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KWINANA'S NEW YOUTH SPACE



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Photograph: Guests celebrate the completion of the Zone youth space.



Community Newsletter

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I am delighted to present to you, the final edition of *The Spirit* for 2011.

It is amazing how much we, as a community, have achieved over the past 12 months in regards to community events, local initiatives and the continuation of major community infrastructure projects.

Kwinana is growing at around twice the national average, with new families arriving on a daily basis. It is important that as our Town expands, we provide the infrastructure and services which a modern community both demand and deserve.

To this effect, the Town commenced, continued with and completed a wealth of important projects in 2011, including the \$22m Community Resource and Knowledge Centre which is expected to be opened in mid 2012.

Redevelopment of the Hub Shopping Centre is now imminent and just last month we held the grand opening for one of our most anticipated buildings of all time, 'The Zone' Youth Space, located at the corner of Gilmore Avenue and Darius Drive.

Culture and the Arts received much attention in 2011 as well, with the launch of the Town's Public Art Master Plan, which outlines our strategy for the provision of public art in the future. The launch of this plan was celebrated during the unveiling of the 'Flare' artwork on the corner of Thomas and Rockingham Roads.

Construction of the Wellard Community Centre will commence in mid-December and we hope to secure final funding for the Bertram Community Centre in 2012.

Thank you to those who came along to some or all of our Live! Kwinana community events for 2011. The Heritage Celebration, Alcoa Children's Party, Kwinana Festival and PETScapade – The Village at Wellard were all great successes.

The spirit, diversity and friendliness of Kwinana residents is what I believe makes our Town so unique. It's what makes us the most welcoming community in all of Western Australia.

The beauty of Kwinana is that despite our massive growth and the myriad of developments occurring around every corner, we have not lost our caring and thoughtful community.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors and the staff at the Town, I thank you for spreading the spirit of Kwinana throughout 2011 and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous start to 2012.

Carol Adams
Mayor



NEW COUNCILLOR WELCOMED

The Town of Kwinana has welcomed Wendy Cooper to the Kwinana Council after she was elected a Councillor at the October Local Government Elections.

Wendy moved to the Kwinana area eleven years ago, living firstly in Leda and then moving to Homestead Ridge.

A retired school teacher of more than 37 years in both primary and secondary education, Wendy is now a volunteer driver with Kwinana Home Support Service and is an active part of the Rotary Club of Kwinana, which she has been a member of for four years, two of which she has served as secretary.

Wendy is also a member of the Homestead Ridge Progress Association.

One of Wendy's most recent roles is being Rotary Project Manager for the Village Markets at Wellard.

Congratulations to Wendy and to the other Councillors who were re-elected at the recent Local Government Elections.

The full results of the Town of Kwinana elections held on 15 October 2011 were:

Wendy Cooper (2423 votes)
Dennis Wood (2246)
Sherilyn Wood (2167)
Peter Feasey (1831)
Vic Smith (1353)
Bryan Corker (1328)
Barry Donohoe (1273)

There were four seats available and therefore Dennis Wood, Peter Feasey and Sherilyn Wood returned to Council, joined by one new Councillor, Wendy Cooper.

At the Monday 17 October 2011 Special Council Meeting, Cr Carol Adams was re-elected Mayor of Kwinana unopposed, and Cr Ruth Alexander was elected Deputy Mayor.



Wendy Cooper.



GRANTS PROVIDED TO LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Through the annual Recreation Equipment Grants scheme, the Town of Kwinana offers residents the chance to allocate a small amount of their annual rates to be paid towards a local community or sporting group of their choice. These ratepayer nominated grants play an important role in supporting local groups, allowing them to continue to offer their services to the community.

In the 2011/12 financial year, 14 local sporting and community groups received a financial grant ranging from \$100-\$300 per group.

Among the recipients were the Kwinana Districts Tennis Club, Wandi Playgroup, Kwinana Cricket Club, Fear Ultimate Disc Club and the Kwinana Rugby Union Club.

GRAFFITI REMOVAL KITS

The Town is reminding all residents to take advantage of the free graffiti clean up kits now available to help with the removal of graffiti from private property.

The non-toxic graffiti removal kits are available from the Town of Kwinana administration office, and are offered in two types, for painted and smooth surfaces

TOWN SERVICES STILL GOING STRONG



Following the temporary closure of the majority of the Kwinana Hub Shopping Centre, the Town of Kwinana is reminding residents that the Kwinana Library, Neighbourhood Watch and Volunteer Resource Centre all remain open for service.

Located behind the Hub Shopping Centre, the library operates Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am and 7pm, excluding Wednesdays, and is also open on Saturdays between 9am and 12 noon.

The Volunteer Resource Centre has relocated to the Kwinana Library and is available from 9am to 4pm on Monday and Tuesday of each week. The Volunteer Resource Centre can be contacted on 9419 1628 or julie.cook@kwinana.wa.gov.au.

The Neighbourhood Watch program has relocated to the office of Roger Cook MLA at 3 Chisham Avenue Kwinana. Neighbourhood Watch can be contacted via email mjbooth@optusnet.com.au

These services will be moving to the Community Resource and Knowledge Centre when the facility is completed in mid 2012.

and for porous and brick surfaces.

The kits can only be used on your own individual properties, for all other instances of graffiti, such as on council property or commercial buildings please call the State Graffiti Hotline on 1800 44 22 55 and Kwinana Police on 9411 4311.

For further information on the new graffiti clean up kits and to arrange pickup of one call 9439 0200.



KWINANA YOUTH SPACE



ENTER THE ZONE!

Kwinana's long anticipated Youth Space is open for business.

Kwinana youth now have their very own multi million dollar hang out after the Town officially opened the \$7.5million youth space, officially known as the Zone.

The completion of the Zone was celebrated at a VIP function and official open day, both held in November and both offering young people a first look at the iconic new building.

Kwinana Mayor Carol Adams said the Zone would prove to be one of the most influential facilities in the Town, forming part of an overarching strategy to revitalize the community and breathe new life into Kwinana.

"The Zone youth space will provide development opportunities and will support the young people of our community as they flourish into mature adults.



The centre is now open to young people, however any member of the community is welcome to pop in to have a look around and explore what the facility has to offer."

Jointly funded by the Town of Kwinana, the Federal Government, Lotterywest and the Department of Culture and the Arts, the Zone is a great example of the three spheres of government working together to provide the Kwinana community with important infrastructure.

The youth space was named after a competition was held asking for local youth to put forward their ideas. Mayor Adams presented Mia Pattiselanno from Wellard with an iPad during the Freakfest event in October for her winning entry the Zone.

The Zone is aimed at young people aged 12-24 and will offer a range of programs, activities, events and workshops.

Where?

Corner of Gilmore Avenue and Darius Drive (next to the Kwinana Recquatic and opposite the Skate Park on Calista Oval).

The Zone is now open to Kwinana youth. For details such as opening hours call the Zone on 9236 4560 or visit www.kwinana.wa.gov.au.



YOUR FUTURE TOWN CENTRE

As the year draws to an end, development of Kwinana's future city centre is showing no signs of slowing down, with major infrastructure projects, as well as the installation of services, landscaping and road networks, forging ahead.

Landscaping is now well underway and once completed will encompass the Town Square, a central meeting place where residents will be able to socialise and a location where the Town plans to hold many outdoor functions in the future.

Residents may also have noticed road networks have finally been opened throughout the Town Centre area, connecting Gilmore and Meares Avenues.

With the Zone Youth Space now open and the Community Resource and Knowledge Centre half way completed, the Town Centre Revitalisation, which includes the upgrade of Chisham Avenue, the redevelopment of the Hub Shopping Centre and the development of single and two-storey townhouse villas on Meares Avenue, is expected to be fully completed by the end of 2012.



COMMUNITY FORUM – TOWN CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The community is invited to a presentation and Q&A session on the status of the major redevelopments in the Kwinana Town Centre.

Key stakeholders will be present to provide updates on the Hub Shopping Centre, the new Tavern, the Community Resource and Knowledge Centre, the Dome, the Zone youth space, the new Town Square and the many residential developments surrounding the area.

The event will take place on Tuesday 6 December from 6pm – 8pm in the Council Chambers, corner of Sulphur Road and Gilmore Avenue, Kwinana.

No need to RSVP and all welcome.

For further information, please call Sharon Rowse on 9439 0258 or email sharon.rowse@kwinana.wa.gov.au.

ADVENTURE PARK PROPOSAL FOR KWINANA

The Rotary Club of Kwinana and the Town of Kwinana have joined forces to investigate the possibility of establishing a destination park in Kwinana for toddlers and young children.

The Rotary Children's Adventure Park will be a major development with extensive play areas, shading, barbeques, toilet facilities, car parking and child proof fencing.

Full details, plans and themes for the park are yet to be confirmed, but the vision is to create the best and most talked about play arena for children in the State.

All suggestions, ideas and comments from residents are encouraged and can be made by calling the Rotary project manager John Iriks on 9419 1077 or 0417 904 419 or by emailing john@kpcaccounting.com.au.

The proposal can also be discussed on the official Facebook page, just search for 'Kwinana Adventure Playground Project' on Facebook.



LIVE! EVENTS PROVE POPULAR WITH COMMUNITY



KWINANA

Each year the Town of Kwinana holds a wide range of free community events within our local boundaries, enhancing the active and spirited community lifestyle enjoyed by residents and allowing the opportunity to exhibit some of the beautiful parklands and facilities we enjoy.

The 2011 Live! Kwinana events offered an exciting line up with the fire truck at the Children's Party proving popular with the little ones, some awe inspiring martial arts and dance demonstrations at the Festival Fair Day and Concert, and most recently a day of unique and fun filled animal antics at PETScapade, the Village at Wellard.

Thank you to our many community sponsors for helping to make these events possible. To view upcoming events visit www.livekwinana.com.au.

JUNIOR PROGRAMS AT KWINANA RECQUATIC



Kwinana Recquatic's Junior Programs allow parents to engage in fun, interactive activities with their children, whilst giving them a chance to play, learn and grow under the guidance of experienced instructors.

The centre has a range of different programs involving sports, dance and fitness which can be attended casually or for the term (discounted rate applies).

Some of the junior programs include:

- Kindy Gym (term program on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays with gym equipment for 1–3 year olds, and 3-5 year olds)
- Multisports (term program on Tuesday afternoons encouraging 5 – 12 yr olds to try a different sport each week)
- Monday Monkeys (multisport term program for 3 – 5 yr olds on Monday mornings).
- Funtime Dance (term program on Wednesday afternoons for 3 – 5 yr olds which combines dance, fitness and confidence building activities).
- Kwinana Active Parenting (fun exercise program on Wednesdays for parents with babies up to 6 months, combining floor exercises, a hydrotherapy pool session, and informal chat with various community organisations).
- Our Village (free program in conjunction with The Smith Family with different activity sessions for 5 – 12 yrs old and their parents)

CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA



The Town of Kwinana will again host the traditional Australia Day Celebrations in January which includes a free community breakfast for all.

The Town's Australia Day Celebrations provide residents with an opportunity to catch up with their friends and neighbours whilst enjoying free entertainment and celebrating Aussie pride.

The event also includes the presentation of Community Awards and a chance to welcome several new Australians during a very special citizenship ceremony.

Bring your sunscreen and picnic rug and join fellow community members on the lawn outside the Council offices, corner of Sulphur Road and Gilmore Avenue on Australia Day (Thursday 26 January) between 9am and 11am.

For further information on the Australia Day celebrations contact Community Services on 9439 0200.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY SPORT

The Town of Kwinana has partnered with the Department of Sport and Recreation to introduce the KidSport Kwinana program.

KidSport provides financial assistance to families to help make it possible for Kwinana children to participate in community sport and recreation.

KidSport will allow eligible youth aged 5–18 years to apply for financial assistance towards club fees. The fees will go directly to the registered KidSport clubs through the Town of Kwinana.

Funding will cover the cost of fees to join the nominated sport or recreation club to a maximum of \$200 per child.

The KidSport program joins the Town's existing Active Participation Fund, meaning Kwinana families have several different options to assist them in getting their kids involved with local sporting groups.

For more information and to discuss the different funding assistance options, contact the Healthy Lifestyles Team on 9439 0200.

PREPARE FOR FIRE SEASON

With the hot summer months now upon us it is important that residents take the appropriate steps to prepare their homes and their families for possible bushfire threats.

Annual Fire Notices were issued last month and Firebreak clearing was due on 1 December. Town of Kwinana rangers and emergency services staff are now in the process of carrying out inspections.

To reduce the risk of bushfires and to ensure the safety of your family and the wider community you must have a compliant firebreak installed and maintained at your property at all times between 1 December and 31 March.

Residents are encouraged to update their Bushfire Action Plan and have an emergency survival kit organised prior to the bushfire season. For help with preparing your home for emergencies visit www.kwinana.wa.gov.au or call 9439 0200.

Residents are also reminded that burning is strictly prohibited during the months of December, January, February and March.



CALICO HELPS KEEP KWINANA FIT

The Town has welcomed the introduction of Calico (CALories In Calories Out) fitness totems.

Calico is a fun way to find out the energy your body needs to eat and burn each day for a healthy lifestyle.

Placed every 500m on Gilmore Avenue, Calico fitness totems measure outdoor activity against individual nutrition and activity goals provided in a free online service.

Hit the track by walking, running or cycling, count the number of totems that you pass (there are nine all up) and then head to the calico webpage to see how you are tracking.

To find out more, visit www.calico.com.au

VILLAGE MARKETS AT WELLARD



Grab a coffee, pick up the paper, choose from a variety of fresh produce and entertain the kids with the range of activities on offer at the Village Markets at Wellard.

2012 dates:

- Sunday 5 February
- Sunday 4 March
- Sunday 1 April

For further information visit villagemarketsatwellard.com.au or call the Community Info Line on 9285 8028.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

2012 Community Calendar

Residents should expect to receive their free 2012 Town of Kwinana community calendar within the next week.

Featuring images of some of Kwinana's best kept secrets, the 2012 calendar focuses on community groups and local businesses. The calendar is a gift to all residents to encourage community spirit and pride.

Christmas Lolly Run

This wonderful tradition will once again delight Kwinana families as local volunteers help to spread the Christmas cheer.

Starting at 7:30am on Christmas Day, Santa and his helpers will be visiting Kwinana homes and handing out lolly bags to delighted local children. Organisers hope to have visited all streets by no later than 10:30am. Make sure you listen out for the beeping horns and get outside as quickly as possible so you don't miss Santa passing you by!

The Christmas Lolly Run is one of the Town's most cherished traditions and Council sincerely thank all the volunteers and community members involved.

Greenwaste collection

The next greenwaste collection will take place in February 2012:

- Area
 1 13 February 2012
 2 20 February 2012
 3 27 February 2012

Area 1 = Medina, Calista and Orelia
 Area 2 = Leda, Parmelia and Wellard west of the railway line
 Area 3 = Anketell, Bertram, Casuarina, Hope Valley, Kwinana Beach, Mandogalup, Naval Base, Postans, The Spectacles, Wandi, Leda and Wellard east of the railway line.

Please place your greenwaste on the verge by Monday 6am on the scheduled start date for your area. Allow 5-7 days for collection.

For further information call the Town's waste contractors on 1300 867 166.

Christmas hours

During the holiday season the Town of Kwinana Administration Office will operate as follows:

Friday 23 December	Closed from 12pm
Saturday 24 December	Closed
Sunday 25 December	Closed
Monday 26 December	Closed – Public Holiday
Tuesday 27 December	Closed – Public Holiday
Wednesday 28 December	Open*
Thursday 29 December	Open*
Friday 30 December	Open*
Saturday 31 December	Closed
Sunday 1 January	Closed
Monday 2 January	Closed – Public Holiday

*Not all services may be available over the 28-30 December period as a number of staff take the opportunity to have a Christmas break with their families. Normal opening hours will resume from Wednesday 3 January.

Opening and closing hours for the Kwinana Library and Kwinana Recquatic over the festive season are available on our website, www.kwinana.wa.gov.au

Council Meeting dates

Council meets twice a month (except Jan and Dec) on the second and fourth Wednesday at 7pm.

2012 Dates

18 January	23 May	26 September
8 February	13 June	10 October
22 February	27 June	24 October
14 March	11 July	14 November
28 March	25 July	28 November
11 April	8 August	12 December
24 April*	22 August	
9 May	12 September	

Dates will be featured in your 2012 Calendar and are available on the Town's website, along with the Agendas and Minutes for each meeting.

*Date changed to Tuesday due to ANZAC Day.

Relay for life

Kwinana residents are being invited to express their interest in becoming part of a committee to help organise a Relay for Life event in the region.

Relay for Life is an overnight, community event for thousands of Australians where teams of 10 to 15 friends, families or colleagues challenge themselves to take turns to keep a baton moving in a relay style walk or run overnight. It's a time to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those lost, and fight back against the disease by raising important funds.

If you would like to get involved email mary-jane.rigby@rockingham.wa.gov.au or jessica.diggins@rockingham.wa.gov.au.

Guide to Kwinana weeds

A new publication to assist property owners with identification of weeds on their blocks titled "Weeds of Kwinana Bushland – a guide for Residents" is now available from the Town of Kwinana. It provides an overview of weeds in Kwinana, their classification and resource information. Look out for it in your letterbox, or pick a copy up from the Town of Kwinana administration office.



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