

Spirit of Kwinana

Spring 2021

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Mayor's Message

There has been plenty happening in the City of Kwinana, despite lockdowns and event cancellations, and Spring is a wonderful time to reflect and celebrate what has been achieved over the past few months.

Our annual photography competition was an outstanding success and enjoyed its highest engagement to date with 71 stunning images displayed at Kwinana Public Library in July and August.

All the winning entries were taken outdoors and featured Kwinana's remarkable landscapes, which you'll see opposite.

You may have seen the 'Free Range Kids: Growing up in the 50's and 60's' exhibition which has toured various parts of the City. On page 6, you'll find out more about a letter written 50 years ago which was remarkably handed in to the City as a result of the exhibition.

Our annual LyriK Awards (Leadership, Youth and Respect in Kwinana) celebrated the young leaders of today, with Young Person of the Year Djai Hunter receiving special recognition in the community this year for her work in the field of science and her commentary on the NAIDOC Week 2021 theme of Heal Country.

The City held a special Flag Raising Ceremony on Council Green on 27 May to mark the start of National Reconciliation Week. This was a special time to bring our community together and recognise local artist Samantha Ballard whose commissioned artwork features on the front of the City of Kwinana's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). The theme for National Reconciliation Week this year was 'More than a word: Reconciliation takes action'. The City of Kwinana enjoys a higher proportion than the Perth average of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living locally and our second RAP entitled 'Innovate' outlines the actions we will take over a two-year period to better recognise, work with and consult with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

The City is also making it easier to start, operate and grow a business in Kwinana, with a team of nine staff taking part in the Small Business Friendly Approvals Program run by the Small Business Development Corporation. The aim was to look at how we could further improve the experience Kwinana's 1,972 small businesses have with the City. We continue to encourage people to shop locally to support these businesses, especially in the context of a global pandemic.

By now, you would have seen the new Waste and Recycling Guide, delivered to your door in July to make it easier for residents to understand how to dispose of waste and recycling correctly. We also encouraged people to sign up for eRates to reduce paper waste.

Following last year's zero percent increase to rates revenue, the City is mindful that the community is still recovering and we endeavoured to keep rates increases to a minimum this year.

However, costs have risen and there were three key projects developed as an outcome of the Strategic Community Plan engagement with the community – the upgrade of the Kwinana Loop Trail, reinstatement of the community events budget, and the introduction of a Healthy Kwinana initiative.

The Budget for 2021/2022 also includes \$4.4 million in upgrades to roads including the Wellard duplication project, \$405,000 towards the City's street tree program, and \$2.1 million for a range of safety and security initiatives with funding included for expansion of CCTV coverage.

Of course, eligible voters will have the opportunity to elect new councillors on Saturday, 16 October. Councillor Wendy Cooper recently announced she will retire after a decade with the City, resulting in five Elected Member positions at this local government election. We are so appreciative of Cr Cooper's contribution to Kwinana, wishing her well for the future.

Carol Adams OAM
Mayor of Kwinana



Kwinana Inspires Photo Competition Winners

The annual City of Kwinana photography competition this year captured the area's inspiring features.

Entries addressed the theme of Kwinana Inspires defined as any place, person or thing that the entrant feels plays an inspiring role or part in their life.

The City received 71 entries to the Kwinana Inspires Photography Competition which were displayed at the Kwinana Public Library.

Eight entries were also recognised by the City of Kwinana with High Distinctions.

Kwinana Inspires Photography Competition 2021 category winners:

Child, up to 12 years	\$200	Olivia Sztor, and Yashraj Singh
Youth, 13 to 25 years	\$300	Grace Laughler
Adult, 26 years and over	\$400	Levi Montgomery
Local History	\$200	No valid entries



2021 Lyrik Awards Winners

The 2021 Lyrik Awards Ceremony was held on 16 June at the Koorliny Arts Centre after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19.

There were a few tears of joy, lots of laughs and many proud families and friends celebrating the positive contributions young people aged 10 to 18 years have made in the community.

We were also lucky enough to have Tim Kelly from the West Coast Eagles as our special guest. Congratulations to all the winners and nominees!



Look out for next year's competition details coming in early 2022.

Winners list

Achievement Award	10-14yrs	Hudson Pivac
	15-18yrs	Brodee Still
Inspiration Award	10-14yrs	Joint winners Kye Ryan and Madden Pivac
Inspiration Award	15-18yrs	Lawrence Winmar
Leadership Award	10-14yrs	Ariz Ahmed
	15-18yrs	Tama Oakley
Mateship Award		Unique As
Respect Award	10-14yrs	Jeven Hilzinger-Smith
	15-18yrs	Djai Hunter
Teamwork Award #1		Outdoor Adventure group
Teamwork Award #2		Gilmore Gigabytes
Progress Award		Lawrence Winmar
Young Person of the Year Award		Djai Hunter

Make Your Vote Count

2021 is a Local Government Election year with this year's election occurring on Saturday, 16 October 2021.

Local Government Elections play an important role in our democratic system and are an excellent opportunity for people to contribute to, and be involved in, their local community.

All eligible electors are encouraged to vote to ensure they have a voice in choosing the best people to represent their community.

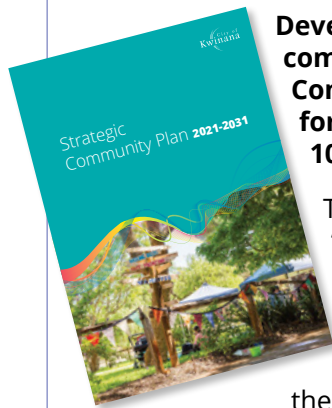
Voting is easy, with election packages posted to all electors around three weeks before Election Day.

The packages are to be returned by post and to be received prior to 6pm on Election Day. The count commences at 6pm that same day with the results available later that evening.



For more information about the City of Kwinana election or to view candidates profiles (from 10 September) visit www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/elections

Strategic Community Plan



Developed in partnership with the community, the City's Strategic Community Plan is the key driver for all City activities over the next 10 years.

To develop our new vision: "A unique and liveable City, celebrated for and connected by its diverse community, natural beauty and economic opportunities" the City engaged

the community, asking "how are we currently performing?", "what are your big (or small) ideas for Kwinana?" and "what does your ideal Kwinana look like in 30 years' time?".

This engagement received the largest response rate in the City's history which is fantastic considering the City's overarching document guides everything we do as a Council, ensuring that every step we take, we take together and is a step toward achieving our community's vision for the future.

The five key priorities for the future of Kwinana include safety and security; access to goods and services; character and identity; playgrounds, parks and reserves; and conservation and environment.



Find out more about how we plan to act on the priorities and vision outlined in the Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031 at www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/strategic-community-plan



Rates payments are now due – have you paid yours?

Go paperless and sign up for erates!

For more details visit www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/erates

Bulk Waste Collections

Your Bulk Waste collections start this month. It's important you sort your waste into four piles with a maximum total quantity of three cubic metres, placed clear from trees, power poles, power domes or structures. This makes it easier for your waste to be picked up and recycled.

3m³ maximum



1. White goods and all metal products
 Fridges, stoves etc. Doors must be detached from fridges and freezers. No glass.
 

2. E-waste
 TVs, electrical items and computer hardware.
 

3. Mattresses


4. General bulk waste
 Scrap (furniture and other household items), timber products (up to 1.5m in length).
 

Separating into these 4 piles makes it easier for items to be recycled.



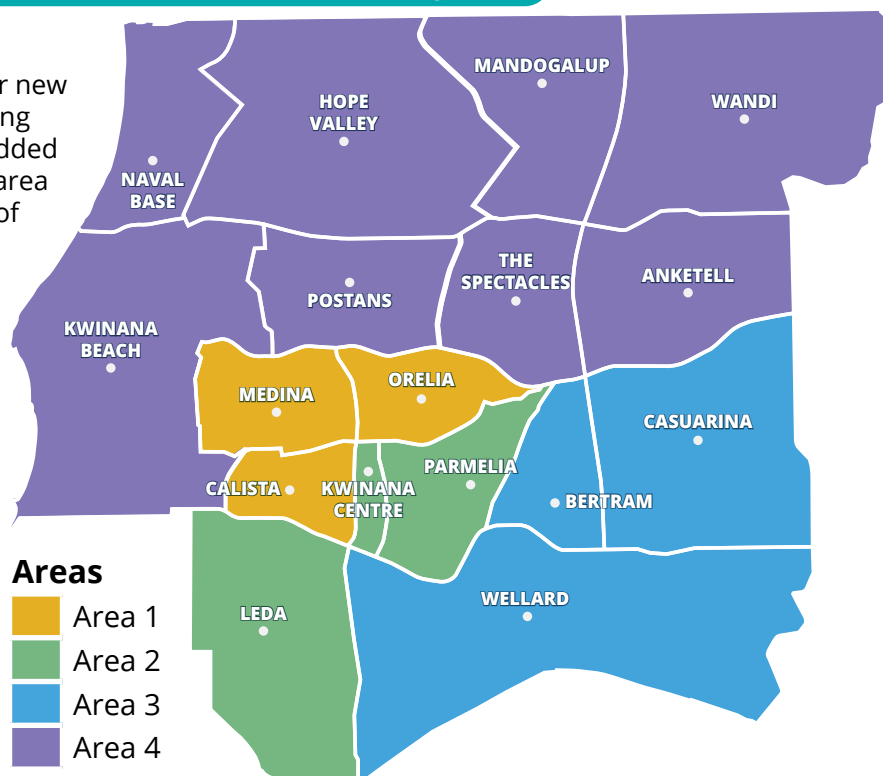
As outlined in your new Waste and Recycling Guide, we have added a fourth pick-up area and included all of Wellard Village in Area 3, so make sure

you check out our map below or head to our website to check/confirm your area.

Please only place approved wastes within the allocated 'place out' dates for your area, to avoid incurring an infringement.

Our Waste and Recycling Guide contains all the information you need to reduce waste and recycle right, check it out by following the QR code.

www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/waste-calendar-2021-22



Area	Bulk 1	Green 1	Green 2	Bulk 2	Green 3
1 Place out	4-5 September	30-31 October	5-6 February	5-6 March	28-29 May
1 Collection starts	6 September	1 November	7 February	7 March	30 May
2 Place out	11-12 September	6-7 November	12-13 February	12-13 March	4-5 June
2 Collection starts	13 September	8 November	14 February	14 March	6 June
3 Place out	18-19 September	13-14 November	19-20 February	19-20 March	11-12 June
3 Collection starts	20 September	15 November	21 February	21 March	13 June
4 Place out	25-26 September	20-21 November	26-27 February	26-27 March	18-19 June
4 Collection starts	27 September	22 November	28 February	28 March	20 June

Hidden Treasure

Have you ever found something unexpected hidden in the pages of a book?

Fiona Kelly purchased a book about planes from the Kwinana Public Library a decade ago and between the pages was tucked a letter written by a 13-year-old boy in 1972.

The boy's letter talked about a picture of a car made in 1968, explained what bushland was in case there was none left in the area upon the letter's discovery, and said Earth was getting very polluted.

Fiona Kelly kept the letter, despite moving house twice, but returned it to the library upon hearing about the 'Free Range Kids: Growing Up in the 50s and 60s' exhibition from her husband who works at the Kwinana library.

The exhibition celebrated the childhoods of those living in Kwinana in the 1950s and 60s.

While the letter was from a different era to the children featured in the exhibition, Fiona was prompted to hand it over to the City's library when she realised the value of local history to the City of Kwinana.

Local History Officer Vanessa Wiggin then posted a picture of the letter on several Facebook groups, bringing the writer's friends out of the woodwork.

People remembered going to school with the boy, even playing in bands with him.

Ruiseart Alcorn, who now goes by his Gaelic first name rather than the Richard he used in the letter, contacted the library via email saying he couldn't remember how the letter came to be in a book or if they even buried the time capsule promised in the letter but said he arrived in Kwinana in 1970 with his family from the United Kingdom.

He and three friends from high school formed a band called Savage, and while it gradually drifted apart he continued to play with band member and blues guitarist and singer Martin Cropper for a while.

"Since those days I have played in many bands within the Perth metro area, eventually relocating to Scotland with my wife and two daughters in 2008," Alcorn said.

"Maybe I will pop back at some point and do some shows in Kwinana."



Are you a Kwinana Pioneer?

The City would like to honour those who have lived in the Kwinana community the longest. If you are a current Kwinana resident; who has lived in Kwinana for more than 50 years continuously, register for the Pioneers Database to be kept up to date about upcoming functions.



Visit kwinana.smartygrants.com.au/pioneers to register online. For more information contact grants@kwinana.wa.gov.au or call 9439 0251.

Community Engagement

Neighbour Day Every Day

Residents are encouraged to host a Neighbour Day Every Day (NDED) get-together or activity, focusing on small, simple street-based initiatives such as a barbecue in their street or park, or building a street library.

The City of Kwinana will provide up to \$150 (as a reimbursement after the NDED) to encourage and support community members to organise and host street-level activities and invite their neighbours to attend or participate.

Applicants must register their event prior to it taking place, to be eligible for the Neighbour Day Every Day Grant. Register your activity at the SmartyGrants online portal. The City provides 'borrow boxes' filled with free resources for residents to use to boost their NDED initiative.

kwinana.smartygrants.com.au/NDED21



Age Friendly Action Plan

We are keen to hear from people 55 years and older. Your responses will inform us of areas that we need to focus on and what can be done to promote our seniors' wellbeing over the next five years.

Please take a few minutes to provide your feedback at www.lovemylkwinana.com or grab a hardcopy from the City Administration building.

Cuppa with a Cop

The City of Kwinana is working with local police, giving community members the opportunity to meet with local officers and have a chat about any community concerns and seek advice in relation to crime prevention.

Follow the City of Kwinana's Facebook page for details about future Cuppa with a Cop events.



Funds for Bushfire Prevention

The City is undertaking bushfire mitigation activities in the rural areas of Wandi, Anketell, Casuarina and Wellard with the help of \$375,000 in funding from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

The funding, which also includes other bushland areas within the City, is part of a record \$7.5 million program to help local governments reduce the risk of fire ignition and spread and includes the clearing of ground fuel and pruning of trees on road verges and state-owned land within the City.

This proactive management of bushland and open areas that are close to homes, assets and significant sites is a welcome addition to the City's Bushfire management activities.

With 240 hectares of natural area reserves within the City, bushfires pose a significant risk to the community. The City's Fire Management and Fuel Reduction Program addresses these risks through the management of the City's reserves and the Bushfire Mitigation funding allows the City to focus its efforts on state owned land and road verges.

The funding will complement the City's robust Fire Management practices and provide a coordinated approach to bush fire risks in the area.



More information about timelines for works will be communicated through the City's social media channels and via the website at www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/fire



Kwinana Recquatic

Your Health and Fitness

Kwinana Recquatic is the only club south of the river offering a full suite of Technogym Excite Live Cardio. This is a big deal!!

The Excite Live consoles allow users to exercise with a virtual trainer via on demand one-on-one sessions, complete guided routines with various movements scaled to their ability, plus you can catch up on your daily dose of entertainment through apps like Netflix on HD display. Beyond the technology, these units feel amazing!

Kwinana Recquatic is proud to offer this industry-leading equipment and other initiatives, including ROMWOD and crowdDJ to its members. This is just the tip of the iceberg.

If you have not already, now is the time to join the Recquatic.

Adult Team Sports

Are you looking to get active, while having fun and being social? Why not nominate a team for one of our social sports competitions.

Monday evening mixed five-a-side soccer

Tuesday evening mixed five-a-side netball

Wednesday evening ladies seven-a-side netball

Friday morning ladies seven-a-side netball

For further information please contact Donna on **9236 4700** or donna.howatson@kwinana.wa.gov.au.

Kwinana Swim School

The Recquatic's Kwinana Swim School provides swimming lessons for children aged three months through to adults. Classes run mornings and afternoons during the school term for 30 minutes, once a week. All our swimming instructors are experienced and fully qualified, and aim to get the best swimming potential out of your child, while teaching them an important life skill.

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 a 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!

Term 4 commences Monday, 11 October 2021.



Recquatic Memberships

Your Health. Your Goals. Your Results.

No two journeys are identical. We all start at different levels and here at Kwinana Recquatic we're committed to discovering who you are, what your goal is, and giving you the tools to achieve it.



Café Splash

Why not pop into Café Splash on your next visit for a delicious coffee. We also offer our bestselling hot chips and wedges, along with grilled sandwiches, salads and healthy snacks to keep your energy up.

Junior Programs

Tumbling Tots (1-2 years)

Jumping Juniors (3-4 years)

Multi-sports (5-12 years)

Basketball Sports Clinic (5-12 years)

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 seeking a permanent booking we can help!

Bookings are essential, please contact the Centre directly on **9236 4700** for same day availability or email recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au for all court hire requests, costs and availability and a friendly team member will be in contact with you to confirm your booking.

What's On in Kwinana?

Biodiversity Month

September is National Biodiversity Month, which promotes the protection, conservation and improvement of biodiversity both within Australia and across the world.

To celebrate, the City is holding a series of events to highlight the amazing plants and animals we have here in Kwinana.

Help us Light up the Square!

Celebrate the festive season with us in Chisham Square with a range of fun and free activities for all ages, including lighting up our Christmas tree in November.

For full details about these events visit www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/whatson.









Take Control of Your Digital Health

Would you like to use apps and online services to manage your health information?

Drop in to the Kwinana Public Library to learn about the options available to take control of your digital health, including My Health Record, Medicare via My Gov, and more.

Receive help in finding out what will work for you, and how to use it on your own device. Drop in sessions are being held at the following times:

	14 September 2021
	10.30am to 11.30am
	Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre
	15 September 2021
	11am to 12pm
	Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre



Are you keeping your personal health information safe? The ACSC Alert Service provides easy-to-understand online security information and solutions. Visit www.staysmartonline.gov.au/alert-service to get alerts about threats and vulnerabilities

HOME/PLACE Community Arts Project

The City of Kwinana is presenting HOME/PLACE, an artist-in-residence community arts and storytelling project.

Artists Arif Satar and Audrey Fernandes-Satar will facilitate a number of free workshops involving stories with clay and zine (booklet) making, that explore journeys to Australia across or connected to the Indian Ocean. These artworks will tell Western Australian stories of identity, memory and place. The City is seeking your participation on this project. Workshops will take place from 30 August to 14 October at Medina Hall and the Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre.

Registrations are essential.

Workshops at Medina Hall homeplacemedina.eventbrite.com.au

Workshops at Darius Wells homeplacedarius.eventbrite.com.au

For further information please contact Ashleigh Frost, City of Kwinana Community Development Officer – Arts and Culture on **9439 0203** or by email arts@kwinana.wa.gov.au

This project was made possible through the support of the State Government of Western Australia and Lotterywest.



Community Centre Services



Volunteer Opportunities

Our staff are ready and waiting to help you find a volunteer position that could be the start of a whole new chapter in your life.

Our Volunteer Centre at the Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre provides information on all things volunteering.

Whether you are thinking about volunteering for the first time, or are a seasoned volunteer looking for a change, pop in for a chat or make an appointment by calling **9236 4314**. The Centre is open Monday to Wednesday 9am to 4pm.

Kwinana Public Library's volunteer Technology Assistant Hyllan gained experience and confidence from his volunteering that helped him secure his first paid employment elsewhere.

Q Why did you decide to volunteer?

A I decided to volunteer at the Kwinana Library as I wanted more experience with customer interaction and thus deepen my interpersonal skills. There is no doubt that my volunteering has improved upon these skills with the much-appreciated support from the library staff. I was able to apply and secure a job for that reason. Additionally, this gives me an opportunity to break away from University and do something productive for myself and for the patrons of the library.

Q Why did you choose this particular volunteer role?

A Since the position is also related to my field of study, it is something that I take interest in partaking in. I also enjoy having a conversation and being able to teach someone about something they are curious about with technology and this position allows me to do just that.

Q What have you enjoyed the most about volunteering?

A I have very much enjoyed having the conversations with the customers about technology and their personal lives. I find it interesting hearing about the different stories many people have to say. I also enjoy coming in to a very friendly and warm group of people.

Q How likely you are to recommend other people to volunteer?

A 5/5 stars (very likely)

SpacetoCo

Planning your next event or workshop and looking for the perfect venue? Why not book one of the City's halls or facilities for hire!

At various locations throughout the City and with a range of amenities on offer, there is something to suit everyone, plus we've made it easier for you. Our facility bookings have changed for the better!

Our new online booking system, SpacetoCo allows you to submit a booking 24/7.

Check out our full list of venues for hire www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/facilitiesforhire.



Darius Wells Toddler Town Crèche

A unique inclusive community service offered within the Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre for children aged eight weeks to five years is available to support families to participate in an activity, study, meeting, access internal tenant services or other events at the centre.

Toddler Town Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 9am to 12pm

Our friendly and qualified crèche staff offer families the opportunity to support their child's early years development in a safe and caring environment where they can enjoy educational activities through play.

Bookings can be made at creche@kwinana.wa.gov.au

Supporting Local Business

Stay Loyal, Shop Local

The Stay Loyal, Shop Local campaign started as an initiative to help local businesses recover from the impacts of COVID-19, however it has become much, much more. As part of the initiative, the City of Kwinana captured images of some of the local legends behind the businesses that make Kwinana a great place to live. The photographs and stories posted on the City's Facebook page have been among the most popular, with the local community rallying behind local business to show their support. The campaign has also helped to uncover a lot of hidden talent in the community and has given profile to businesses you may not have discovered yet.

Home-based Business Meet-up

Are you self-employed, running a home-based business or thinking about starting one?

The City's home-based business meet-up is a great place to connect with others to share ideas and inspiration in a relaxed environment.

Join us fortnightly on Tuesdays at the Koorliny Arts Centre 10am to 11.30am, with coffee delivered by KM Coffee 2 You!



For more information on either of these great initiatives, or to have your business profiled in the Spirit, email invest@kwinana.wa.gov.au

Hidden Gem at Harriet's

High Tea with Harriet is Wandu-based tea company, committed to bringing quality tea back one pot at time. Proprietor Denise Davis, works with a Master Blender to create unique loose-leaf blends that have gained national recognition, taking out seven national Golden Leaf Awards – four of them being Gold Medals.

You can find High Tea with Harriet in cafés, restaurants and gift shops all across Australia, and online at highteawithharriet.com.au

Q Why did you start HTWH?

A I have always been passionate about tea, and it was my dream to have my own tea business. It was my husband's idea to start up a market stall selling tea. He said that even if it didn't work out, we would just end up with lots of tea, which I would drink.

Q What's the best thing about working for yourself?

A The flexibility and ability to choose which direction I go in. And of course, that I get to have a cup of tea whenever I feel like it!

Q What are you looking forward to in the next 12 months?

A I am committed to increasing the profile of tea in cafés and restaurants, especially here in WA. And I love getting to know our wholesale customers, and hearing their stories.

Q What is the best/worst piece of advice you had when you started out?

A Best advice – always be true to yourself, and endeavour to work with people who share your business values.

Worst advice – don't make any future plans, as this will only ever be a hobby business.

Q What's your favourite cuppa?

A Elevenses Irish Breakfast. It is strong, bold and smoky, and the perfect way to start the day.



City Noticeboard

BEN Signs

The Beach Emergency Numbers (BEN) system (named in honour of fatal shark bite victim Ben Gerring) is a coding system that provides specific location information in an emergency.

Take note of the unique number on the sign so you can accurately report the location of any emergencies via 000. Please note – if the sign is turned around to show that the beach is closed, please stay out of the water for your own safety.



Your Pool, Your Responsibility


Temporary swimming pools offer a convenient and affordable way to keep cool in the summer, but did you know that like any permanent pool, you are required to fence them?





If you're planning on using or buying a portable pool over the warmer months, remember to contact your local Council to discuss your options. Many parents may not be aware of the legal requirement in WA to fence a pool deeper than 30cm, which includes portable pools.

Protect yourself against mosquito bites

Remember to take precautions against mosquito bites, as we expect an increase in mosquito activity during this time of the year.

 **Cover Up** – wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can.

 **Repel** – Apply insect repellent containing DEET (Diethyltoluamide) or Picaridin evenly to exposed skin. Follow instructions on label.

 **Clean up** – Empty out discarded containers and rubbish that may hold water, keep swimming pools clean and well chlorinated, and clean out roof gutters.

The City of Kwinana implements a mosquito management program in partnership with the City of Cockburn.

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



By email

customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au



By phone

9439 0200



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