



Bunuru/Djeran

Autumn **2023**







Mayor's Message



I am proud to share the ways in which our community has experienced a greater level of care and inclusion in recent times, from low sensory spaces at Light Up the Square to a series of murals promoting mental wellbeing among our youth.

The community received fantastic support from BGC which literally saved Christmas in Kwinana by delivering 32,000 packets of Iollies in the wake of freight delays that plagued the nation late last year. Thanks also to the Kwinana Industries Council for its continued sponsorship.

As a local government, the City is embracing climate change initiatives wherever possible by using wind and solar power on several of our buildings and to landscape the city centre, and we look forward to installing our first EV charging station soon.

Several gardens now feature the 'Kwinana rose' which was named after the bp Refinery flare back in 1962 and recently propagated for the City at the request of our Local History Officer.

The Strand in The Village at Wellard will receive a community-led makeover in just seven days, and we very much look forward to the return of the Alcoa Children's Festival in March, followed by the ever popular OMG! Fringe Festival.

We are also thrilled the City's newest sporting facility, the Nook Boorn Mia-Mia / Honeywood Pavilion is about to open to the public and you can find out more about this brand new facility on page 7.

Carol Adams OAM Mayor of Kwinana

Bunuru/ Djeran

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

Bunuru is the 'second summer', known as the season of adolescence, and the hottest part of the year. April and May are in 'Djeran', also known as the season of adulthood and when the cooler weather begins.



Get in the Grove!

Get in the Grove! Summer Fest returned for a second year with roving performers, live music, food trucks and a pop-up bar in the grove between the City administration building and the Koorliny Arts Centre in November.

Renowned performers Ross Vegas and Ricochet Circus brought a sense

of theatre to the uncharacteristically chilly November evening with comedy, acrobatics, fire juggling and more.

The popular Have a Go Circus helped children learn new tricks including juggling, hula hoops and spin stix.



As a team with a range of lived experience with disabilities, Kwinana Public Library staff actively work on improvements to access and inclusion to support the community to participate in library services and programs.

School holiday programs have been a focus area for improvements. In July 2022, Quiet LEGO Play was trialled for the first time, providing a low-sensory environment in the evening for families to play with LEGO. Lighting in the space was dimmed, noise was reduced, and sensory items such as a cubby and weighted blanket were available to use. The session was well-attended, with positive feedback provided by families who needed the low-sensory environment.

A family who attended explained that they normally felt they could not bring their children to the library as it was an overstimulating environment, but seeing the space at a time later in the day helped them know that evening visits could be an option when it is quieter.

Since then, the school holiday programs have committed to a range of sensory environments to suit the varied needs of families. Some programs are tailored to either low-sensory seeking or

high-sensory seeking preferences, while other programs have both types of spaces available simultaneously, such as Minecraft Meetups in the December-January holidays which offered families the choice to register for a quiet enclosed room, louder open space, or indicate they had no preference.

Lived experience of autism also helped Library Programs Team Leader Samantha Hay in designing a quiet sensory room at the Light Up The Square event in 2022.

"Having used quiet spaces at other events with mixed results, these experiences informed matters such as ensuring that the entrance/exit did not face the loudest part of the event, and that clear signage was in place," Ms Hay said.

"Not knowing what to expect from an event can be a big barrier for neurodivergent people, so a map and sensory information about the event, including expected sounds, light, and smells, was included in the event description," she said.

Although there were unexpected challenges on the day with a noisy alarm being set off, the experiences were valuable in informing similar spaces at future programs.

"Staff are involved in championing the City's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, and regularly participate in professional development to inform further improvements and opportunities," Ms Hay said.

"Recently, this has included training with the Sensorium Theatre to inform the types of communication used in early literacy programs and explore options for Sensory Storytime programs," she said.

All Kwinana Public Library programs that require registration include an optional question to provide an opportunity for community members to provide any information they would like the City to know to support their participation in the program.

"For all programs, including drop-in programs that do not require registration, we welcome any questions and suggestions about accessibility and inclusion," Ms Hay said.

"We can provide more detailed information about what to expect at a program, detailed information about the program space, and discuss accommodations that would help with comfortable participation," she said.

The Library Programs Team can be contacted at programs@kwinana.wa.gov.au or 9236 4300.

Illegal Clearing

The City of Kwinana identified illegal clearing in Casuarina and Wandi as part of its work in protecting environmental values and addressing non-compliance.

The City referred a significant amount of clearing conducted after a fire at a property on Thomas Road in Casuarina to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER).

After 18 months of deliberations, DWER imposed a Vegetation Conservation Notice on the property that involved an onerous 10-year program to revegetate the conservation wetland.

A second successful prosecution, conducted by the City, involved clearing in Wandi resulting in a \$5000 fine.

The prosecution outcomes reaffirmed the City of Kwinana's efforts to protect native vegetation.

Staff monitor a database of aerial images known as Intramaps to observe any changes to vegetation levels, in order to identify illegal clearing.

The Strategic Community Plan's environmental outcomes include a naturally beautiful environment that is enhanced and protected - specifically to maintain and enhance our beautiful, natural environment through sustainable protection and conservation.

The City of Kwinana has proven it is holding property owners accountable and is also working to reinforce in writing the legal obligations of property owners regarding land use management in areas where clearing is prohibited.

The Special Rural zone was created specifically for rural lifestyle living and there are several policies and laws

associated with land purchases to maintain and protect this lifestyle.



The City introduced a new welcome process for people purchasing land within the designated Special Rural zone in Kwinana, including a letter to highlight key conditions landowners need to be aware of and adhere to.

Land-owners are invited to contact the City should they wish to undertake any changes, including clearing, to their property to ensure they are meeting the necessary compliance and permissible land usage rules.

The City also advises them that noncompliance could lead to heavy fines.



The Kwinana Lolly Run handdelivered more than 30,000 packets of lollies to children across the City of Kwinana, upholding a 65-year-old tradition.

Sponsored by the Kwinana Industries Council, the seven-night event involved four trucks and about a hundred volunteers throwing Iollies to children in every street in the lead up to Christmas.

Mayor Carol Adams said the past few years have seen the Lolly Run continue

to increase in size as more homes are built and more families move into the area.

"On behalf of the Council and the community, I'd like express thanks to the Kwinana Industries Council for their continued support of this popular event," Mayor Adams said.

"Construction materials company BGC proved themselves to be sweet saviours this year delivering 32,000 packets of lollies from Victoria after a call out for help during a period of freight disruptions," she said.





A heritage rose named 'Kwinana' in the 1960s and grown in NSW will now be planted at various sites across the City of Kwinana.

Mayor Carol Adams said the 'Kwinana rose' was bred by Frank Riethmuller in Turramurra, New South Wales in 1962.

"With beautiful petals in various shades of pink and red, it is said to have been named for the flare of the bp Refinery," Mayor Adams said.

"Surprisingly, there were also at least 29 varieties of flowers named after Kwinana, including a daffodil, dahlias, and a rose.

"While most of these varieties are no longer available, the City has now obtained ten Kwinana rose bushes.

"Even old jigsaw puzzles and postcards featured Kwinana, such was the popularity at the time of the growing town."

Riethmuller was one of the leading rose breeders in Australia, and his varieties feature in a number of heritage rose

The budwood for the City of Kwinana's roses was sourced from a plant collector in Banjup.

The roses were then propagated and carefully nurtured for the past year for the City by Rudi and Vivienne Etter from the Swiss Rose Garden Nursery in Haynes.

Kwinana roses will be planted at the City's administration building, and have also been gifted to Koorliny Arts Centre,



'Kwinana' rose bushes.

the Kwinana Heritage Group at Smirks Cottage, and the Museum of Perth at Sloan's Cottage.

"It is believed that this will be the first time the variety has been grown in our City," Mayor Adams said.

The bp Kwinana Refinery was established in 1955 and operated as a fuel refinery until early 2021 when it was converted to an import terminal.

Federal Government funding was announced in April last year for a green hydrogen hub at the bp Kwinana site, where bp also plans to build a biorefinery for renewable fuel production.



Living Green

For the past 10 years, residents of Kwinana have been involved in the Living Green Series, an environment and sustainability initiative designed to inspire and equip our community to take steps toward living greener, while saving money and helping our environment.

From April to June each year there are events, workshops and demonstrations that promote living more sustainably and celebrate our dedication to enhancing and protecting Kwinana's beautiful, natural environment.

This year there are four community planting days planned, there will be a Living Smart Course that residents can sign up for and there will be smaller celebration events and activities throughout the City for the whole family.

For more information www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/ livinggreen



Three new artworks in the City of Kwinana promote positive mental health messaging to young people and the wider community.

A bright and uplifting mural outside the entrance to Gilmore College on the footpath involved 50 students from the College, artist Brendan Lewis of Hope Perth, and Kwinana Youth Services Team staff from the City.

The sidewalk mural includes positive wording, activities that promote mental wellbeing like music and sport, and popular bush critters including the College mascot the crow or 'wardong' as it is known in Nyoongar language.

Shops in Orelia were also given a splash of colour with a community mural overseen by Samantha Prentice of Beach Fence Murals.

The mural shows what positive mental health looks and feels like to the young people from The Zone Youth Space involved in the project through workshops.

Samantha Prentice also worked with students from SMYL Medina over seven weeks to decorate boards to be hung around the SMYL Community College

Supporting the mental wellbeing of our young people is vital work

on Meares Avenue, which will also go on display in the coming months across the City.

Mayor Carol Adams said the murals were funded through the Western Australian Primary Health Alliance grant of \$100,000 for initiatives supporting youth mental health in the City last year.

"Supporting the mental wellbeing of our young people is vital work especially in the context of the recent pandemic," Mayor Adams said.

"The projects and initiatives funded by WAPHA have helped increase a sense of belonging, increased mental health literacy and education and reduced the stigma around mental health."

The grant included \$60,000 for a community funding program which delivered programs and events by the close of 2022 in the Kwinana area, including a cultural camp and wellness days.

It was agreed that an allocation of \$30,000 for a Youth Mental Health Advisory Council should be redirected to create the Mental Health Awareness Art Series when it became apparent numbers to form an advisory council were insufficient.

"All young people who applied to be on the advisory council were involved in the art projects, and so many more were able to be involved in these permanent artworks," Mayor Adams said.

The remaining \$10,000 will be used to increase the skills of local organisations to support young people in their mental wellbeing.

Ukraine Christmas Gifts

Staff from the creche at Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre and Bright Futures donated Christmas gifts to children in Ukraine, with a short video and photos of the delighted children opening their presents sent to Kwinana.

City of Kwinana staff also donated more than a tonne of winter clothing, in addition to medical aid supplies.



Non-compliant materials in bulk waste verge collections

Bulk waste verge collection has now commenced in Kwinana!

It is imperative that we keep the streets and environment clean and safe, so please ensure your items are placed out correctly and dangerous and hazardous items are taken to drop off facilities.

Glass tables have been identified as the most common non-compliant item during the Kwinana bulk waste collection. Glass can break on the verges posing a hazard to our community and contractors and will not be collected. If you have one on your verge, please pull it inside and dispose of it correctly.

We will collect items sorted into four separate piles:

- White Goods
- E-Waste (Electrical items with a cord)
- Mattresses
- Accepted Bulk Waste

For more information call the City waste services on 08 9439 0200.



Ngook Boorn Mia-Mia / **Honeywood Pavilion**

The City's newest community facility officially opened in Wandi on the edge of Honeywood Oval on Friday, 2 December, and it will be opened to the public from 12 March.

Mayor Carol Adams, Deputy Premier and Kwinana MLA Roger Cook and Jodie Barnett, Manager of The Local Farmers Markets Honeywood cut the ribbon to the Ngook Boorn Mia-Mia Honeywood

Pavilion as the first dual-named Cityowned facility.

In Nyoongar, 'ngook' means honey, boorn is 'wood' and 'mia-mia' means house or shelter.

It is also the City's first facility with solar battery storage, and has fully keyless entry for ease of access for the community.

The building includes an external public toilet to address community requests from patrons of the busy adjacent playground.



Developer contributions provided \$3.3 million for the facility and a further \$400,000 was provided by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries through their Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund.

The City also has an allocation towards public art for the pavilion and is working with a Nyoongar writer and researcher to engage with the Aboriginal community to develop a poem. The poem will then be interpreted on the building in an artistic manner mid-next year.

The pavilion will be the new home of the Kwinana Knights Junior Football Club and the Kwinana Blue Jays Baseball Club, and regular hirers will offer a range of activities for the Wandi community to enjoy.



Did you know the City has a no fumes, no noise approach to landscaping in the city centre thanks to a truck decked out with solar panels to charge electric-powered tools?

The truck has been in action for the past year, and the City of Kwinana is believed to be the first Local Government in Western Australia to purchase an electric mower.

The mower should arrive in April or May and will be powered by wind energy.

The City Depot is one of 12 City's sites to receive renewable energy from a wind farm under a WA Local Government

A charging station will be located at the City administration car park...

Association agreement established with 51 other Councils in April last year. One of the Depot's truck sheds will be used as a charging shed for the electric mower and space for overnight charging of the landscaping truck.

The City's Waste Education Team will also have access to an electric car from April, which is the first of its kind for City staff to use.

A charging station will be located at the City administration car park where members of the public will also be able to use the charger via an app.

The new equipment supports objectives outlined in the Strategic Community Plan to retain and improve streetscapes and open spaces, and maintain and enhance our beautiful, natural environment through sustainable protection and conservation.



The City is partnering with RAC through its Reconnect WA initiative to revitalise The Strand and we need your help.

This is a chance to help shape your neighbourhood centre, meet your neighbours, and have a lot of fun in the process.

Join us 15–21 April at the Wellard Community Centre to lend a hand

It's up to you how much time you give – even one hour makes a difference!

Let's work together to make Wellard Village even better, in just seven days!

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For more information call 9439 0200 or email **place@kwinana.wa.gov.au**





Mosaic

The Homestead Ridge Progress Association received Kwinana Community Funding in 2021 to create and install a series of mosaic panels along the pathways of reserves and parks around Homestead Ridge to beautify the area.

Association secretary Hilary Belohlawek said 12 people were involved in creating the six mosaics featuring birds observed in the area.

"The project was a great success with new skills learned, new friendships made and happy mornings spent together," she said

"Most of the materials and tools were purchased by the grant, with some small donations of tiles from members of the group, and some tiles and larger cutting and grinding equipment were supplied by the coordinator Yvonne Ellis."

The Association members combined the launch of the mosaics with the Homestead Ridge Progress Association's 30th birthday in October last year and were actively supported by the City's Place Leader (South) and Arts and Culture Officer.



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 call 9236 4700, email recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au or visit our Facebook page /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 for all court hire requests, costs and availability.





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!

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)



MONDAY EVENING

mixed five-a-side soccer

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TUESDAY EVENING

mixed seven-a-side netball

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?

WEDNESDAY EVENING

ladies seven-a-side netball

FRIDAY MORNING

ladies seven-a-side netball

Westport Progress

Have you heard about the Westport Program?

Westport is the State Government's long-term program to investigate, plan and build a future port in Kwinana with integrated road and rail networks. For Westport, this is about more than moving containers from A to B. We want to design infrastructure that creates positive outcomes for WA into the future.

At this stage, Westport is in the design and planning phase which involves thinking about what the future of trade could look like. Now is the time for us to ask the big questions about how freight will move through WA over the next 100 years. Will it be mainly by road or rail? How can we make it sustainable? What future technologies could completely change freight transportation?

With some great work already underway across the program, and more projects to commence soon, we look forward to keeping you updated on Westport's progress. Visit **westport.wa.gov.au** or email **enquiries@westport.wa.gov.au** to join our mailing list today!





National Reconciliation
Week is celebrated each
year from 27 May to 3 June.
These dates commemorate
two significant milestones
in Australia's reconciliation
journey – the successful 1967
referendum and the High
Court Mabo decision.

The City is committed to conciliation and our vision is for a community that embraces culture and demonstrates respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples and histories.

Our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) details how we aim to realise the vision and as we look forward to Reconciliation Week, we reflect on the progress we have made since the launch of our first RAP in March 2019.

Achievements include:

- Dual Nyoongar naming on City-owned buildings
- Hosting two Aboriginal trainees at the City
- A significant Aboriginal meeting place at Harry Mcguigan Park named as Ngalang Moort Manjar.

Keep an eye out for more details on our National Reconciliation Week activities at the end of May.



Neighbour Day events

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, encouraging people to connect with those who live in their neighbourhood.

There are a range of community events taking place throughout Kwinana on 25 or 26 March 2023 - choose one near you!

Whether through a cuppa, a picnic in the park, or a message of support; Neighbour Day is the perfect opportunity to say thanks for being a great neighbour and for being there to lend a hand.

www.kwinana.wa.gov. au/WhatsOn

For more information



LYRiK Glow Up

Young people in Kwinana are set to be recognised and celebrated under six refined categories after some big changes to the Leadership, Youth and Respect in Kwinana (LYRiK) Scholarships program.

LYRiK scholarships recognise young people aged 16-24 years who live, work or go to school in Kwinana. The program offers twelve \$1000 scholarships, as well as structured mentoring sessions to help them reach their employment or education goals.

The new categories include:

- 1. Sports, Fitness and Health
- 2. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Sustainability
- 3. Community Services and Defence
- 4. Hospitality and Retail
- 5. Arts and Culture
- 6. Trades and Business.

LYRIK Scholarships Program OPEN ONLINE in March

For more information www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/ scholarships

CCTV helps keep our city safe. By installing it around your home or business, you will be able to help protect your neighbourhood.

The City has recently introduced a CCTV Security Subsidy of up to \$500 or \$750 if you are a Health Care Card holder. The subsidy is also available for sensor lights. T&C's Apply.

For more information www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/ **CCTVsecuritysubsidy**

City Noticeboard

Eyes on the Street

"Eyes on the Street" is a crime prevention initiative developed by the Office of Crime Prevention.

The program is proving to be a huge success in keeping WA communities safer and the City of Kwinana encourages residents to use the app to identify possible criminal activities and suspicious behaviour and report it to Police.

Have you downloaded the free policemonitored 'Eyes on the Street' app?





Community Safety

Find out more about what Community Safety Resources the City provides online.

www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/ communitysafety

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

www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/ facilitiesforhire

Project and works around Kwinana

Did you know you can find information on planned, commenced, completed or on hold projects in the City of Kwinana. Head to our Projects, Works and Initiatives page online.

Find out more

www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/projects

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 at Bulrush Park, Providence.

This is an all-weather event, so get out your gumboots and discover the Hidden Nature Things this school holidays.

Find out more

www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/ hiddenaturethings

Easter Operating Hours

Please be advised that the City Administration building and Kwinana Public Library will be closed from Good Friday, 7 April, to Easter Monday, 10 April,

The Kwinana Recquatic will be closed Good Friday, and operate 9am to 5pm Easter Monday, and as normal on the weekend.

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