

What's Happening March to May 2024

Mayor's Message

Welcome to another jam-packed edition of What's Happening.

We've got a special issue for you, packed full of project updates, free events to attend and a new Kid's Zone - make sure you flip over!

I'm excited to announce that Elvis is in the building! Works by one of the most influential artists of the 20th century, Andy Warhol, are now on display at Wanneroo Regional Gallery.

Thanks to a partnership between the City and the National Gallery of Australia, over 50 iconic works by the renowned pop artist will be shared with the Gallery from the national collection over the next two years.

Congratulations to the winners of this year's City of Wanneroo Australia Day Awards, who have been recognised for making a significant contribution to our community.

Maddie Walker received the Charles Searson Youth Award for her contributions to the Yanchep Surf Life Saving Club and the local Yanchep community.

Derek Young took out the Australia Day Award for his invaluable contributions to the Two Rocks Bush Fire Brigade and the Two Rocks Youth in Emergency Services cadet program.

Yanchep Netball Club was recognised with the Community Group or Event Award for its commitment to providing opportunities for all people to learn new skills, stay fit and socialise.

And finally, Sally Allen won the Senior Award for her work with the Northern Suburbs Stroke Group over many decades.

I am incredibly proud of the efforts of these extraordinary individuals who are committed to making our community better for all.

Congratulations again!

Mayor Linda Aitken

Founding father of pop art puts Wanneroo on world map

Iconic works by one of the most influential artists of the 20th century are now on show at Wanneroo Regional Gallery as part of the National Gallery of Australia's Sharing the National Collection initiative.

The partnership between the galleries will see over 50 iconic works by pop art pioneer, Andy Warhol, shared with the Wanneroo Regional Gallery over two years.

Wanneroo Mayor Linda Aitken said hosting the renowned artist's works recognised the Wanneroo Regional Gallery and provided local opportunities for people to experience unprecedented access to international treasures.

"It is an incredible honour to host Andy Warhol's iconic artworks at the Wanneroo Regional Gallery," she said.

"Giving people opportunities to experience significant art in their own area can ignite appreciation for art and culture and help foster the development of new creatives, new ideas and future arts professionals.

"We are very grateful for the opportunity and thank the Australian Government and National Gallery of Australia for their support."

Minister for the Arts, Tony Burke, said it was fantastic to see pieces from the national collection make their way west.

"With Revive - Australia's new National Cultural Policy - the Government decided that instead of having some of the National Gallery's best works kept in storage where no one could see them, we'd start sharing them with galleries all around the country," he said.

"I'm really pleased that we're doing that for the Wanneroo Regional Gallery, and it doesn't get much bigger than Andy Warhol.

"Sharing the National Collection with the whole nation is so important, and now one of our most valuable collections is in the west."

Director of the National Gallery of Australia, Dr Nick Mitzевич, said the Expression of Interest received from Wanneroo was the very first to be registered under the Sharing the National Collection initiative when the program opened in July.

“This loan partnership represents how truly national this program is and how determined we are to see this collection put to work,” he said.

“Andy Warhol’s iconic painting, *Elvis*, together with screenprints of Campbell’s soup cans, celebrities, rockstars, electric chairs and flowers will be seen by a whole new generation of audiences on the west coast.

“What a tremendous opportunity this program provides,” he said.

Andy Warhol: Icons opens at the Wanneroo Regional Gallery on 6 March 2024.

These works of art are on long term loan from the National Gallery of Australia with support from the Australian Government as part of Sharing the National Collection.

#artacrossaustralia

To plan your visit to Wanneroo Regional Gallery, head to wanneroo.wa.gov.au/arts

To stay up to date on the latest news from Wanneroo Regional Gallery, subscribe to the City’s Arts e-newsletter.

Mariginiup bushfire recovery underway

The City continues to support those impacted by the devastating Mariginiup bushfire through the recovery phase.

We thank the fantastic emergency services personnel, volunteers, City staff, State Government departments and community members who came together to form an amazing team, working day and night to fight the fires, provide medical care, support evacuees and keep the community informed during the emergency, and for their ongoing assistance as we help our community get back on their feet.

Residents affected by the Mariginiup bushfire can access a range of support services at the Community Recovery Centre at the Wanneroo Civic Centre. Please visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/mariginiupbushfire

The City encourages donations to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund which supports those impacted by the fire. Donations can be made at appealswa.org.au

Since the Mariginiup Bushfire Appeal was activated on 25 November 2023, more than \$700,000 has been raised thanks to the generosity of the people of Western Australia. Funds have already been provided to some of those affected.

Did you know that a staggering 90 per cent of the City of Wanneroo is at risk of bushfires? With the bushfire season upon us, it is critical that you have a plan to protect yourself, your loved ones, your animals and your home from storms, bushfires and other natural hazards.

Learn how to reduce the impact of natural disasters and make sure your bushfire plan is up-to-date at wanneroo.wa.gov.au/preparingtogether

Quenda-lows provide cosy new digs in conservation drive

Quendas displaced by the Mariginiup bushfire have new places to call home, with the City installing strategically placed bungalows in bushland.

Quendas, or south-western brown bandicoots, are small marsupials found in urban bushland areas throughout the City of Wanneroo.

The City's Trees and Conservation Maintenance team are helping protect these critters by creating bungalows - affectionately known as 'quenda-lows' - out of wooden pallets to provide a refuge and help protect them from predators such as cats, dogs and foxes.

Conservation Technical Officer Jasmine Miller said the team would monitor the success of the quenda-lows using wildlife cameras.

"We consider quendas 'ecosystem engineers' - they're digging mammals that play an important role in maintaining healthy bushland areas by turning over large amounts of soil, reducing leaf litter that adds to fire loads and helping spread seeds that promote new plant growth," she said.

"With assistance from our dedicated conservation volunteers, the team will install more quenda-lows, focusing on areas impacted by the recent Mariginiup fire."

Quendas are a Priority 4 species in Western Australia and are protected under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

Mindarie Breakwater upgrades completed

Mindarie Breakwater management works to secure the structure for the next 50 years are complete.

The upgrades strengthened and increased the size of the structure and included the installation of new car parking, drainage, footpaths, kerbs and vehicle safety barriers.

The project was supported by a \$3.3 million contribution from the Federal Government's Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program.

Mayor Linda Aitken said this important upgrade would ensure that the structure remains safe and functional for many years to come.

"The Mindarie Breakwater provides safe, calm water conditions in the Mindarie marina, as well as protection for nearby infrastructure, including parking, roads, pedestrian pathways, residential properties and commercial businesses," she said.

To find out more about our coastal management projects, head to wanneroo.wa.gov.au/coastalprojects

Five minutes with... Principal Coastal Engineer Rory

A love of the beach and fishing paved the way for Rory to pursue a career in coastal engineering. Since 2014, Rory has worked with the City's Assets team to preserve and protect the City's beautiful coastline.

What's an unexpected part of your job?

As a Coastal Engineer, I plan preventative works based on coastal monitoring and modelling, historical records, data analysis and predictions of sea level rise. It's not an easy job, as every year the unpredictable number and intensity of winter storms can cause significant damage, erosion and the need for urgent work.

As an example, in May 2020 extreme storm conditions created some of the largest waves recorded in 20 years.

It caused a huge amount of damage - loss of sand from the beach and dune, loss of dune vegetation and damage to Quinns Beach car park and Mindarie Breakwater.

We had to act quickly, temporarily closing a road and beach accessways, carrying out repairs to the breakwater structure, fixing the car park and arranging renourishment works at the beach.

What's a highlight of your time at the City?

Managing the Quinns Beach Coastal Management Project was a highlight, as it allowed us to hear directly from our residents about their concerns for the coastline.

We worked with the community on a solution to the ongoing erosion issues at Quinns Beach and were able to demonstrate our commitment to actively manage this important section of our coastline.

The project has now wrapped up and it's great to see tangible benefits along the Quinns Rocks coastline.

What do the completed Mindarie Breakwater management works mean for the community?

The works will ensure that the structure remains functional over the next 50 years.

As well as the protection the breakwater provides to homes, public infrastructure and the marina, these works will also benefit the wider community and visitors, with improved conditions and safety during storms, fewer road closures, less maintenance works and improved rock stability.

Design progress for Alkimos pool project

The Alkimos aquatic and recreation centre project has taken another step forward, with Council endorsing a schematic design.

The facility is set to feature indoor and outdoor pools, indoor sports courts, a splash pad, gymnasium, crèche, play area and solar energy system.

The endorsement of the design at a projected cost of \$78 million follows the acquisition of a 3.5-hectare site in the Alkimos Town Centre, just 50 metres away from the future METRONET Alkimos train and bus stations.

24/7 Wanneroo Aquamotion Gym

Get excited - the Aquamotion gym is now available 24/7, so you can get fit at any time of the day or night!

With 25 top tier new cardio training machines, secure all hours access and updated CCTV, it's never been a better time to become a member. Aquamotion also boasts a full suite of gym equipment, swimming pools, group fitness classes and personal training.

Orion Café and changeroom upgrade at Yanchep Lagoon

The community will soon enjoy upgraded, accessible facilities when visiting the much-loved Yanchep Lagoon.

The City has started works to extend the Orion Café dining and services areas, install a new outdoor deck area and upgrade the nearby changerooms.

Developed in collaboration with the current tenant, the improvements will increase seating space and the new deck will allow customers to enjoy even better ocean views.

A temporary food truck has been set up by Orion Café to provide services to the community throughout construction - make sure you check it out.

Hoop dreams come true in Darch

The new Longford Park basketball pad in Darch has already proved popular with local kids after it was completed in December last year. The City worked with the community to find a solution that suited hoop-happy local families, as well as providing a quieter park space for neighbours.

The three-on-three basketball pad features plastic interlocking tiles designed to reduce noise and the backboard is also made of a special noise-limiting product.

Green tech for City's green thumb crew

In a win for the environment, the City has new battery powered garden tools!

Our verge pruning crew now have access to two battery powered chainsaws, hedge trimmer and extension hedger to tidy verge trees across the City.

It's part of the team's plan to transition some equipment away from fuel technology to help reduce the City's carbon footprint.

Mayor Linda Aitken welcomed the move and said it was important to be continually working towards a greener and cleaner future for the community.

"We all have an obligation to reduce our carbon footprint, and as a leading local government it is important to embrace and promote new technology wherever we can," she said.

With no fuel needed to operate, the equipment can also be used in a Total Fire Ban.

The City's annual tree planting program consists of planting approximately 3,500 new trees in parks, streetscapes and residential verges.

Residents can request a free verge tree by 30 April each year with trees planted the following winter.

Head here for more information - wanneroo.wa.gov.au/conservation

Hitting a hole in one for juniors

Marangaroo Golf Course has the highest number of TeeMates members in Australia, a program aimed at helping budding young golfers get into the sport.

Belgravia Leisure took over management of Marangaroo and Carramar golf courses in late 2022, with a focus on creating welcoming, family-friendly spaces while continuing to offer high quality golf facilities.

Both clubs have the Golf Australia-supported TeeMates program as well as Youth on Course facilities that allow juniors to play for just \$5.

Golf Australia Head of Participant Journeys Adrian Hewat said he was pleased to see clubs like Marangaroo thriving with junior golfers.

“Reducing the cost of green fees for children at Youth on Course facilities will help make the game more accessible,” he said.

“Golf Australia is pleased to include the benefit of Youth on Course with the TeeMates membership and grateful to facilities like Marangaroo for supporting junior golf.”

The golf courses also have women-specific clinics and classes, as well as junior coaching for girls.

For more information, head to marangaroorogolf.com.au and carramargolf.com.au

Community Art Awards and Exhibition 2024

It's time to get creative!

Artists from around the State can now enter works in the 2024 City of Wanneroo Art Awards and be in the running for \$18,700 worth of prizes.

Categories include Painting, Sculpture, Works on Paper, and Photo, Film and Digital Media.

The exhibition provides an opportunity for artists living in Western Australia to exhibit and sell their artwork.

Entries close on Wednesday 1 May or when 150 applications have been received.

The exhibition will run from 22 May to 13 July, and is open to the public 10am to 4pm Wednesday to Saturday each week.

Wanneroo Regional Gallery

Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre 3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo.

wanneroo.wa.gov.au/arts

Community funding supports grassroots events

We are proud to support grassroots community events that are hosted year-round across the City.

The annual Kenyan Community Cultural Extravaganza, held in October at Wanneroo Showgrounds, was a massive hit with the community!

Attendees enjoyed African delicacies, cultural dances, music, kids' activities, a fashion show and fitness challenges.

The City was proud to support this fantastic event through our community funding program, which supports one-off community-led and co-funded local activities, projects and events that benefit the wider community.

The City has up to \$5,000 available per grant for successful applicants.

Find out more, head to wanneroo.wa.gov.au/communityfunding

Beyond the scones

To celebrate the Centenary of the Country Women's Association (CWA), Wanneroo Regional Museum has partnered with the CWA Wanneroo branch to present a touching photography and memorabilia display that showcases their history.

Artefacts on display include wool boots and vests sent overseas for the war effort, and residents can trawl old membership lists to check for mums, aunties or grandmothers' names.

Well known for their top notch scones, the CWA also has a long history of strengthening communities through advocacy, education, service and belonging - from starting the Women's Land Army to advocating for the importance of car seatbelts.

The late Margaret Cockman, Freeman of the City, helped form the Wanneroo CWA branch in the 1960s.

When the State Country Women's Association resolved to build CWA House in Perth, a Country Woman of the Year Quest was held to help raise funds for the building.

Margaret entered as the Wanneroo representative and went on to win the CWA Cash Queen title for raising the most money in the State!

To check out the display, head to the

Wanneroo Regional Museum

3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo

Monday 13 to Saturday 25 May,

10am to 4pm.

2024 ANZAC Day services

Wanneroo RSL Sub-Branch

Dawn Service

followed by a march, 5.50am

Wanneroo Memorial Park, Wanneroo

Enquiries Sue Tuck 0429 900 355

Quinns Rocks RSL Sub-Branch

Dawn Service

followed by a gunfire breakfast

5.45am for a 6am start

Quinns Rocks Sports Club

Enquiries 0400 425 003

Yanchep-Two Rocks RSL Sub-Branch

Dawn Service

5.30am for a 6am start

Yanchep National Park, Yanchep

Main Service

10.30am for an 11am start

Yanchep National Park, Yanchep

Enquiries, email

info@rslyancheptworocks.org