

# Spirit of Kwinana

Autumn 2021



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# Mayor's Message



**Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Spirit newsletter and our first edition for 2021.**

Well, the year certainly started off a little different to how we had hoped. After months living in 'normality', things quickly escalated at the end of January with some devastating local fires and of course our impromptu lockdown.

Both the fires and the pandemic brought uncertainty for many people in our community. If you are, or know someone in

the community who is having difficulties the please contact the City of Kwinana because we have trained officers dedicated to connecting struggling members of our community with support services. You can find out more about these important services on page 3.

Unfortunately, the rearing of COVID-19's ugly head once again put a pause on our event schedule in Kwinana. The proposed OMG! Fringe festival was postponed due to uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, but fear not! Our event team have quickly adapted and rescheduled OMG! Fringe to the end of April to allow things to calm down so we're able to enjoy live shows again. You can find out more about this on page 8. And if you did already purchase a ticket to any of the shows, you will have been contacted about rolling this over to the new event dates.

Remember, you can keep up to date with all the latest news and events by subscribing to the City's eNewsletter on our website – [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au) – and following us on Facebook.

**Carol Adams OAM  
Mayor of Kwinana**

## Love My Kwinana



**Do you want to have your say about Kwinana's future? The City is now seeking feedback for its next Strategic Community Plan and you can be a vital part of it.**

Previous engagement was held in 2020 to gauge our community's satisfaction with current City services. We also asked for your ideas for an improved Kwinana and your vision of what Kwinana will look like in the future.

We've listened and gathered your ideas and we would now like your feedback on the plan to ensure we have the vision and direction right. We will be conducting further engagement in April 2021.

During April, head to [www.kwinanachat.com.au](http://www.kwinanachat.com.au) to have your say or RSVP for one of our workshops by visiting the website or calling Coordinator City Strategy and Improvement on 9439 0200.



# Your Youth and Community Wellbeing Team

**Did you know, the City of Kwinana has dedicated officers to help connect struggling members of our community to services that can help? With recent times being particularly tough, many community members have struggled and our team is here to assist people in need.**

Here's a breakdown of our Youth and Community Wellbeing Team and what services they offer our community.

## Community Liaison Officers (CLOs)

The Community Liaison role focuses on deterring antisocial behaviour by providing an active presence in the community. Our CLOs foster relationships with local police, security, business owners and community members to promote Kwinana's central business district as a welcoming and inclusive place to be.

You can find our CLOs at the Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre and assisting in regular outreach services alongside the Community Wellbeing team within the wider community.



## The Zone Youth Space

The Youth Development Team is based at The Zone Youth Space on Gilmore Avenue. The Zone Youth Drop-in Space provides a safe environment for young people aged 12 to 18 years to engage and is open six days a week for after school and weekend programs.

The Zone offers a range of programs and events including sports, robotics and coding, arts and crafts, life skills, specific social groups and cultural workshops. Our team also delivers a variety of programs and initiatives

## Kwinana Youth Services

This is the City of Kwinana's dedicated youth support service, providing support to young people between the ages of 12 to 18 years. Although not a crisis service, staff work flexible hours to assist those in need and can meet with young people at the Zone Youth Space, at home, in the community or at school.

The types of services offered by Kwinana Youth Services include:

- information and support to young people;
- providing young people the opportunity to talk to people face to face;
- linking people into services that can assist with their specific needs;
- advocating on behalf of young people when appropriate; and
- program delivery or support to deliver programs in the community.

If you know a young person you are concerned about or are working with and you feel our service could benefit them, we encourage you to call on 9236 4570 or email [youth@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:youth@kwinana.wa.gov.au) to discuss how we might be able to provide support.

## Community Wellbeing Support

The City's Community Wellbeing Officers serve adults and families who are at risk, currently experiencing social disadvantage or require further support. This can include people currently, or at risk of, experiencing financial hardship, homelessness, mental health issues, social isolation or those who are unsure where to turn for help.

This free support service can provide general advice and initial support to identify the best specialised services moving forward. To speak to a Community Wellbeing Officer, please call the Community Support Line on 9236 4570 from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

across the City of Kwinana's community centres and open spaces such as the Edge Skate Park.

Our ultimate goal is to take our young people from participants to leaders in the community. We look to provide development opportunities at every turn that gradually increase responsibility, build individuals' abilities and impart skills that will last a lifetime. To find out more about our fantastic programs and events, contact The Zone on 9236 4560 or email [zone@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:zone@kwinana.wa.gov.au).



# Your property

## Keep Kwinana beautiful - report untidy or unsightly properties

We want you – our community – to feel proud of where you live, which is why we ask that if you notice vehicles in disrepair and/or the accumulation of rubbish or disused materials giving a property an untidy appearance, please report it to the City of Kwinana.

If you are having a clean out, please keep it tidy. Only put rubbish out during designated greenwaste and bulk waste collections times for your area. Failing to comply may result in an infringement.

If you would like more information or to report an untidy or unsightly property, please contact the City on 9439 0200 or [customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au).

Together, we can keep Kwinana beautiful.

## Keeping more than two dogs

The City of Kwinana only permits two dogs per property. If you wish to add another furry friend to your family, an application with a non-refundable fee must be made to the City.

To request an application or for more information contact the City on 9439 0200 or [customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au) or visit the City's website [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/animals](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/animals).

## Tips for keeping your cat happy at home

Cats are happiest and healthiest at home with you. Cats 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.

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).

## Bulk waste collection review

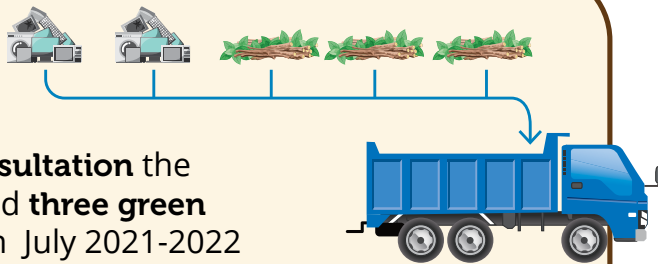
The City's Waste Team recently undertook a review into the City's current bulk waste and greenwaste collection schedule. After extensive community consultation, the results are in. You can see the outcomes on the opposite page.

It was pleasing to see that such a high percentage of our community are satisfied with the current verge collection services. Cost and convenience are still the two most important factors when it comes to verge collection services, but an increase in recycling is hot on their heels, which is encouraging to see.



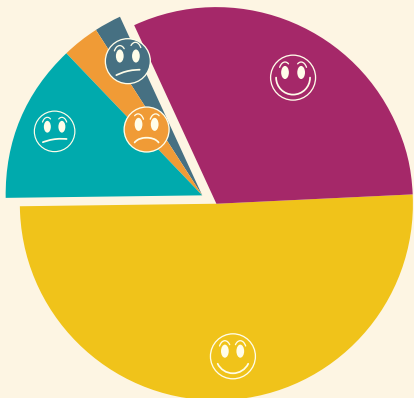
## Bulk Waste Collection Review Outcome

After extensive **benchmarking** and **community consultation** the City of Kwinana will proceed with **two bulk waste** and **three green waste verge collections per year**, commencing from July 2021-2022



1,132  
responses

were submitted to the survey  
(open from September to  
October 2020)



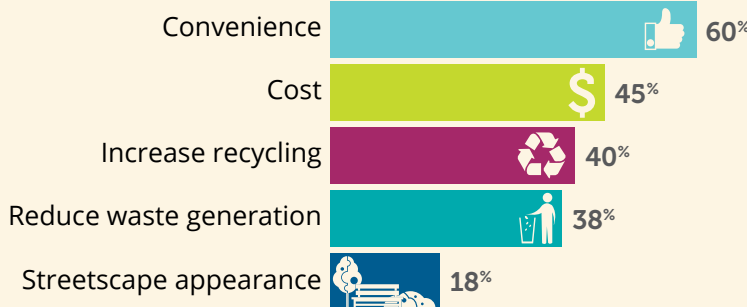
31% Highly satisfied  
50% Somewhat satisfied  
13% Not satisfied  
3% Highly un-satisfied  
2% Unsure

over 80%  
were satisfied

with the current verge collection services.

### Important factors...

Which factors are most important to the community?



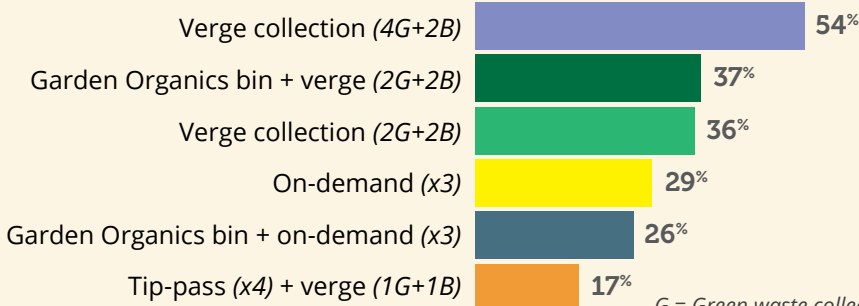
Highest priority  
was convenience

Lowest priority  
was street appearance

Percentages  
based on total  
first and second  
preferences

### Thinking ahead...

Which services would the community like to see in the future?



Strong preference  
for continued verge collections

Lowest preference  
was tip passes

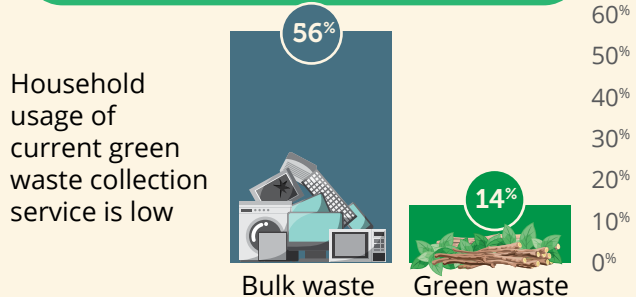
G = Green waste collection, B = Bulk waste collection, totals per annum

### In comparison...

Kwinana's current **4x** green waste  
collections  
is **higher** than **any other** Metro Council

With almost all providing **2x or fewer**

### Current service usage...





# Living Green in Kwinana

The much-loved Living Green Environmental Series is back for 2021 from April to June.

All your favourite events are happening such as the always-popular Seedling Subsidy Scheme, Nightstalk with Joe Tonga, Living Smart Course, Community Planting Days and more.

Check out the 'What's On' section on the City's website for details.



## Upcoming Events:

### Clean up Australia Day

- Sunday, 7 March 2021
- 9am to 11am
- Sandringham Park at Wildflower Reserve, Nottingham Parkway Orelia
- 9439 0418

Help clean up our local area this Clean Up Australia Day. Please wear enclosed shoes, long sleeves and a hat and bring along a water bottle.

### Composting Workshop

- Saturday, 13 March 2021
- 10am to 12pm
- Frank Konecny Centre, 2 Skottowe Parkway, Parmelia
- 9439 0275

### Kid's Worm Farm Workshop

- Tuesday, 13 April 2021
- 11am to 12pm
- Ken Jackman Hall, Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre
- 9439 0275

### Composting workshop

- Saturday, 15 May 2021
- 3pm to 5pm
- Ken Jackman Hall, Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre
- 9439 0275

### Worm Farm Workshop

- Saturday, 19 June 2021
- 11am to 1pm
- Ken Jackman Hall, Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre
- 9439 0275

## Be a coastal change-maker!

Do you know a young person who loves the beach and wants to make a difference on our coasts?

Perth NRM is looking for teams of young people to identify coastal conservation issues and develop a real-world project to address these issues with the support of their peers, scientists, artists, conservationists and educators.

The CSBP Coastal Connections Challenge starts with a free two-day event to raise awareness and empower teams of young people to take real action on coastal issues, with the opportunity to design, deliver and showcase a practical project by June.

Developed in partnership between CSBP and Perth NRM, the Challenge makes direct links between conservation values, sustainability, STEM and the school curriculum. Speakers will include youth leaders, scientists and coastal experts.

Schools and youth-oriented groups are encouraged to register their interest in nominating a youth team (or two) for the 2021 CSBP Coastal Connections Challenge by Friday, 12 March 2021. The Challenge is open to schools and youth groups such as Scouts and Guides in the Southern Metropolitan Perth area.

An overview of the program and its objectives can be found here: [cccc.perthnrm.com/resources](http://cccc.perthnrm.com/resources).

Head to the website to register a team and get updates on programming and speakers.

### Event Details

#### CSBP Coastal Connections Challenge

- 26 to 27 March, 2021
- Rockingham (venue TBC)
- [www.coastalchallenge.com.au](http://www.coastalchallenge.com.au)



# Focus on Koorliny Arts Centre



Koorliny Arts Centre is Kwinana's hive for art, theatre, music and storytelling. It's a place where artists and performers come together to create magic and share this with the community.

We asked Koorliny Arts Centre Kwinana's marketing officer Monique Mulligan what community members most commonly want to know about the centre.

#### Q Don't you mostly do musical theatre?

A It's true, we are well-known for our award-winning musical theatre and theatre performances, but we offer the community so much more! People can book into workshops, in-term classes, meet authors and artists, join in conversations, check out art exhibitions, and that's just the start.

If you're looking for dance, music or art classes for the kids, we've got plenty to choose from. If you want to hear a conversation on the couch with an author, we've got that sorted with Stories on Stage. If you want to have a fun paint-and-sip night with friends, we offer Wine & Art nights. And if you like a Friday morning show before lunch, we have a great Morning Melodies line-up.

We also have a fantastic partnership with Befriend, so they host craft and games nights and storytelling circles at the centre, with more to come.

It's all about providing opportunities for people to get creative, learn new skills, try new things, jump out of their comfort zone, and look at things from different perspectives.

#### Q How can I get involved at the centre?

A That's what we're about, helping people to get involved and feel a sense of belonging. There are three main ways you can do this:

1. Find something you want to try at the centre and give it a go. Try a workshop, a Befriend meetup, or even audition for a show!
2. Tell people about us, share our events, or share pictures afterwards on social media. Don't forget to tag us! Word of mouth is a fantastic way to be an honorary ambassador. We want everyone in Kwinana to know what's available here and you're a big part of helping that happen.
3. Ask our friendly staff what opportunities are available to help behind the scenes at shows and other events. If you have skills to share, tell us – we'd love to know about them.

#### Q Do you run school holiday activities?

A Great question! We trialled a school holiday program in October 2020 and it was such a success we ran an even bigger one in January. We called it 'Makers Week' and offered creative workshops for all ages, not just kids. We plan to do more of these, so keep an eye on our Facebook page or sign up for our e-newsletter to stay posted.

#### Q I've lived in Kwinana for years and never knew there was an arts centre! Where can I find you?

A We get people saying that to us every couple of months and we have a goal to make sure all residents know about where we are and what we do. You can find us on Sulphur Road, in between the City of Kwinana Administration building and the police station and there's plenty of parking out the front. The Google address is 10 Hutchins Way, Kwinana.

If you're looking for information about what's on or to book tickets, you can also find us on Facebook, Instagram and at our website. We also send a monthly e-newsletter to subscribers and add our events and activities to the event page on the City of Kwinana's website.

#### Q What's coming up?

A This March, *Mamma Mia* kicks off the Koorliny Arts Centre and Kwinana Industries Council 2021 Performance Season. At the time of this interview, it was a sell-out due to capacity restrictions, but if things change in the meantime, we'll be sure to let the community know.

We're always adding new shows, events and activities. All you have to do is walk through our front door, give us a call or look us up and we'll tell you what's on at any time.

[www.koorliny.com.au](http://www.koorliny.com.au)



# What's On?

## Lolly Run 2020

The 2020 Lolly Run took on a new format in December. Instead of one event on Christmas morning, the Lolly Run took place over seven evenings in the lead up to Christmas.

While there was some initial disappointment in the move away from the Christmas morning tradition, the new format was well received with many saying the festive Christmas carols and bright lights were an excellent addition to the event.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to spread Christmas cheer and stand on the back of the trucks, throwing out lollies, dancing and greeting our community.

This event provided a great opportunity for residents to come together, chat to neighbours and celebrate the end of the year.

This event would not have been possible without the generous support of the Kwinana Industries Council (KIC) and their members.



## OMG! Fringe

The City of Kwinana's first ever Fringe festival, OMG! Fringe will take place at the end of April. The festival had to be postponed from its original date in February due to COVID-19 restrictions.

OMG! Fringe will host 30 shows over 10 days at a range of venues across the City and will have something for everyone, from adult-only comedy and family variety fun to community arts, dancing and even something a little more risqué.

Will we see you there? Head to [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/OMG](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/OMG) for full details.

This event was made possible by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Fremantle Ports, Koorliny Arts Centre and VCM Events Perth.



## 2021 Alcoa Children's Festival

To help the City deliver the super exciting Alcoa Children's Festival you all know and love, we've had to move the event until we can safely have large groups of people, stages, face painting and amusement rides all in one place again.

We're hoping to bring this popular community event back to Calista Oval in late 2021.

Keep an eye on the City of Kwinana Facebook page for more information as it becomes available.



## Kwinana Public Library

Library and Information Week and National Simultaneous Storytime are just around the corner. This year's theme is 'Adventures in Space and Time'. See [www.alia.org.au/liw](http://www.alia.org.au/liw) for more details and keep an eye on the City's What's On page to check out how the Kwinana Public Library will be celebrating.



# Community Funding

## Say g'day with a Neighbour Day rebate

Whether through a cuppa, a picnic in the park or a game of cricket in your front garden, the \$150 Neighbour Day Everyday rebate is the perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbours year-round.

Sebago Street in Wellard hosted a Neighbour Day Everyday Christmas gathering and made use of support from the City of Kwinana.

"We organised a sausage sizzle and asked everyone to bring a plate," said resident Jessica.

The whole event was a huge success with around 40 people from 15 households attending.

"After the party, a small group got together and tidied the front garden of a neighbour who was unable to do so herself because of health issues," added Jessica.

"Many people don't make the effort to talk to their neighbours anymore, but I think it's important to get to know your neighbours from both a safety perspective and to create a sense of community."

In addition to the \$150 rebate, 'borrow boxes' with party accessories, games and more are available for you to boost your activity.

To register your event, book a borrow box or for help planning your event, contact Community Projects Officer – Community Safety on 9439 0200.

Want more ideas to connect with your neighbours? Check out '52 Ways to Connect with your Neighbours' and other resources on the City's website. Head to [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au) and search for Neighbour Day Everyday.



## Calling all Kwinana Community Groups!



The **Kwinana Community Funding Program** supports projects, activities and initiatives that promote wellbeing and a sense of belonging in Kwinana's community by funding not-for-profit community organisations and groups.

The Program is a partnership between the City of Kwinana and Kwinana Community Chest. We welcome applications for up to \$5,000 from local community organisations to support capacity building and community engagement projects.

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

Applications for the next round of funding open on 15 March and close 23 April 2021.

## Placemaking Grant (community projects)

Placemaking is about creating great places that people love. It's about strengthening the connection between people and the places we share and creating public spaces where we feel welcome. If you have a great idea to enhance your community space, we want to hear from you.

Funding is open all year round.



All community funding applications must be submitted through the online portal powered by Smarty Grant via the City's website.



For more information, visit [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/grants](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/grants) or contact the Administration and Special Projects Officer on 9439 0200 or [customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au).



# Spotlight on Volunteers

Chorus volunteer Jenene Wilkins understands the satisfaction you get from helping others. Jenene moved to Kwinana 30 years ago and started volunteering as a way to get to know new people. She recently received a volunteer award for her 30 years of service.

Starting out as a driver taking people shopping and to appointments and providing social support, Jenene now assists in the office with administration.

For many years now Jenene has been a caring member of the Chorus Centre (and previous entities). Her dedication to providing a supportive and friendly face to members of the centre is welcoming to those who attend the centre, work and volunteer alongside her.

"Since volunteering, I have come to realise the self-satisfaction you get from helping others,

which monetary rewards can't provide," said Jenene.

"Don't get me wrong, getting paid is great, but volunteering has made me aware of other ways to feel rewarded and how doing something can make a positive impact on others."

National Volunteer Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. From Monday, 17 May to Sunday, 23 May 2021, National Volunteer Week will celebrate the significant contribution of Australia's almost six million volunteers.



Interested in volunteering? Contact the Kwinana Volunteer Centre at [volunteering@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:volunteering@kwinana.wa.gov.au) or 9236 4314.



# Forget Me Not Memory Café

Forget Me Not Memory Café is a registered association which holds community gatherings at cafés around WA.



The Forget Me Not Memory Café provides a warm and welcoming space for those living with dementia and their carers to join for a coffee and a chat. The Kwinana-based meeting happens on the fourth Wednesday of every month at The Dome Café in Kwinana.

The support group has also created forget-me-not lapel pins. The lapel pins are designed to be worn by those living with dementia so they can be easily identified if found wandering and otherwise ignored as a healthy individual.

For more information on the lapel pins, cafés and dementia support, please visit [www.forgetmenotmemorycafe.com](http://www.forgetmenotmemorycafe.com).

# Have Your Say!

The City of Kwinana is currently reviewing its Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP). The DAIP helps us plan and implement improvements to access and inclusion across seven outcome areas: services and events, buildings and facilities, information, quality of service, complaints, consultation processes, and employment.

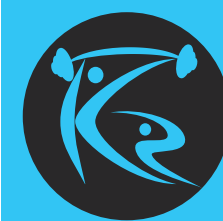
Do you have any concerns, comments or suggestions for improving access and inclusion in our City? We would love to hear from you. We would especially like to speak to:

- people with disabilities;

- family and friends of people with disabilities; and
- carers, agencies and service providers.

Feedback is being sought via community workshops and online survey. The survey is also available in hard copy upon request. You can access the online survey at [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/DAIP](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/DAIP).

For more information on how to provide feedback and for workshop dates please visit [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/DAIP](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/DAIP) or contact our Community Development Officer – Diversity, on 9439 0200 or email [customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au).



# What's on at Kwinana Recquatic?

## Kwinana Swim School

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

Our swimming instructors are experienced and fully qualified and aim to get the best swimming potential out of you or 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!

**Term 2 commences on Monday, 19 April 2021**

Cost	\$158.40 (11 week term)
Current participant enrolments	from Monday, 29 March 2021.
New participant enrolments	from Tuesday, 6 April 2021

## Junior Programs

We have a range of programs available to keep the little ones active and engaged in physical activity.

### Tumbling Tots (1-2 years) and Jumping Juniors (3-4 years)

Term 2 commences Thursday, 22 April 2021

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

Term 2 commences Friday, 23 April 2021

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

Term 2 commences Saturday, 24 April 2021

For full details or to book in, contact the Recquatic on 9236 4700 or email [recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au).



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).

## 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).



