Dawn Service followed by a gunfire breakfast

Tuesday 25 April / 5.30am, Splendid Park, Yanchep

March and Service

Tuesday 25 April / 10.30am, Yanchep National Park, Yanchep

Enquiries [info@rslyancheptworocks.org](mailto:info@rslyancheptworocks.org)

## **Landsdale Market**

The City of Wanneroo's summer season of free, family friendly community events continues with the Landsdale Market.

Find fresh local produce and search through the stalls for that perfect present or neat little knick-knack. There will be live music and plenty of activities to keep you and the kids entertained.

Saturday 1 April / 12pm-4pm, Warradale Park, Landsdale

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

## **National Simultaneous Storytime**

Find a snuggle of sloths at your local library.

Join the biggest storytime session across Australia and enjoy this hilarious story - The Speedy Sloth - an adventure featuring a lovable sloth who competes in a race.

Clarkson - 23 and 25 May

Wanneroo - 25 May

Yanchep/Two Rocks - 25 May

Sessions start at 10.30am, bookings required

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

## **Artist professional development**

Seven free ARTs TNTs (tips and tools) are being held in the lead up to the 2023 City of Wanneroo Community Art Awards. They will run at the Wanneroo Library on Wednesday evenings from 6pm, 12 April to 24 May 2023.

Sessions are free, bookings are required: [hmawanneroo.eventbrite.com.au](http://hmawanneroo.eventbrite.com.au)

## **Get Reel Two Rocks**

Get Reel Two Rocks is back at the Two Rocks Marina!

Come along on Saturday 29 April as the marina comes alive with a fishing festival and community festival. If you like fishing, fun, food, live music, and free family-friendly activities – you do not want to miss this!

For more information, go to [facebook.com/getreeltworocks](https://facebook.com/getreeltworocks)

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## **North Coast Community Arts Festival**

The North Coast Community Arts Festival is a celebration of the unique artistic character of the City's northern coastal suburbs and forms part of our community event program.

Activating local spaces from Jindalee to Two Rocks, this exciting venture will feature art of all kinds, from live music to dance shows, photography and arts and crafts.

Friday 7 April to Saturday 23 April 2023, held from Jindalee to Two Rocks