



Mayor Linda Aitken with Wanneroo Regional Gallery Curator Leah Robbie.

## Discover Ancient Pompeii in Wanneroo

The City of Wanneroo has teamed up with The European Union to bring a unique cultural experience to Perth's northern corridor.

Presented by the European Union, *Inside Pompeii: Origins of a European Way of Life* is on display at the Wanneroo Regional Gallery until Saturday 4 October 2025.

The free exhibition offers a rare and intimate look at one of Europe's most iconic historical sites featuring powerful photography by Luigi Spina, taken during the COVID-19 lockdown while Pompeii was closed to visitors.

The exhibition is part of the European Union's cultural diplomacy efforts and reflects the growing relationship between Europe and Australia.

Wanneroo Mayor Linda Aitken said it was an honour to host the

Western Australian debut of the international exhibition.

"With nearly 10,000 residents in our community identifying as having Italian ancestry, this exhibition is a meaningful way to celebrate our diverse heritage and shared cultural values," she said.

"We're proud to bring world-class art and history to our local gallery, making it accessible to families, schools and visitors from across Perth."

The exhibition features 38 large-scale photographs of Pompeii's homes, streets and public spaces.

Through the images, visitors can explore everyday objects, artworks and architecture that reveal how people lived thousands of years ago and how much we still have in common.

EU Ambassador to Australia, Gabriele Visentin, said the exhibition would give local communities a chance to explore cultural heritage and see the commonalities of life then and now.

"We value history's lessons as we build our new future together - one that is about partnership, security and defending common values. So, it is fitting that we learn as much as we can about each other, from Brussels to Pompeii to Wanneroo," he said.

"I am delighted that the exhibition is on display in Western Australia, which is already a part of our deepening EU-Australia relationship."

Wanneroo Regional Gallery is open from 10am to 4pm, Wednesdays to Saturdays. For information, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/insidepompeii](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/insidepompeii)

### Mayor's Message

Linda Aitken JP



Welcome to the August edition of Wanneroo Link.

It has certainly been an exciting month for the City of Wanneroo. The next major growth area for the City, East Wanneroo, recently saw its first three precincts approved.

The WA Planning Commission gave approval for the first developments within the East Wanneroo District Structure Plan, paving the way for 50,000 new homes for 150,000 residents over the next 50 years.

The District Structure Plan covers the suburbs of Wanneroo, Mariginiup, Gngangara, Jandabup and Pinjar, with three of the total 28 precincts now approved for development.

For further details, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/eastwanneroo](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/eastwanneroo)

Do you know someone who makes your community a better place? Say thank you, by nominating them for a Community Citizen of the Year Award.

There are four award categories, including Young Community Citizen of the Year (16 to 30 years), Senior (over 65), Group or Event, and overall Community Citizen of the Year.

These awards acknowledge the outstanding contributions of people within our community, with all eligible award winners going into the running for the prestigious Australian of the Year award.

Nominations open on Monday 1 September and close Friday 31 October 2025. To nominate, visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/communitycitizenawards](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/communitycitizenawards)

### Council meetings

**Council Agenda Briefing**  
Tuesday 9 September 2025, 6pm

**Ordinary Council Meeting**  
Monday 23 September 2025, 6pm  
23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo

### New rates portal for flexible payment options

The City has launched a new online payment portal to make it easier for residents to manage their rates payments.

The portal offers flexible, automated payment options like direct debit using a bank account or credit card.

Residents can choose to pay weekly, fortnightly or monthly through the portal or opt for the standard one-off, two or four-installment options.

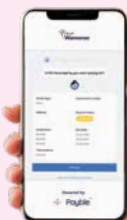
The online portal is secure and easy to use and will help you save time, cut down on paperwork and avoid late payments.

You can also set automatic payment reminders by e-mail or SMS.



To get started, scan the QR code on your rates notice or visit

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



### The City of Wanneroo Signature Events Series is almost here

From October to May, enjoy a series of free, family-friendly events across our City.

With more than ten events running from Girrawheen to Two Rocks, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Come along and dance to live music, soak up the festival fun or simply unwind exploring the market delights.

All events are free to attend and held in local parks and venues, so it's easy for families to join in close to home.



Whether you're after a fun day out, entertainment, or a chance to meet neighbours, these events are designed for you.

Keep an eye on our website and socials to see what's on near you.

Visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/signatureseries](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/signatureseries) for more information.

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