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WINTER 2011

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*Children's Party, Birthday
Splash and much more!*

YOUR FUTURE TOWN CENTRE

*Multi-million dollar projects
near completion*

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Photograph: 2010 Children's Party



Community Newsletter

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the winter edition of your quarterly community newsletter 'The Spirit'.

A meeting of Mayors and CEOs from local governments in Western Australia was recently held, at which an announcement regarding reform (amalgamations) was made by the Minister for Local Government, the Hon John Castrilli.

Most of you will be aware of the ongoing efforts by the State Government to encourage amalgamation (basically the combining of two or more areas into one bigger 'local government') and for long term residents you may remember the thorough report we put to the State Government in 2009 outlining why Kwinana should remain a self-governing community.

That report stemmed from extensive consultation with residents and stakeholders who mirrored our view that Kwinana was in a positive position to move forward independently.

With excellent leadership and management systems in place, and given our industrial area and thriving residential growth, the Town was identified by the State Government as a category 1 local government; the highest possible rating which highlights a strong ability to be self-sufficient into the future.

This acknowledgement largely nullified any concerns held on the matter and allowed us to progress with, among other substantial projects, our \$340 million revitalisation of the Town Centre.

It would seem however that the State Government still wishes to pursue local government reform in the Perth Metropolitan area and has now appointed an independent panel to examine the social, economic and environmental challenges facing Perth. The Minister has requested the panel submit recommendations by June 2012 on optimal local government structures or governance, resulting in the drawing of new local government boundaries.

There are many variables which could affect the outcome, but the Town of Kwinana's position has thus far not altered.

Local government amalgamation has been a re-occurring theme in Western Australia for several years and there is certainly some merit to the underpinning reasons for merging less sustainable communities.

Kwinana however has proven its position as one of a self sufficient and rapidly growing local government area (we are developing at around twice the national average).

With city status on the horizon, an industrial area which contributes billions to the Western Australian economy and the near completion of Kwinana's most ground-breaking revitalisation we are certainly no less sustainable now than we were in 2009.

I have been invited by WALGA President Troy Pickard to be part of the Presidential Advisory Group representing the interests of metropolitan councils during the reform process and I look forward to providing input on behalf of my fellow residents.

We can only hope that through consultation with our residents, business and industry representatives and of course the Town of Kwinana Council, the State Government decides to allow full representation of the Kwinana community to continue.

Any decision otherwise would prove detrimental to the identity, prosperity and sustainability of one of Western Australia's most unique and rapidly maturing communities.

We will keep you updated as more information becomes available but for live updates you can join us on Facebook to discuss the matter further, details below.

Yours in Kwinana,

Carol Adams
Mayor



ROLE OF A COUNCILLOR

In the lead up to local elections the Town would like to provide a brief overview of the many tasks and responsibilities which Elected Members must undertake on behalf of the community.

The information below is accredited to the Department of Local Government website (www.dlg.wa.gov.au) and the Department's 'Standing for Council: Information for Candidates' publication, which can be downloaded from their website for further information.

TOWN LAUNCHES SOCIAL MEDIA



We are happy to announce the Town of Kwinana is now active on three of the world's most popular social communities; Facebook, Twitter and YouTube

The Town of Kwinana has been looking for ways to further engage with residents and social media, Facebook in particular, will allow for a much more fluid and transparent dialogue between the community and the Town.

The Town of Kwinana Facebook Page is liked by more than 180 community members who regularly jump online to ask questions or provide feedback.

We welcome all comments, questions and discussions and we encourage any resident who is currently active on these social media platforms to join us in making Kwinana an even better place to live, work and visit.

Our Facebook page can be found by visiting www.facebook.com/townofkwinana

Our Twitter page can be found by visiting www.twitter.com/townofkwinana

Our YouTube page can be found by visiting www.youtube.com/townofkwinana

Otherwise jump onto our corporate website www.kwinana.wa.gov.au where the direct links to these sites can be found at the top of the homepage.

Bonus: Anyone who likes the Town of Kwinana on Facebook before 15 September 2011 will go into the running to win a three month gold membership to the Kwinana Recquatic. Simply hit the like button to go into the draw.

Providing Leadership and Guidance to the Community

People often look to their elected representatives to provide leadership and guidance. This can be done by highlighting possible courses of action or directions which could be followed; putting forward options or ideas; and presenting arguments or possible solutions to a problem at community forums and meetings of council. Developing a vision for the community and deciding what needs to be done to achieve that vision is an important leadership role for council members.

Facilitating Communication Between the Community and the Council

To represent both electors and the council effectively, a councillor needs to be a good communicator and keep in touch with the local community. Councillors can keep in touch with electors in a variety of ways including:

- attending meetings of local organisations
- being available and responding to residents who wish to raise issues or concerns
- attending events arranged by the local government
- participating in functions held in the local area
- communicating with the community via a newsletter, e-mail or website
- reading the local paper

Determining Policy

The policy-making role of a councillor requires:

- the assessment and evaluation of community needs
- establishing priorities for the various needs identified
- considering the allocation of local government resources
- convincing fellow councillors of these needs and obtaining their support

Planning for the Future

Each year, all local governments are required to develop a plan for the future including major initiatives for later financial years. This forms a significant part of the local government's forward planning process. Councillors will be required to think ahead and keep abreast of the direction the community wishes to take, then be prepared to lead in that direction.

Governing Finances

As with all local government business, finance is a matter for discussion and resolution by the full council. Nevertheless, the individual councillor should maintain an active interest in budgeting since the council is responsible to the community for the results achieved.

Food for thought: People who are prompted to stand because of one particular local issue need to appreciate that they will be responsible for a much wider range of issues if elected.



"Your future Town Centre"



FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR HUB

The Town of Kwinana and Woolworths have reached an agreement for the immediate redevelopment of the Hub Shopping Centre following a council meeting earlier this year.

The major upgrade of the Hub Shopping Centre will see almost double the current retail floor space, growing from 16,738m2 to 30,794m2 and encompassing a multitude of new shopping and dining experiences, mini major stores, specialty shops and a major Big W department store.

Brand new and increased car parking facilities will be included in the redevelopment as well as a new bus port and centre entry points.

Appropriate landscaping and beautification of the shopping district is also detailed in the development application.

The redevelopment of the Hub Shopping Centre will contribute greatly to the vision for Kwinana's future with Woolworths also committing nearly \$800,000 to the upgrade and beautification of Chisham Avenue which will soon encompass a range of single and double storey restaurants and specialty shops.

It is expected that Woolworths will begin work on the Hub Shopping Centre in the coming months with the project expected to take no more than 18 months to complete.



DOME CAFÉ & RESTAURANT CONFIRMED

The Town is excited to announce the confirmation of a Dome Café & Restaurant in our upcoming Community Resource and Knowledge Centre.

Final lease agreements will be fully established once the facility is officially opened next year.

The Café will be full sized, catering for sit down meals as well as takeaway coffees and will include an alfresco area.

The Dome Café will be a wonderful addition to the atmosphere of the Community Resource and Knowledge Centre and will only help to further develop Kwinana as a modern and upbeat community.



TAVERN RECOMMENCES

Hopefully everyone has noticed the recommencement of the new Tavern being constructed on Chisham Avenue (opposite the Kwinana Recquatic). Sources tell us the venue will be ready in less than 12 months and we look forward to welcoming yet another modern facility to our thriving Town Centre Revitalisation.

YOUTH SPACE NEARS COMPLETION

The \$7.5 million, two-storey Youth Space has been purpose built to suit the needs of the young people of Kwinana aged 10 to 25. Designed to accommodate various youth services and programs, it will provide an opportunity for young people to meet in a positive and safe space in Kwinana.

Facilities and Services

The facility includes a multimedia room, youth lounge, multipurpose hall, rehearsal room and performance area, multipurpose room, kitchen, meeting rooms, counselling rooms and office space. Space will be available for hire to youth organisations and groups to deliver youth services or run youth activities.

Programs and Activities

The Kwinana Youth Space will provide facilities to support the delivery of various youth programs and activities including; arts and culture, life skills, education, passive and active recreation, multimedia, music, school holiday, leadership and various other opportunities to engage in social activities and support programs.

Service Provision

The Kwinana Youth Space will provide facilities to support the delivery of various youth services including; general wellbeing, mental health, physical health, counselling and support, and education and employment support.

Youth Services

The Town of Kwinana Youth Development Team will relocate from the Darius building to the Kwinana Youth Space and will staff the facility whilst continuing to provide existing and new services and programs including;

- LyriK
- Youth Mentoring
- Kwinana Youth Advisory Council (KYAC)
- Konnect magazine
- Outreach support services
- Advocacy
- Youth Development

The Youth Space will open in November 2011, more detailed information on programs and services will be available soon.



KWINANA
RECQUATIC

BIRTHDAY SPLASH

SATURDAY 27 AUGUST

Join our 9th birthday celebrations and enjoy a marathon of fun and festivities!

\$2 entry
proceeds go to charity

The party kicks off at 2pm with plenty of family fun on offer and a range of free activities to enjoy, including face painting, bouncy castle fun, kindy gym and Zorba ball excitement. Be sure to tuck into some delicious goodies from Cafe Splash whilst you're there, and don't miss the cutting of our big birthday cake!

Head to the newly refurbished Group Fitness Studio at 2.30pm to be a part of the South American fitness groove at our invigorating ZUMBA PARTY! All ages are welcome, and participants will get the chance to learn the basics before the class, whilst moving to some energetic pumping beats. Class will wrap up at 4pm, when you'll get the chance to enjoy some free South American delights, and cool down with a refreshing mocktail.

There will also be a range of fantastic membership specials* on offer, exciting prizes and giveaways, information stalls from local clubs, and Town of Kwinana updates.

The family fun continues between 6pm and 9pm with party tunes from a live DJ! For the older kids, the Town's Youth Service's team will be on hand to provide plenty of entertainment.

Entry is only \$2 per person, and proceeds will go towards the David Wirrpanda Foundation. Be quick as the first 100 kids through the door will also receive a free showbag!

*conditions apply

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Cnr Gilmore & Chisham Ave
Kwinana WA 6167
Telephone 08 9236 4700
Facsimile 08 9236 4744
www.kwinana.wa.gov.au

Normal Opening Hours
Mon-Fri 6am-9pm
(8pm pool closed)
Sat 8am-4pm
Sun 9am-1pm



Alcoa
CHILDRENS PARTY

TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER

Live!
KWINANA

FREE EVENT!



Gather your little troops and head down to Ridley Green in Medina to enjoy Kwinana's biggest day out for babies and tots!

10am-2pm, Ridley Green, Medina

Jam packed full of fun with a vast array of rides, exciting entertainment and interactive activities for under 5's, the 12th annual Children's Party will be bigger and better than ever.

While the little ones party the day away in a safe and stimulating environment, mum and dad will have the chance to mingle with other local parents and chat to children's service providers about the many useful options available to families in the Town of Kwinana.

The Alcoa Children's Party provides age appropriate interactive and educational activities for babies and toddlers which promote social, physical and cognitive development.

With generous prizes and giveaways on offer, healthy eating options including free fruit and water, and an expected crowd of over 3,000, it's an event not to be missed! Service providers involved in this fantastic initiative include Ngala, KEYS, The Smith Family, and various local child care centres.

www.livekwinana.com.au

HAVE YOU GOT A LOCAL EVENT COMING UP?

Live Kwinana is a celebration of the most loved community events throughout the area and the Town is now offering local event organisers the opportunity to promote their own events on the Live Website.

Administered by the staff at the Town of Kwinana administration office, the Live Kwinana website reaches out to a broad and diverse audience and portrays the exciting local activity and vibrant community life on offer within the Town.

Visitors to the site can browse a busy agenda of upcoming community events as well as view a handy checklist to assist with local event management.

Let us help you spread the word on the Town of Kwinana's community events website. Listings are free! To assess whether your local event qualifies and to submit it for publication, visit the website. Please contact the Events Community Development Officer on 08 9439 0419 for further information.

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DO YOU WANT TO LIVE SMARTER?

Living Smart is an award-winning course which combines ways to live a healthier, happier life, save money and reduce your footprint on the environment. The free six week course will provide Kwinana residents with relevant local information to make a difference in their lifestyle immediately.

Participants will learn how to:

- Save money on energy, water & gas bills
- Improve indoor air quality & reduce cleaning chemicals
- Manage waste
- Create water wise gardens and veggie patches
- Choose sustainable transport
- Live happier, healthier lifestyles
- Choose solar hot water systems, solar power and water tanks

The course will be held weekly from 23 August to 27 September 2011 (Tuesdays, 7pm-9pm) at the Kwinana Recquatic.

For more information on the course and to enrol please contact Keith Sillitoe at the South Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) on 9329 2700 or email ksillitoe@smrc.com.au

Living Smart (www.livingsmart.org.au) has been brought to Kwinana through a partnership between the SMRC and the Town of Kwinana under the Regional Community Greenhouse Gas Abatement Project.



WHAT'S NEW AT KWINANA RECQUATIC?

The Kwinana Recquatic is set to unveil its refurbished Health and Fitness Department in August with key elements of the gymnasium undergoing upgrades.

On 20 August attendees of the Recquatic will enjoy a revamped Cardio Theatre and Group Fitness Studio with additional classes and programs ensuring it has something for everyone!

With accredited and friendly fitness professionals the Recquatic is dedicated to helping residents achieve their health and lifestyle goals!

KWINANA
RECQUATIC

BIRTHDAY SPLASH

27
AUGUST

CHILDRENS PARTY



11
OCTOBER

FESTIVAL & FAIR DAY



22
OCTOBER

FREAKFEST



22
OCTOBER

PETSCAPADE



13
NOVEMBER

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

BULK WASTE CORRECTION

The Town of Kwinana wishes to advise all residents of the correct dates for the next residential bulk-waste collection.

Correct dates

19 March 2012

Area 1 (Calista, Medina, Orelia)

2 April 2012

Area 2 (Leda west of railway line, Parmelia, Wellard West, west of the railway line.)

16 April 2012

Area 3 (Anketell, Bertram, Casuarina, Hope Valley, Kwinana Beach, Leda east of railway line, Mandogalup, Naval Base, Postans, the Spectacles, Wandl, Wellard West, east of the railway line and Wellard East.)

You may have read in your 2011 Town of Kwinana Community Calendar that the collection will occur during September 2011. Please disregard these dates as they have now become obsolete.

As always you should refer to your annual Resource Recovery Calendar (different from your Community Calendar) for further information. You should have received this in the post earlier this year. If a replacement is needed please contact the Town on 08 9439 0200.

Why the change?

Following a massive increase (almost 30%) in bulk-waste output by residents in 2010 the Town undertook a review of the service to ensure it could continue sustainably into the future. As a result of this detailed review we were required to push back the date of the next bulk-waste collection.

We are confident, despite the longer than usual delay between collections, that we can now comfortably accommodate the large amount of waste being output.

The Town of Kwinana is continually investigating alternative waste treatment services with the intention of providing the community with a more suitable collection service which is both economical and environmentally friendly.

Please note: The Town will continue to provide five collections for the 2011/12 financial year as supplied in previous years.

LAKE MAGENUP CORPORATE PLANTING DAY WITH NAB

Planting efforts in the Town of Kwinana have been bolstered this season with an inaugural bushland Corporate Planting Day. On 14 June, over 20 employees from NAB (National Australia Bank) Head Office joined the Wandl Landcare Group, and the Town of Kwinana at Lake Magenu to help with planting efforts. Despite the cold and windy conditions volunteers quickly got down to the task at hand and planted over 500 seedlings during the course of the morning.

NAB employees receive 16 hours per year leave to volunteer within the community, contributing in this instance to the Wandl Landcare Groups objectives of re-vegetation of Lake Magenu. Town of Kwinana Bushcare Officer Angela Jakob said it was a huge boost to have large corporate groups such as NAB contributing to the re-vegetation program.

Funding for 2011 re-vegetation efforts has been provided through the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program.

DOG REGISTRATION REMINDER

Name and address tags are law.

All dogs over the age of three months are required under the Dog Act 1976 to be registered. Dogs should be registered before 31 October each year. Registration fees can be paid in person at the Town's administration office, Cnr Gilmore Avenue and Sulphur Road, Kwinana.

Registration fees are:

Sterilised dogs:
\$10 for one year and \$18 for three years

Unsterilised dogs:
\$30 for one year and \$75 for three years

Discounts are available to pensioners.

The Dog Act also requires that you place a numbered registration tag (which you receive on registration of your dog) on your dog's collar. The tag will significantly improve the chances of your dog being returned to you in the event that it goes missing.

Please notify the Town if you move house. Dog registrations are transferable between councils.

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

Burning is restricted during the period of: 1 October to 30 November

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.

For burning between 1 October to 30 November permits can be obtained from the Town of Kwinana or your local Fire Control Officer.

KWINANA PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

Kwinana Hub Shopping Centre
Cnr Gilmore & Challenger Ave
Telephone 08 9236 4300

Opening Hours

Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-12pm
(Wed/Sun closed)

Home Library Service

The Library provides a free home library service for eligible residents who live within the Town of Kwinana. You are eligible for the Service if you are unable to visit the library due to age, disability, health Problems OR if you are providing full time care to a person within those categories. These conditions may be permanent or temporary, such as recovery from surgery. The service may be used by people living in their own homes, hostels or nursing homes.

YourTutor

YourTutor is a Homework Help Service which provides students with study assistance after school. Students can access the service via the internet from both the Town of Kwinana Public Library or from home and it is available from 4pm to 8pm on weekdays.

The Town of Kwinana is delighted that we are able to provide this service completely free – all that young people need is their library barcode – and it's free to join the library too!

Tutors are experts in their field and are security checked. They will provide correct and informative advice in English, maths, science and assignment research.

For further details visit:
www.kwinana.wa.gov.au



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