

Spirit of Kwinana

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Mayor's Message

There is plenty to celebrate in Kwinana as the weather warms up, and more sunshine heralds National Biodiversity Month.

I invite you to take part in a series of events highlighting the flora and fauna we have here in Kwinana with opportunities to be a citizen scientist or a weeding warrior. You can read more about this on page 4.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all individuals featured in this edition of Spirit Magazine who were recognised recently for their achievements.

These include the NAIDOC Week Award winners, our photography competition winners celebrating Kwinana as the 'City of Trees', local award-winning businesses, and our hardworking Kwinana Recquatic staff.

The City also celebrated a special milestone of its own, marking 100 years since its namesake, the *SS Kwinana*, came to rest on local shores during a storm on 28 July, 1922.

The name 'Kwinana' was adopted for the townsite in 1937. A commemorative event held in July provided a fabulous opportunity to see just how far we've come, with Census data showing more than 45,000 people now call the City of Kwinana home.



Looking forward, I know the Wandi community is especially excited for the opening of its new sporting pavilion on Honeywood Oval.

This building will be dual-named Ngook Boorn Mia-Mia / Honeywood Pavilion in a first for the City. Summer Sounds will be held on Honeywood Oval, so I invite you to take the opportunity to view the new facility amid some laid back tunes.

Carol Adams OAM
Mayor of Kwinana

Photo Finish

The City's annual photography competition this year asked entrants to submit photos of trees located within the local government area.

A flurry of entries arrived, with 133 submissions focused on the 'City of Trees' theme celebrating the City's lush urban canopy.

Photography workshops held prior to the Love My Kwinana Photo Competition provided tips for amateurs to apply to their entries.

Three winning photos were selected by a judging panel which included City of Kwinana Mayor Carol Adams and a professional photographer.

Three further entries received judges' recommendations, and all eligible entries were exhibited in the Carol Adams Community Lounge at the Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre in August.

Mayor Adams congratulated the winners, including Will Battle who won the child category for his image from



Sloan's Reserve and received \$200 in prize money.

Sienna Rose Micallef's image from Wally's Circuit in Sloan's Reserve won the youth category with \$300 in prize money, and Joy Proby's image of a tree outside the Kwinana Senior Citizen's Centre won the adult category with \$400 in prize money.

Judges' commendations also went to Mehraj Kaur, Shantilla Piazzola and Tamarah Calder.

AUSTSWIM Wins

Sensational swimming instructors Melissa McCabe and Cecilia Cappeluti were recognised by AUSTSWIM in July for their involvement in helping students young and old learn confidence and skill in the water.

Mrs McCabe received the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Aquatics Access and Inclusion Award, while Mrs Cappeluti won the award for AUSTSWIM Teacher of Aquatics Access and Inclusion (Adults).

Kwinana's Swim School was also recognised for its Specialised Access Inclusion Lessons Program (SAIL Program).

The Program offers about 55 places for one-on-one lessons each school term for students who struggle in a group environment due to learning and/or medical conditions.

The SAIL Program is supported by Royal Life Saving WA to help reduce the cost of swimming lessons for these students.

"Having the opportunity to learn to swim is a necessity in the WA environment," Mayor Carol Adams said.

"Since 2015, the Kwinana Recquatic's SAIL program has been breaking down the barriers for people of all ages providing them an opportunity to learn to swim in a safe, welcoming and affordable environment.

"The SAIL Program has even had a student come through who went on to represent the State in swimming competitions," Mayor Adams said.

Emerging Leader

From Lifeguard to Acting Centre Manager, Willem De Klerk has been a familiar friendly face at the Kwinana Recquatic for the past 11 years.

When he's not busy at the centre, you'll find him in the great outdoors.

"I advocate for an active lifestyle, so I enjoy outdoor cricket, swimming and running," Mr De Klerk said.

In July, Willem received the Emerging Leader of the Year Award from Leisure Industries WA.

The award recognised people aged 18 to 30 years who were committed, passionate, motivated and showed potential leadership abilities in an Aquatic Recreation Facility in WA.

Mr De Klerk said it was great to be recognised by his peers in the industry.

"The Recquatic has been a fantastic place to continue growing personally and professionally, with a culture to foster that," Mr De Klerk said.

"I love being part of the Recquatic team and working with them to provide enhanced opportunities for the Kwinana community to be physically and mentally healthy," he said.



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. Get involved by being a citizen scientist or joining the Weeding Warriors in your local reserve this spring.


 Head to www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/majorevents to find out more about the Month of Biodiversity events happening in your area and to secure your place.



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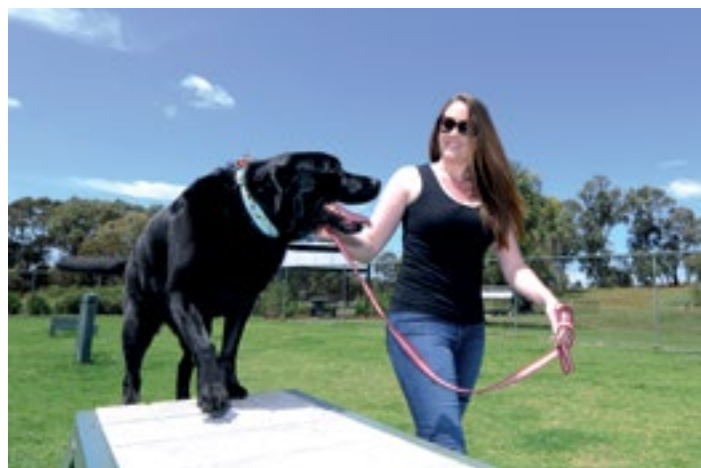
Responsible Pet Ownership

Pet registration renewals are coming up!

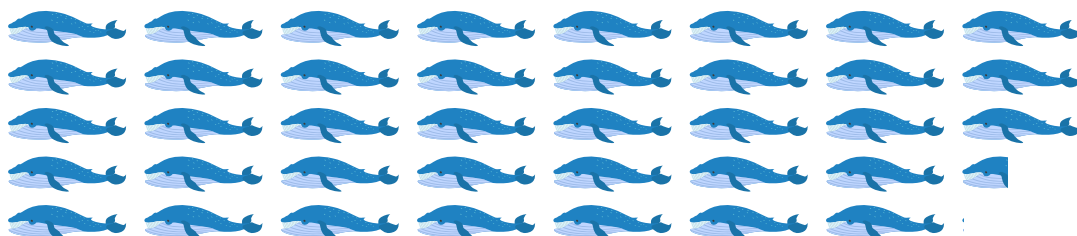
Look out for your notice in the mail. Pay online www.kwinana.wa.gov.au or come in and see our Customer Service Team.

Please remember prior to registering your pet dogs must be microchipped, and cats over the age of six months are required to be sterilised and microchipped.

 For more information call the City's Customer Service team on **9439 0200** or email customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au.



Waste Stats




Did you know?

In 2021/22 the City recycled 3,866.89 tonnes of waste (including recycling, bulk, green waste and recycling hubs).

This is the equivalent of 38.5 blue whales or would fill the Recquatic swimming pool just over five times.

76.17% of waste generated in Kwinana was recycled.

 For more ways to recycle go to www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/waste

Ngook Boorn Mia-Mia

The City's newest sporting pavilion on Honeywood Oval will be dual-named as Ngook Boorn Mia-Mia / Honeywood Pavilion.

Ngook means 'honey', Boorn means 'wood' and Mia-Mia is 'house' in local dialect.

The facility is nearing practical completion, expected to open later in the year for public use on weekends and outside of school hours.

It contains a kitchen, hall/function space, two changerooms, toilets and storage capacity, and overlooks the Honeywood Oval.

The project is proudly supported by the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries as a part of their Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF).



For more information and to learn how to pronounce the new name, visit www.lovelymykwina.com/ngook-boorn-mia-mia-honeywood-pavilion



NAIDOC Week

The NAIDOC Week Awards were announced on 30 June amid arguably the largest attendance ever at the Medina Aboriginal Cultural Centre (MACC) Family Day.

The Awards ceremony named Lynnette Coomer as Aboriginal Person of the Year.

Roslyn Indich won Elder of the Year, and the contribution by non-Aboriginal members of the community went to Lesley and Tamahou Natana.

Tama Oakley won the Youth of the Year Award and Shayne Jacobs was named Sportsperson of the Year.

Two local Elders, Maria Taylor and Des Little, were also acknowledged at the event as they were both named Elder of the Year at the NAIDOC Perth Awards on Saturday, 25 June.

The week of celebrations included an opening event at Medina Hall, an Elders luncheon, Little Peeps Ball, a youth event, and a stunning dance performance at the Moorditj Kulungar Playgroup.



Volunteering Opportunities

Spring is here! Why not step into volunteering?

The Kwinana Volunteer Centre can help you take the next step to find the right volunteer position, or help organisations find volunteers. Each year, the Kwinana Volunteer Centre places nearly 300 individuals into local community groups and not-for profit organisations.



Contact the Kwinana Volunteer Centre on **9236 4314** or email **volunteering@kwinana.wa.gov.au**. Open Monday to Wednesday at the Darius Wells Community Centre.

Meet Christina and Jasmine



Christina decided to volunteer to fill in some time after retiring.

"I chose Story Dogs because it gave me an opportunity to volunteer with my Labrador Jasmine," Christina said.

"Jas is very social and loves attention, especially belly rubs, and is happy to be a non-judgemental listener to young people who may be reluctant readers."

"I am grateful that there are a number of schools recognising the value of dogs as a therapeutic tool in the classroom since we started in 2016."

Kwinana Public Library

Unable to visit the library?

The Kwinana Public Library provides a free home library delivery service for residents who live in the City of Kwinana who are unable to visit the library due to short-term or long-term disability or health problems.

The service includes library staff selecting appropriate items according to a personalised profile.

Items are delivered and picked up every two weeks from your front door providing a safe and convenient delivery service.

There is no maximum or minimum duration to use this service. If you or someone you know would benefit from using this service, please contact library staff on 9236 4300 for more information.

E-resources

Kwinana Public Library e-resources include Kanopy and Freegal. Kanopy allows Library patrons to stream four ad-free movies per month while Kanopy Kids is an unlimited streaming platform.

Download the app or visit www.kanopy.com/en/kwinana

Freegal provides Library members access to thousands of ad-free songs, music videos and audiobooks to stream and download.

Download the app or visit kwinana.freegalmusic.com/browse



Keep up to date with all the programs and events at our Community Centres

www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/whatson



Business Awards

At the recent Rockingham Kwinana Chamber of Commerce Business Awards, two local businesses were recognised as leaders in their fields.

Wandi specialist tea company, High Tea with Harriet was awarded Solo Business of the Year. Proprietor and tea merchant, Denise Davies was also a Finalist for the Business Person of the Year.

Wellard tutoring business Wise Owl Tuition were awarded Start-Up Business of the Year. Founder Emily Fogg is a qualified teacher and has already developed a strong local client base.

The City of Kwinana congratulates these local businesses on their success.



CCTV Rebates

Do you have an existing home CCTV system?

The City of Kwinana has partnered with WA Police to provide rebates of \$50 to local businesses and residents who register their current functioning CCTV systems with Cam-Map WA via www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/cctvrebates



Business Grants

The City's Commercial Support Grants close 5pm Monday, 24 October.

Grants of up to \$1000 are available to Kwinana based retail and home-based businesses. For more information visit www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/Business-Grants-And-Funding



Kwinana Recquatic

Welcome to the start of your health and fitness journey.

Welcome to Kwinana Recquatic!

No matter what kind of member you are, we have everything you need to kick start your health and fitness journey!

With four unique health and fitness spaces, we have what you need to reach your goals, whether it be group fitness, functional training, body building or wanting to build new relationships with your local fitness community.

It's all here and we can't wait for you to join the family with no lock in contracts.

Find out more www.recquatic.com.au



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

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)

JUMPING JUNIORS (3-4 years)

MULTI-SPORTS (5-12 years)

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 FIVE-A-
SIDE SOCCER**

**TUESDAY EVENING
MIXED SEVEN-A-
SIDE NETBALL**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING
LADIES SEVEN-A-
SIDE NETBALL**

**FRIDAY MORNING
SEVEN-A-SIDE NETBALL**

Kwinana Swim School

Kwinana Swim School provides swimming lessons for children from three months of age 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, plus a female only lesson available on Wednesdays at 6pm, it's never too late to learn to swim!



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 for all court hire requests, costs and availability.

Neighbour day

There is no better time to get to know your neighbours!

Neighbour Day is back in 2023 and the City is seeking eligible Local Kwinana community groups to apply for grants of up to \$2,000 to host a Neighbour Day Event on Saturday, 25 March or Sunday, 26 March 2023.

For groups who can provide an additional cash contribution from their own group or a third party sponsor/event partner, the City will match this contribution dollar for dollar up to an additional \$1,000 (\$3,000 total available funding per event).

For residents and community groups who are looking to organise a smaller scale event for Neighbour Day 2023, a grant of \$800 is available to assist with the hosting of your event. Local community members are encouraged to build better relationships with their neighbours and recognise the social, emotional and mental benefits of connecting with others.

Applications open Monday, 26 September 2022, and close Friday, 25 November 2022, don't miss out!

Find out more about Neighbour Day
www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/neighbourday



Centenary commemorated

A commemorative event in July marked 100 years since the *SS Kwinana* arrived on local shores during a storm on the 28 July, 1922.

Clara Wells ran a small store and post office near the site and began marking mailbags 'Kwinana Wreck'. The name stuck and was officially adopted for the township in 1937.

In 1941, the wreck was used for an army explosives training exercise, and it was later cut down to water

level and filled with limestone and concrete. In the 1960s it provided access to an ocean swimming pool.

New signage was unveiled at Kwinana Beach during the event and an exhibition of historical image was displayed at the Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre. Ronald Day who lived at Kwinana Beach from 1938 shared his memories and Councillors inspected the resting place of the *SS Kwinana*.



Mozzie protection tips

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

1. Cover Up – wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can.
2. Repel – When you are outdoors and mosquitoes are present, apply insect repellent containing DEET (Diethyltoluamide) or Picaridin evenly to exposed skin.
3. 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.



Fire Notice

Prepare yourself this bushfire season by walking around your property and assessing potential risks. Look for items likely to burn or areas where embers could start a fire, including gutters.

Look out for this year's Fire Notice; this notice includes information to ensure that you as the owner or occupier of the property understand your legal obligations.

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



For further information on the Fire Notices, visit the City's website www.kwinana.wa.gov.au or contact City Assist on **9439 0200**.

Engineering Projects



The City delivers a number of works, projects and initiatives ensuring Kwinana residents have an accessible and well-connected City.

We work on improving streets for driving, walking, and cycling as well as maintaining infrastructure, playgrounds and parks and reserves to a high standard.

Funding is delivered for these works through careful budgeting and several grants from State and Federal Government.



For more information on planned, commenced or on hold projects in your area go to www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/projectsworksinitiatives

Hidden Nature Things

Providence Estate's Bulrush Park is now home to a new Hidden Nature Things art installation by Tim Meakins.

Tim Meakins is a Perth artist, working across sculpture, painting, print, animation and publishing.

Find all the colourful creatures hidden within the park on Irasburg Parade and grab your workbook and stickers from the Library before embarking on your adventure!



Sloan's Cottage

Sloan's Cottage in Leda, built in 1911 and heritage listed in 1992, has had a number of community groups care for it over the years and remains a landmark building in Kwinana.

Most recently, the cottage has undergone a facelift through Federal funding for a Work for the Dole program coordinated by the Museum of Perth.

In addition to interior renovations, a large vegetable garden now sits alongside the cottage which has

been established by trainees and the Museum of Perth's Heritage Gardens Coordinator Stacey Smithers. Kangaroo Paw plants donated by the City of Kwinana will feature in a wildflower walk including bush tucker plants on the site.

The floorboards inside Sloan's Cottage were oiled, and walls repaired and repainted in soft heritage colours of greens and creams.



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!

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

Find out more about the halls and facilities for hire www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/facilitiesforhire

Eyes on the Street

Download the 'eyesonthestreet' app on your smartphone to access live reporting of incidents to Police.



Seniors' Week

Celebrate Seniors Week with the City this November!

Watch your letterboxes this October for a brochure including a list of events and activities running throughout November.



Find out more at www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/seniorsweek

Summer Events

Our Summer Events season is just around the corner! Find out what's on and book your tickets now at www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/majorevents



Community Safety

Find out more about what Community Safety Resources the City provides at www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/communitysafety

Community Mediation

Disputes between neighbours or community members can be stressful for all involved.

If parties are unable to discuss the matter directly or remain unable to reach a resolution then mediation may assist. For more information on community mediation visit:

www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/community/other-support/community-mediation

Contacting and keeping up-to-date



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