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# Mayor's Message

**The past few months in Kwinana have been filled with some wonderful stories that show the depth of human kindness and community spirit in Kwinana.**

In the midst of the ongoing disruption caused by the pandemic, and a war raging overseas, we've seen people in our community generously support strangers by volunteering, donating items, or giving their time to organise events for others to enjoy.

A great example of this was the series of Neighbour Day events in March, organised by various community groups and financially supported by the City of Kwinana.

The City has also supported Story Dogs with a grant and a sponsored marquee which featured at recent Neighbour Day events to help recruit volunteers.

Members of the public brought donations of small toys and drawing materials to The Zone for refugee families from the Ukraine, and a collection box was also circulated among City staff by a playground safety inspector.

A particularly meaningful moment for the City was the transformation of a neighbourhood in Orelia which brought State bodies like the Department of Communities, Kwinana Police, and even local youth together with the City beautify a housing complex on Worrall Court.



It is so encouraging to hear that since this Love My Neighbourhood initiative, the number of reports made to police have drastically reduced. Read more about these stories later in this edition.

Looking ahead, we are aiming to bring back the OMG! Fringe Festival to Kwinana mid-June and look forward to even more opportunities to gather and build our sense of community spirit when NAIDOC Week takes place in July with the theme Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!

**Carol Adams OAM  
Mayor of Kwinana**

## Neighbour Day

**Five Neighbour Day events planned by community groups offered people a range of ways to connect and share food together in local parks within the City of Kwinana.**

Usually celebrated on the last weekend of March, Neighbour Day is Relationship Australia's social connection campaign.

The Kwinana Hockey Club organised an event in Orelia on Saturday, 26 March, with a raft of family activities including a bouncy castle and extreme obstacle course.

On the same day, a local youth group known as the Outdoor Adventure Group gathered people together for a round of mini golf, fairy floss, popcorn and giant games at Calista Oval.

On the Sunday, Kwinana in Transition organised an event at the historic Sloan's Cottage, complete with community arts projects, lawn games and live music for people to enjoy over a sausage sizzle or icecream.



The Medina Residents Group opted for a nutritious lunch in the lush shade of Ridley Green, offering eco sustainability information plus a wellness tent and even a Ninja obstacle course.

A petting zoo, pony rides, and woodturning demonstrations kept families entertained at the Wandi Community Centre Oval with free beef rolls and a sausage sizzle organised by the Wandi Progress Association as host of the event.

Each event also provided tips to help people connect and community safety packs handed out included tools and tips to mark and protect property.

Grants of \$2,000 were made available by the City for community groups to run these local neighbourhood events, with an extra \$1,000 to match any other contribution.

# Ukraine donations

**A collection box at The Zone's reception desk was filled four times over with donations from the public of books, toys, stationery and small first aid kits to support refugee families from Ukraine that have settled in Perth.**

The collection point was established by City of Kwinana Property Services Officer Gerry Fitzmaurice who was motivated to do whatever he could to help when news broke about Ukraine's plight.

He is ordinarily a playground safety inspector but quickly got to work finding the right connections.

"I was an army reservist for the 3rd Field Army Corp of Engineers in the Republic of Ireland and in 1974 we saw masses of refugees come from Northern Ireland," Mr Fitzmaurice said.

"You could see the distress on people's faces, but also relief and hope.

"Some of the Ukrainian refugees may settle in Australia and some may be away from home in Ukraine for a while," Mr Fitzmaurice said.

Mayor Carol Adams said Mr Fitzmaurice's efforts were quickly supported by the City of Kwinana and a collection box for donations from staff was circulated around the Depot then the Administration Building, filling it twice in a matter of weeks.

"These actions reflect the strong community spirit that is felt in Kwinana, its Council and staff, but it really is a cause that goes beyond our boundary."

Mr Fitzmaurice connected with a Ukrainian organisation based in Melbourne that has family members and contacts in Ukraine with specific requests to be met. Qantas gives these items priority and transports within 48 hours.

"When I gave the gear to the logistics officer for the Ukraine Association of WA, Terence Dewar, he was blown away by how the City of Kwinana's employees and the public had gotten behind it," he said.

Donations continued to be sought for a long list of medical supplies, and particularly LED head lamps with batteries included, which cost just a few dollars from major hardware stores like Bunnings.

Mr Fitzmaurice enlisted the support of his brother John Fitzmaurice whose workplace Inpex has also donated surplus first aid supplies, an anonymous cheque was donated, and even people in Ireland and the UK saw it on social media and got involved.

The Ukraine Association of WA has secured a warehouse in Canning Vale to house donations and it is responding to requests for medical supplies and medications as the situation worsens inside the walls of hospitals in Ukraine.



## OMG! Fringe

**The City of Kwinana is thrilled to be bringing the OMG! Fringe Festival back to Kwinana for another year.**

Patrons will be welcomed back to The Grove for a weekend of entertainment for the whole family.

Mayor Carol Adams said the OMG! Fringe Festival would serve up a whole host of exciting acts to wow the crowds and food trucks to tantalise the tastebuds.

"I can't wait to see the families coming back to The Grove for the OMG! Festival for another year. This year we are embracing the weather with puddle jumping and toasting marshmallows, as well as the fabulous acts and shows" Mayor Adams said.



# Ngalang Moort Manjar

A portion of Harry Mcguigan Park in Medina has been renamed as Ngalang Moort Manjar to reflect the area's cultural and historical use by local Aboriginal families.

Ngalla Yorga Waangkan chairperson Cindy Ballard said since the 1950s, families had gathered at the hill to socialise and even gave food to any child that came hungry at lunchtime.

The group of women approached Council about renaming the site and a consultation process took place to determine the name.

"Parents would bring lunches and the kids would come over from the school, there was always damper or something cooking, sausages or stew. It used to bring whole families together," Mrs Ballard said.

"We want to come back here and start meeting again."

Mrs Ballard said the tree people often met under was felled by developers but an interpretive overlay on the stump recognised the key Aboriginal families in the area.



Information about local NAIDOC Week activities in July will be posted in the What's On section of the City of Kwinana website at [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/whatson](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/whatson)



## Story Dogs

The City of Kwinana strengthened its relationship with Story Dogs by awarding a sponsorship grant of \$4,214 in May.

The City also provided a sponsored marquee to help Story Dogs recruit volunteers at public events and settings and to encourage further sponsorship.

Mayor Carol Adams said helping Story Dogs recruit more volunteers and garner sponsorship meant more students could receive the support they needed while learning to read.

"We were thrilled to host Story Dogs at our World Read Aloud Day event in February and continue to support their work in Kwinana," Mayor Adams said.

"The library plans to have them back for the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Children's Book Week in August," she said.

Story Dogs volunteer Pam Triplett said her dog Bella was the first Story Dog at Bertram Primary School and still attends the school each Tuesday.

"That age is a period of transition from learning to read to actually reading to learn," she said.

Four volunteer teams cover multiple schools in the City of Kwinana including Rosie with her owner Jenny Drew; Jasmine with owner Christina Macaulay who was the inaugural coordinator of Story Dogs in Kwinana; and golden retriever Cayde and owner Lynda Dye.

For more information on Story Dogs, visit [www.storydogs.org.au](http://www.storydogs.org.au)



# Neighbourhood transformation

A housing complex in Worrall Court, Orelia, has been transformed using an award-winning model from Napier in New Zealand.

The City's Community Development Officer for Crime Prevention Sinead Gilligan pulled together various State agencies and Departments, including the Department of Communities, Kwinana Police, the State Graffiti Team, Neighbourhood Watch and even some youth from The Zone's Outdoor Adventure Group.

Their intention was to use environmental design – using landscaping in particular – to influence an individual's perception of their safety and discourage offending.

Over a two-week period, the housing complex was landscaped to restore a sense of pride in the area.

Representatives from WA Police, the Department of Communities and the City of Kwinana also door knocked each of the 19 units in the complex and other residents of the Worrall Court street to hear and respond to their community safety issues.

Community safety packs were also handed out along with information on how to connect to their neighbours.

Youth from the Outdoor Adventure Group helped lay mulch and put in new plants outside several of the units to brighten the space, and even used chalk to provide

sidewalk activities for children living inside the complex.

At the end of the fortnight, a barbecue was held to bring residents of the street together and planting initiatives have continued since the conclusion of the Love My Neighbourhood project.

The efforts inspired residents to create their own gardens, and additional mulch was made available upon request from the City.

Kwinana Police Station's Sergeant Anthony Nemeth said the number of calls the station was currently receiving about the Worrall Court complex had fallen by 70 per cent as a result of the project.

In fact, the effect was almost immediate with the number of calls to police dropping by 50 percent in the three months following the Love My Neighbourhood project.

"This has been an outstanding example of how strong partnerships can achieve excellent results. It reflects the great work of WA Police, City of Kwinana and Department of Communities to improve the quality of living for those tenants and wider community," Sgt Nemeth said.

## Ride to School

The City of Kwinana successfully motivated 134 people at Honeywood Primary School to register their bikes with *Bikelinc*, which is a police-monitored database than can reconnect stolen bikes, scooters and gophers with their rightful owners.

Each year in WA alone, more than 9,000 bikes are stolen and this figure increases by about 64 per cent each year.

Honeywood Primary School does an annual 'dress up your bike day' and chose this day to partner with the City of Kwinana which put on fruit and drinks and rolled out a red carpet.

People who had registered with Bikelinc prior to the event on 9 May could then choose a prize from a collection of water bottles, bike baskets, lights and locks.

The City is now hoping to roll it out at other local schools to encourage sign ups to Bikelinc.



To register your bike, scooter or gopher with Bikelinc visit [www.bikelinc.com.au](http://www.bikelinc.com.au)



# Special Centenary

**On the night of 28 July 1922, a storm broke out.**

The *SS Kwinana* broke its moorings on Garden Island and came to rest on what would later be known as Kwinana Beach. It has never left.

The ship was built in England in 1892 as the *SS Darius*, and transported horses between Australia and Calcutta for the Currie Line.

The *Darius* was sold to the State Shipping Service of Western Australia in 1912 and renamed in a ceremony in Fremantle.

The *Kwinana* transported passengers and supplies to the North West, returning with cattle to Robb's Jetty in Cockburn.

Whilst in State Service the *Kwinana* suffered several mishaps, finally being damaged beyond repair by a fire in late 1920.

The ship was stripped of all fittings and taken to Careening Bay on Garden Island.

The site of the beached ship must have delighted the children at East Rockingham school, located nearby in Office Road. School teacher Flo Brown wrote:

We explored the old ship from stem to stern on that first morning after she settled in her graveyard on the beach. When we climbed down the gangways into the dark interior, tiny needles of sunlight shone through pin holes in the rusty deck.

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.

Keep an eye out for some special events in July to mark the centenary of the *SS Kwinana*.

This will include a boat building workshop; new signage being unveiled at Kwinana Beach; and an exhibition at the Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre.

*This image of the SS Kwinana taken around 1922 is believed to depict Clara Wells*



## How your Rates are calculated

**It's nearly that time of the year again, rates time! Have you ever wondered how your rates are calculated?**

Calculating the amount of rates everyone in the City should pay is a pretty complex task. Local Governments calculate the rates to be paid on your individual property by using the following formula: property valuation multiplied by the rate in the dollar (RiD) = rates payable.

Firstly, the City calculates the rate in the dollar (RiD) by determining its own operating costs, which includes the cost of labour, or jobs, the cost of materials, such as light fittings and gardening equipment, the cost of running programs and events and providing support services to the community.

Then the City divides its operating costs, which it tries to offset by seeking funding from other sources such as the State or Federal Governments, by the

# Renewable Energy

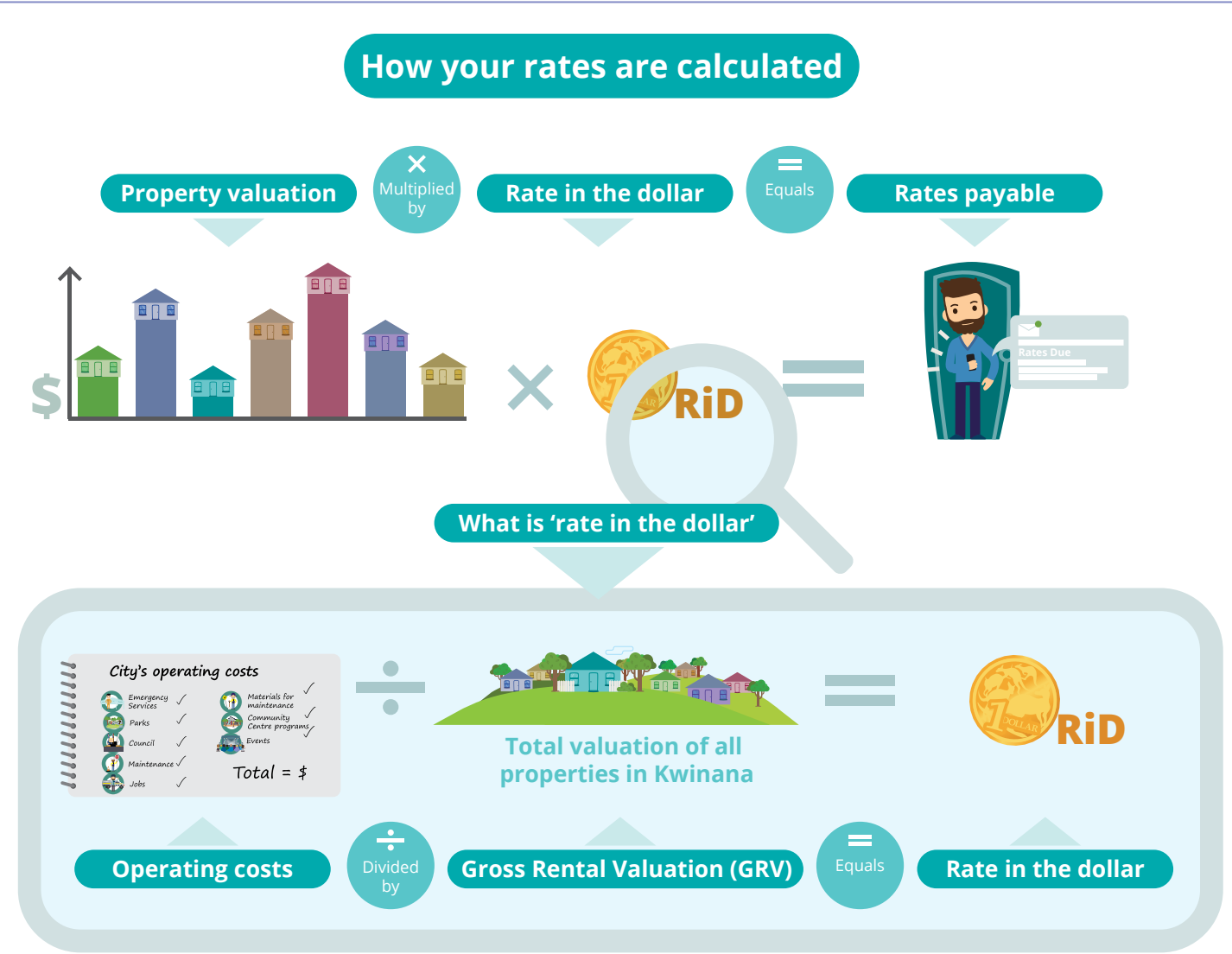
**The City of Kwinana is making a definitive move towards renewable energy, switching power sources for its top 12 energy-using sites in April.**

The Kwinana Recquatic Centre, Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre, The Zone, City Administration Building, Works Depot and Kwinana Business Incubator are now powered by renewable energy.

The Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) recently negotiated an agreement that was now delivering 100 per cent renewable power to the 48 councils across the State that adopted it.

The Council has a potential to save up to \$243,000 per year across the initial three-year agreement which is a substantial saving while moving in the right direction towards a more sustainable future.

Acquiring energy from renewable sources is a key action within the City's *Climate Change Plan 2021-25*.



value of all the 'rateable properties' in Kwinana, which calculates the rate in the dollar (RiD).

The value of the rateable properties in Kwinana is determined by Landgate, of the WA State Government, who values the total properties in the City of Kwinana and calls this the 'Gross Rental Valuation' or GRV. The City uses this value to help calculate the share of rates to be paid by each land owner.

The property valuation, or GRV, is then multiplied by the rate in the dollar (RiD) to calculate the rates payable for each property.

A simple example of how your rates are calculated is shown above.



# Kwinana Public Library

To keep up to date with all the programs and events at our Community Centres visit [kwin.city/3IURMCL](http://kwin.city/3IURMCL)

Keep an eye out for details on Library and Information Week in July and our exciting Book Week program in August.



## 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.

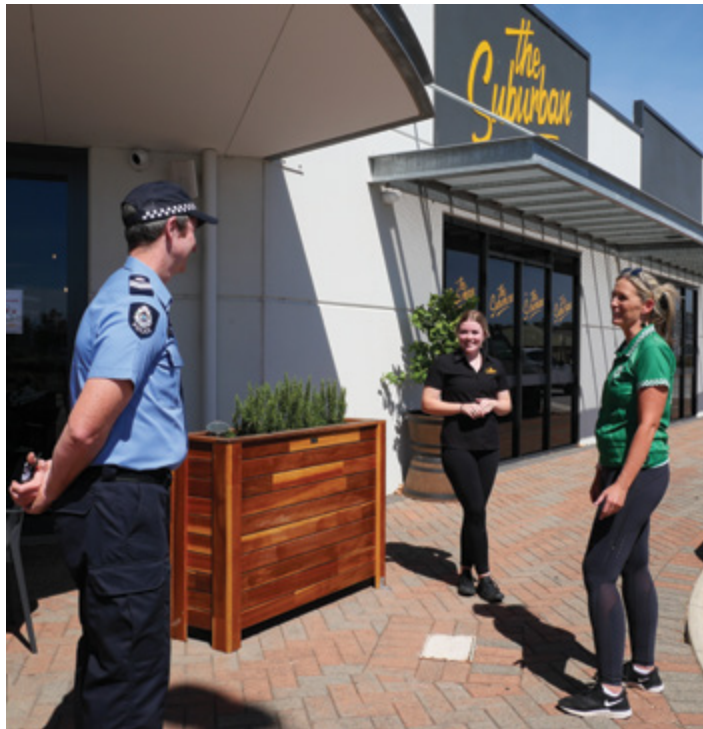
# CCTV Rebates

## 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 via [cam-mapwa.police.wa.gov.au](http://cam-mapwa.police.wa.gov.au)

Cam-Map WA is a wide-ranging secure database of all voluntarily registered CCTV systems across WA. This platform invites home owners to self-register their CCTV system onto a secure database which is operated by the Western Australia Police Force. Knowing the locations of installed CCTV systems will support WA Police investigations and ultimately enhance public safety within the community.

For further information or to register yours today visit [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/cctvrebates](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/cctvrebates)



# Neighbour Day Every Day

## Say g'day with a Neighbour Day Every 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.

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

To register your event, book a borrow box or for help planning your event, contact the 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/neighbourday](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/neighbourday)



# 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

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

## 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 or Wednesday 9am, 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.



# Revitalise the Strand

**We want to hear your thoughts and ideas for working together to make Wellard even better!**

The City is partnering with RAC through their Reconnect WA initiative, the local community, businesses and stakeholders to revitalise The Strand through a program of trials, activations, beautifications and interventions.

We will be running a series of audits, workshops and other engagement activities from June, and we need your help.





To find out more or to get involved, please contact Alyce Brewis from the City's Place Team on **9439 0289** or head to our project page: [www.loveykwinana.com/revitalisethestrand](http://www.loveykwinana.com/revitalisethestrand)

# Margaret Fielman mural

**The City is partnering with the Kwinana Social Club to celebrate the life of one of Kwinana's leading historic figures, Margaret Fielman, with a unique mural paying homage to her life work.**

The mural art project depicts Fielman, the first female architect who designed the Medina townsite to become a pioneer in her field.

Margaret Fielman, as described by the Australian National Trust, "was a trailblazer in her professional life and, coupled with her passion for the environment, the arts and making a difference in future generations, her contribution to Western Australia has been truly enormous".

The mural will be installed in June at The Kwinana Social Club on Pace Road and the City will be celebrating with a series of events.



# Hidden Nature Things

**Will you discover our Hidden Nature Things?**

Hidden Nature Things is a project for all people to embark on an exploration of your local community to find the wonderful and wild new strange ecosystem.

Join us for this self-guided art installation in one of our parks.

**From Saturday 2 July**

**Bullrush Park, Providence Estate**

Tim Meakins is the artist and designer behind our Hidden Nature Things installation.

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





For more information go to [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/hiddennaturethings](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/hiddennaturethings)

# Flow of talent

**Local Kwinana young people let their creativity flow during April, when they partnered with The Zone and Water Corporation to deliver a beautification project at Orelia Primary School.**

Young people aged 15-24 years worked with artist Samantha Prentice to plan, create and install a mural on a sea container on the school grounds, raising awareness of being water wise.

Mayor Carol Adams said it was great to see the outcome of the project, that not only provided an opportunity for young people to learn a new skill, but highlighted the need to be water aware.

"This is a great example of collaboration between the young people in Kwinana, City Staff, our local school and Water Corp," Mayor Adams said.

"The piece of art that has been developed by our young people illustrates what they see as a connection with our water ways and the birds and flowers they frequently see around Kwinana."

The project was funded through a City of Kwinana Neighbour Day grant and Water Corporation grant and was supported by water wise workshops for Orelia Primary School students.



# BurnWise

**Winter is well and truly here. If you currently own or are looking to purchase a wood heater for your home, would you know how to reduce wood smoke?**

Wood smoke is a complex mix of gases and fine particles, which are the product of incomplete combustion. These fine particles can aggravate respiratory illnesses. Smoke from wood heaters contributes significantly to air pollution or haze during the winter months.

Hot tips to reduce wood smoke:

- Store firewood in a dry place and only burn dry wood.
- Use plenty of kindling and paper to establish a hot bright fire quickly.
- Leave space inside the firebox for air to circulate.

- Keep air controls fully open for 10 minutes after lighting or refuelling.
- Maintain the air flow to the fire all night.
- Get your chimney checked and cleaned annually.
- Check your chimney to see if it is smoking excessively.
- Never burn rubbish, painted or chemically treated wood.
- Never shut down the air flow and allow your heater to smoulder overnight.



For more information, please visit: <https://kwin.city/2RsQ86m>



# City Noticeboard

## Volunteering

As well as helping others, volunteering has been shown to improve volunteers' wellbeing too.

It's human nature to feel good after helping someone out. Volunteering can also help you gain valuable new skills and experiences, and boost your confidence. Volunteering is a great way to meet new friends as well as strengthen existing connections, and may provide you with a renewed sense of creativity and motivation that carries over into your personal and professional life.

Find out more about volunteering in Kwinana at [kwin.city/33ANVsq](http://kwin.city/33ANVsq)



## Healthy Lifestyles

Find great places to be healthy and active within the City of Kwinana.

[www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/healthy-lifestyles](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/healthy-lifestyles)

**HEALTHY LIFESTYLES**  
in Kwinana



## GREAT sorts

Your landfill bin is the last place for your waste... with a bit of waste sorting at home, it could be almost empty each week! There are GREAT Sorts out there who put 60 per cent less into their landfill bin.

In fact, we can all become GREAT Sorts just by remembering...

**G** is for **Gifting** things to charity, swapping or selling.

**R** is for **Recycling** only these 5 things: Cans, cardboard, paper, glass and plastic (bottles, jars and containers)

**E** is for **Earth-cycling** food scraps and garden waste into compost.

**A** is for **Avoiding** excess packaging and disposable containers.

**T** is for **Taking** batteries, e-waste and chemicals to special drop-off points.

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

## Eyes on the Street

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



# Contacting and keeping up-to-date



### In person

Corner Gilmore Avenue and Sulphur Road, Kwinana WA 6167



### By post

PO Box 21, Kwinana WA 6966



### Online

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



### By email

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### By phone

9439 0200



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