

Spirit of Kwinana

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Cover photo: Alice Fick, 3, and her sister Leah, 2, playing the piano in Wellard.

Mayor's Message



I would like to bring you up to date with a few of the key highlights since our last edition of the Spirit of Kwinana.

It was a pleasure to preside over our first Council at the new Ngook Boorn Mia-Mia / Honeywood Pavilion. By bringing Council to the community it is a great way to meet residents from a different part of our growing city and also away from the usual more formal Council Chamber environment.

I was also privileged to facilitate a delightful social inclusion event held under the stars in the grounds of our much treasured Smirk's Cottage.

This event celebrated inclusion in the City with heartfelt stories of what belonging means to various members of the community.

It was also great to see the transformation of The Strand in Wellard after an intense seven-day makeover and a team of community volunteers. Make sure you read about this community led initiative on the page opposite.

As we approach mid-year, Council turn our attention to rates and our future budget considerations. This past year has certainly thrown up more challenges as we all feel the impacts of higher inflation rates, but know as an organisation we need to find a balance between meeting the needs of the community and striking a budget that is as conservative as possible

given the increase in local government costs across the board.

We have included a diagram on page six to help explain and demonstrate some of the complexity of this decision-making process.

I encourage you also to have your say on the draft Local Planning Strategy which is out for public comment and will guide development in the future.

Finally, it was wonderful to see the Alcoa Children's Festival return to Kwinana this year and we look forward to seeing the little peeps bike skills track in Calista completed and open for junior riders to enjoy later this year.

Carol Adams OAM
Mayor of Kwinana

Makuru / Djilba

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

Makuru is the coldest and wettest time of the year with more frequent storms in June and July and is also known as the Fertility Season.

August brings a mixture of wet days in Djilba with an increasing number of clear, cold nights and pleasant warmer days, known as the Season of Conception.

Love My Kwinana is a place for consistent connections

The website www.lovemymywinana.com was first launched in 2020 as part of the Strategic Community Plan review. Today it's used as the central point for two-way digital dialogue between the City and the community.

The community recently provided great insight into events with feedback for the Alcoa Childrens Festival, Summer Sounds and OMG! Fringe Fest.



Wellard Village 7 Day Makeover

Wow, what an amazing seven days!

The Strand in Wellard has a new look, designed to encourage people to linger longer in the space.

At the community's request, the City of Kwinana partnered with RAC through its Reconnect WA initiative to makeover the street in just seven days.

The process was overseen by David Engwicht - a world-renowned place maker, community activator and champion of public spaces - from Creative Communities International.

The local business community, youth, City staff and Councillors joined residents of all ages to transform the space with opportunities to be involved from the ideas generation phase to project planning, fundraising and rolling up their sleeves to complete the makeover.

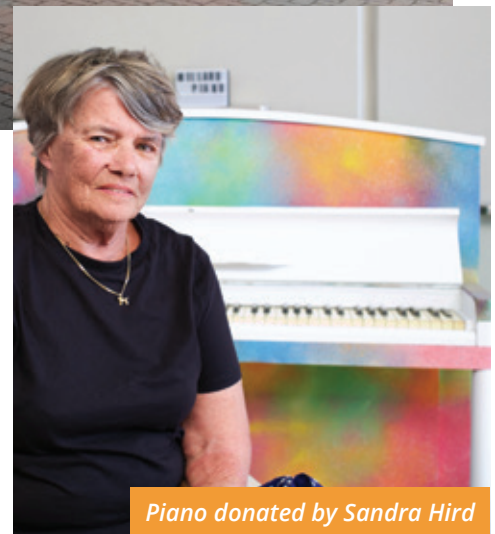
More than 169 volunteers participated from the project, with many attending

multiple days, resulting in an impressive 442 total volunteer days.

A launch party at the end offered residents a tour of the new installations which include landscaping, fun play areas, and beautiful pergolas.

Colourful hexagonal seating and matching coverings over remaining bollards were installed along the length of The Strand, along with a lovely nature play area, a community piano donated by Sandra Hird, a children's climbing frame, a youth-inspired wishing well(ard), and an ever-popular 'arcade area' with

A big heartfelt thanks to all the people who inspired the makeover and took time out of their week ...



Piano donated by Sandra Hird

outdoor games like ping pong and checkers for families to enjoy.

The project responded directly to feedback from the Wellard community regarding the area and their aspirations for a more vibrant and active neighbourhood centre.

City of Kwinana Mayor Carol Adams thanked RAC for their partnership, and everyone who had been involved in making the revitalisation come to life.

"We are also grateful to David Engwicht and Creative Communities for contributing a wealth of international experience navigating change through the power of community," Mayor Adams said.

"It is lovely to see children playing and hear piano music on your way to the shops or café, and to see families enjoying somewhere beautiful to sit after buying a meal from a Wellard business.

"A big heartfelt thanks to all the people who inspired the makeover and took time out of their week to build, paint or plan the transformation project," she said.

Before the makeover



Grant support

The City of Kwinana distributed over \$200,000 in grants and funding to the local community over the 2022/23 financial year. The new CCTV rebate scheme has seen nearly \$40,000 distributed to local home and business owners for the installation of CCTV and sensor lights in a partnership with Local Police to improve the CCTV network coverage in the area.

\$40,000 in Kwinana Community Funding Grants, co-funded by the Kwinana Community Chest, helped support 14 different community groups, ranging from sporting clubs to not for profits, to deliver projects across the City. Twenty-seven grants were also

approved to help deliver more events within our community. These events ranged from large community events through to local gatherings of neighbours through our Street Meets program.

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GROUPS
co-funded by the
Kwinana Community
Chest over 22/23

Library Programs

Our Library Makuru season programs have commenced. For the full list of programs available at our Public Library visit

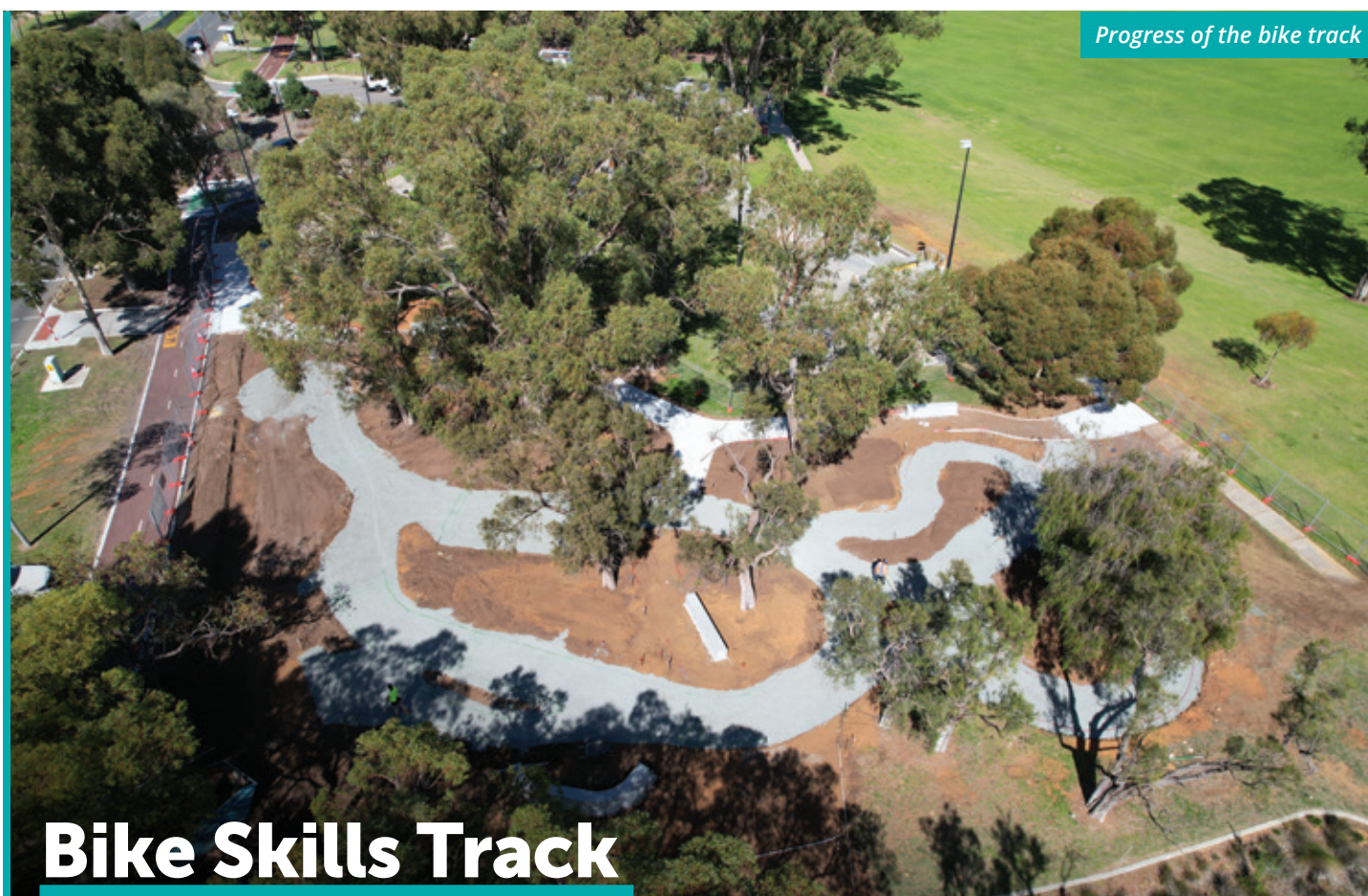
<https://kwin.city/3dPX2uk>

Would you like to receive regular updates on the Kwinana Public Library's activities and programs?



Make sure you sign up to their eNewsletter today!

kwinana.wa.gov.au/enewsletter



Progress of the bike track

Bike Skills Track

The Calista Bike Skills Track is progressing nicely thanks to LD Total, with completion expected in June.

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.

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.

It will include a set of mini traffic lights, traffic signs to simulate a road environment, speed bumps and park and play areas.

It even includes an imaginative play charging station to top up that bike or scooter.

The track will be free to use and designed for both a quick visit or an affordable family day out with nearby oval facilities, barbecue areas, The Edge Skate Park and the adjacent Kwinana Adventure Park.



Concept plan



Local Planning Strategy

The City of Kwinana is inviting you to have your say on the draft Local Planning Strategy, to help shape the City's land use vision and ensure that the strategy accurately reflects the community's input and vision for the future.

A Local Planning Strategy is a long-term plan that guides land use and development within a Local Government area over a 10 to 15-year period and is carried through into more detailed local planning scheme, strategies, policies, structure planning, subdivision and development.

The City of Kwinana's draft Local Planning Strategy aims to combine a range of economic, social and environmental issues to ensure that the City is well positioned to accommodate

the changes expected to occur into the future.

These changes have been forecast through a number of technical studies and include a growing population; requirements for diverse types of housing; increasing infrastructure including sporting, retail and community facilities; industrial and business expansion; and environmental protections.

The City's new draft Local Planning Strategy specifically aims to ensure that:

- there are local centres established to provide a local hub with convenient access to shops and services for the surrounding community;

- housing density and diversity is accommodated around our neighbourhood centres and the City Centre;
- support is provided for business areas, the new port and expanded industry, including secure freight routes; and
- there is increased protection for the City's environmental areas.

The City of Kwinana undertook a significant consultation exercise to gain input from the community to help inform the Strategy's development and now we're checking that the draft Strategy reflects that input by inviting you to provide feedback at lovemykwinana.com by 30 June 2023.



For more information about the City's Local Planning Strategy visit our website

kwinana.wa.gov.au/tomorrowskwinana



Community Services Working Group

The City of Kwinana has recently launched a Community Services Working Group.

Through this working group, the City of Kwinana is bringing together our community service sector with the purpose of identifying strengths within the community in addition to any gaps

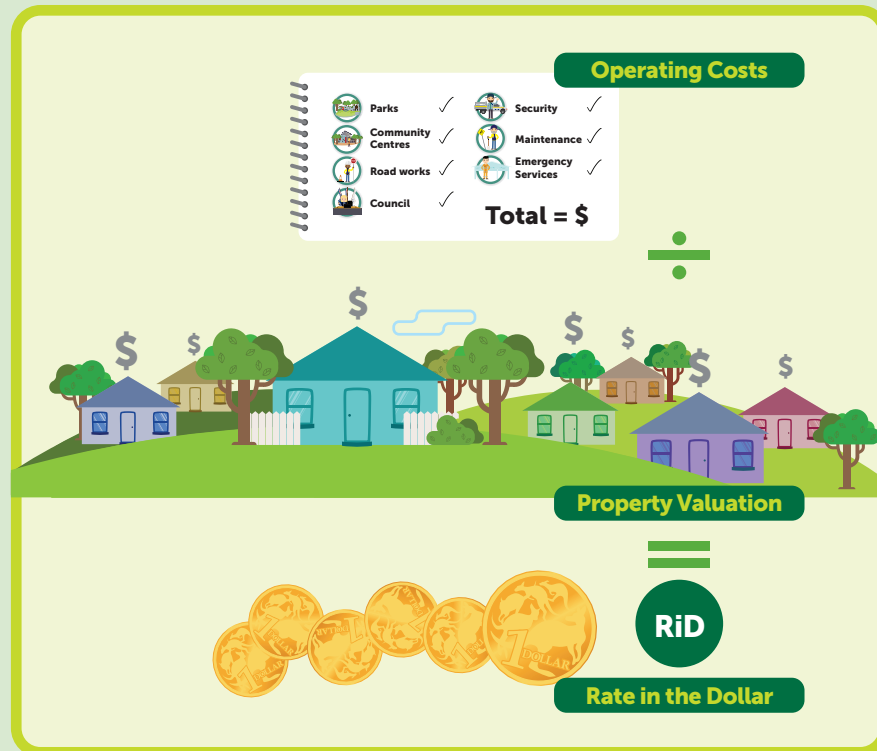
emerging across the community. The working group will also advocate to State and Federal Government Departments, potential partner organisations and support agencies, while increasing the collaboration among community service organisations.



If your organisation would like to participate in the working group, please register at

lovemykwinana.com/community-services-working-group

How your rates are calculated



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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 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. This valuation is reviewed every three years, with a new valuation being used from the 1 July 2023, to help calculate the share of rates to be paid by each landowner.

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

Sloan's Cottage Garden Tour and Talk

The City of Kwinana in partnership with the Museum of Perth have been working to restore Sloan's Cottage and establish a large productive garden.

Sloan's Cottage Garden Tour and Talk will take place in the cottage grounds at Harman Place in Leda from 9.30am to 12pm on 18 June.

In addition to seeing the restoration works, you will have the opportunity to learn how to make your own productive garden with gardening and composting expert Peg Davies who was recently on Gardening Australia.



Reserve your place
kwinana.wa.gov.au/sloansgarden

BurnWise this Winter

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.

- 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
kwin.city/2RsQ86m

Kwinana Connect shared inspiring and very personal stories of belonging, cohesion, and community pride...

The City of Kwinana partnered with Inclusion Solutions to deliver the event, with support from Lotterywest.

The purpose was to promote the great stories of inclusion and belonging in Kwinana, and help people to connect with others in their community.

Cr Barry Winmar opened the evening with a beautiful and moving Welcome to Country, also sharing his story of growing up in Kwinana and the importance of culture in creating a community for all people.

Local hero Claire Cardew shared her entertaining story of getting to Kwinana, her journey co-founding a local Town Team, and the joy of giving back to community through volunteering.

Marie-Anne Keefe had the crowd on the edge of their seat with her emotional and captivating story of adoption, identity, and her journey finding her family.

Mayor Carol Adams was the closing speaker for the event and hoped the event would help to inspire the community.

"The City is very keen to ensure an ongoing focus on celebrating our wonderful community," Mayor Adams said.

"Events like these, bring us together and help us feel part of a well-connected, vibrant Kwinana community," she said.

Kwinana Connect celebrates social inclusion in the City

The Kwinana Connect Social Inclusion Forum engaged powerful storytelling to highlight connection in the community.

More than 100 people gathered for a sell-out social inclusion forum under the stars in the idyllic grounds of Smirk's Cottage on 15 March.

Kwinana Connect shared inspiring and very personal stories of belonging,

cohesion, and community pride from Kwinana locals Cr Barry Winmar and Claire Cardew, as well as former Telethon General Manager and Channel 7 Producer Marie-Anne Keefe.

Attendees travelled from as far as Yanchep to attend this event, with plenty of Kwinana residents turning out as well, for a special evening filled with food, laughter, stories and connection.

The feedback was outstanding with one resident even saying she preferred the Kwinana Connect event to her own wedding.

Alcoa Children's Festival

The Alcoa Children's Festival returned on 11 March to Calista Oval with a fabulous superhero theme for children 12 years and under.

The day of free family fun saw the oval fill with entertainment and adventure including the RAC Helicopter, Birds of Prey, rollercoasters and more.

The event was made possible by sponsors Alcoa, Lotterywest and bp.

Alcoa Children's Festival 2023



Neighbour Day

Neighbour Day events were held on Sunday, 26 March in Bertram, Medina and Wandi.

The Bertram event was a Buy Nothing meet up, followed by live music and family entertainment in Medina with a beautiful healthy lunch.

Wandi created a community fair atmosphere on Honeywood Oval with laser tag, facepainting, wood turning, Mucky Duck bush band and more.

Neighbour Day was a great success with some families even going on from one event to the next to meet people across the City.



Lamp post wraps across the city now share community safety tips for all residents.

Ride to School

The City of Kwinana rolled out the red carpet at four Ride to School events in March, April and May to promote Bikelinc which is a police-monitored database for bikes.

A roving photobooth captured photos to provide a little memento for students to take home and each child was offered free fruit at the end of their ride. Ride to School events took place at Wellard Village Primary School on 29 March; Bertram Primary School on 5 April; Orelia Primary School on 6 April which was attended by Police and Junior Neighbourhood Watch students helped run the event; and Medina Primary School on 12 May.



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](https://www.facebook.com/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.



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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!

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
(5-8 years)

FUN AND FITNESS
(9-12 years)

Adult Team Sports

Are you looking to get active in a fun and social environment? Why not nominate a team for one of our social sports competitions?

MONDAY EVENING
mixed five-a-side soccer

TUESDAY EVENING
mixed seven-a-side netball

WEDNESDAY EVENING
ladies seven-a-side netball

FRIDAY MORNING
ladies seven-a-side netball

Wells Park exceeds expectations

Written by Perth NRM

Last winter, more than 6,000 seedlings were planted at Wells Park, and we are happy to report they survived summer!

In fact, they are thriving, with an estimated 95% of plants successfully established in the dunes overlooking Kwinana Beach. Planted over a three-day planting blitz with the help of City of Kwinana staff, the community, and Perth NRM staff, the new vegetation plays an important role in preventing erosion. Below the surface, healthy and extensive root systems help hold the sand together against wind and water, while above the ground the plants provide food and habitat for wildlife, and also act as a wind break.

Cardboard guards were also installed around each seedling, increasing visibility

of the planting site and protecting the plants from being eaten by rabbits. The cardboard guards are a more sustainable alternative to the traditional plastic guards, and the 95% success rate suggests they're certainly effective.

This fantastic result would not have been possible without the work undertaken by our experienced volunteers, along with the contribution and support provided by City of Kwinana staff who extensively and expertly prepared the irrigated sites to ensure consistent water supply over the hot summer. Funding for this project was provided by the State Government's Greening Fund, distributed by the City of Kwinana. Thank you to everyone involved!

But the work is not done yet! Ongoing maintenance work is vital to keep weeds at bay, and an additional 500 seedlings will be planted this year to increase the stability and biodiversity of the dunes, thanks to an additional grant from Coastwest.



<https://www.perthnrm.com/blog/2023/04/20/wells-park-exceeds-expectations/>

You can get involved too by volunteering your time at one of our Community Planting days held throughout June.



For more information
[kwinana.wa.gov.au/
livinggreen](https://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/livinggreen)



SPIRIT *Spotlight*

Joseph Chipping enjoyed an energetic week of celebrations in honour of his 100th birthday, and received a card from the King.

The Banksia Park Retirement Estate resident celebrated with family on his birthday on Sunday, 8 May, before catching up with close friends on the Monday, and enjoying a special morning tea with fellow retirement estate residents and special guests including Mayor Carol Adams on the Tuesday.

Mr Chipping has six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren keeping him young.

Joseph, or 'Nobby' as he is more commonly known, is a long-time resident of Kwinana having moved to Orelia with his wife in the early 1970's.

He enjoyed travelling and caravanning the nation and five years ago travelled to Italy with his daughters. He recently returned from a trip over east to visit a friend.

And the secret to his dynamic longevity?

"Having a laugh, keeping busy and catching up with friends," Mr Chipping said.

You might see Mr Chipping out and about during one of his walks to the shops to have a coffee with friends.



OMG! Fringe Fest

The OMG! Fringe Fest returned over two weekends in April/May, with the Honeywood Spectacular event in Wandi and an evening of stage and street shows in The Grove.

Attendees enjoyed new and exciting performances including BMX jumps and circus stunts, food trucks and a pop-up bar.

The shows at Koorliny Arts Centre featured a family-friendly circus spectacle with Circus Ricochet and later in the evening the Sugar Blue Burlesque troupe gave us Strip, Rattle & Roll.

OMG! was the final event of the busy summer events schedule and the City looks forward to planning next season's events for the community.



Street Meets Grants

Create connections, activate your street, and improve sense of safety by organising a street meet!

The City of Kwinana provides up to \$150 for registered Street Meet events, as a reimbursement after the activity.

So start planning that barbecue in the park or street book exchange or similar and register your activity now via the SmartGrants online portal at kwinana.smartygrants.com.au



Shot-hole Borer

Metropolitan gardeners have been urged to maintain vigilance during winter and continue to look for and report two significant exotic plant pests that could devastate the State's valuable agriculture industries, home gardens and the environment.

The serious environmental and agricultural pest polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) has been detected in the Perth metro area.

Look for multiple holes on the trunk or branches that are approximately the size of a ballpoint pen tip, and frass (noodles) or crystalline foam (sugar volcanoes) coming from the holes.

Qfly is a destructive pest that we are trying to keep out of Western Australia. It can infest over 300 different types of fruit and fruiting vegetables, and it has been recently detected in the Perth suburbs.

If you suspect you have borer damage to trees or Qfly, make a report to the department through the Pest and Disease Information Service on 9368 3080, via the department's MyPestGuide™ Reporter app or email padis@dpird.wa.gov.au



For more information about PSHB
agric.wa.gov.au/borer

City Noticeboard

Eyes on the Street

Eyes on the Street is an 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 police-monitored Eyes on the Street app?



SpacetoCo

Planning your next event or workshop and looking for the perfect venue? Why not book one of the City's halls or facilities for hire!

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

Find out more

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

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 Estate in Wellard.

Get out your gumboots and discover the Hidden Nature Things.

Community Safety

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

kwinana.wa.gov.au/communitysafety

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