2024/25 Community Funding Highlights

City of Wanneroo

Funding Approved



$237,553.35 in funding was approved through the Community Funding Program this financial year towards **117 initiatives**.



This includes;

- **$78,800** to 7 recipients putting on **12 Flagship Funded events**
- **$104,380.35** to **21 Community Grants** recipients
- **$6,173** to **11 Kickstarter Funding** recipients
- **$46,000** to **194 participants** at 62 events through the Participation Fund
- **$2,200** to **11 Walk & Wheel** to School Funding recipients.







4 initiatives totalling **$29,314** aligned with the *Regional Homelessness Plan*, helping to address social isolation and hardship

3 initiatives totalling **$20,850** aligned with the *Reconciliation Action Plan*, celebrating Noongar culture and communities

6 initiatives totalling **$28,021** had a multicultural focus, celebrating the City's cultural diversity

16 initiatives totalling **$8,778** involved collaboration with the City's Place Management, Events, and Traffic Services teams and contributing to the *Place Management Strategy* and *Active Transport Plan*.

The **Central** and **North Wards** had the highest total funding and number of initiatives approved for this financial year with the Central Ward approved for **$50,770** & the North Ward approved for **$36,035.45** both **across 11 initiatives** each

Initiatives Delivered

A total of **53 initiatives** were delivered in 2024/25. These initiatives have reported a combined participation of over **40,000** people.

This includes:

- **12 Flagship Fund** events with over **23,000** attendees
- **19 Community Grants** initiatives with attendance of over **15,000**
- **11 Kickstarter** initiatives with over **1,500** attendees







Flagship Funding

Mookaroo NAIDOC Festival 2024

Hosted by Ngulla Koort Indigenous Corp, the event welcomed an estimated 2,000–2,500 people for a vibrant celebration of First Nations culture.

Held during NAIDOC Week, the event featured cultural demonstrations, interactive activities, and performances by local talent including Saltwater Sisters, Moorditjabiny Boys, James Mitchell, and NAIDOC Young Achiever Indigo Alice.





Vietnam Veterans Day 2024

On 18 August, Quinns Rocks RSL and Wanneroo RSL each hosted Vietnam Veterans Day services, attended by more than 200 people combined. Both ceremonies featured wreath laying, music, and reflections honouring the service and sacrifice of Vietnam veterans. The events were supported by the Challenge Band, Wanneroo Civic Choir, Army and Air Force Cadets, Piper Jodie Jones, and students from Joseph Banks Secondary College.

Wanneroo RSL Service



Flagship Funding



Carols in the Park 2024

Held at Splendid Park in Yanchep and hosted by True North Church, this year's event once again delivered a joyful, inclusive, and family-friendly celebration, embracing the spirit of Christmas through music, community connection, and festive cheer. With an estimated attendance of around 5,000 people at any given time, the events popularity was evident in the large crowd, ongoing positive feedback, and strong community engagement in the lead-up to the night.

Remembrance Day 2024

On 11 November, Remembrance Day ceremonies were held by Quinns Rocks, Wanneroo, and Yanchep/Two Rocks RSLs, drawing close to 1,000 community members. All three services honoured the service and sacrifice of veterans and defence personnel through wreath-laying, music, and reflective addresses. The events were supported by brass and pipe bands, buglers, and local schools, with students contributing through readings, flag duties, and wreath-laying.



Wanneroo RSL Service

Flagship Funding



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ANZAC Day 2025

On ANZAC Day more than 14,000 people attended services across the City of Wanneroo hosted by Yanchep/Two Rocks, Quinns Rocks, and Wanneroo RSLs. The commemorations brought together veterans, Defence Force personnel, families, schools, and community groups to honour those who served, with ceremonies featuring wreath laying, live music, and moving reflections. The events were supported by the Challenge Brass Band, Wanneroo Civic Choir, Maori Hymn Singers, Northern Highlanders Pipe and Drum Band, Army and Air Force Cadets, and local schools.

Australia Day 2025

On Australia Day over 1,100 people attended community breakfasts in Girrawheen and Yanchep/Two Rocks, celebrating local pride and connection. The Lions Club of Girrawheen welcomed more than 500 attendees to John Moloney Reserve for a free breakfast, live music, and family entertainment including pony rides, a petting zoo and train rides. In Yanchep, the Yanchep/Two Rocks Community Recreation Association hosted their long-running event at the Phil Renkin Centre, offering breakfast, children's activities and a Citizen of the Year Awards Ceremony.



Girrawheen Event

Community Grants



Westnam United - Tet Trung Thu

Tet Trung Thu is an annual Vietnamese cultural celebration that marks the Mid-Autumn Festival, a traditional event honouring the full moon and the harvest season. This festival, also known as the Lantern Festival, is an important cultural occasion in Vietnamese communities, featuring a variety of cultural performances, lantern displays, and family-oriented activities. 350 attendees came together to celebrate the rich traditions of the Vietnamese community.

Intelife Group - Easy Beatz

The project included a pilot series of disco events held at community venues, designed specifically for people with disabilities, alongside the creation of a video resource aimed at upskilling nightlife venues on best practices for engaging with and providing services to people with disability. The events were designed to improve access and community engagement, offering a safe and welcoming space for people with disabilities to meet, form connections, and enjoy an evening out. The video will be distributed to venues across Australia, encouraging them to host similar events and assist in making their spaces more accessible and inclusive for patrons living with disability. https://youtu.be/buVKAktPkuM



Community Grants



No Limits - Christmas Party

No Limits offers outreach and support services across the City. In collaboration with various partner services, No Limits hosted over 200 local families facing financial hardship. The event saw an increase in service uptake, including 22 haircuts, 6 dog washes, and over 150 sausage sizzles served. The event distributed more than 3 tons of essential items, including clothing, toiletries, sanitary products, shoes, bags, bedding, and nappies.

Challenge Brass Band - Carols by Candlelight in the Ampitheatre

Despite the 40-degree heat, around 200 attendees gathered for the festive occasion, which brought together families, children, and senior citizens. The Wanneroo Civic Choir and local food trucks contributed to the lively atmosphere, with Mayor Linda Aitken leading some carols and an interview with Santa.





Community Grants

Edxcellence Inc.
Wanneroo Christmas Day Lunch







Edxcellence Inc. continued the valued tradition of the Wannero Christmas Lunch that has brought the community together since 2014. Previously coordinated by One Church and then the Rotary Club of Mindarie, this was Edxcellence's first year hosting the event, and it was a resounding success.

Held at the Impact Centre in Wanneroo, the lunch welcomed more than 250 attendees and was made possible thanks to the efforts of over 60 dedicated volunteers. Guests enjoyed a joyful and inclusive celebration featuring a choir singing Christmas carols throughout the day, children's entertainment including a bouncy castle, and a visit from Santa.
The event provided a warm and welcoming space for people at risk of social isolation and those seeking connection during the festive season. Despite higher-than-anticipated attendance, organisers ensured no one was turned away - demonstrating the group's strong community commitment. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with 88% of guests rating the event as excellent or very good.

Community Grants



WA Human Powered Vehicle Assoc. Wanneroo Pedal Prix

The inaugural event brought over 400 participants to the Splendid Avenue circuit in Yanchep. Spectators lined the circuit throughout the day, and they hope to return to Yanchep in future years and continue building the Pedal Prix into a signature community event. Organisers noted that City funding was critical to making the event viable, and ongoing support will help build sustainability as participant numbers grow.



Ethiopian Orthodox Church Ethiopian Epiphany

This cultural and religious festival held on 19 January attracted over 200 attendees, including families, members of the broader Ethiopian Australian community, as well as individuals from Egyptian, Eritrean, and local Australian backgrounds. The event was a vibrant showcase of Ethiopian traditions, music, and communal festivities.

Community Grants



Wanneroo Showgrounds Event

Waitangi Day - Wider Communities & Kiwi Community

Two large-scale Waitangi Day events were delivered in February 2024, each attracting around 5,000 attendees. Both events were commended for fostering cultural pride, inclusiveness, and strong community connection.

Wider Communities hosted a vibrant celebration at Wanneroo Showgrounds, featuring international food stalls, cultural performances, live music, and 17 market stallholders. The event was praised for its strong organisation, inclusive atmosphere, and celebration of unity and cultural pride.

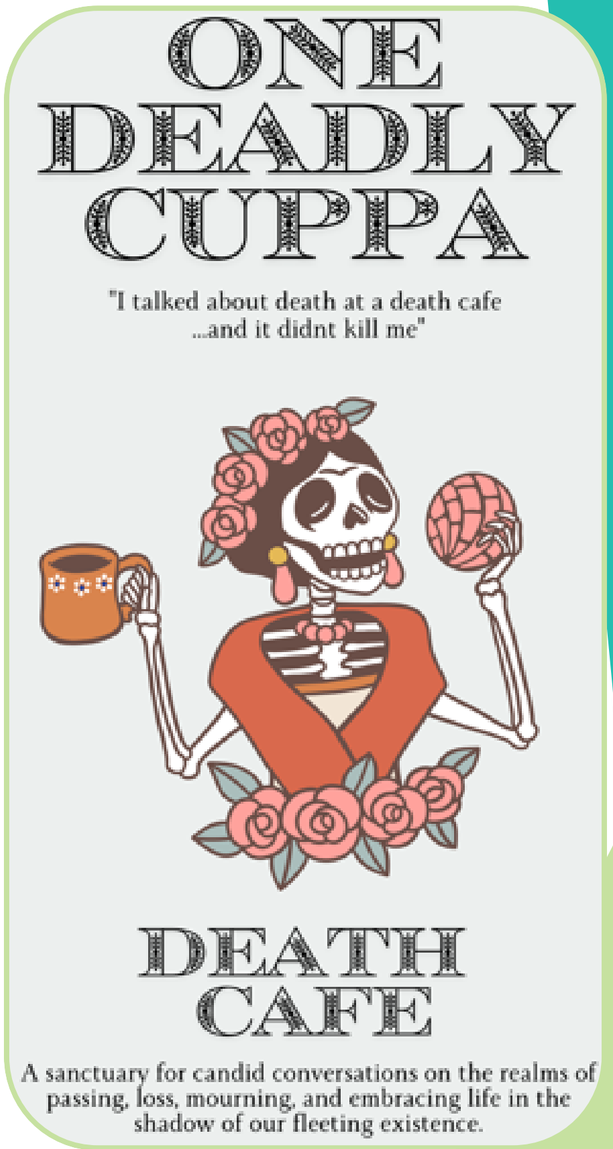
Kiwi Community held their most successful event to date at Splendid Park, Yanchep—its first year at the new venue after outgrowing its previous location in Allara. The event featured a packed entertainment program, cultural displays, diverse food vendors (many selling out), and popular family activities.

Community Grants



Self Made Girls - Business Skills Workshop & Market Day

Self Made Girls delivered a business skills program for neurodivergent youth for Austism Awareness Week. The program included in-person and online workshops and culminated in a market day featuring 47 young stallholders, three buskers, and a face painter, attracting 284 attendees. The initiative boosted confidence, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship skills, with positive feedback from both participants and parents.



LJM Memorial Hospice - Wanneroo is Dying to Know

LJM Memorial Hospice delivered a successful series of community events aimed at improving death literacy, encouraging open conversations about end-of-life, and supporting advance care planning. The program included workshops, public education sessions, and ongoing Death Cafés across local libraries and community venues. Over 240 community members engaged in these inclusive, low-cost activities, which sparked meaningful dialogue, increased awareness, and strengthened local partnerships. The initiative achieved broad visibility—reaching over 58,000 people online—and laid the groundwork for ongoing community-led engagement in this important space.

Beach to Bush Festival

The City introduced Beach to Bush Arts Festival funding to support local artists and businesses to deliver arts-related community activities as part of the City's festival program. Two creative projects were supported:

- **Aqua KreArtz** facilitated two inclusive, mindfulness-focused community art sessions for participants aged 6 to seniors at the Butler Community Centre and Girrawheen Hub. The sessions fostered creativity, calm and connection, with many describing the experience as therapeutic, welcoming and emotionally safe.

- **iCreated Studios** (Mindarie) delivered a drop-in clay sculpture workshop where community members created pieces that represented their connection to the City of Wanneroo. The sessions offered a relaxed and guided opportunity for mindful creativity and artistic expression.



Kickstarter

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Hudson Park Primary P&C - Men's Mental Health Week Breakfast

Hudson Park Primary School P&C hosted a successful Men's Mental Health Week breakfast with Kickstarter funding. The event brought together families, staff, and local organisations to promote mental health awareness, and led to a potential new partnership with Men's Talk to deliver a wellbeing program for students.

Multilingual Australia - How to Raise Children in More than One Language

Three workshops were held at the Girrawheen Hub to support families in cultivating bilingual and multilingual environments at home. Due to the strong demand for these sessions, Multilingual Australia was invited to present at 2 additional childcare centres, reaching 37 families, and gained a new volunteer. These workshops effectively educated and empowered families within the City to foster multilingual environments in their households.

Wanneroo Urban Pantry - Pantry Upgrade

The Wanneroo Urban Pantry provides free 24/7 access to food, household cleaning, and toiletry items for those in need. Established in July 2019 by local residents with capacity building support from the City, the pantry has been a vital community resource. The grant allowed for the installation of a sturdier, more durable storage unit, significantly improving the pantry's capacity and longevity. The upgraded unit ensures that the pantry remains a reliable source of support for vulnerable individuals and families in the community.

Walk & Wheel to School Funding

The Walk & Wheel to School Fund is an initiative developed to promote active travel to school and encourage healthier, more sustainable habits in young people.

Under this program, local school P&Cs can access $200 Grants to host breakfast events rewarding students who walk, ride, or scoot to school. These events are held in conjunction with key active travel campaigns: National Ride to School Day (21 March) & National Road Safety Week (11–18 May)

11 school P&Cs participated in Walk & Wheel events during March and May, with a total of $2,200 in funding provided. The initiative reached over 600 students, offering them a healthy breakfast as a reward for choosing active transport.

This initiative is part of the City of Wanneroo's Active Transport Plan, supporting improved student health, reduced traffic congestion, and increased community awareness around road safety and sustainable travel.

Participation Funding

- **14** participants attended **State** events across **4** events
- **159** participants attended **National** events across **46** events
- **20** participants attended **International** events across **12** events

- **187** participants were aged **under 25**
- **2** participants were aged **over 60**
- **5** participants identified as **living with disability**

Participation Funding

AFL Inclusion Championships – Queensland

Local players Alex Moshovis and Callum Bull represented WA at the national competition which provides elite-level experience for players aged 16 and over with intellectual disabilities. WA's team competed in Division 1, with Alex Moshovis earning selection in the All-Australian Team for his outstanding performance.

Australian Senior League Baseball Championships - Melbourne

Three local athletes - Blake Thompson, Brayden George, and Chayce Benseman competed with the Wanneroo Giants. The Giants finished the championship undefeated with six wins and no losses, securing a commanding 7–2 victory over Brisbane Metro in the gold medal match to be crowned Australian Senior League Champions. This outstanding result has earned the team the honour of representing Team Australia at the Senior League World Series in South Carolina in July.

Mighty 11s Test Series – New Zealand

Eleven-year-old Pearsall resident Ace Birchall represented the City as part of Team Australia at the Mighty 11s Australian Test Team Riders event held in New Zealand in October 2024. After competing in 13 races, Team Australia were crowned the 2024 Mighty 11 Test Team winners with a strong points margin over New Zealand. Ace also earned the title of overall Mighty 11 Champion, finishing first in the individual competition out of 21 riders.

Asia Pacific Cup – Komatsu, Japan

Zen Salisbury, an Alkimos resident, represented Australia in kayaking at the Asia Pacific Cup in Komatsu, Japan, achieving an impressive medal haul. Zen came home with a Gold in the 200m relay, Silver in the K2 500, and Bronze in the K1 500.

International Cheer Union World Championships – Florida, USA

Several local cheerleaders proudly represented Australia at the International Cheer Union World Championships in Florida. Brooke Berryman made history as part of Australia's first-ever All Abilities team, delivering a flawless routine that showcased inclusion on the world stage. Three local athletes were part of the Junior All Girl Advanced team that brought home a Gold medal and were crowned World Champions, with two other local cheerleaders contributing to a Bronze medal in the Youth All Girl Medium division.

In 2024/25, the City of Wanneroo’s Community Funding Program delivered strong outcomes and outstanding value, with both the Flagship Fund and Community Grants stream returning more than double the City's investment through financial and in-kind contributions made by grant recipients and their partners.

These outcomes were made possible through the valued contribution of community members and volunteers, whose time, passion and leadership were critical to the success of funded initiatives.

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