City of Wanneroo

Community Funding Program

2025/26 Community Impact Report



$228k

invested through the Community Funding Program to

139

recipients

An estimated

46,671

people reached through supported inititives





39 community-led events and projects brought to life



235

local residents were supported to represent the City at

86

events and competitions through the Participation Fund

Funding in Action

- **Commemorative Services** providing opportunities for the community to reflect and pay tribute, including;
  - **2 Vietnam Veterans Day** commemorations
  - **3 Remembrance Day ceremonies**
  - **3 ANZAC Day ceremonies** attracting a combined attendance of **more than 14,000 people**.

- **2 Australia Day community breakfasts** bringing residents together to celebrate community and connection.

- **Mookaroo Festival**, a NAIDOC Week celebration featuring First Nations performances, businesses, service providers, children's activities and Indigenous food.

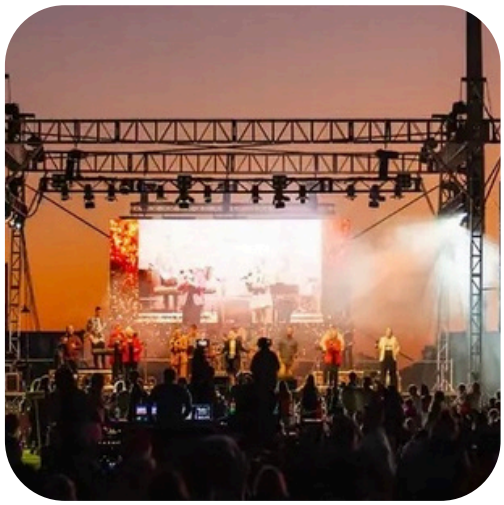
- **Yanchep Carols in the Park**, welcoming more than **5,000 attendees** for an evening of festive entertainment and community celebration.

- **Celebrating NAIDOC Week**, with two local football clubs incorporating cultural celebrations, ceremonies and recognition into their NAIDOC rounds.

- **Bringing the community together at Christmas**, with nine festive events featuring carols, activities, celebrations and community support.

- **Connecting communities through local events**, including a Community Fair, Family Fun Day and Community Open Day.













Funding in Action








- **Celebrating cultural diversity**, including:
  - **Tet Trung Thu (Moon Festival)**, showcasing Vietnamese culture through music, dance, taekwondo and lantern making.
  - **Cultural Extravaganza**, a multicultural celebration of music, dance, food, art and entrepreneurship, welcoming **more than 5,000 attendees**.
  - **Waitangi Cultural Participation & Celebration Day**, recognising the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi and bringing the community together through Māori cultural performances, music and dance, with an estimated **4,000 attendees**.

- **Promoting mental health and social connection** through small group sessions incorporating art and mindfulness activities.

- **Supporting community wellbeing** through a festival featuring yoga, meditation, breathwork, sound healing, live music, creative workshops and local wellbeing stalls, attracting more than 1,500 attendees.

- **Caring for local spaces and strengthening community pride**, with residents coming together to celebrate the adoption of a local park through the Adopt-a-Spot program.

Walk & Wheel to School Fund

We supported **20 school P&Cs** to provide **35 healthy breakfasts** and activities during active transport events, including **National Ride to School Day, National Walk Safely to School Day** and **WA Bike Month.**

These initiatives encouraged students and families to walk, ride or scoot to school, promoting healthy lifestyles, sustainability and reduced traffic congestion.







St Elizabeth's launched its first **walking school bus**, with the Deputy Principal walking alongside 40 students and families from the local shopping centre

Eglinton Beach achieved an impressive **88% student participation rate**, while **Hudson Park** brought students, families and staff together for a community walk followed by a morning tea







Yanchep Rise celebrated a range of active transport options, with 300 students walking, riding, scooting and even **trotting** to school before enjoying healthy snacks and participation rewards

Landsdale Gardens held a "Slowest Bike Race", creating a fun way to build bike skills and promote physical activity, and **Landsdale Primary** ran a walking "Pirate Ship" to also coincide with Dress like a Pirate Day







Participation Funding

The Participation Fund helps City of Wanneroo residents who are **under 25, over 60, or living with disability** access opportunities to represent the City at events and competitions.

This year, **235 local residents** from across **all City wards** were supported to participate in **86 events**, including 14 international events across South Korea, the United Arab Emirates, the United States, Japan and Malaysia.

Two athletes from the **WA All Abilities Football Association** represented at the **AFL Open National Carnival** in Melbourne, helping the team achieve second place nationally



A local player represented Australia at the **U16 Sixes Lacrosse Championship** in South Korea, where the team went undefeated and won gold



Four local athletes competed at the **ISKA World Cup** in Brisbane, one of the world's premier amateur martial arts tournaments, earning three gold medals and two silver medals



Three local golfers competed at the **18 Years and Under Golf Championships** in Queensland, with one winning the Girls Individual Nett title and the team securing the Girls Nett Teams Trophy





Fifteen athletes competed at the **AASCF National Cheer and Dance Championship** in Melbourne, with teams achieving podium finishes and multiple "hit zero" performances



Three athletes competed at the **World Jiu-Jitsu Championships** in Abu Dhabi, achieving two gold medals and one bronze medal. Read more here



A local 60+ BMX rider competed at the **AusCycling National BMX Championships** in New South Wales, winning two national titles



A local archer competed at the **Archery Australia National Youth Championships** in Tasmania, winning gold, two silver medals and a bronze medal across multiple events

Bringing people together on Christmas Day





A Community Grant supported Edxcellence Inc to deliver the 2025 Wanneroo Christmas Lunch, creating a welcoming celebration for people who may otherwise experience loneliness or isolation during the festive season.

300 guests came together to share a meal, enjoy entertainment and connect with others in the community.

The event strengthened community connections, reduced social isolation and provided a meaningful festive experience, with **100% of surveyed attendees rating it positively**.

Celebrating culture, diversity and belonging



A Community Grant supported the Kenyan Community of WA's Cultural Extravaganza 2025, bringing together around **5,000 attendees** to celebrate culture, diversity and community.

The event featured music, dance, food, art, workshops, youth activities and local entrepreneurship, alongside Aboriginal storytelling and cultural displays that encouraged **cross-cultural understanding**.

*"Vibrant and **unifying**"*





The celebration strengthened community pride, fostered belonging and created opportunities for cultural groups and local businesses to connect and showcase their talents.

Keeping seniors active, connected and celebrated



The Seniors Recreation Council of WA received a Community Grant to deliver the **LiveLighter Aged Care Games North Metro 2025** at Kingsway Indoor Stadium for the first time.



Designed specifically for seniors living in care, the event provides an opportunity for participants to stay active, build connections and enjoy friendly competition through four activities adapted for all abilities.

"I can't wait for next year's games"

They welcomed **150 participants aged 70 and over**, supported by carers, volunteers and staff. The event created a vibrant atmosphere of fun, inclusion and connection, with two 100-year-old participants demonstrating that age is no barrier to participation.





Creating hope, dignity and connection at Christmas

A Community Grant supported No Limits Perth to deliver an inclusive Christmas celebration for families and individuals experiencing hardship in Marangaroo.

The event welcomed **276 attendees** providing meals, food hampers, gifts, clothing, children's activities and connections to local support services.

More than a Christmas celebration, the event helped reduce social isolation, eased financial pressure during the festive season and **connected families with ongoing support** when they needed it most.





More than Funding

Community Funding is more than a financial contribution — it helps unlock additional investment, strengthen partnerships and empower local groups to deliver meaningful outcomes for the community.

Every dollar went further

For every **$1 invested by the City**, an additional **$3.71** was contributed through volunteer time, partnerships, sponsorship and in-kind support.

89% of completed projects attracted additional support, contributing a further

$494,084.91

towards community inititives







Funding supported initiatives across **all City wards**, ensuring opportunities were available to communities throughout the City of Wanneroo.

Building community capacity

Community Funding supported **87 unique recipients**, including **40 first-time recipients**, helping new and emerging groups bring their ideas to life.

The Community Funding team worked closely with local groups to strengthen project ideas and support them through the funding process. **Every applicant who engaged with the team before applying was successful in securing funding**, demonstrating the value of early support and capacity building.



Supporting shared community priorities

Funded initiatives contributed towards key City priorities, including:

- Council Plan
- Community Development Plan
- Place Strategy
- Regional Homelessness Plan
- Reconciliation Action Plan

City of Wanneroo

The Community Funding Program empowers local groups to identify needs, develop solutions and deliver initiatives that reflect the unique strengths and priorities of their communities.