

# Spirit of KWINANA



JUNE 2009



## Orelia Pavilion underway

*The first earth has been turned on the site of the new \$5m multi-purpose Orelia Sports Pavilion.*

The facility is part of the new Orelia District Sporting Complex and is centrally located between three playing fields, enabling it to be accessed by local clubs, schools and the community.

The two-storey building will include club rooms, change rooms and a kiosk area that will be centrally located for all users, including the Kwinana Tigers Hockey Club, Kwinana Knights Junior FC, the Kwinana Cricket Club and Gilmore College.

The pavilion is a joint project and the Town sincerely thanks the Department of Sport and Recreation for their \$613,000 contribution, the Federal Government's Regional Partnerships for their \$240,000 grant, Gilmore College, Orelia Primary School and the Australian Football League.

The pavilion is just one of several new community infrastructure projects either underway or in the planning stages. Thomas

Oval will also get a brand new sports pavilion in the near future that will be centrally located between the oval and Kelly Park.

The Orelia Pavilion was designed by Brian Adcroft Architects and is being built by Niche Constructions with work expected to be completed by March 2010.



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# Mayor's message

*Welcome to the winter edition of our quarterly newsletter.*

We've had some highs and lows over the last few months at the Town of Kwinana, but overall the Town continues to buck the trend when compared to others suffering as a result of the economic crisis.

Progress has been made in regards to several developments since our last edition. You will read about several of these within this publication, including the Orelia Pavilion and a brand new retirement village.

The Town's iconic new Community Resource and Knowledge Centre is progressing and plans are currently available for public viewing. The concept designs will be displayed on large scale boards in the Kwinana Library and the ToK Shop (both in The Hub) and in the Council Administration Office for the next few weeks and I encourage you all to have a look. Detailed design of the \$23m facility is now underway with tenders for construction due to be advertised by the end of the year.

Visitors to the Town Centre recently will have also noticed the Meridian development is progressing and that the new commercial/retail development, home to Eagle Boys and various other offices, is now complete and has added a distinctive modern look to Chisham Avenue.

Outside of the Town Centre there are also other projects progressing including the commencement of the Medina Neighbourhood Centre revitalisation strategy. I would like to thank the very enthusiastic residents who attended the first community meeting.

Whilst they are some of the recent highs, unfortunately on a less positive note we have missed out on some essential Federal Government funding for our new Youth Centre and will therefore need to seek other funding before we can proceed.

I had the great pleasure in presenting the Town of Kwinana 2009 Looking Forward Award to Lotterywest recently in recognition of their contribution of \$9m of funding towards our Community Resource and Knowledge Centre, LyriK Mentoring Program, Youth Centre, bush trails and other key programs and infrastructure. The Award was collected by Minister Simon O'Brien on behalf of the Premier.

And finally, a couple of good news items in regards to the Town. I am delighted to say that the Town's LyriK Youth Incentive Program recently won a National Local Government Award in the Youth Engagement Category. Also six of the Town's staff have won the prestigious



Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) Management Challenge State Championship and will go onto represent Western Australia in the Australasian Finals in June. Both of these are good examples of the talented and professional staff and programs we have at the Town.

I wish you all a safe winter and look forward to bringing you more updates soon.

Carol Adams  
Mayor

## Do you want to amalgamate?

*WA Councils have been given until August to provide options on merging with other local authorities.*

As part of the Local Government Reforms announced by the Minister, Hon John Castrilli MLA, councils need to inform the Department of Local Government and Regional Development of their preferred amalgamation options by the end of August.

Many residents will have been approached in the last few weeks in regards to their views on the 6 key amalgamation options that Council has identified.

Those options are:

1. Town of Kwinana retains current boundaries and autonomy by remaining the same;
2. Town of Kwinana has a boundary realignment, moving the northern boundary north to incorporate all of the industrial strip along Cockburn Sound thus increasing the size of Kwinana;

3. Kwinana amalgamates to the south with the City of Rockingham;
4. Kwinana amalgamates to the east with the Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire;
5. Kwinana amalgamates to the north with the City of Cockburn.
6. Kwinana amalgamates with all local government authorities to form a south-west regional council. This would include the following LGA: City of Fremantle, Town of East Fremantle, City of Melville, City of Cockburn, City of Rockingham

As part of the community consultation process already underway, a special public meeting has been organised to inform residents and discuss amalgamation options.

The meeting is on Tuesday 7 July 2009, 7pm at the Kwinana Recquatic Multipurpose Room. All community members are invited to attend.

Should you wish to discuss any issues relating to the Local Government Reforms please contact Grant Shipp, Strategic Projects Coordinator on 9439 0206 or email: [grant.shipp@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:grant.shipp@kwinana.wa.gov.au)

# Rangers on patrol

*Ensure your trail bike is registered and only ridden at Medina Off Road Vehicle Area or risk getting caught.*

Kwinana Rangers are now patrolling areas prone to illegal trail bike riding after completing WA police accredited ATV (quad bike) training.

Three rangers undertook the training, together with members of the Rockingham and Kwinana Police Department and Rockingham-Kwinana SES, which means that Rangers and Police will now be conducting joint illegal trail bike blitzes throughout the Town.

Residents are reminded that Kwinana is fortunate enough to have the Thomas Road Medina Off Road Vehicle Area, somewhere you can ride legally on your trail bike.

Off Road trail bikes need an Off Road Vehicle Registration which is available from any DPI Licensing Centre and can be given to anyone over 8 years of age.



## Free Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

The Town is holding a special disposal day to help local residents get rid of unwanted hazardous household waste.

27 JUNE 2009 at the Kwinana Recquatic Centre Car Park, Cnr Chisham Avenue & Peel Court, Kwinana from 9am - 1pm.

You can drop off up to 20kg/20lt of the following items:

Paint cans, pool/garden chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, flammable liquids, gas bottles, fluorescent tubes, signal flares and dry cell batteries.

We cannot accept :

Asbestos/cement material, computer/e-waste; medicines and sharps such as syringes; motor oils (leave out in sealed containers with yellow topped recycling bins).

It is important to take the following precautions when transporting household hazardous wastes to your collection point:

Always handle hazardous wastes carefully and avoid direct contact. Wear protective gear/equipment where possible.

Prior to transporting, ensure lids are tightly fitted and hazardous wastes are securely packed in a non returnable crate or box.

When transporting, put the crate or box on a tarpaulin in the boot of the car.

It is suggested that passengers are excluded from vehicles when transporting HHW to drop-off point.

For further information contact Chris Tanner (Environmental Health Coordinator) on 9439 0249 or email [chris.tanner@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:chris.tanner@kwinana.wa.gov.au).

## Rangers school education program

*Students within Town of Kwinana have the opportunity to participate in the Rangers school education program tailored for students aged between 6 to 10 years.*

The program outlines the role and functions of a Kwinana Ranger including:

- Dog control that includes a 20min "Dally Says" video, with a visit from a friendly pup;
- Off Road Vehicles, including our very own ORV Registered Quad bike;
- Bushfire control;
- Livestock management;
- Issues with wildlife, including offering a snake pickup and relocation service to the community;
- Litter control; and
- Parking.

Three schools and a local Scout group have taken the opportunity to participate in the interactive

educational program, with teachers encouraged to contact Ranger services on 9439 0200 if they would like a visit from a member of the team.



# Coastal trail opened

*A Coastal Sandhill Trail, or "Ngobaat Biddi", that celebrates and highlights the use of native plants in Noongar culture, has been officially opened at Kwinana Beach.*

The 200m walk along the beautiful stretch of coastline in Wells Park was developed through an innovative partnership between community groups and government training programs. Funded by BHP Billiton Nickel West and the Town of Kwinana, the trail was constructed by community volunteers including Conservation Volunteers Australia and the Kwinana Beach Coastcare Group. The project developed into a collaboration that involved local artists from the Medina Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Indigenous trainees from throughout Perth and local community groups.

As well as promoting the culture and history of the area, the trail is a wonderful place for the community to walk and enjoy our coastline and is part of the overall redevelopment of Wells Park.



## Fire prevention

Local Fire Fighters wish to thank residents for their cooperation during the summer period.

Thankfully during the recent summer fire season there were no major losses to property and no-one was hurt. This can be attributed to the community's efforts in abiding by fire restrictions and following fire break guidelines.

Work will be conducted during the winter months, in preparation for the summer of 2009/10. This will include fuel reduction burning. Every effort is being made to cause as little impact on residents as possible, however we apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.



## Safety in the home

The Town of Kwinana's Community Safety Officer would like to alert senior residents to be vigilant and secure their homes even when they are in the garden.

Local thieves are accessing homes while the occupant is gardening or watching television. Engraving or photographing your property and keeping a detailed inventory can help police return property and also assists with your insurance claims.

Engravers can be loaned free of charge to residents. Call the Community Safety Officer on 9439 4030 or visit us in the Hub Shopping Centre.

Dates for your calendar:  
23 June 2009: Independent living and Gopher information presentation.



# Kwinana youth excel yet again



*The LyriK Youth Incentive Program continues to reward and encourage young people in Kwinana for the positive contributions that they make in the community, with a number of youth acknowledged at an award presentation in May.*

The seventh round of awards was presented to Erik Sieling, Jessica Franz, the Junior Media Group, Bertram School Gardenflies Group, Andrea Haigh and Brad Kokot-Thompson for their involvement in various community projects.

Erik Sieling won a LyriK Award in the Inspiration category for his involvement in Kwinana Youth Services and LyriK events and programs.

Jessie Franz received her LyriK award for Respect as through her many extra-curricular activities she demonstrated respect for herself and others.

The Junior Media Group received an award for the time and energy spent to raise awareness about local issues affecting young people, and promoting their peers through the 'Kconnect' magazine.

Bertram Primary School Gardenflies Group demonstrated a commitment to raising awareness about nutrition, the environment and organic gardens.

Andrea Haigh won a LyriK award for leadership for being an active member of the Dance 4 Africa program.

Brad Kokot-Thompson also received his LyriK award for Leadership for his involvement in the production of 'A Cape Town Journey' at the start of the term as a lead character.

Members of the community are encouraged to continue nominating young people who are making a positive contribution to Kwinana. For further information contact the Youth Incentive Project Officer - LyriK Program on 9439 0274.

## NAIDOC Week - Monday 29 June to Sunday 5 July

NAIDOC Week is a culmination of community activities to celebrate Indigenous Culture in Kwinana and is part of the NAIDOC Celebrations that take place all over Australia the following week.

Activities begin with an official NAIDOC opening and flag raising ceremony; followed by a range of activities during the week including a Seniors' Luncheon, Indigenous Film night, netball competition, youth activities and concluding with a Football carnival.

The NAIDOC organising group meets every Wednesday at the Medina Aboriginal Cultural Centre on Leasham Way in Medina from 12pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Wall of Art

Kwinana Recquatic recently received \$25,000 funding from the Office of Crime Prevention to create a Wall Mural on the yellow bulk head wall alongside Gilmore Avenue. The mural will be completed by local youth who will partake in a 10 week program consisting of workshops and education sessions that culminate in the final idea being transferred onto the wall.

## Kwinana to host Charity Golf Match

To celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2009, as well as support the incredible work being undertaken by the Rotary Western Australia Cord Blood Bank Trust, the Kwinana Golf Club is hosting a Charity Match on 6 November 2009. It is hoped the event will raise approximately \$10,000 for the establishment of a WA Cord Blood Bank, as well as thousands of dollars for the winning teams' charity. Further details will be available in the coming weeks, however if you are interested in entering a team please contact John Iriks, Club Patron, on 9419 1077 or 0417 904 419.

## Emergency Services Cadets

The local cadets have a new fire unit, and are looking for donations to help customise it. The Rockingham / Kwinana Unit which operates from Rockingham High School also have vacancies for members who want to learn leadership skills. If you are interested or would like further information contact Phil Brown on 9419 1164.

# Bushcare planting days

*It is time to brush off your boots, dig out your trowels and join us at one of the Town of Kwinana Bushcare Community Planting Days.*

A number of events are being held at various locations throughout the area including:

**Sunday 21 June 2009, 9am-12pm**

Planting at Chalk Hill with Medina Residents Group

Meet at Chalk Hill Car Park, entry off Beacham Crescent, Medina

**Saturday 27 June 2009, 9am-12pm**

Planting and BBQ with Wandi Landcare at Magenup Wetland

Meet at Wandi Resource Centre Car Park off De Haer Road

**Monday 6 July 2009, 9am-12pm**

Community Planting Day at Lake Magenup.

**Sunday 26 July 2009, 9am-12pm**

Spectacles Community Planting Day, organised by Friends of the Spectacles.

Meet at Spectacles car park, off McLaughlan Road

**Sunday 3 August 2009, 9am -12pm**

National Tree Day Planting at Rotary Wildflower Reserve

Meet at entrance gate along Sulphur Road, Orelia.

Please bring along a water bottle and hat.

Wear gloves, enclosed shoes and wet weather gear if required. Morning tea or lunch will be provided.

Magenup Lake planting days have been sponsored by Swan Alcoa Landcare Program, and Wildflower Reserve and Chalk Hill have been sponsored by BHP Billiton.

For more information please contact Bush Care Officer Angela Jakob on 9439 0418.



## New seniors' residential village planned

*The Town of Kwinana will soon be home to a high quality seniors' residential village, following approval of an application made to Council by McDonald Jones Architects.*

The Wellard Place Retirement Estate, with frontages located on Johnson and Bertram Roads Wellard, will incorporate 198 two and three bedroom villa apartments with extensive communal services including a Clubhouse that will house a reception, meeting room, residents café,

alfresco barbeque area, library, hairdresser, fully equipped cinema, indoor heated pool, bowling green, bar, dining and lounge areas.

The attractive architecture of the village will be a wonderful addition to the surrounding new suburbs of Bertram and the Village at Wellard and will be a popular choice for retirees given its proximity to public transport and major road networks.

As with the rest of Perth, Kwinana has an aging population with the number of people over 50 expected to double in the next 15 years. It's therefore not only vital that there is more accommodation, but it's also important that there is a choice of a residential options available.





# Ki Max is coming!

*The evolution of boxing classes has arrived at the Kwinana Recquatic... KI MAX.*

This amazing class utilises free standing boxing bags and requires no coordination to have an awesome workout. Suitable for all ages, shapes and sizes. Melt away the body fat, pick up the heart rate and unleash some stress today with KI MAX.

The Recquatic is the only centre between Kalgoorlie and Mandurah to offer this exciting new program!

Launch - Saturday 4th July 9:00am - Free entry

\*Limited places available. Bookings essential.

For further information please contact Jodie Janczyk or Beau Bremner at Kwinana Recquatic on 9439 0227.

## Temporary closure of Peace Park

The dog exercise area in Peace Park Parmelia is to be temporarily closed from 1 July to allow a soil investigation to be undertaken.

Peace Park was used as a landfill between 1960 and 1980 for industrial and construction wastes, which predominantly comprised of inert building materials. Due to subsistence of soil recently observed at the park, the Town has contracted GHD to undertake an investigation to determine the depth of fill material placed over the former landfill and assess any potential issues before undertaking upgrades at the park. Previous investigations at the site identified no significant groundwater contamination. Soil sampling and laboratory analysis will be conducted, and dust and air at the park boundaries will be monitored. The Town will notify residents via our website and local newspapers when the park and dog exercise area are reopened. For more information about the investigation please call the toll-free number 1800 420 421. To locate an alternative dog exercise area please call the Town on 9439 0200.

## Kwinana Festival Committee

Are you interested in helping organise the Town of Kwinana's biggest annual community event?

The Kwinana Festival Committee is looking for community members to join their group who meet regularly to arrange all facets of the Festival. The group is currently made up of Councillors, Community Development staff and community members; however we are keen to welcome fresh faces with new ideas to ensure the ongoing success of the event.

The Kwinana Festival is held on the last Saturday in October every year, however there are various events preceding the main festival day that are considered part of the program.

To volunteer or to find out further information please call the Cultural Development Coordinator on 9439 0200 or email [admin@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@kwinana.wa.gov.au).

## Diary Dates

**Sunday 28 June: Neighbourhood Watch Community Barbeque - Medina**  
Medina residents are encouraged to come down to Ridley Green at 11am to meet fellow residents whilst enjoying a sausage sizzle. Contact: 9439 4030.

**Tuesday 14 July: 'Pirates Ahoy'**  
Kwinana Public Library, 10am-11am. Come aboard for an adventure on the high seas. Contact: 9439 0237.

**Friday 17 July: 'A Gruffalo? What's a gruffalo??'**  
Kwinana Public Library, 10:30am-11:30am. Come join in with the Storytelling, acting out and crafts all based on the fabulous "Gruffalo" book by Julia Donaldson. Contact: 9439 0237.

**Sunday 26 July: Neighbourhood Watch Community Barbeque - Orelia**  
Orelia residents are encouraged to come down to Rutherford Park at 11am to meet fellow residents whilst enjoying a sausage sizzle. Contact: 9439 4030.

**Monday 24 August - Friday 28 August: Children's Book Week 'Book Safari'**  
School children can celebrate Children's Book Week at Kwinana Public library by hearing from famous authors and watching a performance of 'The King's new clothes' by Patch Theatre. Contact 9439 0237.

**Saturday 29 August: Recquatic Open Day**  
Kwinana Recquatic, 10am to 2pm, entry \$2 per person  
Enjoy discovering what facilities and programs Kwinana Recquatic has to offer during this fantastic family day out. Contact: 9439 0227.

**Sunday 30 August: Neighbourhood Watch Community Barbeque - Windsor Hills**  
Windsor Hills residents are encouraged to come down to Sandringham Park at 11am to meet fellow residents whilst enjoying a sausage sizzle. Contact: 9439 4030.

**Sunday 27 September: Neighbourhood Watch Community Barbeque - Bertram**  
Bertram residents are encouraged to come down to Centennial Park at 11am to meet fellow residents whilst enjoying a sausage sizzle. Contact: 9439 4030.

**Tuesday 27 October: Children's Party The Biggest Day Out for 0-5 year olds!!**  
10am onwards at Calista Oval.

**Saturday 31 October: Kwinana Festival, Concert & Freakfest**  
The festival extravaganza is on its way. Contact: Christine Scambler 0409 822 298.

## Living Well Without Smoking

Trying to give up smoking?

The Living Well Without Smoking program aims to give you the confidence and support to kick the habit for good! The program includes goal setting, tips on how you can kick the habit and information about Nicotine Replacement Therapy and staying stopped.

Plus you will have up to 3 months of telephone and one-to-one support during the program.

Ask your doctor or health professional for a referral, or alternatively call the Rockingham Kwinana Division of General Practice on 9439 9500 and ask to speak with one of our Living Well program officers.

## Greenwaste Collection Dates

August Greenwaste Collection Dates:

**Area 1 (Medina, Calista & Orelia)**

Mon 3 August

**Area 2 (Leda, Parmelia and Wellard Village)**

Mon 10 August

**Area 3 (Others)**

Mon 17 August

**REMINDER**  
The next hard waste collection is in September.

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 please refer to your Resource Recovery Guide.



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# Councillor Focus

*Cr Glen Bersan*



Glen Bersan has had a long association with Kwinana. His father worked for Australian Iron & Steel as a roll maker and machinist for over 30 years and he has wonderful memories of growing up in the area, meeting his dad from work and fishing for tailor and herring on the jetty.

Having been a Councillor for almost a decade, Glen Bersan brings something unique to the Chambers. As a local businessman, he is a strong advocate for industry and has helped form a bridge between the major corporations and our residents, helping both parties form an understanding of how industry and the wider community could work cooperatively and effectively together. He's also spent a lot of time with the sea scouts, 16 years in Apex and undertaken various other volunteer projects. In his spare time when he's not at work or undertaking Council duties, Cr Bersan enjoys reading, visiting museums and tinkering with historic machinery.

"As a kid I used to catch the bus down to Navel Base and walk to the roll shop to meet my dad. We enjoyed fishing in the area. Cockburn sound was always full of crabs, squid and yellowtail most of the year round. There was a bit of a petroleum taste to them then but you didn't mind. The waters are so much cleaner now.

In the late 1970's I started an engineering business in Rollings Crescent, servicing BP, WMC, AIS, CSBP, KNC, CIG, Chemical Industries Kwinana and the power stations. We specialised in design and manufacture of equipment and machinery from stainless steel and nickel alloys. We also designed and built the laboratory and test plant for Argyle Diamonds at Limestone Creek in the Kimberly.

There was a lot of research and development work going on in Kwinana. In those days we worked with a lot of research chemists and scientists. Kwinana was a hive of activity you could always see the hot tapping of the blast furnace from Rockingham Road, it was like a volcano erupting with sparks going everywhere.

These days things have changed a lot and I strongly believe more should be done to promote research development and provide opportunities for young scientists, engineers and apprentices. Kwinana has a strong trade base and it should be promoted and nourished so that a lot of the skills and talent from our journeymen is not lost for future generations.

When I built my factory it was all bush. The biggest hazard was falling down a rabbit warren between Mandurah Road and the shunting yards. I had a great team of men working in those days, real hard workers with great sense of humour and some real characters. The work was hard but we always managed a beer and BBQ at least once a month. You can't do it like we did then.

In regards to our future, Kwinana is WA's powerhouse and makes a tremendous contribution to the State's wealth. It deserves better treatment from the State and Federal Government in recognition of its ability to continually generate dollars into the State's coffers. This is something that as Council we need to pursue.

As all residents know, Kwinana is a beautiful place. I am respectful of the environment and I firmly believe more should be done to protect our beautiful Tuart and Jarrah trees as I feel it is a shame we have lost so much in Wellard and with the rail. Our wetlands also need protection and there are not really enough protected reserves of real consequence. These are all things that I will continue to advocate for.'

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