

# Spirit of Kwinana

Summer 2020



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# Mayor's Message



Without doubt 2020 has been a year that's served up its fair share of challenges. While many residents I am sure would prefer to see this year in the rear vision mirror, it is timely to remind us that 2020 has not been all doom and gloom. The past six months in particular have seen our community come together and we have seen

wonderful acts of kindness and support from many of our organisations and volunteers. The Kwinana community stepped up when we were asked and for this the City gives its heartfelt gratitude and thanks.

Here at the City of Kwinana, we've realised our ability to adapt to unforeseen circumstances and have strengthened our resilience as a result. We're finally at a point where it's as close to 'business as normal' as it has been for months. All of our community centres are open, and as a council, we're looking forward to a positive year ahead.

Unfortunately what COVID-19 has impacted is our ability to carry out some of the events we love to bring to our community. With a budget freeze, like many other local governments throughout WA, we've regretfully had to cut some of our popular festive activities, but we're taking the wins where we can get them.

We're looking forward to bringing you more of your much-loved City of Kwinana events in 2021. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more details or head to our website to sign-up to the City's eNewsletters.

Packaged with this edition of the Spirit is the popular Kwinana Community Calendar. The calendar images chosen this year were taken by people in our community for a photography competition as part of

the 'Love My Kwinana' campaign. We were so impressed with the images that came through that we felt we just had to share them with you. I'm sure you'll agree, the pictures truly show Kwinana off in all its glory.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and support over 2020. It has been a tough year, but as a community, we've held strong and come through it.

On behalf of the staff and Councillors at the City of Kwinana, I'd like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable New Year.

**Carol Adams OAM**  
Mayor of Kwinana



## Containers for Change

**Containers for Change is the new State-wide container deposit scheme that allows residents to cash in eligible containers for 10 cents each.**

To help you collect your cans, the City has bags available to purchase from our Administration Building for \$5.50. The bag is printed with information about which containers are eligible for the scheme and which are not.



For more information and refund locations, see [www.containersforchange.com.au](http://www.containersforchange.com.au).



**The City of Kwinana is excited to announce Reconciliation Australia's endorsement of the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2020-2022, the *Boola Maara Baldja Koorliny*, which in Nyoongar language means 'many hands firmly united going forward'.**

The City progressed through the development and implementation of its initial Reflect RAP and will continue to progress conciliation through the implementation of the City's Innovate RAP.

Over the next two years, the City will deliver on its Innovate RAP which will help deepen the City's impact by helping to set measurable targets across the organisation.

The purpose of this plan is to:

- further develop and strengthen the relationship between the City and the community; and
- embed the practice of consulting with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities on City business – in particular, when developing frameworks and strategies that have the greatest impacts on our community, but also when developing programs, events, activities and services within the City.

This RAP identifies and supports the achievement of community aspirations, builds capacity, and creates pathways for future employment. We understand conciliation is a journey, and we hope to learn and adapt as we progress.

Artwork for the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan has been sourced from local resident and artist Samantha Ballard. The artwork 'Together We Stand, Forever We Grow' is a response to the meaning of reconciliation in Kwinana.

The City has developed and maintains strong relationships with Elders and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members who live and work in and around Kwinana. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities have expressed a need for increased awareness of histories and cultures among the wider community and aspire to develop a strong sense of pride in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth and children.

# Reconciliation Action Plan endorsed

## Conciliation Statement of Intent

The City of Kwinana's Conciliation Statement of Intent was announced during National Reconciliation Week in May 2018. This statement, and the Nyoongar translation, outlines the City's commitment towards conciliation.

The City is committed to the journey of conciliation and respects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's connection to Country as the Traditional Custodians of the land. The City of Kwinana's mission is to work together with the Kwinana community to build positive relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and non-Aboriginal communities. Throughout this journey, the City aims to promote and assist with the development of pathways and opportunities in support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities that are meaningful, mutually beneficial and sustainable.

### Kaya Wanjoo

The City of Kwinana baldja warelook kolbang nidja noonookatinj moort Nyoongar Boodja.

The City of Kwinana kaadatjiny kidji kandidjoogoo moorditj maar-koodjal kolbang weyaniny bidi noonookatinj djoowak mila.

### Hello and Welcome

The City of Kwinana is firmly united in jointly going forward with you all on this, your people's land.

The City of Kwinana understands and extends both our hands in strong friendships going forward in the aim to build pathways for present and future generations here after.

The City's vision for conciliation is one where all communities embrace culture and demonstrate respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and histories. A community where strong foundations have been embedded that support lasting relationships into the future.

We envision a community where greater equality is experienced by all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and one where we can all walk together to champion new opportunities and celebrate success.

# Love My Kwinana



**The City has enjoyed hearing your vision for the future of Kwinana, as communicated by our community online at the Love My Kwinana engagement portal or in person. We're listening and outcomes of this consultation will be gathered to help inform the upcoming Strategic Community Plan for the City.**



# Grants and Funding Opportunities

## Community Funding Program

The Kwinana Community Funding Program is a partnership between the City of Kwinana and Kwinana Community Chest. The program supports projects, activities and initiatives that promote wellbeing and a sense of belonging in Kwinana's community by not-for-profit community groups and organisations.

The Kwinana Community Funding Program welcomes applications of up to \$5,000 from local community organisations to support capacity building and community engagement projects such as:

- local group management;
- art projects; and
- workshops, programs and training courses.

Organisations can also apply for funding for minor equipment such as sporting equipment, gardening tools, furniture or trailers.

All applications are considered through a grants assessment and approval process undertaken by a panel of four representatives from the City of Kwinana and the Community Chest.

Applications for round two of funding for the 2020/21 financial year open on 1 March 2021.



## Neighbour Day Everyday Grants

You don't need to wait until March to get your neighbours together for a fun activity! The City of Kwinana is keen to support community members in hosting a Neighbour Day Every Day activity, any time of the year.

There is so much you can do to develop the community connection you want, from getting to know each other through a simple BBQ in the park to a game of front yard cricket.

The City of Kwinana will provide up to \$150 (as a reimbursement after the activity) to encourage and support community members to organise and host street-level activities that can be held in streets or local parks.

Applicants must register their event prior to it taking place to be eligible for the Neighbour Day Every Day Grant. For more amazing ideas and to register, please search 'Neighbour Day' on the City of Kwinana's website, [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au).



## Placemaking Grants

### What is Placemaking?

Placemaking is about creating great places that people love and feel welcome. If you have a great idea to improve an area in your community, we want to hear from you!

The Placemaking Grants support community-led projects that:

- help create entertaining and engaging spaces; and
- enhance streetscapes and/or improve walkability.

The City of Kwinana may be able to assist applications of up to \$500. Visit [www.kwinana.smartygrants.com.au/Placemaking](http://www.kwinana.smartygrants.com.au/Placemaking) to apply.

## Achievement Grants

Are you excelling in your chosen field or team and representing Kwinana at a performance or competition?

The City of Kwinana Achievement Grant supports individuals and teams representing the Kwinana local government area at regional, national or international competitions, conferences and events.

Individuals must be selected by a recognised State or National body and provide a letter of selection. Funding will assist with expenses incurred while attending the activity.

Funding available:

- **Regional:** up to \$100 per person / \$400 per team
- **National:** up to \$175 per person / \$525 per team
- **International:** up to \$250 per person / \$750 per team

Applications open all year round. To apply, visit [www.kwinana.smartygrants.com.au/achievement](http://www.kwinana.smartygrants.com.au/achievement).

## Community Event Fund

Are you organising a family fun day, concert, market, multicultural celebration, or an event that:

- supports and strengthens community organisations and networks through active community participation;
- encourages volunteering; or
- helps to facilitate active, confident, resilient, cohesive and inclusive communities?

The City of Kwinana may be able to assist. Funding of up to \$5,000 is available to assist and applications are open all year round. See [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/funding](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/funding) to apply.



The City of Kwinana uses an online grant application portal service, powered by Smarty Grants. All applications now are submitted via the online Smarty Grants portal on the City's Website. Visit [www.kwinana.smartygrants.com.au](http://www.kwinana.smartygrants.com.au).

# Summer Safety

## Festive food safety

Most people think that they handle food safely, but the majority of food poisoning happens in the home. Preventing food poisoning at home is as simple as clean, separate, cook, chill:

- **Clean:** Always clean your hands, benchtops and utensils before, during and after preparing food.
- **Separate:** Keep raw foods (meat, chicken, and seafood), eggs, ready-to-eat foods (fruit and vegetables) and cooked foods away from each other in the fridge.
- **Cook:** Cook food all the way through and reheat food until it is steaming hot.
- **Chill:** Avoid the temperature danger zone and keep foods 5°C or below (or hot foods 60°C or above).



## Report suspicious behaviour

If you see someone doing the wrong thing or if you see someone acting suspiciously nearby bushland which may lead to a deliberately lit fire, please ensure you report it immediately by contacting Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**.



## Be bushfire ready

This bushfire season, be wise and plan ahead. Walk around your property and assess potential risks. Look for items likely to burn or areas where embers could start a fire (e.g. gutters).

Choose your bushfire plan and decide whether you want to leave early or stay and defend your property in the event of a bushfire.

This year's fire notice has been delivered to residents and includes information to ensure that you as the owner or occupier of the property understand your legal obligations.

It's extremely important to comply with the fire notice requirements. In doing so, you will avoid penalties, but more importantly, you will protect your home, your family and your neighbours from the threat of a bushfire.



For further information on the Fire Notice, visit the City's website [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/fires](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/fires) or contact the City on **9439 0200**.

## Safety first when keeping cool

When it comes to safety, don't second-guess it. Get it right the first time.

Pool and spa barrier regulations have changed over time and there are now three different types of barrier categories:

- post-May 2016;
- pre-May 2016; and
- pre-5 November 2001.



If you are in doubt and need more information, download the Rules for Pools and Spas booklet on the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety website. Alternatively, contact the City's Building Services on **9439 0417**.

## Check for BEN signs this summer

As we slide into beach weather, the City urges you to keep an eye out for Beach Emergency Number (BEN) signs this summer. These signs have a unique number which can be quoted on **000** calls in case of an emergency, allowing responders to accurately pinpoint your location.

BEN signs may also be referred to when reporting shark sightings to Water Police on **9442 8600**.

Given that minutes and seconds can mean the difference between life and death in these situations,

it is vital that emergency responders know exactly where they are needed as quickly as possible.

The City encourages all beach users to familiarise themselves with the BEN signs and take note of the unique code at the beach access point they use.



## Responsible pet ownership

### Happy at home

The City of Kwinana encourages cat owners to confine their pets to their properties and not to let them wander. This is for the safety of the cat and the native flora and fauna. Cats can pass on deadly diseases, like toxoplasmosis, to the native animal population.

Cats are happiest and healthiest at home with you and can be contained safely and cheaply to their own properties by creating cat enclosures called 'catios', or by using lightweight mesh or fence-top rollers. These

also keep other cats out, reducing the risk of fights and associated injuries.

Keeping cats happy at home extends their average life expectancy from just three years to between 12 and 18 years, while helping preserve the 46 per cent



of Australia's threatened fauna that live in our City and surrounding areas.

To find out more about how you can keep your feline companion happy at home visit [www.southwestgroup.com.au/happyathome](http://www.southwestgroup.com.au/happyathome).

### Pet registrations

Have you registered your pet or renewed their registration with the City?

Payments can be made online, via post or in person at the City's Administration Building, on the corner Gilmore Avenue and Sulphur Road, Kwinana, or via email and post. We accept cash, EFTPOS, cheque or credit card.

### Pets in summer

Take care of your pet this summer by:

1. Never leaving your pet in the car, even if you think you'll only be a few minutes.
2. Keeping your house cool if your pet is kept inside.

3. Checking the pavement temperature before exercising your pet.
4. Offering plenty of water and shade.

If you're in a public place, ensure you have proper control of your pets and use dog exercise areas correctly. Discover the full list of dog exercise areas on the City's website, [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/dogs](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/dogs).

### A pet is for life

Have you thought about gifting your family with a new pet this year? Choosing the right pet for you is fun, but it takes time, planning and a whole lot of research to ensure you make the right decision for you and your family. Before introducing your new furry mate into the family, please remember that pets are a lifelong commitment.



# What's On in Kwinana?

## Community Centres re-opened

We have enjoyed welcoming the community back into the William Bertram and John Wellard Community Centres. The Centres provide a range of services, including public computers, Wi-Fi, educational programs, events and rooms for hire.

The City's facilities have been busy with community activity, including a range of programs offered by Befriend hosts.

## Warm Data Lab

One Befriend program is the Warm Data Lab, hosted by Peter le Breton.

Warm data is everywhere. It's all the vital information that passes between us in relationships that can't be measured or counted. A Warm Data Lab (WDL) is a group process for exploring complex issues or questions. For example, 'what is essential for the future of humanity, a happy family or a good life?'

Warm Data Labs are currently running in the Isabella Corker Wing in Medina. For details visit [whatson.kwinana.wa.gov.au](http://whatson.kwinana.wa.gov.au).

For more information about Befriend, visit [befriend.org.au](http://befriend.org.au).

## Tech Time

Tech Time is a place for people looking to develop their technological skills and expand their knowledge about the different ways that technology can be used. Each week people come for support on how to use technology to stay in touch with their families, try new online experiences and challenge themselves by learning new skills.



Tech Time is led by John, a local resident and volunteer with experience helping seniors engage with technology and develop their confidence. He is passionate about information technology and enjoys being able to give back to his community by helping others discover their own technology interests.

Meet John at Tech Time on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 11.30am in the Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre.

Are you interested in technology programs or volunteering to run your own program? Contact the Community Programs Team on **9236 4320** or [programs@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:programs@kwinana.wa.gov.au)



## Zone Hireable spaces

Did you know...? The Zone Youth Space is more than a youth centre. It's a community centre that has multiple spaces for hire by groups and individuals for a range of uses from parties to presentations to workshops, sporting competitions, meetings and more.

For details, including what activities are coming up, please contact the Zone on **9236 4550**.



## Self-guided wildflower walk

Visit the City's Wildflower Reserve and go on a self-guided tour using QR Codes!

Open the camera on your mobile and hold it over the code to access this fun guided tour along the trail.

The Councillors and staff at the City of Kwinana wish you

*a Merry Christmas  
and a Safe and a  
Prosperous New Year.*

**Please note: the City's Administration Building, City Operations, Banksia Park Retirement Village Office, Bright Futures Children's Services, and Community Centres will be closed between the following dates:**

- 7.30am to 9.30am on Wednesday, 16 December 2020
- 12pm Thursday, 24 December 2020 until Friday, 1 January 2021 (*inclusive*), to be reopened on Monday 4 January 2021
- The City Assist Team will be working normal hours and available via the emergency, after hours line, **9439 0200** on the public holidays.

## Looking at downsizing?

Are you of retirement age and looking to downsize your home? If you'd like to live in a close-knit community at an affordable price, Banksia Park Retirement Estate may be just what you're looking for. Two and three bedroom independent living villas available from just \$200,000.

### Banksia Park Retirement Estate

18 Sawyer Road, Calista (*offsite Office located at Unit 10, 45 Chilcott Street Calista*),

**Web:** [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/seniors](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/seniors)  
**Email:** [village@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:village@kwinana.wa.gov.au)  
**Phone:** 9419 5485





# What's on at Kwinana Recquatic?



For more information please contact the Recquatic on **9236 4700**, email [recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au) or visit our Facebook page [/kwinanarecquatic](https://www.facebook.com/kwinanarecquatic).

## Recquatic Memberships

### Your Health. Your Goals. Your Results.

No two journeys are alike. At Kwinana Recquatic, we're committed to discovering who you are, what your goal is and giving you the tools to achieve it.

Find out more about our member benefits, [www.recquatic.com.au/membership-fees.html](http://www.recquatic.com.au/membership-fees.html)



### Premium Recquatic

Suitable for members looking to use both the gym and aquatic services. This premium membership costs \$41 per fortnight and includes all fitness and aquatic services. Premium Recquatic members receive complimentary crèche admission and 15% discount on casual sports stadium bookings. Premium Recquatic membership can be paid upfront for 12 months. Concession rates are available for both direct debit and upfront membership registrations. A FIFO 12 month upfront option is also available.



### Standard Fitness

Suitable for members seeking a gym membership or group fitness access. This membership is \$32 per fortnight and includes unrestricted and unlimited access to all gym studios and all group fitness classes (including aqua group fitness). A complimentary fitness assessment and exercise program is also included.

Standard Fitness members will receive a 25% discount on crèche admissions. Standard Fitness memberships can be paid upfront for 12 months. Concession rates are available for both direct debit and upfront membership registrations.



### Standard Aquatics

Suitable for members who frequently swim, or attend aquatic group fitness classes. This membership is \$32 per fortnight and includes unlimited and unrestricted access to the 25m pool, leisure pool, hydrotherapy pool (during public hours for those over 16 years old), spa, steam room and aqua group fitness classes.

Standard Aquatic members will receive a 25% discount on crèche admissions. Standard Aquatic membership can be paid upfront for 12 months. Concession, and junior rates are available for both direct debit and upfront membership registrations.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Centre and have you experience all that Kwinana Recquatic offers.

Please feel free to contact the Centre should you need any further information, **9236 4700** or [recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au).

## Junior Programs

### Tiny Tots (1 to 2 years) and Jumping Juniors (3 to 4 years)

Term One commences Thursday, 4 February 2021

### Multi-sports (5 to 12 years)

Term One commences Friday, 5 February 2021

### Basketball Sports Clinic (5 to 12 years)

Term One commences Saturday, 6 February 2021

For further information visit

[www.recquatic.com/page/junior-programs](http://www.recquatic.com/page/junior-programs).

## Sports Stadium Hire

Do you need a place to train, enjoy a social game with friends, let the kids burn off some energy or challenge your family to a basketball, netball, soccer, badminton or even volleyball game? Then we have the perfect place for you.

Whether you want to play on a casual basis or are seeking a permanent booking, we can help.

Bookings are essential. Please contact the Recquatic directly on **9236 4700** for same day availability or email [recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au) for all court hire requests, costs and availability.

## Adult Team Sports

Are you looking to get active in a fun and social environment? Why not nominate a team for one of our social sports competitions?

- Monday evening mixed 5-a-side soccer
- Tuesday evening mixed 5-a-side netball
- Wednesday evening ladies 7-a-side netball
- Friday morning ladies 7-a-side netball

For further information please contact Donna on **9236 4700** or [donna.howatson@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:donna.howatson@kwinana.wa.gov.au).



## Kwinana Swim School

Kwinana Swim School provides swimming lessons for children from three months old through to adults. Classes run mornings and afternoons during the school term for 30 minutes, once a week.

All of our swimming instructors are experienced and fully qualified and aim to get the best swimming potential out of your child.

Holiday swim programs are also available, allowing for an intensive format that reinforces techniques and builds on skills.

Our adult classes are available for swimmers keen to learn all the swimming skills needed to feel safe and confident in the water. With lessons available on Monday 6pm or Wednesday 11:30am, plus a female-only lesson available on Wednesdays at 6pm, it's never too late to learn to swim! Cost: \$157.50 (45 minute class - nine week term).

Term one commences Monday, 1 February 2021.

Cost: \$129.60 (nine week term).

Current participant enrolments: from Monday, 14 December 2020.

New participant enrolments: from Monday, 21 December 2020.



## Café Splash and Parties

We're excited to open the doors to our beloved café again just in time for summer!

Our coffee is supplied through a local vendor to support local business, and we are confident that once you have a cup you'll be back for more (yes, it really is that delicious)! We will offer our bestselling hot chips and wedges, along with delicious grilled sandwiches, salads and healthy snacks to keep your energy up.

Perhaps the best news yet - we are bringing back our children's parties!

Book in to celebrate your child's special day in a fun and relaxed atmosphere with your choice of a DIY or hosted party where the kids can have a ball and expend all that excited energy.

We can't wait to welcome all members of our community and to show you why our centre is known for its friendly and buzzing atmosphere.

# City Noticeboard

## Rates are due

For those residents who choose to pay their rates in two or four instalments, please mark in your calendars that your upcoming payment is due on 31 December 2020.

## Christmas and New Year's Bin Collection Changes 2020/21

Changes to the bin collections throughout the Christmas and New Year period.

Usual Collection Day	Rescheduled Collection Day
Friday, 25 December	Saturday, 26 December
Monday, 28 December	No change
Tuesday, 29 December	No change
Wednesday, 30 December	No change
Thursday, 31 December	No change
Friday, 1 January 2021	Saturday, 2 January 2021

Usual bin collection days will resume Monday, 4 January 2021.

**Questions?** All enquiries, phone 1300 293 955.

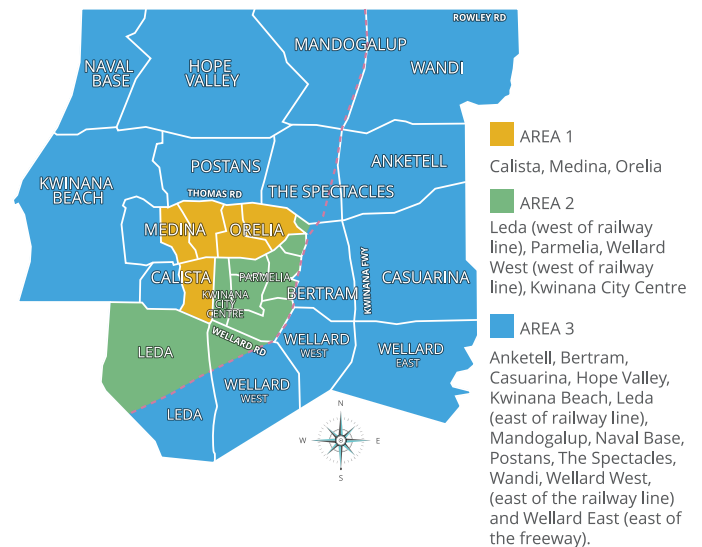
The City of Kwinana, together with SUEZ wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.



## Upcoming Waste Collections

Area		Greenwaste 2021	Bulk Waste and Whitegoods/ Metals 2021
1	Put out waste	6-7 Feb	6-7 Mar
	Pick up commences	8 Feb	8 Mar
2	Put out waste	13-14 Feb	20-21 Mar
	Pick up commences	15 Feb	22 Mar
3	Put out waste	20-21 Feb	3-4 Apr
	Pick up commences	22 Feb	5 Apr

Please ensure your waste is only placed on the verge on the weekend before pick up commences (litter infringements may apply).



# Contacting and keeping up-to-date



### In person

Corner Gilmore Avenue and Sulphur Road, Kwinana WA 6167



### By post

PO Box 21, Kwinana WA 6966



### Online

[www.kwinana.wa.gov.au](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au)



### By email

[customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au)



### By phone

9439 0200



### Connect



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