



Dordaak Kepup's eye-catching perforated cladding was installed in June.

## Two major City projects coming to life

Two major projects underway at opposite ends of the City have recently reached major milestones. Steel framing is up at the Alkimos Aquatic and Recreation Centre (AARC), and the first water test has been undertaken at the centre's 'learn to swim' pool. The project is scheduled to be completed in September 2026. At the same time, Dordaak Kepup library and youth innovation hub in Landsdale is now in the final stages

of construction, with its official opening set for December 2025. Distinctive steel panels were recently installed - shaping the impressive exterior of the building as it edges closer to its final form. Keep up to date on these two projects at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/alkimosaquatic](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/alkimosaquatic) and [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/dordaakkepup](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/dordaakkepup)



The City is grateful to have received the following funding commitments for the AARC:

- \$30 million from the Australian Government, including \$25 million under the Priority Community Infrastructure Program and \$5 million under the Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream Program
- \$12.6 million from the State Government, including \$10 million under the WA Recovery Program, \$2.5 million from the Community Sports and Recreation Facilities Fund and \$178,792 through the Changing Places program
- \$15.2 million through the Alkimos-Eglinton Developer Contribution Plan.
- The City will contribute \$45.3 million.



First water test of 'Learn to Swim' pool at AARC in July. Inset - AARC construction site.

### Get into Pickleball at Kingsway Indoor Stadium

Looking to try a fun, new sport? Get into pickleball at Kingsway Indoor Stadium! Sessions run every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Blending tennis, badminton and table tennis, pickleball is quick to learn and lots of fun!



Bring your own paddle or hire one for a small fee. Book your spot at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/pickleball](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/pickleball)

### Celebrate 80 years of Children's Book Week

This year's theme is 'Book an Adventure', inviting children to dive into stories and let their imaginations soar. Celebrate by joining us for an action-packed session with super storyteller Glenn Swift for Big Adventure Storytime, where kids can choose their own adventure and help shape a thrilling tale.



**Saturday 16 August**  
Clarkson library 10.30am  
Wanneroo library 2pm  
Ages 5 to 9. Don't forget your Book Week costume! Search City of Wanneroo on [eventbrite.com.au](http://eventbrite.com.au)

Free

### Mayor's Message

Linda Aitken JP



Council has adopted the City's 2025/26 budget. Our \$353.4 million budget includes the City's largest-ever capital works program - a \$132.6 million investment in local infrastructure, facilities and services. Council adopted a 3.5 per cent rate increase across all rating categories, and a 3 per cent rate increase for residential ratepayers, which amounts to less than \$1 per week for most homeowners. This year's budget is an ambitious yet achievable plan, building on the successful completion of last year's capital works program. On behalf of Council and the City, I thank our community for their trust, their feedback and their continued partnership in building a stronger City of Wanneroo, for today, and for generations to come. To see all the budget details, see page 6 or visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/budget](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/budget)

Our 2025 Community Art Awards Exhibition wrapped up last weekend. Stay tuned to City channels for an announcement on the next exciting exhibition, opening in August, that transports visitors to one of Europe's most iconic historical sites! Your postie will soon be delivering the City's What's Happening newsletter, packed with detailed updates on some of the major projects currently taking shape across the City. Go beyond the pages with bonus videos and photos at [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/whathappening](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/whathappening)



### Council meetings

**Council Agenda Briefing**  
Tuesday 12 August, 6pm  
**Policy Review Committee Meeting**  
Monday 18 August, 6pm  
23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo  
Watch live on our Youtube channel 'City of Wanneroo Council Meetings'.