

# Spirit of Kwinana

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Summer **2022**



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# Birak / Bunuru

The Nyoongar seasonal calendar includes six different seasons in a yearly cycle.

Birak is the 'first summer'. Known as the season of the young, it is a dry and hot, burning time during December and January.

Bunuru is the 'second summer', known as the season of adolescence, and the hottest part of the year in February and March.

## Mayor's Message

**December heralds Summer, or Birak the 'first summer' in the Nyoongar seasonal calendar, and with it the highlights of our busy events season.**

Summer Sounds was an overwhelming success, bringing 4,500 people together on the oval in front of the new Ngook Boorn Mia-Mia / Honeywood Pavilion.

The Light Up the Square event in Chisham Square on 2 December this year provided fabulous family entertainment including low-sensory spaces to make it a more inclusive and accessible event for residents.

Coming up, the Lolly Run will once again bring little bags of cheer in the form of lollies to children throughout the City in the lead up to Christmas. To learn about these events and more, check out page 3.

The year has been a productive one, with Junior Neighbourhood Watch established in a State first for Kwinana, and the Worrall Court transformation project a finalist in State Planning awards. Both projects have improved community safety in our City.

We continued to prepare for Local Government reforms by live-streaming Council meetings and changing to a community elected Mayor at the October 2023 Local Government elections.

We have also distributed \$60,000 in grants for youth mental health projects which will be in place by the end of the year, and launched a new Kwinana Recquatic website.

The Depot received significant renovations to increase space for the growing number of staff, and the City continued major improvements to



the way local small businesses interact with the City, launching a Business Hub on its website.

The Recquatic's Special Access and Inclusion Lessons (SAIL) won a national award, and as a community we celebrated 15 years of Peter Carnley Anglican Community School and, of course, more than 50 years of Steve Treeby's dedication as a volunteer firefighter with Mandogalup Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.

Steve and his family are featured on the front of this edition, and you can read more about their devotion to the safety of the community on pages 4 and 5.

The Federal Government recently released a new fire danger warning system, so I encourage you to become familiar with what it means for you and your family as we head into warmer weather.

**Carol Adams OAM**  
**Mayor of Kwinana**

## School Celebrates Milestone Year

**Peter Carnley Anglican Community School celebrated its 15th anniversary in the City of Kwinana this year, opening in 2007 in Wellard with just 16 staff and 128 students as a distinctly Anglican low-fee school.**

More than 140 staff now educate 1,166 students across two campuses, with the Calista Campus opening in the 10th anniversary of the school to cater for early learners.

Mayor Carol Adams and fellow Councillors were among those invited to attend the 15th Anniversary Founders Day Service, held on Friday 17 June, with Cr Barry Winmar performing the Welcome to Country as a local Elder.

# Summer Events

The events season kicked off with the Summer Sounds Concert in the Park on 8 October, drawing enthusiastic crowds to listen to Māori performers Ngaru Pou, throwback 90s duo Claire Fahie and Jordan Anthony, and solo-spectacular Ari Davis.

A crowd of about 4,500 enjoyed food trucks and a range of children’s activities on the oval in front of the new Ngook Boorn Mia-Mia / Honeywood Pavilion which is the City’s first dual-named facility.

Young people were in for a treat at the special youth-focussed Spooky Saturday Halloween event at The Zone on 29 October. The events season rolled on with Get in the Grove! Summer Fest on 19 November offering food trucks a small bar, picnic tables and lots of free entertainment in The Grove between the City Administration Building and the Koorliny Arts Centre. Light Up the Square also took place on 2 December.

Keep an eye out for upcoming major events including the Lolly Run in December, and a second Summer Sounds event to be held in Bertram in February.



The school’s annual Founders Day honours those who helped establish the school including School Patron the Most Reverend Dr Peter Carnley AC whose name the school bears, and House Patrons Reverend Peter Laurence, Mr Keith Lindbeck, Mr John Moody and Bishop David Murray.

The anniversary year also celebrated the opening of two new buildings including The Grace Chapel where the school community and Parish of Kwinana now gather, and the Hub which is a creatively designed centre for innovation, research and the Arts situated in the heart of the school.



*The Lolly Run will be held from 4.30pm to 8.30pm from 17 December to 23 December.*

Saturday, 17 December	Medina, Honeywood and Apsley Estate
Sunday, 18 December	Wellard
Monday, 19 December	Calista and Orelia
Tuesday, 20 December	Leda and Homestead Ridge
Wednesday, 21 December	Bertram
Thursday, 22 December	Sunrise, Providence, Emerald Park, Oakebella and the Wedge Estates
Friday, 23 December	Parmelia, Kwinana Town Centre

Anketell, Mandogalup and Wandi, Casuarina and Wellard East runs are being undertaken by the local Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades, therefore dates are subject to availability of fire crews.



For more up to date information, and to follow the trucks on their journey via live tracking visit [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/lollyrun2022](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/lollyrun2022).

Find out more at [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/city-life/things-to-do/major-events](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/city-life/things-to-do/major-events)



# Firefighting Family Marks Major

**Steve Treeby followed in his dad's footsteps when he joined the Mandogalup Volunteer Bushfire Brigade. Growing up on a family farm, hessian bags and tree branches and back burning were once used to fight fires.**

Now Steve says its more about science and fire behaviour, using planes and helicopters. But there are more lives at stake and certainly more properties in the area than when he started volunteering 51 years ago.

An experienced volunteer firefighter, Steve has been a Brigade Lieutenant and was Captain for 22 years.

He has served as volunteer Kwinana Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer, and is currently a Fire Control Officer at the Brigade.

Steve's half century of service was acknowledged at the City of Kwinana's annual civic event for local Emergency Services in June.

His wife Fay grew up in Hope Valley which had its own small brigade before amalgamating with the Mandogalup Brigade.

As their family grew, each of their three children signed up to the Mandogalup Brigade aged 15.

Fay has now served more than 40 years, and their son Craig for 26 years. Craig is the current Captain, acknowledged this year at the Civic event for more 25 years of service.

Steve and Fay's daughter Amy Markusic has been in the Brigade 24 years, and Brett volunteered there for 11 years before he moved to Karratha

where he served locally for nine years, then returned to the Kwinana Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service for a further eight years.

"Our families have always had a sense of community involvement ranging from Progress Associations, school P and C's, Naval Base Dance Committee, kids sporting groups, and Fay's father Arthur de San Miguel was a Councillor for 17 years," Steve said.

"Our children have grown up with their family always involved in the community and assisted with Fire Brigade activities from a very early age.

"It is a great challenge and sense of achievement to save properties, homes, and to control bushfires particularly before the time of air support," he said.

As a family they have also experienced some challenging moments, especially in the early days when the Brigade was the first call to traffic accidents with little more than Senior First Aid Training.

But a particular Saturday is etched in their memories as a harrowing day with soaring temperatures, unreliable communication, and lives and livelihoods at risk.

"Our most memorable and challenging fire was 'Sooty Saturday' in February 1991," Steve said. "The day was 46°C with strong winds when a fire started in The Spectacles.

"It could not be contained until it reached the Wandi area at night.

"Fay and I were in separate locations and both were given the impression the other had been lost to the fire.

## Bushfire Safety

**The Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) system changed as of 1 September.**

The new system is being used across the country, so whether you are at home or travelling, you will see the same system being used.

Community feedback informed the design to make fire danger easier to understand and provide clear advice about how to stay safe.

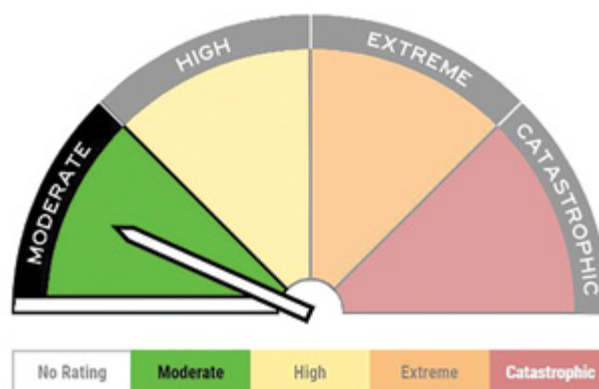
The new system has four levels instead of six, with actions for each level so you know what to do to protect your life, family and property, in the event of a fire.

- 1. Moderate:** Plan and prepare
- 2. High:** Be ready to act
- 3. Extreme:** Take action now to protect your life and property
- 4. Catastrophic:** For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

There is also a no rating as well, represented by the white bar under the new Fire Danger Rating System.

You can continue to check the daily fire danger for your area at Emergency WA or by visiting the Bureau of Meteorology website.

As a Local Government, we have also updated our network of Fire Danger Rating roadside signs.





# Milestones at Mandogalup

"The fire also impacted our property where our three children were home with their grandmother, although the Police told everyone the area was evacuated.

"As a family it was quite emotional and the Brigade as a whole were impacted in some way. We've had other large fires in the area where we spent days on the fireground, along with most of the Brigade and eventually with our children also fighting fires.

"We have always lived in the rural area and the Brigade provided a great sense of camaraderie with our fellow neighbours. We have a lot of memories of events in Kwinana and further afield, as Brigades from different Councils quite often help one another out.

"The Mandogalup Station however was initially a tin shed constructed by members on private property, with no toilet or meeting area."

Kwinana has two bushfire brigades managed by the City of Kwinana being Mandogalup and Kwinana South.

The Emergency Services Levy on local rates collects funds to a central pool from which Local Governments apply for funding each year according to their anticipated needs.






The area is also served by the Kwinana Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service, and a Career Fire and Rescue Service is based in Hope Valley.

"One of the Brigade's highlights was achieving the present-day station across the road and one of our greatest joys has been to see the journey of our three children becoming very experienced and proficient fire fighters and leaders," Steve said.



*The Mandogalup Volunteer Bushfire Brigade this year celebrated its 60th anniversary.*

Local impacts include:

-  Once the rating reaches high (or above), all fire permits issued which are current will be suspended and the permit holder will be contacted to advise they are not permitted to burn during the time the FDR remains at HIGH.
-  No permits will be issued to residents while the rating is high or above.
-  Ratings now come with action statements to advise of what to do at each of the rating levels, in the event of a fire.
-  No fires in the open during HIGH or above, this includes fire pits.
-  Local brigades also will not be able to conduct mitigation burns when the rating is high or above.



For more details about the new fire danger rating visit [www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/FireDangerRatings/](http://www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/FireDangerRatings/)

## Kwinana Loop Trail

**The City of Kwinana is seeking funding for an upgrade of the 21km Kwinana Loop Trail to a shared use path for walking and mountain bike riding.**

The phased project is estimated to cost \$11.45 million to bring it up to a Class 2 walk and Easy/Green Mountain Bike classification with a consistent hardened surface where possible.

Mayor Carol Adams said the vision for the Kwinana Loop Trail Master Plan is to offer locals and visitors an accessible and immersive trail experience which showcases the layers of history evident and distinctive features of the Swan Coastal Plain.

"The trail offers a unique opportunity to be immersed in the natural bushland, witness some of Kwinana's best views, and the upgrades will include adrenaline-style break out areas on the trail for the more adventurous riders," Mayor Adams said.

Further consultation will take place at the detailed design phase of the Master Plan.

# Project an Award Finalist

**The City of Kwinana's Love My Neighbourhood Project at Worrall Court in Orelia was named a finalist for the 2022 Awards for Planning Excellence in Western Australia.**

The Awards were organised by the Planning Institute of Australia and the project was a finalist in the Community Wellbeing and Diversity category of the Awards.

The successful project saw calls to Police fall by 70 in a matter of months, primarily using environmental design including landscaping and other means to improve the sense of safety at the housing complex.

The transformation project took place in September 2021, and was inspired by an award-winning model from Napier, New Zealand.

A concerned resident living on Worrall Court raised issues at the complex with the City on multiple occasions. Community Development Officer for Community Safety Sinead Gilligan pulled together various State agencies and Departments, including the Department of Communities, Kwinana Police, the State Graffiti Team, Neighbourhood Watch and event some youth from The Zone's Outdoor Adventure group.

Over a two-week period the 19-unit complex and nearby homes were doorknocked to listen to and address the individual safety concerns of residents, and the area was landscaped and cleaned up to restore a sense of pride in the area.

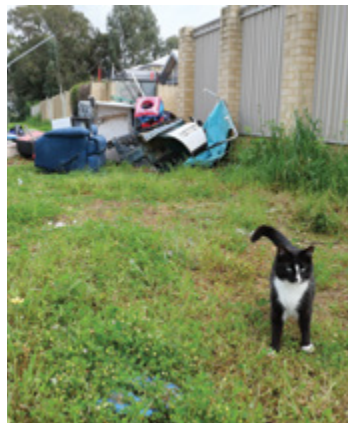
Rubbish was removed, verges and weeds trimmed, broken windows replaced, graffiti cleaned off, infrastructure repainted and mulch laid around new plantings.

Community safety packs were handed out along with information on how to connect with neighbours, and Youth from the Outdoor Adventure Group helped lay mulch and put in

plants, while decorating the sidewalk with chalk activities for children living inside the complex.

A barbecue brought residents of the street together with those living in the complex. Planting initiatives have continued, with requests for additional mulch made by residents and the City's installation of a line of flowering trees along the walkway outside the complex.

The effect was almost immediate with the number of calls to police falling by 50 percent in the three months following the Love My Neighbourhood project, and was down by 70 percent just a few months after that.



## Depot Upgrades

**The City of Kwinana's Operations Depot received a facelift in 2022, with a light-weight extension upstairs to cater for the growing number of staff in response to the City's increasing population growth.**

About 60 staff work from the Depot to provide services mainly concerned with maintaining the City's assets including roads and footpaths; parks and ovals; buildings and drains; playgrounds and the City's natural areas.

While a portion of these services are contracted out, the office team continues to grow in response to managing these outsourced services.

Bursting at the seams, with staff even working from a demountable building, it was time to look at expanding office space and facilities.

Upgrades and even rebuilds were considered to create more space, but ultimately a light-weight second storey was considered with affordable options that provided considerable room for growth.

Amenities for the outside workforce were also improved including the introduction of showers, a modern lunchroom and meeting rooms.





# National Award

**The Kwinana Recquatic Specialised Access and Inclusion Lessons (SAIL) won a national award for Most Outstanding Contribution to Swimming and Water Safety Through Inclusion.**

The SAIL program was created for people of all ages with an intellectual, physical or behavioural issue or impairment who need individual attention or reduced distraction from other swimmers. It provides lifelong skills for these individuals which will enable them to participate in a wide range of aquatic activities.

The SAIL Program also won the same award at the State level, with AUSTSWIM teachers Melissa McCabe and Cecilia Cappeluti also receiving State awards this year.



## Message in a Teacup

**A heartwarming activity was held at the William Bertram Community Centre with participants popping plants into tea cups and attaching positive messages.**

The resulting 'Message in a Teacup' gifts were randomly delivered to houses by youth, supported by City staff, in October. The feedback was positive, and City of Kwinana staff plan to do a similar activity at their annual Christmas breakfast to bring a little Christmas cheer to the community.



## Digging Deep

**Residents and City of Kwinana staff alike dug deep into their closets, donating several boxes worth of winter clothing to families in Ukraine after a callout by the Ukraine Association.**

Ten boxes were collected at the Administration building and The Zone to be flown to Warsaw Poland before being transported to Ukraine.



# Our Maritime History

**This year marks 100 years since the *SS Kwinana* came to rest on local shores, becoming the Town's namesake after post office and store owner Clara Wells began marking post bags "Kwinana Wreck".**

Margaret Feilman, Australia's first qualified female town planner, decided to keep this name when the new town of Kwinana was established further inland in the early 1950s. Margaret decided to continue the maritime theme, naming the first suburbs of Medina, Calista and Orelia after vessels which brought settlers to the Swan River Colony. She also named many of the first streets after passengers on these early vessels. The suburbs of Parmelia and Leda were also named after 19th Century ships.



The City of Kwinana's artefact collection includes a bulkhead clock and a bell from the *SS Kwinana*. These items were originally sold at an auction of the *SS Kwinana*'s hull and contents in November 1921. The clock was gifted to the Town in the early 1950s, and was first displayed in the Medina Library.

The bell, now in Kwinana Public Library, was sold to Dr Field Martell of Fremantle Hospital. After enjoying a holiday in Yallingup, Dr Field Martell gifted the bell to Caves House for use in their cave tours. The bell was presented to the Kwinana Progress Association in 1953, and was present at the opening of Council Chambers in 1979.

Ship's bells were used to alert the crew, and the indicate the time for duty-watches. There are many superstitions around sailing, and the dolphins holding the bell are said to bring luck. It was considered unlucky to rename a vessel, and even worse to change the name on the ship's bell. Our bell is inscribed *SS Darius*, the original name of the *SS Kwinana*.

# Small Business Showcase

## Kwinana Veterinarian Hospital

Kwinana Veterinarian Hospital recently celebrated over 40 years in business.

Purchased in 1981 by Dr Rob Messeguer, the practice was originally established in on Gentle Road, Medina, before moving to its current location on Meares Ave in the Kwinana Town Centre.

The friendly team at the practice provide a range of emergency and everyday services including vaccinations, puppy pre-school, routine surgery, soft tissue surgery and orthopaedics.

They also provide a free, community wildlife care service.



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



## High Tea with Harriet

The Wandi based artisan loose leaf tea company took out a swag of national awards in the last 12 months, including:

### Australian Golden Leaf Awards

- **Gold** - Best Flavoured Black Tea for Melbourne Moments
- **Gold** - Black Tea (Earl Grey) for French Earl Grey

- **Bronze** - Flavoured Green Tea for First Light

### Tasmanian Fine Food Awards

- **Gold** - Melbourne Moments
- **Silver** - Birthday Tea

Congratulations to Denise your team, check out their extensive range of artisan teas online.

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

## Magic Dale

Local magician Magic Dale was named 'Party Entertainer of The Year' in the 2022 Australian Party Awards!

The national awards recognise the skill, talent, and service delivery of the party stylist industry.

Magic Dale has been practicing magic since he was eight years old and is known for bringing together the best old school favourites and the latest in modern magic.

He's available for birthdays, weddings, concerts, roving performances and any kind of event you can think of.



[www.magicdale.com](http://www.magicdale.com)



## Top Beauty Advisor and Store of the Year for Priceline Kwinana!

[www.priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com)

Emily Back from Priceline Kwinana was named the state's top Beauty Advisor in the recent Priceline Awards for exceptional beauty advice, customer service and special event make-up services. Priceline Pharmacy Kwinana also took out the Store of the Year award out of the 27 stores statewide. The team we're absolutely thrilled to go on to represent WA in the national awards. Priceline Kwinana opened its doors at the Kwinana Marketplace in January 2020 after major refit and since then the Kwinana community have embraced the beauty services on offer. Contact Emily and the team at Kwinana Priceline for an appointment today.

Three local businesses were also finalists in the **2022 RKCC Mineral Resources Regional Business Awards**, with **Wise Owl Tuition** and **High Tea with Harriet** winning their categories.

Do you know a local business that's celebrating a milestone or has won an award? Help the City to recognise these local achievers by reaching out to [ivy.penny@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:ivy.penny@kwinana.wa.gov.au)





# 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](http://www.recquatic.com.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).

## 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

Looking to get active in a fun and social environment? 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

ladies five-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](mailto:recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au) for all court hire requests, costs and availability.

# Junior Neighbourhood Watch

**Kwinana launched a Junior Neighbourhood Watch Program at Orelia Primary School with participants travelling to Government House on 13 October to meet the Governor on the 40th anniversary of Neighbourhood Watch in WA.**

Adapting a tried and tested program from Victoria, the City of Kwinana helped establish the Program at the school. The City engaged Year 6 students to write letters to neighbours of the school and doorknock along Bolton Way with local Police asking them to keep watch over the school during the Term 3 school holiday break.

Mayor Carol Adams also commended the school for recently signing up to Your Move, which is a free program run by Department of Transport to encouraging physical activity such as walking, scooting and riding to school.

"On 23 September, the City of Kwinana rolled out the red carpet for Orelia Primary School students who chose to ride, walk or scoot to school," Mayor Adams said.



"Many children made use of the brand new shared path along Gilmore Avenue which is the first shared-use path along a City-owned road, allowing both pedestrians and cyclists to safely use the pathway.

"We are proud to have been able to help make it easier and safer for children to keep active, and it has been lovely to see them engage in community safety initiatives within the City of Kwinana," she said.

## Youth Mental Health

**The City of Kwinana's WA Primary Health (WAPHA) Community Grants Scheme awarded \$60,000 to four mental health projects focussed on boosting the mental health and wellbeing of Kwinana's youth.**

A condition of the funding required all initiatives to take place by the end of the year.

A Youth Cultural Camp, organised by grant recipients the Institute of Indigenous Wellbeing and Sport and Moorditj Koort Aboriginal Corporation, in partnership with the City of Kwinana as a collaboration, was held in the September school holidays as a pilot program to develop ongoing camps from 2023 as a community-led initiative.

The aim of the cultural camp was to build cultural identity and confidence in Aboriginal young people.

Inspire Radio will host a radio show run by young people which will air from the Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre.

Anglicare WA will support parents and carers of children who are experiencing suicidal behaviour and/or non-suicidal self-injury by holding a Building Resilience in Parents workshop.

The Global Development Group, in partnership with Armed for Life, will deliver a Wellbeing Day either as a one-day program or split up over multiple days to schools within the City.

Census 2021 data revealed mental health conditions including depression and anxiety were the highest reported long-term health conditions in the City of Kwinana, followed by asthma, arthritis, and diabetes.

The City of Kwinana partnered with the WA Primary Health Alliance to deliver a total of \$100,000 for three major initiatives targeting youth mental health.





# Business Hub

**This year, much work has been done to improve the experience small businesses have with the City of Kwinana.**

In September 2021, the City of Kwinana's Small Business Friendly Approvals Program Action Plan was finalised, developed in collaboration with the Small Business Development Corporation.

The Action Plan included the creation of a Business Hub on the City's website as a one-stop shop for small businesses to interact with the City and access relevant information regarding permits and approvals.

The City also implemented online food stallholder applications, online trading permits and food business applications.



It removed the requirement for a building permit for low-risk temporary structures as well as progressing numerous other actions.



Explore the Business Hub today at  
[www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/business-hub](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/business-hub)

## Local Government Reforms

**On the 28 September, the City of Kwinana responded to Local Government reforms by allowing voters to directly elect their Mayor at the next election in October 2023.**

Currently, the position of Mayor is determined by the Councillors themselves.

As part of the largest changes to the Local Government Act in more than 25 years, all Band 1 and 2 WA Local Governments will soon be required to switch to a system whereby electors vote directly for the Mayor.

Kwinana is a Band 1 Council. The legislation is anticipated to be introduced to Parliament early next year.

The City has sought, where appropriate, to implement the required changes early so there could be certainty for the 2023 election.

The City has already introduced live-streaming of Council meetings, a community and stakeholder

engagement charter, and an independent Chair on the Audit and Risk Committee.

The role of the Mayor is outlined in the Local Government Act and includes the requirement to preside at meetings, provide leadership and guidance to the community, carry out civic and ceremonial duties, speak on behalf of the City, perform any function as required by the Act of other written law, and to liaise with the CEO on the City's affairs and the performance of its function.

The Mayor also has the same decision-making role as an individual Councillor.

Elections for the positions of Mayor will take place every four years, as opposed to every two years which is the current cycle in Kwinana.

On 28 September, the Council also voted to keep the total number of Elected Members at eight with seven Councillors and one Mayor.

## Christmas Opening hours



**The City wishes you a safe and happy holiday season!**

Closures and rescheduled waste collection dates for the City Administration and Centres are as follows:

*Includes City's Administration Building, City Operations, Banksia Park Retirement Village Office, Community Centres and Zone Youth Space.*

Operating on reduced hours **Wednesday, 7 December**. Centres will open at 10.30am.

Closed from **12pm Friday, 23 December 2022** to **Monday, 2 January 2023** (inclusive).

All centres will reopen with normal operating hours **Tuesday, 3 January 2023**.

For further details about the *Kwinana Recquatic* and *Kwinana Library* opening hours please visit [kwinana.wa.gov.au/christmas-hours-2022](http://kwinana.wa.gov.au/christmas-hours-2022)

City Assist will be operating as usual throughout the festive period.

Waste services will run as normal during the festive period.

For all waste enquiries, please phone **1300 293 955**.

# City Noticeboard

## Summer Events

Our Summer Events season is here! Find out what's on at [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/majorevents](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/majorevents)

## Eyes on the Street

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

## 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](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/community/other-support/community-mediation)

## Space to Co

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

## Community Safety

Find out more about what Community Safety Resources the City provides at [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/communitysafety](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/communitysafety)

## Dog safe travel

If you are planning on travelling to northern WA with your dog, remember to protect them against the brown dog tick and reduce the risk of them getting sick from ehrlichiosis (E. canis).

The best ways to protect your dog include:

- Treating them with an effective brown dog tick prevention product like a collar or spot on product.
- Also use a brown dog tick control product such as tablet or chew so that it kills any ticks that do attach to your dog. Speak to your vet about the most suitable product/s.

If you cannot avoid tick-infested areas, be aware of ehrlichiosis signs: high temperature, tiredness, reduced appetite, weight loss, runny nose or eyes, and unusual bleeding or bruising.

If your dog begins to show signs of ehrlichiosis while you are travelling or on your return, contact your vet immediately.

For more information, visit [www.agric.wa.gov.au/ehrlichiosis](http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/ehrlichiosis). To report signs of ehrlichiosis, call **1800 675 888**.

# Contacting and keeping up-to-date



### In person

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