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Mayor's Message
Linda Aitken

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 (page 3).

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



Mayor Aitken and Deputy Mayor James Rowe with the City's 2024 Australia Day Awards winners.

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

Community waste drop-off weekend

Come down to the City's community waste drop-off weekend on 20 and 21 April at Ashby Operations Centre.

Free

Bring along old tyres, e-waste, clothing, bulk cardboard and polystyrene, and let us re-use, recycle or dispose of these items responsibly for you.

wanneroo.wa.gov.au/waste

The City's new bookable bulk waste system will be available soon. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for details.



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Previous editions of *What's Happening* can be viewed online at wanneroo.wa.gov.au/whats happening

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.



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Founding father of pop art puts Wanneroo on world map Free

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 Mitzevich, 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.

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Mayor Aitken with Department of Communities staff and Australian Red Cross volunteers at the evacuation centre at Gumblossum Community Centre.

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.



City's Trees and Conservation Maintenance team members Jasmine, Clem and Luke.



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



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.

Five minutes with...

Principal Coastal Engineer Rory

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.



Alkimos aquatic and recreation centre project concepts (concept only, final build may vary).

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.

Progress snapshot

✓ Schematic design endorsed

Budget \$78 million

Funding commitments

- Federal Government \$30 million
- State Government \$10 million
- Developer contribution \$12.6 million

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.

Progress snapshot

✓ Project completed

Budget City funding



Mayor Linda Aitken with Councillors Paul Miles, Phil Bedworth and Jacqueline Huntley at Wanneroo Aquamotion.

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.

Progress snapshot

✓ Construction underway

Budget \$900,000

City funding



Mayor Aitken with Orion Café owner Bernardo Alalid at the café's temporary food truck offering.



Mayor Linda Aitken with Councillors Vinh Nguyen, Eman Seif and Natalie Herridge at the Longford Park basketball pad.

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.

Progress snapshot

✓ Project completed

Budget \$30,500

City funding



Trees Leading Hand Shane, Natural Areas General Hand Luke and Trees and Conservation Supervisor Billy.

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



Marangaroo golf course.

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 marangroogolf.com.au and carramargolf.com.au



2023 City of Wanneroo Art Awards. Photos: Marnie Richardson.

Community Art Awards and Exhibition 2024

Free

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

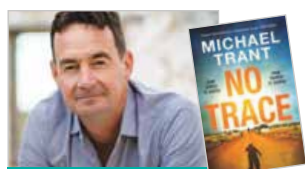


ARTs TNT talks

The popular professional development sessions for artists, ARTs TNT (tips and tools), has kicked off and will run to 29 May.

These talks will feature topics including How to Professionally Photograph Your Art, How to Write Successful Grant Applications and How to Use Video Marketing for Social Media.

Sessions are \$10, book here - hmawanneroo.eventbrite.com.au



Author talk Free

Rural fiction author Michael Trant is back with an update on his writing and a discussion of his latest title, No Trace.

He will be interviewed by local author David Allan-Petale at Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre, Tuesday 26 March, 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Please book online at michael-trant-wanneroo.eventbrite.com.au



Community members enjoying the Kenyan Community Cultural Extravaganza at Wanneroo Showgrounds.

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

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

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, aunts 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.

Free



Margaret Cockman as the CWA Cash Queen in the 1960s. PD00610m. Photo courtesy of the City of Wanneroo Community History Centre.



Elsie Leach in the family truck, 1920s, BRN 244442. Photo courtesy of the City of Wanneroo Community History Centre.

Australian Heritage Festival

From heritage crafts and arts to memoir writing and exploring historic Wanneroo through film and photos, there's so much to see and do during the City of Wanneroo's Heritage Festival celebrations!

Head online to explore all the activities on offer - wanneroo.wa.gov.au/heritagefestival

Free

Summer events season continues

Our 2023/24 events season continues, with a multicultural festival, sports open day and arts festival still to come!

It's our biggest and best event series ever, so make sure you mark your diaries for these fun, family-friendly events.



Kingsway Indoor Stadium Open Day

Saturday 16 March
Kingsway Indoor Stadium

Evening in the Park

Saturday 23 March
Paloma Park, Marangaroo

Beach to Bush Arts Festival

Monday 27 May to Friday 14 June,
various locations across the City

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

FREE

What's Happening

KID'S ZONE

Bushland glow-up

Alkimos Primary School green thumbs adopt Broadford Park | 3





Mini Mayor's Message **Matilda**

Welcome to the *What's Happening Kid's Zone!*

My name is Matilda, I am 9 years old and

I'm the City of Wanneroo Mini Mayor.

Being a Mini Mayor is helping me develop my leadership skills and voice ideas and concerns to make our community even better.

One way I help our community is by volunteering to help the Animal Rescue Cooperative give out pet food hampers at the Hepburn Centre.



I really like volunteering because I know I am helping other people and animals, making sure they have food to eat.

This school holidays I will be watching movies, playing video games, writing stories, doing swimming lessons and listening to music.

Make sure you wear sunscreen when going out into the sun!



Read on to find out how you can volunteer to plant trees, what's on over the school holidays and to learn about quendas.

Mini Mayor Matilda



Nice one



School holiday fun

There is so much to do these school holidays.

Visit one of our four libraries and challenge yourself to an escape room or make your own joke book with cartoonist Mark Guthrie.

Head to our website to check out the fun activities planned for our youth centres, museum, Wanneroo Aquamotion and Kingsway Indoor Stadium – wanneroo.wa.gov.au/schoolholidayactivities

National Simultaneous Storytime

Free

The biggest storytime in Australia will feature the beautifully illustrated picture book *Bowerbird Blues* by Aura Parker.

The story is about the journey to find the small things that you love and how treasuring these can turn into something magical.

Sessions at all libraries from 21 to 24 May.

Discover Wanneroo

Want some inspiration for awesome things to do with your family these school holidays?

Head to the Discover Wanneroo website and check out nature trails, local beaches, national parks and plan a fun day out!



Local primary school adopts a park

Students at Alkimos Primary School have their own pocket of bushland to care for after adopting Broadford Park in Butler.

Through the City's Adopt a Bushland program, kids learn about the importance of protecting bushland close to their school.

As part of the program, they carry out planting, remove litter and take part in Noongar learning.

Students also go on guided walks led by the City's Trees and Conservation team.

By adopting a bushland, schools learn to care for their local environment, discover local

wildlife and help preserve the bushland for future generations to enjoy.

School Noongar Language Specialist Judith Birchall said Boodja-k Karadjiny – or caring for country – teaches students the importance of country with the hope kids will pick up litter and more.

"Our aim is to plant native seeds, grow and plant back into our school to create our own bushland," she said.

"Connecting to the community bushland enables us to deliver on country learning."



"I like helping out at the park and it's important to be caring for country."

Alkimos Primary School
Year 6 student Kobe (10).



Cover photo - Alkimos Primary School Year 3 student Melaina (8).



JOIN US at the WA Tree Festival

Go behind the bark and join us for the WA Tree Festival from Saturday 6 April to Sunday 5 May.

The City has partnered with the WA Tree Festival to help share the value of trees and host fun school holiday workshops and giveaways!

Trees are essential to cool us down, provide homes for wildlife and make our neighbourhoods look and feel better.

The City is working hard to plant trees on streetscapes and in our parks.

If you would like to support our efforts and celebrate the greatness of trees, keep your eyes on our website for upcoming events -

wanneroo.wa.gov.au/events



Free

Planting the seed for FREE plants...



Stay tuned for information about how you can be waterwise and get free plants this June, check our website for more information.

This initiative is proudly co-funded by Water Corporation's Waterwise Greening Scheme and forms part of our ambition for the City to be a leading waterwise community.





Harmony Week

Our libraries will come alive with dance and music for Harmony Week, March 15 to 21.

Fabulous South American dancers will perform their vibrant Chilean, Colombian and Peruvian traditional dances.

Dance along to Polynesian moves, get a taste of Carnivale with the samba from Brazil, a touch of Bollywood from India, or do some African drumming from Ghana!

All events are free, you can book online at wanneroolibraries.eventbrite.com

Free

Find the Quendas!



Quendas are small marsupials that can be found right here in the City of Wanneroo.

Quendas (south-western brown bandicoots) are about the size of small rabbits, with short, stiff tails, long, pointed noses and short, rounded ears. Their fur is a grey-brown colour with a creamy white belly, while their tails are dark brown.

Quendas are ecosystem engineers - wow!

They are digging mammals that play an important role in keeping a healthy bushland.

They turn over a lot of soil, help cut down leaf litter that can cause fires and help to spread seeds that will grow into new plants.

We have hidden five quendas throughout this newsletter. See if you can find them all!

Answers: page 4-8-9-11 and Kid's Zone page 3.



National Walk Safely to School Day Free



Pull your socks up, Friday 17 May is National Walk Safely to School Day!

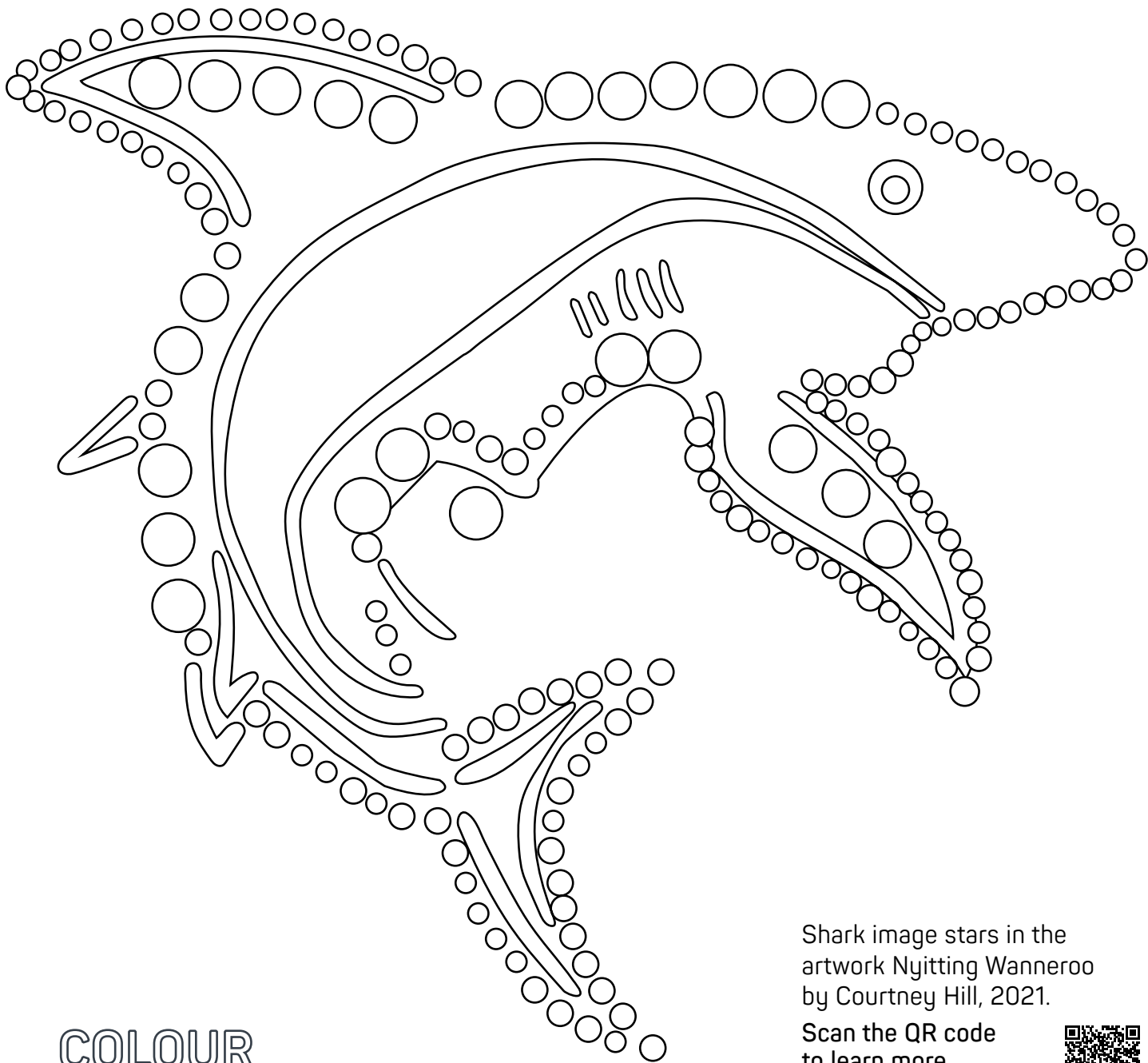
National Walk Safely to School Day raises awareness of all the benefits regular walking and riding offers for kids and families.

The City proudly supports Your Move, a free program helping students get active by increasing walking, scooting and riding to school.

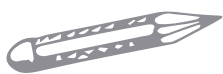
Tell your friends, parents and carers all about National Walk Safely to School Day and check if your school is part of the Your Move program.

For more information and to get moving visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/activetransport





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Shark image stars in the artwork *Nyitting Wanneroo* by Courtney Hill, 2021.

Scan the QR code to learn more.



Get to know the *Noongar seasons*

Did you know that the Noongar calendar has six different seasons every year?

Instead of Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring, there are Birak, Bunuru, Djeran, Makuru, Djilba and Kambarang.

Djeran runs from April to May and has cooler nights and fewer rainy days than Bunuru.

Banksias begin to flower, providing food for small mammals and birds.

