

Spirit of Kwinana

Summer **2021**



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Cover photo: Wildflower Walk
September 2021

Mayor's Message

Our community continued to be strengthened and enriched this year despite disruptions to local events due to the pandemic that continued through 2021.

We have witnessed remarkable investment in the industrial area of late, and a significant decline in the unemployment rate, as well as continued local investment in the programs and events that make our community a unique and liveable city.

Following the Local Government Elections in October, the City welcomed three new Councillors, adding diversity and a breadth of knowledge and experience to the Council.

I am very proud to have re-elected as Councillor and to be appointed unopposed as Mayor, a role I have performed since 2006. I am really looking forward to working with the new Council leadership team at the City of Kwinana.

This end-of-year edition of Spirit seeks to share some of the stories from 2021 that shaped the community in which we live and I hope you enjoy reading this edition as much as I have.

Carol Adams OAM
Mayor of Kwinana



Welcome your new Council

The City of Kwinana's new-look Council features three Councillors elected for the first time, and two re-elected Members.

The City welcomed its first Indigenous Councillor with the election of Barry Winmar on October 16 while a tight battle for the City's fifth Elected Member position — a two-year term — was won by a single vote by Michael James Brown with the result confirmed in the early hours of Sunday morning October 17.

Carol Adams and Matthew Rowse were re-elected and Susan Kearney was elected to Council for the first time.

City of Kwinana Chief Executive Officer Wayne Jack congratulated the five successful Councillors and the 29,787 people (27.36 percent) who took the time to vote. The new faces joined incumbent Councillors Sherilyn Wood, Dennis Wood, and Peter Feasey.

Following the election, a Special Meeting of Council was held on October 18, resulting in Carol Adams being reappointed as Mayor, and Peter Feasey as Deputy Mayor for two-year terms.



To find out more about your new-look Council visit www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/councillors





Community Funding

The Kwinana community was strongly supported this year with more than \$115,000 in grants being distributed to 107 successful applicants by the City of Kwinana for the 2020/21 financial year. These grants helped our community deliver projects to the value of \$330,000.

The grants included \$28,395 in community event funds, \$10,093 for senior security, and \$57,436 for two rounds of Kwinana community

funding. COVID relief grants totalling \$5000 were also provided to community groups.

Eleven Neighbour Day Every Day grants were provided and two Neighbour Day grants totalling \$6000 were awarded for major events.

More than \$4,500 was used to support unique place-making initiatives to make our communities even better places to live.

Sports Expo Success



Photo: Kwinana Blue Jays Baseball Club president Tym Adam with daughter Ava.

The City of Kwinana and Kwinana Marketplace hosted a successful sports expo promoting summer and year-round sports along with KidSport vouchers.

In the last financial year, 631 local children were able to engage in sport thanks to State Government KidSport vouchers.

Swim schools were also included in KidSport for the first time this year, so the expo also aimed to raise awareness of the new addition.

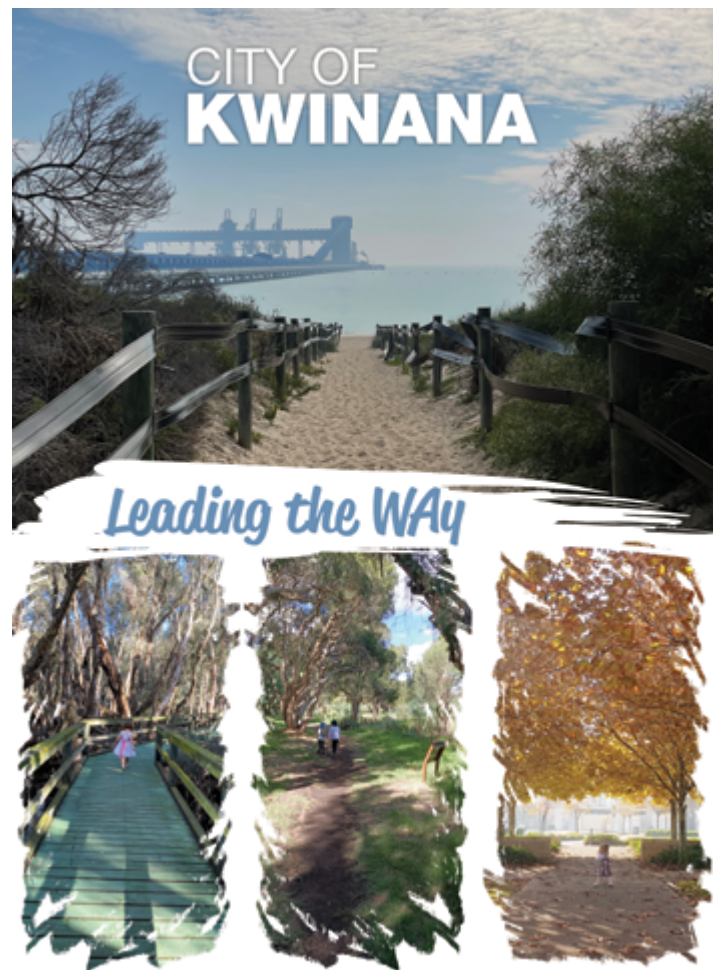
The event was so successful the Kwinana Blue Jays Baseball Club had enough registrations from the weekend event to put on a third T-Ball team and promote their upcoming club registration day which attracted a further two teams, taking the total to five new teams. The club recently secured a Kwinana Community Funding Grant for new helmets and gear to help cater for the influx.

Showcase in Pixels

Did you see it? The City of Kwinana's winning entry into the #showCase in Pixels competition was displayed on the digital screen in Yagan Square in September.

The design featured images submitted by the community, with pathways through the area's iconic landscapes, showing how Kwinana is leading the way in WA. The movement and integration between the four images reflected the dynamic character of Kwinana. Brushstrokes symbolised the movement of the limbs and leaves of the trees in the wonderful natural environments of the area. The photos used in the artwork were taken by community members Maria Farfan, Renee James, Shantilla Piazzola, and Annabel Fernandez who entered the City's annual photography competition.

The City's design won the Professional/Digitally Designed Artwork category of the community arts project that is open to all all Local Governments in WA. Winning entries were displayed at Yagan Square during the WA Local Government Convention.



Injury Prevention Win



Efforts to prevent injuries in Kwinana, including a series of workshops to promote healthy ageing and prevent slips, trips and falls, won an award in March at the 2021 Injury Matters Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Awards.

The Kwinana Falls Prevention Project won the Outstanding Achievement by a Local Government in Injury Prevention or Recovery Support.

The City of Kwinana partnered with the South Metropolitan Health Service to deliver the workshops that tapped into the expertise of local health professionals including an exercise physiologist, nutritionist and pharmacists.

Photo: Peter Erceg and Haylee Bullock, of the South Metropolitan Health Service, with Jessie Burke and Callum Prior, of the City of Kwinana.



We are moving to digital distribution of the Spirit Magazine from the next edition in Spring. Hard copies will still be available at all City facilities. Sign up to our e-newsletter to make sure you get the quarterly digital edition of Spirit www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/enewsletter



NAIDOC 2021

NAIDOC Week celebrations in Kwinana may have suffered setbacks due to lockdowns but culminated in Kwinana NAIDOC Community Awards at the Medina Aboriginal Community Centre (MACC) Family Fun Day in October.

City of Kwinana Community Wellbeing Officer Moira Wilson was awarded Aboriginal Person of the Year, and the City's Community Development Officer – Diversity, Sarah-Jane Patton was awarded Non-Aboriginal Person of the Year.

Machela Meyza won Female Youth of the Year; Lachlan Wallam won Male Youth of the Year; Benita Indich won Elder of the Year; and Paul Garlett was named Sportsperson of the Year.

The Kwinana NAIDOC Planning Committee also held an opening event complete with stalls and kangaroo stew.

The Little Peeps Ball offered a celebration for the little ones, a youth ball was supported by the City, and children of all backgrounds were invited during the school holidays to place their handprints on a beautiful mural by artists Ash and Kelly Collard in Kwinana Marketplace in a show of unity.



Making Memories

Local history emerged as a heartwarming focus for the year with the “Free Range Kids: Growing up in Kwinana in the 1950s and 60s” acting as the initial catalyst.

Not only was a letter from the 1970’s handed in to the Library as a result of the exhibition, which reconnected the City with a musician now living in Scotland, but leftover items from a 1979 time capsule were also reunited with their owners or family members using traditional and social media.

Alda and Alice Benz said they were emotional to receive an envelope of family photos on 27 August from the time capsule that was buried in Apex Park in 1979 to mark the 25th anniversary of Kwinana’s foundation.

The photos were submitted by Alda’s parents Edda and Giorgio Sterle who lived in Medina for 20 years.

The time capsule was raised on the 50th anniversary of Kwinana’s foundation but 19 envelopes of photos and letters remained unclaimed.

Laura Woolon was not even six months old when her mother, who lived on Chisholm Avenue at the time, popped a letter to Laura and her brother into the time capsule.

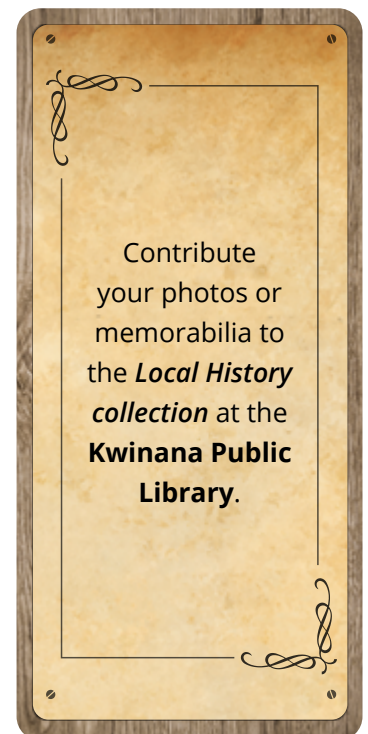
It was a special read especially given her mother Narice, was able to see her daughter collect the letter this year.



Photo: Laura Woolon holds her mother's letter.



Photo: The raising of the Apex Club time capsule in Apex Park in 2004.





Celebrating Pioneers

Giant games on the patio, delightful cups of tea, tiny sandwiches and sweet treats were on offer at the City of Kwinana's annual event to celebrate our pioneers.

Guests who had lived in the Kwinana area for 50 or more years put their wisdom and local knowledge to good use by participating in a quiz before enjoying their high tea with bubbles and tunes from the 1950's to the present by a trio called BLING.

Mayor Carol Adams, in her welcome address, invited guests to share their oral history stories, photos and memorabilia with the Kwinana Public Library to keep the region's rich history alive for generations to come.



Greening Kwinana

Climate Focus



Science has demonstrated that our climate is already experiencing changes, and these changes will continue to increase in intensity, severity and impact.

The City ran workshops, seminars and courses on a variety of sustainability, environmental conservation and waste topics throughout the year to help residents make sustainable changes to their lifestyles.

The City of Kwinana recognised its responsibility to help mitigate against climate change, and adopted its Climate Change Plan 2021-2026 in March 2021.



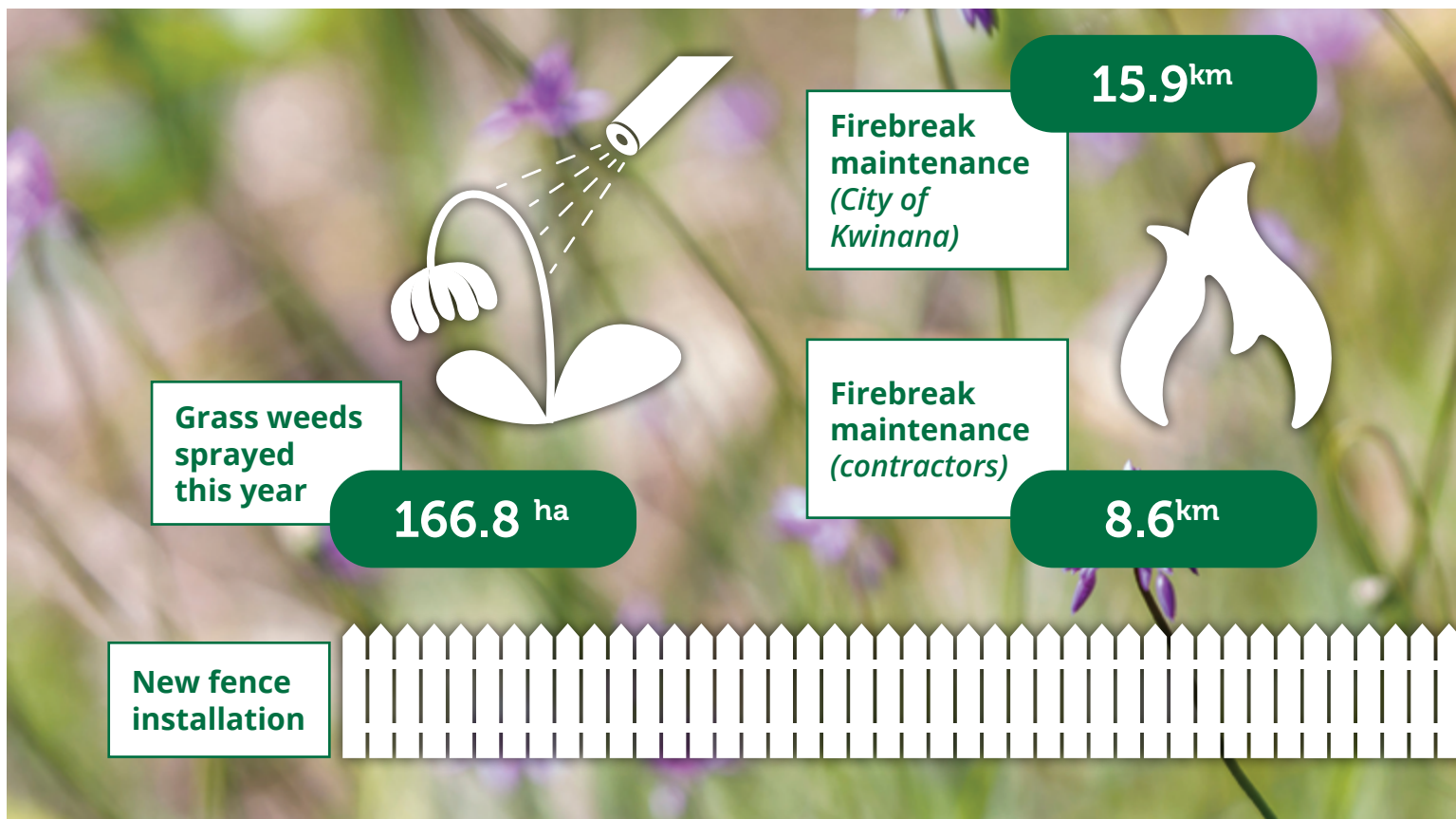
The Plan sets the following overarching mitigation and adaptation goals:

1. Reduce carbon dioxide equivalent emissions generated by the City's operations by five per cent per capita by 2025;
2. Identify and ensure that the increasing impacts of climate change are considered and addressed through the City's strategic framework and operations;
3. Support the community to better understand, prepare for and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Fast Facts



A full list of actions can be found in the Climate Change Plan 2021-2026.



Thriving in Kwinana

Kwinana enjoys a wonderful natural environment and this year the City joined with the community to keep it flourishing. During the 2021 planting season, the City sowed approximately **18,000** native seedlings.

Approximately **29 volunteers** were involved in **Clean Up Australia Day**, **weeding days**, and the **surveying of birds and Quenda**.

Six environment workshops were provided to the community including the very popular **Annual Wildflower Walk**, and the City organised the inaugural **Living Green Movie Night** for residents to get involved with their local community groups.

Temporary signage was installed to provide the wider community with an opportunity to undertake the **Self-Guided Wildflower Walk** again in 2021, and the **Seedling Subsidy Scheme** saw over **3,000 seedlings** purchased by Kwinana residents at a subsidised rate to promote the native greening of home gardens. The **feral animal control program** saw fox, cat and rabbit control undertaken in 17 Kwinana Conservation Reserves.



North Parmelia Primary School

The North Parmelia Primary School's 50th Anniversary Exhibition Opening took place on October 22 at the Carol Adams Community Lounge, Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre. The exhibition included bright and bold sculptures by students who worked with artist Kaitlyn Elsegood over the last two school terms. Students created 11 wooden sculptures ranging up to two metres in height and width. The works commemorate persons, events and places that the children have identified as significant to the Kwinana area. This includes Rebel Women of Kwinana, and even our own Mayor Carol Adams!





Photo: Aigle Royal CEO Brad Brashaw, Hon Roger Cook MLA, Member for Kwinana, and City of Kwinana Mayor Carol Adams at the Costco site.

Investment and Industry

The past year has seen significant milestones reached across Kwinana.

While the year saw the end of fuel refining by BP in Kwinana, there was also unparalleled growth in the battery industry.

The Tianqi Lithium Refinery in Kwinana commenced production, with the plant producing its first batch of lithium hydroxide. Full-scale production of the battery-grade lithium is due to commence next year.

Wesfarmers this year made the significant investment decision this year of proceeding with the Covalent Lithium Plant, also in the Kwinana Industrial Area. The \$950 million facility will produce around 50,000 tonnes of lithium hydroxide every year and create over 350 ongoing jobs.

The BHP Nickel Sulphate Plant commenced production in October. The plant, which created 80 new jobs in the region will produce enough product to make 700 000 electric vehicle batteries every year.

Approval was given to Synergy to construct a giant lithium-ion battery in Kwinana. The 200-megawatt hours battery will be able to power 160,000 homes for two hours, and will cost \$155 million dollars. The battery works should be completed by the end of 2022 and will store the excess power generated by household solar panels.

With the ongoing construction of the Avertas Waste to Energy Plant, the Blue Phoenix Incinerator Processing Facility broke ground this year in Latitude 32. The processing facility will take the bottom ash by-product of the waste-to-energy plant and create an aggregate that can be used in construction. This will further Kwinana's push into the circular economy and divert significant quantities of waste from landfill.

Cockburn Cement this year began an upgrade of its grinding plant in Kwinana to significantly increase production capacity, while reducing CO² emissions by 20 per cent.

George Weston Foods has broken ground this year on a new stockfeed plant in Latitude 32. The plant will process more than 300,000 tonnes of local grain to produce feed pellets for agricultural markets and will be a major employer in the region.

Earthworks to enable Costco to proceed began late September, with the Casuarina store expected to open in the second half of 2022. Additional upgrades to Thomas Road are scheduled to commence in 2022 to include the widening sections of the road the and creation of a new roundabout.

The unemployment rate also fell this year, encouragingly for six consecutive quarters, down to 9.4 per cent. The City of Kwinana welcomes the significant investment and confidence that the private sector continues to have in our prospering region.



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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.

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

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City Noticeboard

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



Youth and Community Wellbeing

The City of Kwinana has dedicated officers to promote wellbeing across the community and among its youth.

There are Community Liaison Officers who focus on deterring anti-social behaviour, and Community Wellbeing Officers who serve adults and families throughout the year, who are at risk, currently experiencing social disadvantage or require further support. Kwinana Youth Services is a dedicated youth support service for young people aged 12 to 18 years, and the Youth Development Team is based at the Zone Youth Space on Gilmore Avenue. For more information about these services call The Zone at **9236 4560**.

Christmas hours

Christmas is almost here which means that City officers will be taking a much-needed break. Don't forget to check our updated Christmas and New Year opening hours and rescheduled waste collection services on the City's website.



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**Wishing all
who celebrate,**

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



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