



Mayor's Message

Linda Aitken JP

Welcome to the April edition of Wanneroo Link.

The City is calling on everyone in our community to safely dispose of batteries, after another City recycling truck caught fire this month.

Thanks to the quick thinking of our Waste Operators and rapid response by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, the truck fire in Mindarie was extinguished quickly and with no harm to people or property.

This is the third City recycling truck to catch on fire this year – a timely reminder to the community not to put batteries of any kind into household recycling bins or landfill bins and instead, recycle them at any battery recycling drop-off point.

Find your nearest drop-off point at recycleright.wa.gov.au



Photo courtesy of the City of Wanneroo Community History Centre. PD00610m.

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

The late Margaret Cockman (pictured), 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!

The display opens on 13 May – I encourage you to head along.

National Reconciliation Week runs from 27 May to 3 June and is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Find out how the City is celebrating by heading to wanneroo.wa.gov.au

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Alkimos Primary School students with School Noongar Language Specialist Judith Birchall and City Conservation Officer Sasha Poli.

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

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 teaches students the importance of caring for country.

"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."

Alkimos Primary School Year 6 student Kobe (10) said - "I like helping out at the park and it's important to be caring for country."

Oriel Green named holder of the keys to the City



Noongar Elder, Oriel Green OAM, has been appointed the inaugural Holder of the Keys to the City of Wanneroo.

Previously referred to as a Freeman of the City, the symbolic gesture recognises individuals who demonstrate outstanding commitment and have made significant contributions to the local community.

Wanneroo Council voted unanimously to bestow the title on

Oriel, who has lived in Girrawheen for over 50 years, in recognition of her tireless work to improve the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal peoples.

The City is incredibly fortunate to benefit from Oriel's knowledge, commitment and compassion, and we are so happy to announce this recognition of her contributions.

Read more about Oriel's amazing life online at wanneroo.wa.gov.au/news



Beach to Bush

Our series of free events continues, with the Beach to Bush Arts Festival launching on Monday 27 May!

Held at local spaces from Two Rocks to Girrawheen, this festival will feature a smorgasbord of art including live performances, photography and craft.

wanneroo.wa.gov.au/featureevents



Heritage Festival

Explore stories and skills that connect us with where we live today during the City of Wanneroo's Heritage Festival celebrations.

From heritage crafts and arts to memoir writing and exploring Wanneroo of old through film and image, there's so much to see and do. Book your place at wanneroo.wa.gov.au/heritagefestival



Council dates

Council Briefing Session

Tuesday 14 May, 6pm

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 21 May, 6pm

23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo
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