

Spirit of KWINANA

Kwinana Golf Course - celebrating 50 years



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Festival fever is coming to town

The 55th annual Kwinana Festival will culminate with a family concert featuring Perth's favourite children's entertainers, the Lulus, on Saturday 31 October 2009.

This year, the Fair Day and Family Concert focuses on the entire family with some great attractions during the day including performances by the Kangaroo Creek Gang and Bizircus.

Opening at 10am, the Festival will feature stalls, displays, on-stage entertainment, rides, animal farm, dance, music, refreshments and many other activities to keep visitors busy all day long.

The Kwinana Festival is a time when our Community celebrates its uniqueness; a weekend when everyone comes together with one common goal, celebrating the history, arts and culture of the community in which they live.

The Kwinana Festival Committee and Town of

Kwinana wish to thank our generous sponsors for their support.

See inside this newsletter for further information on the 2009 Kwinana Festival plus many other exciting events coming up during Spring.



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Mayor's Message

Welcome to the latest edition of the Spirit of Kwinana.

As you can see from the articles included, spring is in the air and with the new season comes a run of fantastic family events. We're very fortunate here in Kwinana to receive excellent support from local industries, businesses and State Government departments to help us stage some major events that are free for the community to enjoy. I encourage all residents to come together and enjoy these occasions.

In regards to recent developments in the Town, I am pleased to provide you with a couple of updates. Firstly the sale of a section of land on Meares Avenue, Parmelia, between the Meridian subdivision and the Police Station, has been approved by Council and well known development company Niche Constructions will be building luxury townhouses on the site in the near future. Tenders for construction of the new Community Resource and Knowledge Centre are set to be advertised immediately after Christmas so we hope to see work starting in the weeks after that. In the coming months there will also be work commenced on road layouts and landscaping in the Town

Centre to make the area a more accessible and attractive place. Orelia Pavilion is now well underway and the tender for the construction of the Thomas Oval Pavilion was awarded in September. Also in Medina, plans for a revitalised neighbourhood centre are out for public comment. A steering group, made up of community members and council officers, has come up with a number of concepts for the area that include new retail, restaurants, public open space and other facilities. These ideas have been out for public comment and the most popular will now be investigated in more detail.

The CEO and myself have been lobbying hard to get government funding for the new Youth Space, after recently missing out on \$2.7m needed to ensure the success of the facility. We are confident that the project will receive funding soon, at which point building can start immediately.

It's certainly been an interesting time in local government in the last few months. As part of



the State Government's request for all Councils in WA to consider amalgamating with their neighbours, the Town put in our report to the Minister at the end of August. The preferred option of both Council and the community is to remain as we are, however the other option we are happy to consider and that would actually benefit all parties involved, is extending Kwinana's boundaries to encompass all of the Western Trade Coast which stretches up to Henderson. Whatever the Minister decides is our fate, we shall continue to work to ensure our existing community continues to be a priority.

And finally, with local elections coming up and four seats up for grabs, including my own, I encourage you to get involved and ensure you have your say.

Carol Adams
Mayor

Fire Prevention

Town of Kwinana residents can rest assured that their properties are in capable hands this summer after the Town's fire prevention methods were reviewed during the winter season.

Recommendations from the Victorian bush fire inquest are being studied and nationally major changes will be made in the future. For now only minor changes have been made, with an emphasis on clearing around buildings and ensuring firebreaks are in place. The Town's Officers recently attended a workshop with FESA to see whether systems could be improved, with only slight amendments to current practices made. Residents are reminded that should an emergency occur, instructions from officers should be followed for your safety and that of the community.

Fire Season

Every year Town of Kwinana is affected by bushfires; so it is vital that all properties abide by local laws that are put in place to protect you and your property.

Restricted/Prohibited burn times 1 October to 30 November - RESTRICTED PERIOD

Permits may be granted to people living in rural areas for burning under strict guidelines, at no charge, by your Local Fire Control Officer. NO permits will be issued to residents in the urban area including Homestead Ridge.

1 December to 31 March - PROHIBITED PERIOD

There is a total fire ban during this period. NO burning at all day or night.

1 April to 31 May - RESTRICTED PERIOD

As per the 1st restricted period.

Please note each season may vary due to weather conditions.

Firebreaks - rural and properties over 3000m²

All rural properties must have firebreaks installed by 1 December and maintained until 31 March, besides for properties with variations where the deadline is 15th November. They must be 3 metres wide and 4 metres high. Earth firebreaks are needed around all property boundaries, buildings, timber piles, haystacks, tyres, vehicles, flammable liquids, and chemical and gas products.

All properties under 3000m² should be cleared of flammable material. Please appreciate this action is required to help protect the community. For further information contact the Town's Emergency Services Coordinator on 9439 0200.



Kwinana Festival Program

Fair Day

Saturday 31 October 2009, 10:00am-4:30pm, Calista Oval

The Kwinana Festival is family entertainment at its best! The day includes the popular street parade, FREE children's rides and bouncy castles all day, local dance and singing groups, stalls and much much more!

The day will commence with the annual street parade with floats leaving from the Kwinana Hub at 9.45am and travelling along Chisham Avenue, across Gilmore Avenue, along Harlow Road and Walgreen Crescent, finishing on the Calista Oval. The winning float will be announced on the Mike Alexander Stage at 10.30am.

Younger Kwinana residents will be able to join in the festivities at **FreakFest**, held near the Skate Park, featuring great stage entertainment, an Army obstacle course, BMX/Skate/Scooter competitions, and rides including an adult bouncy castle, climbing wall and laser tag. There will also be food, art activities, a chillout tent and information on youth related services will be available

throughout the day.

For further information on Kwinana's Festival Extravaganza please contact the Cultural Development Coordinator Darren Bilston or Festival Coordinator Christine Scambler on 9439 0200 or email admin@kwinana.wa.gov.au

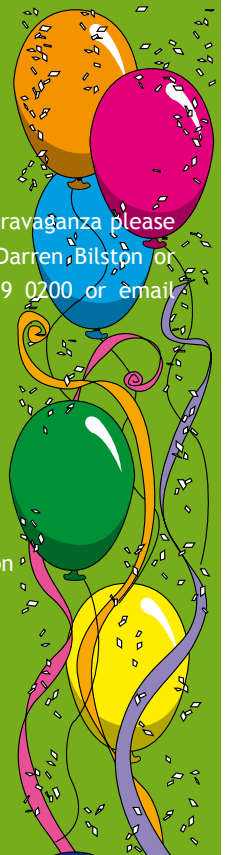
Family Concert

6:30pm-10:00pm

Featuring in order of appearance:

- Welcome
- Lulus Children's Concert
- Announcement of winners of skate competition
- Cliff Richard tribute
- Rolling Stones tribute
- Generals of Dance
- Fireworks Finale: 9:45pm-10:00pm

Bring a picnic basket and blanket if you wish, otherwise some great food will be available.



Council Elections

The 2009 Local Government Elections will be held this year on Saturday 17 October.

As in previous years, the upcoming Local Government election will be conducted as a Postal Voting Election meaning that all votes will need to be cast by eligible electors via post rather than having to attend the polling place on the day of the election.

This year there are 4 vacancies on Council, with the positions of Mayor Adams, Councillor

Ruth Alexander, Councillor Glen Bersan and Councillor Sandra Lee all declared vacant.

The Town's Returning Officer for the elections is provided by the Western Australian Local Government Elections. Contact details for the Returning Officer for all enquiries is:

**Vesna Harrison - vharrison@bigpond.net
9524 5053, 0434 308 942**

Please remember that Local Government elections are not compulsory, so you will not be fined if you fail to vote, however the Councillors are your elected representatives, so the greater the proportion of votes that are cast, the more representative the final result will be.

Local youth to shoot hoops at midnight basketball

Kwinana Recquatic is searching for local volunteers to assist with the innovative Midnight Basketball Australia tournament due to commence on Saturday 17 October.



Midnight Basketball has been successful in the positive transformation of young adults leading to a range of positive outcomes including increased esteem, better engagement with peers and reduced crime. The 2008 tournament attracted 100 youth aged between 12-18 years, with the 2009 competition set to be even bigger.

The tournament, a combination of workshops and healthy competition, is held over 8 consecutive weeks with volunteers welcome to attend as many sessions as possible over that period. Despite the title, the sessions commence at 7.30pm. Volunteers are given the opportunity to assist with numerous duties including

scoring, coaching, catering, and general assistance with the overall running of the event.

To be part of this innovative program working with our local youth please contact Leeanne King or Kristian Schmechtig on 9439 0227.

Future in Industry

Whilst the current economic downturn has alleviated many of the workforce concerns faced by local industries, it was not that long ago that many companies were desperately short of labour.

Looking toward the future, and considering the population and demographics data available, in the coming years, local industry will be facing even greater workforce shortages. Kwinana Industries Education Partnership (KIEP) is a formal agreement and commitment between the Kwinana Industries Council (KIC) and local high schools that aims to address this issue by broadening the learning experiences of students through a wide range of community related education and training activities.

Projects such as Coordinated Industry Tours

and Real World Science raise the profile of KIC industries and their supporting infrastructure in schools, generate science and engineering career awareness and connect students' studies with current technologies in industry.

There is a wealth of educational opportunities in our local industries and KIEP ensures that students are better prepared with the contemporary skill sets required to meet future demand. For further information visit www.kiep.com.au.





LyriK - engaging Kwinana's youth

The Town of Kwinana's LyriK program has recently been awarded a National Local Government Award in the Youth Engagement Category.



LyriK is a community development program with a clear set of objectives - to recognise, reward and celebrate the positive contribution of young people within the Kwinana community.

Being able to capture the attention of youth at a time when they have so many competing messages, responsibilities and aspirations, is a challenge for any youth associated program. LyriK has gone a long way in achieving this and has made an incredible impact in its first 2 years and has truly had a significant effect on the lives of many of the Town's young people, their parents and teachers.

It has helped raise the awareness of the positive contribution of youth to the rest of the community and is helping to create an environment in which people of all ages are working towards shared goals.

Council would like to thank all of the incredible young people who have been involved with LyriK. Without your input it would not have been possible to win this award.

The Town of Kwinana is fortunate to have received significant support for the LyriK program, with major funding coming from Eclipse Resources, Coogee Chemicals, BHP Billiton and Alcoa. Lotterywest have also supported the youth mentoring through the Gordon Reid Foundation.

Congratulations to the latest LyriK Award winners:

- Sofka Draganova - Achievement
- Chloe Camp - Friendship
- Skye Murphy - Inspiration

- Georgia Aust - Leadership
- Quade Teriaki - Respect
- Evelyn Hart - Role Model
- Dance 4 Africa - Team Work
- Year 8 Gilmore College Drumbeat - TeamWork

Nominations for the next Awards close Friday 6 November. For further information about LyriK visit the new website www.lyrik.com.au.



Youth Mentoring

Would you like to work with a dynamic team passionate about the growth of Kwinana's youth?

Kwinana's Youth Mentoring program is searching for volunteers to be placed as mentors with Kwinana's young people aged 10-18 years.

What's involved?

- A minimum of an hour per week to spend with a young person
- A commitment to assist the young person with their personal and professional development
- A passion for learning and for having fun!

For further information please contact Kylie Hansen, Project Officer - Youth Mentoring Project on 9439 0274 or email Kylie.Hanson@kwinana.wa.gov.au

New tour under the stars

The International Year of Astronomy is the focus of the new tour offered at the Spectacles Wetlands; with Gudjal Yira Two Up There Star Tours commencing on Saturday 26 September.

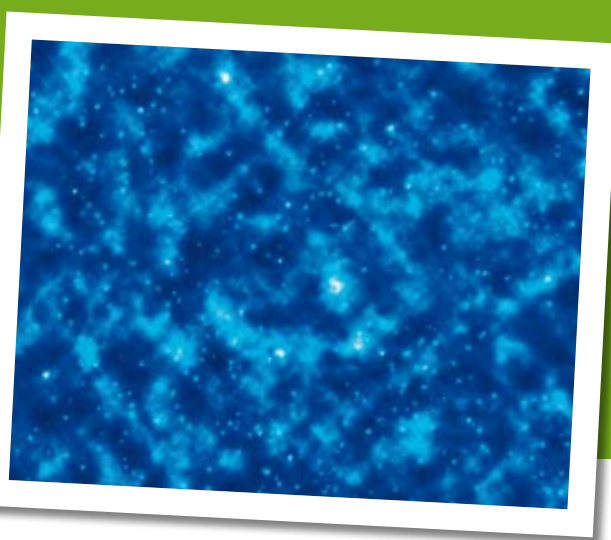
Spectacles visitors will be given an opportunity to view the stars through Aboriginal eyes; learning how Aboriginal people have related stories to the stars for thousands of years, setting down cultural and social rules and information about the natural environment, hunting and gathering.

Gudjal Yira Two Up There Star tour includes a traditional story relating to the constellations, a guided lake walk, and a bush tucker experience complete with Billy Tea.

Cost for the tours is \$20/Adult, \$10/Child, Children U3 Free and 20% discount for concession holders. A Bus Shuttle service from Kwinana Train Station and

Fremantle Prison is available; with visitors encouraged to bring a torch, cushion, walking shoes and water.

For further information please contact The Spectacles Yargan Tours website www.spectacletours.com.au; or contact the Fremantle Visitors Centre on 9431 7878.



Toddle on down...

The 11th Annual Kwinana Children's Party on Tuesday 27 October 2009, at Ridley Green, is set to be the event of the year for local under 5's.

Commencing at 10am, the quiet parklands of Ridley Green, Medina will transform into a playground for hundreds of toddlers and their families offering a variety of free activities including train rides, clowns, face painting, games, a bouncy castle, merry go round and farmyard animals.

The event is an opportunity to interact socially and aims to assist in promoting physical and cognitive development, which is a positive advantage in terms of their readiness for school.

In addition, this event allows parents of young children to mix with other parents, share information and seek valuable advice about parenting issues.

A bus shuttle service will be departing Kwinana Recquatic at 10am, 11am, 12pm & 1pm to ensure members of the community can access the popular event.

The Town thanks the many organisations who have sponsored this event.

For further information or to get involved please contact Darren Bilston, Cultural Development Coordinator on 9439 0289.



Dog exercise areas

Pet ownership helps build happy, healthy, active communities, with the Town providing several areas around Kwinana for you to exercise your dog.

Designated dog exercise areas within Town of Kwinana include Harry McGuigan Park in Medina, Littlemore Park in Orelia, Skottowe Parkway in Parmelia, Wellard Park in Homestead Ridge, Sloans Reserve in Leda and at 288 De Haer Road, Wandl.

Within authorised dog exercise areas,

owners can exercise their dogs without a lead, provided the dog is under supervision and effective control. Dog 'poo pouches' are provided at all dog exercise areas, however it is always recommended that if you are walking your dog anywhere in Kwinana you should always carry your own plastic bags to avoid an infringement.

Registration. It's what dogs want!

Town of Kwinana is calling on all pet owners to register their dogs by Saturday 31 October.

Registration is not only a requirement by law but provides the best form of identification to significantly improve the chances on your dog being returned to you in the event that it goes missing or is found injured.

Registration fees can be paid in person at the Town's Administration Office, corner Gilmore Avenue and Sulphur Road, Kwinana or at this year's PETScapade event on Sunday 11 October.

Registration Fees	1 Year	3 Years
Sterilised dogs with proof	\$10	\$18
Un-sterilised dogs	\$30	\$75

Eligible pensioners receive a 50% concession on these fees.

To ensure that your dog can be returned to you if lost or injured please notify Council if you move house. Dog registrations are also transferable between Councils within Western Australia.

For further information about registering your dog please contact Ranger Services on 9439 0200.



PETScapade

Town of Kwinana has gone totally wild, transforming the popular Kwinana Fun Dog Show to an event for ALL our furry (and not so furry) friends.

PETScapade will be held at Calista Oval on Sunday 11 October 2009, beginning with a Be Active Healthy Lifestyles pet walk at 9:30am.

Competitions, exhibits, parades, dog agility course, registrations, face-painting, bouncy castle, and a magician are just some of the free activities lined up to entertain pets and their families.

The pet competitions will commence just after 10am and will include categories best dressed, best trained, waggiest tail and most unusual. All pets are welcome, with pets of the feline variety invited to enter the Town's Cutest Cat Photographic competition...so bring down your cutest pic and enter on the day!

Town of Kwinana actively promotes pet responsibility. Owners must keep their pet on a lead or restrained at all times.

Cheerful companions welcome. If you're on the grumpy side please stay home.

The PETScapade has been made possible thanks to the generous assistance of the Town of Kwinana, IAMS and Healthway to promote the Heart Foundation's Be Active Message

For further information please contact 9439 0200.

Diary Dates

Communities & Industries Forum
A forum for communication between industry & the community
Tuesday 6 October, 5.30pm
Kwinana Recquatic, Gilmore Ave, Kwinana
For more information contact the CIF Coordinator on 9419 1855.

Be Active Bertram Jazz in the Park
Sunday 22 November,
Centennial Park, Bertram
Enjoy a fantastic afternoon with your family, friends and neighbours listening to exciting sounds of jazz standards and swing grooves.
This event is proudly supported by Town of Kwinana, Healthway: Be Active, Lotterywest and BHP Billiton.
Further information: 9439 0289.

Parmelia Neighbourhood Watch Community Barbeque
Sunday 29 November, 11am - 1pm
Skottowe Park, Parmelia
Further information: 9439 4030.

Electors General Meeting - All Welcome
Monday 30 November, 7pm
Council Chambers, cnr Sulphur Rd and Gilmore Avenue
Please note, the EGM will be preceded by a 'Get to know your local Council' information session that will explain how we look after local assets, including community buildings. Further information: 9439 0200

Thank a Volunteer Day
Saturday 5 December.
Further information contact the Volunteer Resource Centre 9439 0425.

BE ACTIVE

healthway

Heart Foundation

IAMS
Dog & Cat Foods

Indigenous Resources Bibliography

The Kwinana Public Library recently launched a bibliography, or listing, of all the resources held by the library which are by, or about, Aboriginal Australians and Torres Strait Islanders.

The bibliography has been produced to help people in the community to find items of interest whether they are looking for a novel, information on indigenous health issues, or something to help with children's homework.

All items listed are easily found on the library shelves as they carry an Aboriginal flag sticker on the spine.

Rates

If you are having difficulties paying your rates or have not received your 2009/2010 Annual Rates Notice please contact the Rates Team immediately on 9439 0200.

Greenwaste Collection Dates

- Area 1 Monday 2 November
- Area 2 Monday 9 November
- Area 3 Monday 16 November

Please refer to your waste calendar or the Town's website www.kwinana.wa.gov.au for information on what can be placed out for collection.



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CEO Councillor Focus

Neil Hartley

For this season's Focus, the Spirit of Kwinana team thought we'd take a look inside Council and have a chat with the Town's most senior staff member, CEO Neil Hartley.

"I have the privilege of being the Town of Kwinana's Chief Executive Officer which means that I am responsible for the staff and operations of the local government, and under contract to the Council.

The son of a south west dairy farming family, I had a fantastic playground of several hundred acres which was full of exciting things to do and lots of trouble to get into. I went to primary school in the very small country town of Roelands, where I was one of only three kids in my class (two girls and me - I don't think it's done me any irreparable damage though!). Today, I have a partner, Kylie, and three grown up children and their families, Craig (a Postie in Kalamunda), Emma (a Clerical Officer with the John Hughes Group) and Ian (working for Beaurepairs Mining Tyres in Kalgoorlie) plus one little grand daughter, Shanaye (just turned one).

I studied as an accountant, and then commenced my career in local government in 1977, as a Junior Clerk/Cashier, doing such things as dog and motor vehicle licenses (and all before computers were commonly in use of course). I continued my studies externally and acquired Local Government and post-graduate Business qualifications, worked for several local governments across rural and metropolitan WA and have since 1977, accumulated over 30 years of 'character building experiences'..., and I still thoroughly enjoy going to work each morning.

I have endeavored to make a contribution to local government wherever I can, and have served on a number of community groups and government project teams over the years. I also make a contribution to the betterment at local government officer level, and have been a volunteer member of both the State and National Boards of Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) for the last dozen or so years. I have been honoured to have held the position of LGMA's WA State President, and am now LGMA's National President for 2009/10.



My priority for Kwinana is to make sure that the district is sustainable into the long term so the community can take advantage of the bright future that is coming our way. I will endeavour to achieve this by ensuring that firstly, all members of its community have the opportunity and the capacity to actively participate in both their own constructive development, and that of the district's also; secondly, that the environment and the Town's assets are suitably managed; and thirdly, that the Town of Kwinana organisation itself, operates efficiently and effectively. Two projects I am particularly looking forward to seeing finalised, are our innovative industrial area streetscape beautification project; and within the office, our new strategic planning computer program, which will further enable us to manage our various future plans and budgets and link them all together so that an overall but comprehensive 'picture' can easily be seen and followed.

Whilst my working week is very busy and full of extended hours, with many meetings held during the evenings, I do still have some time for a couple of personal interests. I enjoy fixing things around the house (nothing bugs me more than things that don't work, like a leaking tap or a door that won't shut properly), and when I've finished those, I really enjoy having a ride on my motorbike with Kylie, whether that be just a short trip to the beach for a coffee, or a longer journey somewhere for the day. It's one of the few times you can just enjoy the sun on your back and the wind (and maybe the odd bug) in your face..., and forget everything else."

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