

# Spirit of Kwinana Djilba/Kambarang Spring 2023

INSIDE GO bins Photo competition Budget outlook ...and more!

Cover photo: Carol Adams OAM prepares to resign from Council after 26 years, also leaving a legacy as Kwinana's longest serving Mayor.





How time has flown – from 1997 when first elected as a Councillor in Kwinana, to 2006 when first voted Mayor and now to 2023 when I made the difficult decision to resign as both Mayor and Councillor effective from 21 October 2023.

It has been an honour and privilege to have represented the City in this key leadership role and to be part of an amazing journey watching Kwinana transition from a population of around 17,000 in 1997 to surpassing 50,000 today.

I am very pleased and somewhat humbled to have served as Kwinana's longest serving Mayor for what has been a remarkable 17 years of growth and development for our City during this time. But I have recently made the decision to



"pass the chains over" to the next Mayor, who for the first time will be directly elected by our community on 21 October.

I encourage you to cast your postal vote in this year's Local Government Election and have a say in who you want to lead your City for the next four years as Mayor. Not forgetting also that you will see several fresh faces vying to be your Councillors until 2027. Support those who are making this important commitment by casting your vote for both the new Mayor and their Council team.

In this edition of the Spirit, we celebrate some recent new additions around town like the Calista Bike Skills track, the new Good Thanks café at Kwinana Recquatic, and St Pat's services brought in to support those who are experiencing homelessness.

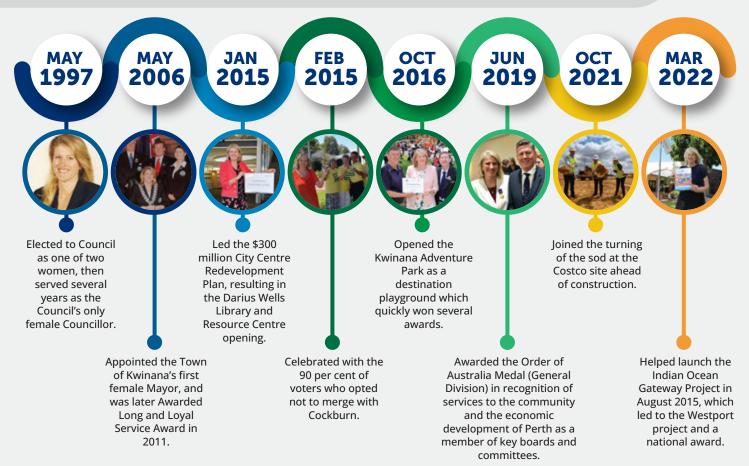
You will also learn more about how your rates will be spent this financial year – a question we are often asked.

So, I wish you all well with a final sign off from the Office of the Mayor as we continue to celebrate our unique part of the world and the spirit within; the spirit of Kwinana.

#### Carol Adams OAM Mayor of Kwinana

## *Leaving a Legacy* in Local Government

Looking back at the timeline of achievements of Carol Adams during her 17 years as Mayor and 26 years on the City of Kwinana Council.



## Furrever homed

City of Kwinana irrigation supervisor Jason Mead was 'just tagging along' to the City's pound with some colleagues, after an urgent callout for new homes for several dogs was put on social media.

But Tahlia quickly stole his heart when she happily wagged her tail and put both paws on Jason's lap as he opened the door to her pen. Jason had only been working at the City a matter of months before he joined generous colleagues

## Budget Outlook

The City of Kwinana's 2023/24 budget focuses on meeting the community's vision for Kwinana and its expectations for quality service, while managing the complex needs and challenges associated with the City's expansive and fast-paced growth.

#### We soon found she prefers to be indoors during the day where all she does is sleep. She's an amazing dog and is great with the kids!

and members of the public in offering impounded dogs their furrever home.

"Tahlia is a very laid-back dog and is great with the kids, one of her biggest interests and favourite things to do is sleep," Mr Mead said.

"She loves her daily walks but certainly lets you know when she's had enough,

Kwinana's population has now surpassed the 50,000 milestone, meaning the City is needing to keep pace with a rapidly growing population in the context of rising costs.

Key Budget highlights for 2023/24 include:

- \$11.8 million towards roads, streetlights, footpaths, drainage and car parks upgrades and renewals
- \$3.2 million for community centres and library services
- \$10.6 million towards upgrades to parks, ovals and public open space

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and you end up walking at snail pace half the way home," he said.

The four-year-old's paperwork says Tahlia is a Boxer cross and after a few initial challenges like trying to dig out or scratch down flyscreens she soon settled into her new home, quite literally, preferring to stay inside.

- \$497,000 for the annual community events program
- \$216,000 towards the upgrade of the Kwinana Loop Trail
- \$1.4 million for youth services
- \$179,000 towards community grants and donations
- \$188,000 towards the Street Tree Program
- \$8.5 million for asset management
- \$4.2 million for recreation services
- \$1.83 million towards ranger services and community safety.

To view the full Budget adopted by Council on 28 June, visit **kwinana.wa.gov.au/minutesandagendas** 

## **Bike Skills Track**

The Calista Bike Skills Track opened in time for the July school holidays with young children enjoying the mini traffic lights and signs, speed bumps, park and play areas plus the imaginative play charging station to top up that bike or scooter.

Located at Calista Oval, north of the Edge Skatepark, the playful facility has been designed with the purpose of educating primary school aged children on correct road rules and safe cycling behaviours.

The project was funded by the State Government through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries as part of the election commitment grant program, secured by the Hon Roger Cook as Kwinana MLA, and RAC WA.



## Drainage <u>nets</u>

Five innovative drainage nets have collectively stopped 3660.5kg of waste and debris polluting local parks and reserves.

Six years ago, in March 2018, two drainage nets were installed at Henley Nature Reserve and the success of the nets went viral on social media in August that same year, inundating the City with media calls and emails from across the globe to find out more about this simple yet effective solution to prevent pollution.

A further three nets were installed during the 2019/20 financial year at Orelia Oval, Sloan's Reserve and Oakley Road to intercept more solid waste like food wrappers, drink bottles, cans, debris and organic waste being conveyed by the piped drainage system.



### Kwinana City Centre Precinct <u>Plan</u>

The City of Kwinana has begun the process of preparing a Precinct Structure Plan for Kwinana City Centre. The purpose of the Precinct Structure Plan is to guide future zoning, subdivision and development in the City Centre and to optimise its potential as a vibrant location for retail, restaurant, entertainment, arts, childcare, education, health services, social services and short-term accommodation.

The community will be asked to share their views shortly in the first phase of consultation; keep an eye out for further information on the Council's website and around the City Centre. Let's work together to reimagine a thriving, vibrant hub in the heart of Kwinana.

## GO <u>Bins</u>

The City is set to GO with the move to a Garden Organics (GO) waste system commencing in the 2024/25 financial year, providing residents with more options for sorting their waste and reducing what gets sent to landfill.

There is a strong demand for a third bin, and with an average of 34 per cent of Kwinana's general waste bin filled with compostable garden organics, specifically leaves, weeds and lawn clippings, the GO bin will be a welcome addition. The benefits of the three-bin GO system are many.



When residents are using their GO bin the end product is compost, with the potential to be used on public parks or bagged and used in gardens. Our community knows the value in diverting waste from landfill and this introduction of the GO bin will improve the amount of waste we are able to recover, diverting organic waste from going to landfill.

The City undertook extensive engagement with community and key stakeholders to determine the appetite for a third bin. A comprehensive feasibility assessment was conducted that considered a range of factors across economic, environmental, social and governance outcomes, whereby GO demonstrated the best value for money for the Kwinana community at this time.

The State Government Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030 details its recommendation for all Perth metropolitan and Peel region Councils to transition to Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO), and the City's announcement is the start of the journey.

For our community, the best way forward is GO. This coupled with our commitment to the Waste to Energy plant will see us best placed to meet our waste goals.



NAIDOC Week celebrations began with a launch at Medina Hall, organised by the Indigenous Institute of Sport and Wellbeing on Monday 26 June, followed by a special event at the Moorditj Kulungars playgroup on the Tuesday morning.

A luncheon honouring local Elders was held at the Kwinana Bowling Club on Wednesday, 28 June, followed by the Medina Aboriginal Cultural Centre's Family Day in Apex Park on the Thursday.

The Little Peeps Roller Disco kept young ones entertained with NAIDOC Week activities at Astroskate, and The Zone Youth Space offered youth activities throughout the week.

The celebrations wrapped up with the Nyoongar Boodja NAIDOC footy game, proudly supported by the City of Kwinana and the Kwinana Knights, which was held on 9 July at Medina Oval with activities for all ages, come and try session, face painting and inflatable games.



#### Get together and get to know your neighbours this Spring!

The City of Kwinana is offering \$150 reimbursement costs to local residents for a 'street meet' activity in your local neighbourhood.

By coming together, community members are able to forge strong,

lasting friendships and new social networks that increase personal and community connection and cultivate a sense of wellbeing while improving safety.

Applicants must register their event prior to it taking place, to be eligible for the Street Meets Grant. Register your activity via the **SmartyGrants** online portal.



### **Spring** Festival

Join us for our Spring Community Safety Series this November! Attend various workshops and events facilitated by the City of Kwinana in collaboration with local organisations, from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 November 2023. Check out <u>www.</u> <u>kwinana.wa.gov.au/safetyseries</u> for further information.

For more information **kwinana.wa.gov.au/neighbourday** 



City of Kwinana residents and businesses can now apply for a subsidy of up to \$500, or \$750 for health care card holders, to install a new CCTV system and/ or sensor lights on their premises.

Closed circuit television (CCTV) can deter potential offenders from criminal activity and help with detection, investigation, and prosecution of offenders. This initiative aims to increase the number of CCTV systems within the City in an effort to make it a safer place for everyone. The City's CCTV Security Subsidy opens 2 November and closes 2 December 2023, or until funds are exhausted.

For more information kwin.city/3vfLYRj

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### **Garage Sale Trail**

Garage Sale Trail is once again coming to Kwinana over two big weekends. Grab your bum bag and head out the door as garage sales are held simultaneously in garages, unit blocks, schools and ovals around the nation on 11-12 and 18-19 November. It's garage sales made easy, plus you'll extend the life of the stuff you love, meet the neighbours, declutter and make some money. With free registration, sale tips, promotional resources and touch-free QR code payments provided by PayPal, Garage Sale Trail does the heavy lifting so you can focus on selling your stuff.

## Specialist homelessness services welcomed

A new partnership has resulted in specialist homelessness services being made available in Kwinana for the first time.

The City of Kwinana is partnering with St Pat's Community Support Centre (St Pat's) to provide a specialist assertive outreach service in Kwinana, using the HEART model, supported by the State Government through the Office of Homelessness. Communities across Australia have been experiencing a spike in homelessness brought about by the pandemic, and cost of living pressures.

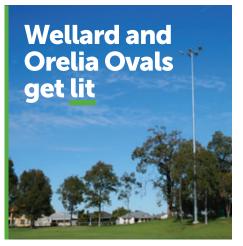
Recent statistics in August showed there were 191 known people experiencing homeless in Rockingham and Kwinana, with 115 rough sleeping, including 37 children under 18 years. Due to limited resources in the region, we know this number to be a lot higher.



You might have seen a new café operating out of the Kwinana Recquatic, but did you know it was the first social enterprise café for Good Sammy Enterprises, and that the star design on its signage represents 'good thanks' in braille'?

The Good Thanks Café opened 10 July in a partnership that helps both the City of Kwinana and Good Sammy achieve their goals of embracing diversity and creating employment opportunities for people living with a disability.

Good Thanks barista, Tomsie, was excited to work at the café when it opened.



The City of Kwinana would like to acknowledge the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) and the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund (LRCI) as major supporters of the Wellard Oval Club Night Light Project. DLGSC contributed \$136,166 and LRCI contributed \$300,000 towards the construction and installation of four dimmable 100 Lux LED lighting towers at Wellard Oval. The installation of these light towers enables local user groups and clubs to now access Wellard Oval Complex for night-time training, competition, and events. The Kwinana Wolves Rugby Club and Kwinana Little

St Pat's Chief Executive Michael Piu said St Pats was proud to be partnering with the City and congratulated the City for responding to this need by providing specialist support for those who were facing homelessness in the community.

"Our experienced team of assertive outreach workers specialise in providing targeted, flexible support for people experiencing rough sleeping," Mr Piu said.

"We work side-by-side with people to identify their needs, connect them with services and assist them as they transition into safe, secure accommodation," he said. The City is also continuing to advocate regionally, with other neighbouring local governments and service providers.

#### embracing diversity and creating employment opportunities for people living with a disability...

"I've always felt passionately about working in hospitality to show that my disability doesn't affect my capability to work in an industry I love," said Good Thanks barista, Tomsie.

Good Sammy Chief Executive Officer, Kane Blackman, thanked the City of Kwinana for their leadership in seeking to deliver disability employment outcomes in their community with the café employing up to 15 locals, of which 50 per cent would be people with disability.

"We are strongly focused on transforming workplaces and society by creating employment opportunities for people with disability, and the hospitality sector is a great place to deliver those customer-facing roles," Mr Blackman said.

The café is currently open 9.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Athletics Centre are very excited to be able to utilise these lights for many sports seasons to come. The City of Kwinana also recently supported the Kwinana Cricket Club, located in Orelia, with a \$10,000 contribution towards the installation of two lighting towers that now light up the Cricket Nets located on Orelia Oval. Having the two nets lit enables the Kwinana Cricket Club and community user groups to safely train under lights no matter the weather or season. Supporting sport and recreation projects such as these, builds stronger, healthier, happier and safer communities. When we play sport our whole community wins!

## Volunteer

Andria arrived in Australia from India in May, visited the Kwinana Volunteer Centre and was soon volunteering with Tech Time in the Library.

Andria's unwavering passion for technology and computers led her to a fulfilling role as a volunteer for a period of time while opening up other employment opportunities.

"I was very nervous initially unknown of the Australian culture," Andria said.

"But all the customers and other volunteers and staff were really helpful and approachable.

"I was able to learn about the culture and it was really easy to interact with all of them.

"Of all, the best feeling was to see how

happy some of the customers were when they had it worked out," she said.

Andria is one of many to experience the benefits of volunteering in the Kwinana area, from sense of purpose and social benefits to developing new interests and skills.

To find out how you can volunteer in Kwinana, call 9236 4314 or visit the Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre Monday to Wednesday 9am to 4pm or email **volunteering@kwinana. wa.gov.au** 

### Photography competition

If you are into photography and like exploring our community then enter our 2023 Love My Kwinana Photography Competition.

Simply take a photo within the Kwinana community that shows what the Djilba Bonar (Season of Djilba) means to you.

There are some very cold and clear days combining with warmer, rainy and windy days mixing with the occasional sunny day or two. It is a time to look for the emerging yellow and cream flowers such as the Acacias, combined with some vivid and striking blues.

Entries now open and must close 22 September 2023. Get snapping! We can't wait to see what you come up with!

Djilba is a transitional time of the year, during August and September,

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

Djilba is the first Spring, the season of conception with a mix of wet days and increasing number of clear, cold nights and warm days. Kambarang begins around October with the season of birth, the second spring, with longer dry periods of weather.

### **Events**

We are kicking off the events season with our popular Summer Sounds Series coming to a local park near you, first up we have Summer Sounds at Honeywood Oval. Check out the major events webpage for all the latest details including the Kwinan-AGHHH! Haunted Halloween Happenings for the young (and young at heart) in October, a special OMG! Fringe in November, and our Annual Lolly Run in December.

#### kwinana.wa.gov.au/majorevents





## 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 **<u>www.recquatic.com.au</u>** 

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For more information call <u>9236 4700</u>, email<u>recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au</u> or visit our Facebook page <u>/kwinanarecquatic</u>.

#### **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, and a seniors only class at 11am Thursdays it's never too late to learn to swim!



a team for one of

our social sports

competitions?

FRIDAY MORNING ladies seven-a-side netball

## Koorliny

The City of Kwinana took over the day-to-day operations of the Koorliny Arts Centre from 1 July after the Koorliny Arts Centre Incorporated advised it would be ceasing its management.

The Koorliny Arts Centre is a valuable asset in the City as an award-winning theatre and entertainment venue with shows, workshops and classes for the whole family. The Koorliny Arts Centre is the artistic heart of Kwinana, inspiring creativity, expression and imagination with their program offering for more than a decade. The City of Kwinana is committed to ensuring this continues into the future.

The Centre employs a number of staff who were retained during this period to ensure the day-to-day operations including facility operations, booking performance seasons, managing in-house programs and venue hire bookings, ticket sales, and promotion are not impacted.

SPIRIT Spotlight



The Frank Konecny Community Centre was awarded a Kwinana Community Funding grant from the City of Kwinana to purchase the materials needed to create mosaic signs that say 'hi', 'hello' and 'welcome' in multiple languages to celebrate the diverse cultures that make up our community.

Utilising the centre's enrolment forms and the City's information, 22 languages were identified to mosaic, to create inclusivity for all who attend the centre. The centre ran 10 free multicultural workshop days where anyone could help create the mosaics in a safe and welcoming environment.

This gave our community a chance to learn new skills and new words, meet new people and engage with others while helping to create an inclusive project that will proudly become a permanent fixture on the centre's exterior walls.

Once the initial stage of tile placement was complete we had community volunteers grout, build frames and create wording to label each sign with the definition, pronunciation and language the mosaic represented.

A launch event was held on 28 August with a morning tea and a chance to practise the greeting in each language.



## Litter and Illegal Dumping

The City of Kwinana has prepared its first Litter and Illegal Dumping Plan, confirming its commitment to tackling the issue in the area.

Litter and Illegal Dumping within the City has environmental and health impacts as well as financial implications. Last year the City spent over \$600k in the removal of illegal dumping in our community.

The plan is structured to include three main goals which includes reducing litter and illegal dumping, improving how litter and illegal dumping is managed and increasing community awareness and empowerment.

We are working with significant landholders within the City boundaries to manage the litter and illegal dumping activity in areas not managed by the City. Residents are also being encouraged to be part of the solution by reporting any litter and illegal dumping they see. There are simple ways to report litter and illegal dumping through our Report-It page. Research has shown that litter leads to litter and dumping leads to dumping, so a key message for our community is don't ignore it, remove it or report it!



## Bushfire prevention tips

According to the Bureau of Meteorology, the next few months are expected to be hotter and drier than average therefore increasing the risk of bushfire.

Tips to help prepare and protect your property include:

- Create a 20-metre building protection zone around your property if your property is larger than 1500sqm.
- Clear the area of rubbish, long grass and other materials that could catch fire.
- Protect your house from ember attack by fitting wire screens and shutters. Block any gaps under the floor, roof, eaves, external vents, skylights, chimneys, and wall cladding.
- Have an emergency water supply that is independent of mains water supply.
- Discuss fire prevention and preparedness with your family and neighbours.



The Kwinana South Volunteer Bushfire Brigade is now operating out of a new station with improved changing facilities, amenities, PPE washroom, standalone offices and training room.

The \$1.9 million building was funded by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services through the Emergency Services Levy (\$1.51 million) and the Australian Government (\$400,000) through a Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant.

The Department also handed over a new fire-fighting appliance with better welfare, lighting and crew protection features.

The City continues to administer two local volunteer brigades, in Mandogalup and Kwinana South, actively encouraging recruitment and providing onboarding and a new recruit training program. For more information about volunteer firefighting, call the DFES recruitment hotline on 1800 628 141.



With spring and summer rapidly approaching, the City would like to remind all residents with swimming pools and spas to ensure their safety barriers are compliant with the applicable State legislation.

If you have any concerns regarding your safety barrier being noncompliant or require any information, please do not hesitate to contact the City's Building Service team on 9439 0200.

Please see Rules for Pools webpage **kwinana.wa.gov.au/pools**, which provides information on the swimming pool safety barrier compliance requirements.

The City's Building Services team would like to wish all residents a happy and safe upcoming Spring and Summer.

The City in partnership with Royal Life Saving Society WA (RLSWA) will be carrying out the mandated safety barrier inspections, so please make our Officers and the Royal Life Saving Officers welcome.

### **City Noticeboard**

#### Find Your Fit

Find Your Fit Kwinana is coming soon! It is a social prescribing program to help get the most out of life and make connections in the Kwinana community. Suitable for individuals with low level support needs.

#### **Biodiversity Month**

September is National Month of Biodiversity, which promotes protecting, conserving and improving 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. Join the Wildflower Walk plus more exciting events throughout the City. Check out the City's Facebook page regularly for updates and details of other events.

#### BEN Signs

The Beach Emergency Numbers (BEN) system (named in honour of fatal shark bite victim Ben Gerring) is a coding system that provides specific location information in an emergency. Take note of the unique number on the sign so you can accurately report the location of any emergencies via 000. Please note – if the sign is turned around to show that the beach is closed, please stay out of the water for your own safety.

#### Healthy Lifestyles

Healthy Lifestyles in Kwinana offers several free and community-based opportunities to get healthy and active in Kwinana. Interested in activities such as yoga, dance-based fitness, post-natal fitness, and outdoor fitness for over 50's? Contact the Healthy and Active Lifestyle Project Officer on 9439 0271.

#### 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! At various locations throughout the City and with a range of amenities on offer, there is something to suit everyone. Our online booking system, SpacetoCo allows you to submit a booking 24/7. Check it out today!

Find out more about the halls and facilities for hire **kwin.city/2Ps46Eq** 

#### **Business Support Services**

Check out the range of business support services available from the City's Business Hub including grants, events, training and support with permits and approvals.

kwinana.wa.gov.au/BusinessHub

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