

COMING SOON
to this site, Kwinana's new
**Community Resource
& Knowledge Centre**



Spirit of KWINANA

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Above: Minister John Day, RKDO Chair Phil Edman and Mayor Carol Adams.



CEO Neil Hartley, developer of the new tavern Phillip King of Brocklebank and Cr Merv Kearney.

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Imagine yourself in the near future, sipping a cold drink on the terrace outside the new bar and bistro, relaxing in the shade reading the latest bestseller you've just picked up from the new Community Resource and Knowledge Centre across the park. Just across the way children are excitedly heading towards the recreation centre, whilst other families are content to relax on the grass in the Town Square, having just finished browsing around the many new retail outlets lining the bustling main street.

The long-awaited major redevelopment of the Kwinana Town Centre civic and retail precincts has commenced and during the next twelve months a number of key projects will begin.

Visitors to the area will see that the first major construction underway is the new licensed tavern and restaurant on Chisham Avenue. It is hoped that this high quality and attractive building, developed by Brocklebank, will be completed in less than twelve months.

In the middle of the year we will see site works commence on the \$22 million Community Resource and Knowledge Centre, the Town

Square landscaping and the realignment of roads in the vicinity.

It is also expected that work will commence at approximately the same time on the townhouse development on Meares Avenue, adjacent to the Meridian Development.

Thanks to assistance from the Rockingham Kwinana Development Office, the State Government has also announced that they will be providing a \$6m cash injection into the area that will assist the Town in upgrading the streetscaping and layout of Chisham Avenue, the town square and around the Knowledge Centre.

Obviously with this whole area becoming a major construction area in the coming months, every effort will be made to ensure that the community is inconvenienced as little as possible during this time. Parking is certainly something that may be a problem on busier days, however a new car parking area is being constructed immediately on the vacant block outside of the Recquatic.

Town Centre underway

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Council is also keen to reassure residents that whilst construction is currently reducing the amount of bitumen parking spaces available at present, the final layout of the Town Centre area will yield a greater number of parking spaces than we had available previously.

We hope you share with us the excitement of what is to come as we reshape our Town Centre for the future and deliver on our promise to

provide a modern and vibrant place for our community to enjoy.

If you require any information on the Town Centre revitalisation project please do not hesitate to contact the Town's Administration Centre on 9439 0200, email admin@kwinana.wa.gov.au or watch for regular updates on the Town's website www.kwinana.wa.gov.au.



Greenwaste Collection Dates

Area 1 (Medina, Calista & Orelia)

Mon 10 May

Area 2 (Leda, Parmelia and Wellard Village)

Mon 17 May

Area 3 (Others)

Mon 24 May

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, the community calendar or contact Council's approved bulk waste contractor D & M Waste Services on 9525 0941.

Mayor's Message

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Spirit of Kwinana.

Well it has certainly been a busy start to the year! With 2010 set to be one of the most productive years in our history, it's of no surprise that the pages of this edition are packed with details of our new community infrastructure projects that are either already underway or just about to commence around the Town.

As detailed, the most notable area of redevelopment is in the Town Centre and within the coming year I expect much of this location to be unrecognisable. As a Councillor and a resident I was extremely pleased that Woolworths have now purchased the Hub Shopping Centre and fingers crossed its much anticipated redevelopment will finally get underway. We will certainly



keep the community posted about this important upgrade.

One shopping centre that has also been on the table for a long time, but now looks to become a reality, is the Bertram Shopping Centre in Hero Crescent. The Planning Approval has been granted by Council, leasing is currently being advertised by the owners and we would hope to see the centre opening in the next couple of years.

As you will read in this newsletter, the Orelia District Sports Pavilion has been completed and will be used by local clubs this season. In addition, the Thomas Oval Pavilion is well underway, and this impressive facility, that will service both the oval and Kelly Park, will hopefully be completed before the end of the year.

It's also very good to hear that land is already selling in the Latitude 32 Flinders precinct and we have no doubt that interest in the area will advance rapidly, given the State's recovering economy. This high tech business park will be a great source of jobs for our local young people in the future.

As well as busily building new facilities, the Town is also working hard on a number of community programs and events throughout the year at which I hope to see you.

With our population growing by around 1500 people per year, there are certainly challenging but exciting times ahead as we quickly advance towards City status.

Carol Adams
Mayor



Home library service

Kwinana Public Library is celebrating four years of providing a home library service. Adult Services Librarian, Lance Hopkinson, said over 80 residents had used the service during the last 4 years. Residents of Kwinana are eligible to access the home library service if they cannot visit the library due to age, disability, health problems or if they are a full time carer. These conditions can be either permanent or temporary.

The service had also been a great help to people who were temporarily incapacitated while recovering from an operation. This is a free service delivering library items including books, audio books, music CDs, DVDs, magazines and jigsaws.

If you need to use the home library service, please contact the library on 9236 4300.

Celebrate history at Smirks

Come and celebrate Kwinana's rich history at one of the Town's most historic buildings, Smirks Cottage. This special open day will be held from 10am-4pm on 16 May 2010 to coincide with International Museums Day. Admission is free. Smirks Cottage is located in Beacham Crescent, Medina.

To mark the 3rd anniversary of Medina's classification as a National Trust Historic Precinct, a Medina Heritage Walk will also be held on the day, leaving from Smirks at 1pm and returning at 3pm. The walk costs \$5 adult/U16 free and includes a heritage booklet and afternoon tea. To register call Medina Residents Group on 9419 3201 or email medinaresidents@hotmail.com.



Village to get centre for community

A new community centre at The Village at Wellard is to become a reality next year, thanks to funding being granted by Lotterywest.

The Wellard Community Centre will be a two-storey facility located on the corner of Runnymede Gate and The Strand in the heart of the new Village Centre. The building will cost \$3.3m in total with the remainder of the cost being equally split between the Town of Kwinana and Wellard joint venture partners Peet Ltd and the Department of Housing.

The Centre will have community meeting areas, training rooms, a reception, community resource area, crèche and an outdoor play area and will provide residents with a wonderful space to meet, socialise and learn.

The Town is now working on the detailed design of the centre and the first action is to get architectural plans drawn up. At this early stage it is expected that construction will start by the end of 2010 and take approximately 12 months to complete.

Planning and building of the new Wellard Village Community Centre will be an extremely exciting phase for the new suburb and it will hopefully act as a catalyst for further development in the town centre area.



You're Welcome in Kwinana Parks

To assist residents with disabilities enjoy our many halls, parks and ovals, the Town of Kwinana has listed all of its facilities on the Access WA You're Welcome website.

Launched by Perth Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi recently, the You're Welcome WA Access Initiative helps people with disabilities, their family and carers to find accurate and detailed information to ensure the facilities they visit meet their access requirements.

The website includes information from 26 local government areas and as well as describing the access to Kwinana's many parks and ovals, including the location of the nearest accessible toilets and carpark, the site also includes facilities such as the Wellard Pavilion, Medina Hall, Wandl Hall and Casuarina/Wellard Hall.

Visit the website at:
www.accesswa.com.au

GP clinic and sexual health service

Kwinana Youth Services is offering a free and confidential GP Clinic and Sexual Health Service for local young people. Held each Thursday from 3pm - 6pm at the Youth Services office in the Darius building, Hutchins Cove (TAFE building), the service is available either by appointment or by just calling in. For a confidential appointment or further information call 9236 4503.

Is your address up to date?

The Town is keen to remind residents that it is important to ensure Council has your correct mailing address. If you have recently moved, please contact 9439 0200 to let us know.



Orelia Pavilion complete

Local sporting clubs are buzzing over the new Orelia Pavilion which will become the home ground clubhouse for a few lucky teams.

The Kwinana Cricket Club, Kwinana Tigers Hockey Club and Kwinana Junior Knights Football Club will all call the new pavilion home this season.

The \$5m two-storey Orelia Pavilion offers users features such as a fully functional canteen, locker rooms and even a bar for the adults. 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 the local clubs, Gilmore College, Orelia Primary School and the community.

The Town of Kwinana would like to thank 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.

E-watch - eyes and ears on the street

As part of the Town of Kwinana's increasing use of technology to assist our local police fight crime, local businesses and residents are being invited to join eWATCH Kwinana and help increase the amount of eyes and ears on the street.

eWATCH Kwinana is an online initiative that has been working well in other local governments, and simply relies on information being shared between the police, the Town's Community Safety Office, Rangers and registered community members. All the community need to do is register their email address into the eWATCH Kwinana database, then if police want help from their "eyes and ears on the street" they email a message to the Community Safety Office who forward it to all those registered. Reply by email and the response is passed back to the Police via the Safety Office - instantly, easily and confidentially.

By using email it is quick and easy to share information instantly across the whole Town. The system allows Police an avenue to provide businesses and residents with specific information of activities to watch out for, plus it can be used for things such as locating a missing person or just keeping people up to date with the latest tips to stay safe and secure.

To register for eWATCH Kwinana send an email with your details to ewatch@kwinana.wa.gov.au or complete the online form at www.kwinana.wa.gov.au.

Helping hands provided to Town

Kwinana is hosting a Green Jobs Corps team over the next six months which will directly benefit the conservation of the Town's natural environment.

The National Green Jobs Corps is a 26 week Federal environmental training program for young people aged 17 to 24. The program offers young people the chance to gain work experience and training in projects which will assist with the protection and rejuvenation of the natural environment and cultural heritage.

Whilst at the Town of Kwinana, the team will contribute to a number of projects including seed collection, survey of plants and the rare Graceful Sun Moth, weed mapping and control, installation of rabbit-proof fencing, track maintenance, installation of interpretive signage, painting a key lookout at Wildflower Reserve, assisting with a variety of native plantings, and more.

The Town of Kwinana is very fortunate to have the Green Jobs Corps team in 2010, and appreciate their contribution to these important works.



Industrial Area make-over

Landscaping of Rockingham and Patterson Roads is well underway, marking a milestone in the transformation of the Kwinana Industrial Area streetscape.

For many years the Town of Kwinana and the Kwinana Industries Council have had a clear vision to see a quality streetscaped industrial area that will reflect what the area is - WA's premier industrial area.

During the last few months work has been concentrated on three main areas including the junctions of Rockingham Road and Hope Valley Road; Cockburn Road and Rockingham Road; and Patterson Road and Office Road (up to Beach Road).

The long overdue upgrade of the streetscape is an exciting moment for the Town and the industrial area. Design and documentation of the upgrade has taken a couple of years, with careful planning required due to the high number of underground services along the road, including the Bunbury to Dampier Gas Pipelines.

The project will make an enormous difference to the visual amenity of the area as the extensive grassing, mulching, native tree and shrub planting takes place. This will help brighten up junctions and provide a much needed visual improvement to the road reserve areas. In addition, new coloured concrete paths are being installed, linking new bus shelters to crossovers and high activity areas such as lunch bars and shops. Safety guideposts and handrails will also be positioned in some areas.

Latitude 32 progressing

News that the Latitude 32 project is progressing quickly has been welcomed by the Town of Kwinana.

Latitude 32, the 1400 hectare high tech business park in the former residential areas of Hope Valley and Wattleup, has been planned for many years and is an immensely important development for the Town. As well as providing hundreds, if not thousands, of jobs, the development will offer a vital boost to the local economy and provide a number of wellbeing outcomes for our residents.

Landcorp has called for civil works tenders for the first stages of the Flinders Estate, the southern-most section that is located in the Town of Kwinana, and work is expected to commence in the coming months. Sales have already commenced and at this stage are looking very positive.



Ding Dong helps unite community

Hundreds of residents gathered at Ridley Green in Medina last month to celebrate the annual Multicultural Ding Dong.

The Ding Dong is held to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Kwinana and its name originates from a regular dance event that was held in Medina by the many new migrants who moved to the area in the 1950s.

Thanks to BHP Billiton Nickel West and Healthway Act Belong Commit for their support in this event.



LINCS

The Kwinana Community Directory is an online resource that provides information on community groups and government agencies in our local area and the Perth metropolitan region. If you would like to take advantage of this free service and have your organisation listed in the directory, go to www.kwinana.wa.gov.au - Library - LINCS Community Information Directory and complete the application form. Many residents have already accessed this directory to locate local groups including sporting facilities, schools, places to do introductory computer classes and heritage groups.

Dog park upgrade imminent

Peace Park, the popular dog exercise park in Parmelia, will receive a full upgrade in the coming months.

The dog park area has been closed for several months following investigation work carried out to assess possible contamination of the area, which was originally a tip for inert building materials.

The new park has been designed to include two separate dog exercise areas as well as shelters, landscaping and water fountains. Trees and shrubs will be planted in the vicinity of the dog exercise areas and the park in general will receive a substantial visual makeover.

Work will be carried out by contractors and the Town's Operations Team with work beginning in July. The Park is anticipated to be ready for public use by the end of October 2010.

Additional upgrade works including the construction of on-road parking along Parmelia Avenue and the installation of lighting will be proposed to be included in the Town's 2011/12 capital works budget.

Local pet owners are encouraged to pencil 10 October 2010 into their diaries and join us at the Calista Oval for the annual PETScape! More details will appear in future editions of the Spirit.

Kwinana recognised for clean beaches



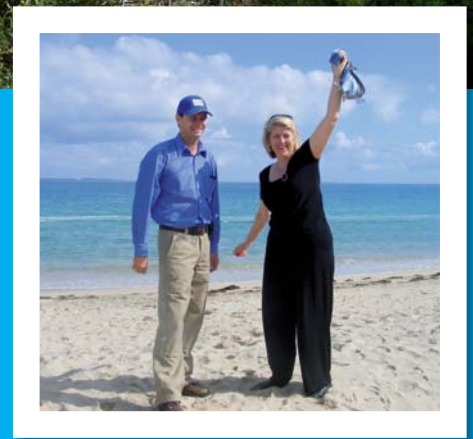
Kwinana Beach was recognised at the Clean Beach Awards 2010 achieving 'runner up' status in the Environmental Protection category.

The Environmental Protection category recognises outstanding accomplishment in the protection of the local natural environment through the protection and sound management of local fauna and flora.

The Town of Kwinana in association with the Kwinana Beach Coastcare Group and sponsors BHP Billiton - Nickel West, Verve Energy and Coastwest have implemented a range of vegetation rehabilitation programs, constructed the Ngobaart Biddi bush tucker

trail and installed dune erosion controls to improve biodiversity values and make Kwinana Beach a more attractive destination for local residents and visitors.

Perth Region NRM's Coastcare Program has provided ongoing coordination of activities and encouraged local community groups including schools and local Aboriginal groups to participate in planting days, conduct beach clean ups and develop art installations.



Town of Kwinana Environment Coordinator Ryan Munro and Mayor Carol Adams celebrate the win at Kwinana Beach.

If you haven't been to Kwinana Beach recently, the Town encourages you to take some time to visit!

Wetlands walkabout

Sunday 16 May 2010 from 10am - 12pm

To celebrate the inaugural Wellard Environment Day all Kwinana residents are invited to take a wetlands wander and discover the native flora and fauna in our own backyard.

Join a zoologist on a guided tour of our own wetland wonder, Henley Reserve, and discover why it's classified as a 'high conservation' area. Get up close to the live reptile display, purchase cheap native seedlings at the Ngulla Community Nursery stall, view the new interpretive signage, find out about the Town of Kwinana's environmental initiatives and join the Friends of Wellard Environment Group. There will also be craft activities for the kids and some delicious bush tucker, tea, coffee and

soft drinks. All participants will receive a free native plant. Please bring a hat and water bottle, and remember - wear closed shoes and appropriate clothing.

Wetland tour times: 10.15am, 10.45am and 11.15am. Gather at the corner of Lambeth Circle and Lyndhurst Crescent (next to Henley Reserve).

This community event is presented by Peet and Department of Housing, in partnership with the Friends of Wellard Environment Group and the Town of Kwinana. For further details call Erin on 9285 8028 or erin@creatingcommunities.com.au.

Kwinana Beach Coastcare Day

Saturday 5 June 2010

9.00am start at Wells Park, Kwinana Beach (opposite the playground)
Sausage sizzle provided

The community is invited to join volunteers from Verve Energy, Town of Kwinana, Kwinana Beach Coastcare, Perth NRM and Conservation Volunteers Australia to plant coastal species and celebrate World Environment Day.

For more information please contact Craig Wilson on 9439 0433 or email craig.wilson@kwinana.wa.gov.au.



Get fit for free in Wellard

The Town of Kwinana has installed new outdoor fitness equipment on Wellard Oval.

The outdoor fitness equipment consists of four stations: a shoulder press, cross trainer, butterfly press and an abdominal hip swinger, all of which are designed to work all muscles in the body and suitable for teenagers through to seniors.

The equipment, the first of its kind in Kwinana, was funded by a joint partnership between the Town and the Be Active WA Physical Activity Taskforce to encourage healthier lifestyles within the community.

Installing the fitness apparatus is the first stage in a plan to create an exercise circuit around Wellard Oval. The Town of Kwinana plans to increase the number of workout stations and include children's play equipment to encourage physical activity for the entire family.

For further information on the new outdoor fitness equipment or to have your say on the proposed circuit around Wellard Oval, please contact the Town of Kwinana Healthy Lifestyles Team on 9439 0200.



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Kwinana's local heroes

Earlier this year the Town recognised some of its local heroes through the presentation of Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards.

2010 Citizen of the Year - Harry Tebbutt
Harry was awarded this prestigious title in recognition of his service to the Kwinana community for the past 40 years, helping raise funds for numerous community projects.



Citizen of Year Harry Tebbutt - centre - with Deputy Mayor Dennins Wood and Roger Cook MP

2010 Young Citizen of the Year - Sharni Winter
As both the overall Young Person of the Year and the LyriK Young Person of the Year, Sharni is an excellent role model for young people and was nominated for her extraordinary commitment to dance and her willingness to help to teach others.



Young Citizen Sharni Winter with Hon Gary Gray.

2010 Community Group/ Event of the Year - Kwinana Senior Citizens Centre
Their ongoing commitment to our mature community members led to the Kwinana Senior Citizens Centre being quite rightly named the 2010 Community Group of the Year.



Freeman Ian Critchley presents Group of the Year to Kwinana Senior Citizens Centre.

Wellard community grants

Would you like to start up a walking group or social club, kick start your idea for a community activity or expand your existing group to The Village at Wellard?

Thanks to the Wellard Joint Venture Partners, community grants worth up to \$1,000 each are now available on an ongoing basis, and anyone can apply.

Projects or activities must benefit The Village at Wellard residents, and priority will be given to those that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Demonstrate community support.
- Demonstrate partnerships or involvement with other community organisations.
- Deliver positive social, economic and/or environmental outcomes.

Visit www.thevillageatwellard.com.au to obtain guidelines and an application form. To discuss your project or idea, contact Erin at Creating Communities on erin@creatingcommunities.com.au or call 9285 8028.

This information is available in alternative formats.

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