

Spirit OF KWINANA

City of
Kwinana

Djilba/Kambarang Spring 2024

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...and more!

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It is that time of year when the sun comes out and people gather together across the community, so I'm pleased to say we are ready with a bumper season of events!

September is the month to celebrate the biodiversity here in Kwinana, including our stunning wildflowers, with a public walk and workshops.

October heralds the first Summer Sounds for our major events season. October will also see an emphasis on disaster preparedness, especially for our more vulnerable residents, ahead of summer.

Community safety is always a hot topic in the City so next month we will have a series of pop-up events dedicated to community safety, including subsidies for CCTV and interactive workshops in October.

Mayor's Message



International Day of People with Disability will be marked from November with inclusive activities across Kwinana, then Seniors Week gets underway mid-month.

Meanwhile, several of our young people from Kwinana are representing the City on the State stage at the WA Youth Awards, and on the Ministerial Youth Advisory Council, following a successful LYRiK Awards ceremony here in Kwinana.

As a Council, we seek to meet the needs of the dynamic and diverse community here in Kwinana.

Our annual photography competition with the theme 'Vibrant Kwinana' is now open and I encourage you to submit your photos, some of which may be used in the 2025 calendar which is distributed to each household across the City in December. Read more about this competition on page 11 and I look forward to seeing your captures of Kwinana!

Peter Feasey
Mayor of Kwinana

Djilbal Kambarang

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.



Shared path opening

We are delighted to announce the opening of the second stage of the Gilmore Avenue Shared Path Project! Thanks to the collaborative efforts between our City and the State Government, as part of the WA Bicycle Network grants program, we are thrilled to unveil the stretch from Chisham Avenue to Wellard Road. This three metre wide shared path is more

than just infrastructure; it's about creating connections and promoting active travel within our community. By encouraging walking, wheeling, riding, and public transport, we are enhancing health and well-being while also reducing traffic congestion and pollution in our city. Stay tuned for upcoming events and activities along the Gilmore Avenue Shared Path!

Celebrating biodiversity

September marks the month of Biodiversity, a global initiative dedicated to promoting the protection, conservation, and enhancement of biodiversity. This year, our spotlight is on the incredible wildflowers and wetlands that play a pivotal role in maintaining diverse ecosystems and ensuring environmental sustainability.

Wildflowers are more than just beautiful; they provide essential habitats and food sources for pollinators and other wildlife. The diversity of wildflowers in WA is unparalleled in the world. The diversity is an adaptation to isolation, the low nutrient soils over a long period of time, and very particular pollination strategies.

Wetlands, often referred to as the Earth's kidneys, are equally significant.

They act as natural water filters, reduce flood risks, and support a wide range of plant and animal species. Wetlands also play a crucial role in carbon sequestration, helping to mitigate the effects of climate change.

In Kwinana, we are fortunate to have rich biodiversity within our local wildflower reserves and wetlands. During this Biodiversity Month, we encourage everyone to explore these natural treasures, participate in conservation efforts, and learn more about the importance of protecting our native flora and fauna.



Join us in celebrating the Month of Biodiversity by appreciating and preserving the wildflowers and wetlands that make our environment vibrant and resilient kwinana.wa.gov.au/biodiversitymonth



Summer Sounds is next in Leda!

Get ready for an enchanting afternoon filled with music, culture, and community spirit at the Summer Sounds Event at Sloans Reserve on Saturday, 5 October from 3pm-6:30pm.

This year's event promises an unforgettable experience, showcasing the rich cultural diversity of our community.

Enjoy an exciting array of live performances, including Jarrah Celts and the mesmerising sounds of the Akwaaba-African Drumming.

As you explore the event, you'll be delighted by roaming acts such as Roztiashka Cossack Dancers, Ngalak

Nidja and the stunning Chung Wah Lion Dance. These performances will transport you around the world without ever leaving Sloans Reserve.

Our expanded selection of food trucks will offer a delectable range of international cuisines. Don't miss the opportunity to purchase a Food Passport for just \$10, allowing you to sample from four of the eight food trucks. It's the perfect way to savour diverse flavours while mingling with friends and neighbours.

Interactive workshops will be available for attendees of all ages. These hands-on experiences provide a wonderful opportunity to learn and participate in the rich cultural tapestry of our community.

The Summer Sounds Event is family-friendly and FREE to attend. Bring your picnic blankets, walk or cycle down to Sloans Reserve, and enjoy an evening of relaxation, socialising, and community celebration.



An exciting season of events in Kwinana including family-friendly activities, enchanting children's events and vibrant arts and culture celebrations, visit kwinana.wa.gov.au/majorevents

SPiRiT *Spotlight*

Working as a team to keep Kwinana clean



At the City of Kwinana, we are always inspired by the community members who go above and beyond to make our city a better place.

We would like to share the story of Jess and her children, who joined our Adopt-a-Spot program and transformed their weekly visits to their local skatepark into a mission to keep it clean.

The family had been regular visitors to The Village skatepark in Wellard, enjoying their time together and Chloe and Kieran's enthusiasm for

scooting around. However, they couldn't help but notice the increasing amount of rubbish littering the area—bottles, wrappers, and even pizza boxes!

Determined to take action, Jess reached out to us and enrolled in the Adopt-a-Spot program. We were thrilled to support her initiative and provided her with all the necessary supplies: tongs for safely grabbing rubbish, sturdy bags, and gloves to protect their hands. The City even helped collect large objects found during clean-ups. With everything they needed, Chloe and Kieran began their weekly clean-up efforts.

For Chloe and Kieran, what started as a task quickly became an exciting game. They delighted in scouring the bushes and hidden corners of the park, turning rubbish collection into a treasure hunt.

The community's response has been overwhelmingly positive. Passersby often stop to commend Chloe and Kieran for their efforts, offering words of encouragement and admiration.

The family's story is a shining example of how the Adopt-a-Spot program can bring about meaningful change. We encourage everyone to consider joining the Adopt-a-Spot program at kwinana.wa.gov.au/litter.

Litter and Illegal Dumping

The City of Kwinana is taking a stand against Litter and Illegal Dumping. The City's Litter and Illegal Dumping Plan reinforces our dedication to addressing this significant issue, having far-reaching environmental and health impacts, as well as substantial financial implications. Last year alone, the City spent over \$600,000 on the removal of illegal dumping from our community.

The plan focuses on three primary goals: reducing litter and illegal dumping, improving waste management processes, and increasing community awareness and empowerment. By taking an education-first approach, we aim to equip our community with the knowledge and tools necessary to dispose of waste properly. Research shows that litter begets litter, and dumping leads to more dumping.

Residents can easily report litter and illegal dumping online at kwinana.wa.gov.au/report-it. Remember, offenders can face fines of up to \$5000 under the City of Kwinana Waste Local Law 2022. The City is also targeting businesses that dump waste illegally in bushland to avoid disposal fees. We have installed covert cameras throughout Kwinana to catch these offenders, working closely with the Department of Water, Environment, and Regulation (DWER) to prosecute them.

Don't ignore it. Remove it or report it!

To help, please ensure you hire reputable businesses for waste disposal, ask to sight past waste disposal invoices or dockets, and report any suspicious activity to the City.

VERGE COLLECTIONS (Residential properties only)

		2024	
		Bulk 1	Green 1
Area 1	Calista, Medina, Orelia	30 Sept	4 Nov
Area 2	Kwinana Centre, Leda, Parmelia	7 Oct	11 Nov
Area 3	Bertram, Casuarina, Wellard	14 Oct	18 Nov
Area 4	Anketell, Hope Valley, Kwinana Beach, Mandogalup, Naval Base, Postans, The Spectacles, Wandii	21 Oct	25 Nov



DISASTER

PREPAREDNESS FORUM

OCTOBER 2024

Building a Resilient Kwinana

This October, the City of Kwinana is taking proactive steps to ensure our community is ready for any emergency.

In a series of free Disaster Preparedness Forums, residents will have the opportunity to learn vital skills, connect with local services, and strengthen community bonds.

Each forum will provide practical tips on emergency preparedness, insights from local experts, and the chance to win Disaster Preparedness Resources.

At the heart of these forums is the idea that preparedness is a shared responsibility.

Together, let's make Kwinana a safer and more prepared place to live. See you at the forums!

**FORUM
DATES &
TIMES**

3 October

1-2pm

Kwinana Seniors Citizens Centre

9 October

10:30-11:30am

Ken Jackman Hall

15 October

6-7pm

Wandi Hall

23 October

6-7pm

John Wellard Community Centre



Registrations are required and can be made at kwinana.wa.gov.au/prepare



Tree borer alert

The polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB), a tiny beetle about the size of a sesame seed, has been detected in the Perth Metro Area. PSHB poses a significant threat to a wide range of trees, including Maple, Black Locust, Coral Tree, Plane Tree, Fig, Poinciana, Mulberry, and Willow. This pest tunnels into trunks, stems, and branches, introducing a fungus that causes Fusarium dieback, potentially leading to tree death.

Due to its small size, PSHB is difficult to detect. We urge residents to regularly inspect their trees and report any suspicious damage. To prevent the spread, buy firewood locally and avoid transporting it. Maintain tree health by using grass clippings or compost as mulch and disinfect pruning tools.

Community awareness and action is crucial. Share this information with neighbours, monitor susceptible trees, and report any signs of infestation.



Report any signs of the Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer to My Pest Guide at mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au



Swimmer reaps health benefits

Gary Hayes swims 2km each week at the Kwinana Recquatic, using a float to keep him upright while he swims on his back.

Gary's life drastically changed three years ago when a bout of pneumonia led to a heart attack and ultimately the loss of both of his legs.

Having lived with Type 1 diabetes since the age of 10, Gary spent 10 days without consciousness after a triple bypass led to cardiac arrest and blood clots. Given a miniscule chance of making it through the night, he somehow lived to see another day. With his chest open and one leg essentially dead, his wife Kim authorised the removal of his left leg on the small chance of saving her husband's life.

Gary said significant health complications – including 23 days in ICU and his heart being shocked back a further 11 times after surgery – led to the eventual removal of his right leg below the knee in November 2021.

"Life carried on and Stumpdsince2021, my woodturning business, became my thing," Gary said,

"Unable to return to work I needed something to keep my mind active and in a good place.

"A friend custom made a bench for me to suit my wheelchair, built a ramp so I could get to my shed, and made the shed door wider so I could get in.

"Stumpdsince2021 is about keeping your head in a good place and moving forward. Life can throw big stuff at us but slow down and find the moments of joy," he said.

Since May this year, Gary has also been visiting the Kwinana Recquatic twice a week.

He initially entered the pool to stretch out and improve his hip flexibility for using prosthetics, but the benefits of the regular swims have since improved his entire wellbeing.

"Sitting in a wheelchair most definitely doesn't give the body much chance to stretch out," Gary said.

"Being in the water does give me such a sense of freedom from both the wheelchair and prosthetics.

"It has most definitely improved my stamina when using my prosthetics and

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wheeling in my chair, my kidney and heart function has improved and leg and hip flex also improved, which helps a lot while learning to walk on prosthetics.

"Everyone at the Recquatic has been helpful and myself and my support worker love a chat with the staff who are super friendly and offer a supportive environment," he said.

The facility is committed to being an inclusive space, fostering health and well-being for everyone in the community, regardless of their abilities.

International Day of People with Disability

Join us in celebrating International Day of People with Disability from Monday, November 25 to Sunday, December 8! The City of Kwinana, in partnership with the City of Rockingham, is excited to present a dynamic program of activities designed to raise awareness and foster inclusion for people with disability.



For more details visit our What's On page
kwinana.wa.gov.au/city-life/things-to-do/what-s-on



LYRiK Awards

The LYRiK Awards, announced in June, recognised outstanding young individuals in the community, culminating in the Carol Adams Young Person of the Year award which went to Stephanie Beaumont.

After multiple independent nominations, the assessment panel unanimously decided to announce Stephanie as the Carol Adams Young Person of the Year, praised by Mayor Peter Feasey for her exceptional leadership and commitment to the community.

"She has achieved the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award and participated in a wide range of activities, volunteering, and program delivery for her peers at Peter Carnley Anglican Community School," Mayor Feasey said.

"She is also a vital member of the Kwinana Youth Advisory Council, consistently supporting and uplifting others.

"Stephanie has played a crucial role in numerous City of Kwinana events, consultations and event programs and is currently studying a double degree at UWA," he said.

Mayor Feasey thanked sponsors Alcoa and Coogee for their continued support of the awards, which is now in its 18th year, celebrating Leadership, Youth and Respect in Kwinana.

LYRiK Awards 2024 winners:

Achievement in Career or Education Progression Award: Daniel Russel, Ethan Eggington and Jessica Bahdi.

Community Inspiration Award: Orelia Primary School Junior Neighbourhood Watch, Tahlia Riley.

Leadership Award: Harold Parsons, Peter Pan Production Team – Blake and Matilda Jenkins.

Respect for Land and Water Award: Takunda Bere

Social Justice Advocate Award: Kwinana Youth Advisory Council

Sport and Recreation Achievement Award: Brielle Dredge, Axeley Ulupov, and Olivia Bant.

Personal Development Award: Joss Wilson

Carol Adams Young Person of the Year Award: Stephanie Beaumont.



Carol Adams and Stephanie Beaumont

Youth repping Kwinana

Kwinana's young people have been putting their hometown on the map, with Ethan Eggington and Emily Cole both finalists in the WA Youth Awards. Winners will be announced 20 September. Ethan is a finalist for the Parkerville Children and Youth Care Creative Contribution Award, and Emily was finalist for the Carers WA Milestone Award.

Takunda Bere was also appointed as a Ministerial Advisory Council member to improve outcomes for young people across the State. Tawana Mawoko was selected for the 2024 WA Youth Parliament, sponsored by Kwinana MLA Roger Cook.



Community Safety Series

This October, join us for the City of Kwinana's Community Safety Series, where we're committed to enhancing the safety and well-being of our residents.



For more information
kwinana.wa.gov.au/communitysafetyseries

This exciting series will feature a variety of interactive workshops, engaging pop-up events, and convenient online subsidy applications to support safety initiatives. Whether you're interested in learning more about home security, emergency preparedness, or community vigilance, there's something for everyone. There will be numerous opportunities to talk with Police. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with your neighbours, gain valuable knowledge, and contribute to a safer Kwinana. Stay tuned for more details and get ready to make a positive impact in our community!

International Co-Working Day

Local business owners removed the isolation of being a micro-business owner by getting out of the home office to work together on International Co-working Day, 9 August.

The City sponsored the event at Ken Jackman Hall in the Dairus Wells Library and Resource Centre by providing much needed refreshments for our business owners to work 'on' and not 'in' their businesses for a day.

The session was led by local businesswoman Sarah Thomson who guided 40 business owners through a series of "sprints" to complete set amounts of work and reduce their task lists.

The event was also supported by the Small Business Development Corporation who sent an advisor to join the day and help anyone who needed one-on-one business advice.



Seniors Week

Get ready for an exciting and enriching Seniors Week, happening from November 10 to November 17! This special week is dedicated to celebrating and honouring the contributions of our senior community members. We've planned a fantastic lineup of events that will offer something for everyone. Don't miss out on the chance to participate in activities designed to celebrate our seniors and foster a sense of community. Mark your calendars, spread the word, and join us in making this Seniors Week a memorable one! Program schedules will be available at the City Administration Building, Kwinana Public Library and Kwinana Senior Citizens Centre in October.



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 recquatic.com.au



For more information call [9236 4700](tel:92364700), email recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au or visit our Facebook page [/kwinanarecquatic](https://www.facebook.com/kwinanarecquatic).



Virtual Cycle Workout

The Recquatic has introduced state-of-the-art cycling equipment by BODY BIKE.

We are now the first metro facility to host Les Mills Virtual in the spin studio.

These new OceanIX editions also use recycled plastic sourced from commercial fishing nets.

To view the timetable visit the Recquatic website.



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.

Junior Programs

We have a range of programs available to keep the little ones active and engaged in physical activity.

During school holidays we will run some extra sport sessions for kids so check with the Recquatic for details.

TUMBLING TOTS
(1-2 years)

JUMPING JUNIORS
(3-4 years)

MULTI-SPORTS
(5-12 years)



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, volleyball or even pickleball game? Bookings are essential. Please contact the Recquatic directly on [9236 4700](tel:92364700) for same day availability or email recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au for all court hire requests, costs and availability.



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

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?

National Reconciliation Week

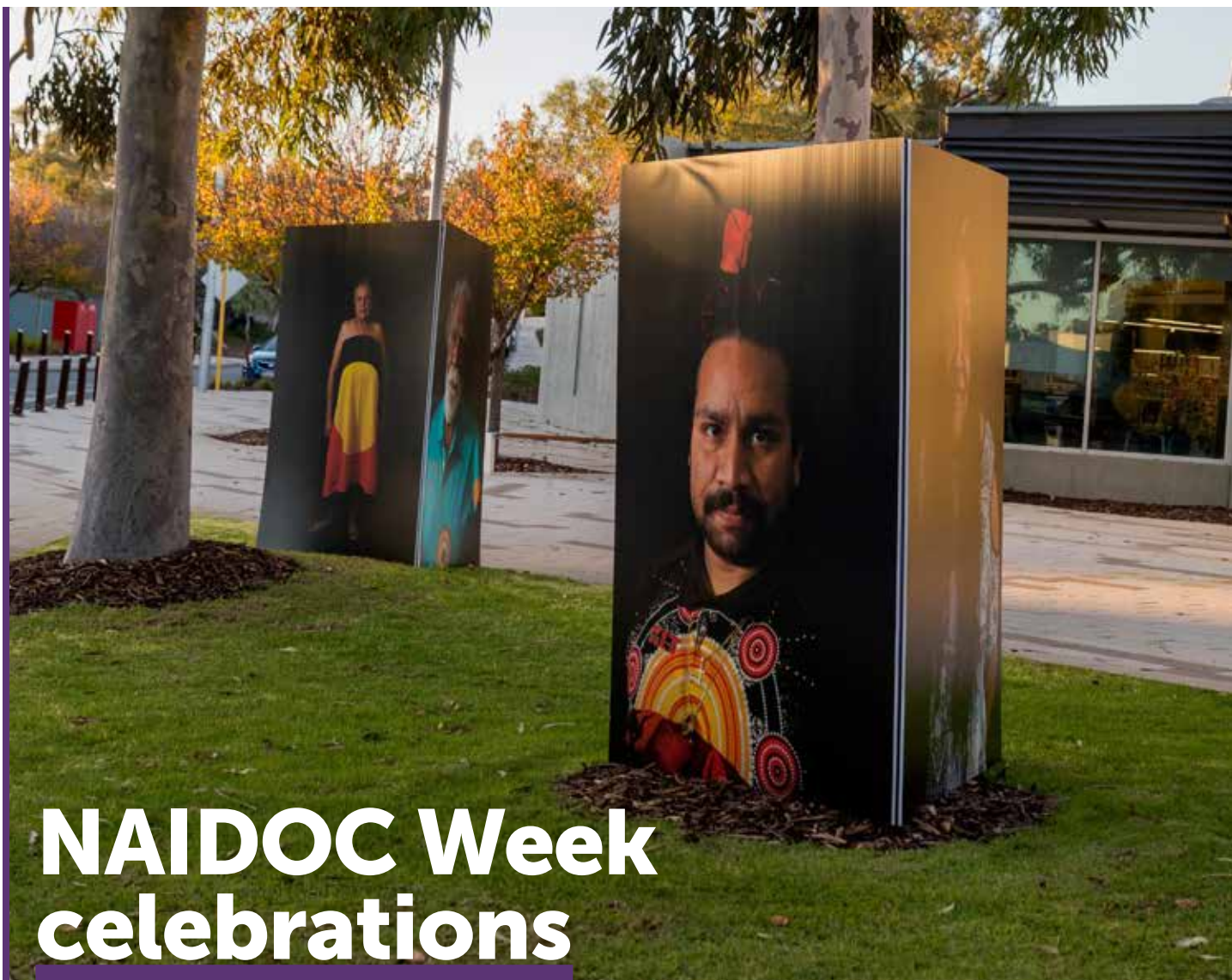
National Reconciliation Week in Kwinana this year included a special screening at Koorliny Arts Centre of the Reconciliation WA virtual breakfast event, and the roll out of three Nyoongar language pronunciation videos run on social media and available on the City of Kwinana's YouTube channel.

Have you ever wondered how to correctly say Koorliny Arts Centre, Ngook Boorn Mia-Mia / Honeywood Pavilion, or Ngalang Moort Manjar? All these explanations, spoken by Deputy Mayor Barry Winmar, are available at www.youtube.com/@CityofKwinana/videos

The Boola Maara (Many Hands) Aboriginal Consultative Committee also held its first meeting on 1 July, after being elevated from an advisory group in 2023 to Aboriginal Consultative Committee.



Agendas and Minutes of the meetings are available on the Council's Minutes and Agendas page kwinana.wa.gov.au/minutesandagendas



NAIDOC Week celebrations

It was a special NAIDOC Week in Kwinana with an immersive exhibition experience on offer to Keep the Fire Burning!

It was truly Blak, Loud and Proud at the Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre which featured larger-than-life portrait installations outside the building, which quickly became the talk of the town, and stunning portraits filled the inside of the Ken Jackman Hall. Taken by Kerry-Anne de Klerk, these images marked the 50th anniversary of the Medina Aboriginal Cultural Centre (MACC) from 2023. The powerful exhibition *Djinanginy Moort Koora* (looking, family, long ago) featured portraits of the Aboriginal community alongside a

collection of oral histories which were played within the hall and also made available to listen to at home through an exhibition booklet. This exhibition opened simultaneously with an exhibition of artworks from a children's book called *Nedingar: Ancestors* which was authored by Gilmore College Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education program coordinator Isobel Bevis and illustrated by Wudjari and Goreng Noongar landscape artist Leanne Zilm.

The outdoor installations were moved to the courtyard of the Koorliny Arts Centre for a period of time and exhibition booklets were made available from the Kwinana Public Library and the Koorliny Arts Centre. Congratulations also to Doris Getta who was named Female Elder of the Year, alongside Aunty Carol Johns, at the NAIDOC Perth Awards.



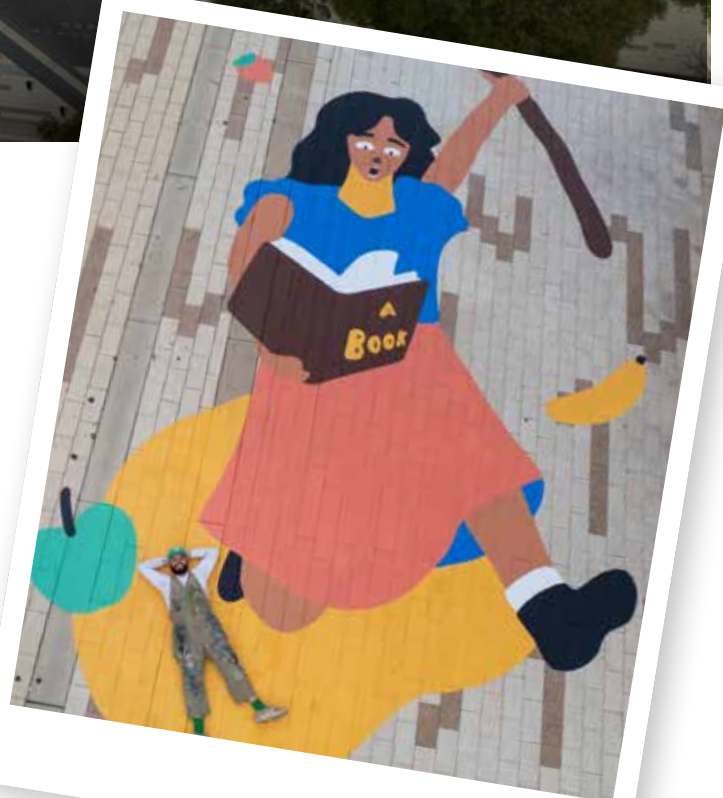
Robbos Way mural

We are thrilled to unveil the vibrant new murals by artist Simon Dransfield in the City Centre! These stunning artworks capture the essence of community and wonder, blending themes of books, health, and fitness.

'The Power of a Book' at Darius Wells Library features a young girl who uses the power of reading to unleash her creativity and imagination, sharing magical fruit with a diverse group of readers. The scene is set against a beautiful Western Australian sunset, showcasing the joy of reading and community spirit.

'Learning to Swim' outside Kwinana Recquatic promotes exercise for all ages, with striking colours highlighting the vitality and energy that fitness brings to our lives.

'Stepping Stones' and 'Kwinana Book Club' connecting pathways features abstract stepping stone designs and joyful readers scattered throughout the pathways represent energy, magic, and wonder, linking our community spaces together and creating a pathway of imagination and vitality.



Vibrant Kwinana photo competition

We are excited to announce the launch of the City of Kwinana's Annual Photography Competition, celebrating the unique and vibrant spirit of our community. This year's theme, "Vibrant Kwinana," invites photographers of all ages and skill levels to showcase the dynamic, colourful, and lively essence of our city. Entries are open until Wednesday, 2 October. Whether it's the natural beauty of our parks, the energy of our local events, or the diversity of our community, we want to see how you capture what makes Kwinana a vibrant place to live, work, and play.

Winners will be awarded in several categories, Adults 26+, Youth 13 to 25 years, and Children 12 and under. Explore our city and capture your story through your lens and contribute to a visual celebration of Kwinana.

HOW TO ENTER

1

Take a photograph that embodies the theme "Vibrant Kwinana."

2

Submit your entry through our online portal by 2 October.



For more details on how to enter and competition rules, visit kwinana.wa.gov.au/photocomp2024

City Noticeboard

Street Meets

The City is offering \$150 reimbursement costs to local residents for a 'street meet' activity in your local neighbourhood. Applicants must register their event prior to it taking place, to be eligible for the Street Meets Grant.

Find out more
kwinana.wa.gov.au/streetmeets

Arts and Culture Strategy

Do you love attending events in Kwinana? Are you curious about the process behind creating murals? Do you often visit the Koorliny Arts Centre? The City is developing an Arts and Culture Strategy, and we want to hear from you! Your feedback and insights will help shape our plans and ensure they reflect the interests and needs of our community.

Find out more
lovemykwinana.com/artsandculture

Pick your Play!

We're renewing our local playgrounds to create safer, more inclusive spaces for all children to enjoy.

Have your say from 16 September via
lovemykwinana.com/playgrounds-parks

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
kwinana.wa.gov.au/spacetoco

Business

Join our engaging monthly supportive Business Meet-ups designed exclusively for business owners in the City of Kwinana. Share your experiences, exchange tips and strategies, and forge valuable connections that can propel your business forward.

Find out more lovemykwinana.com/kwinana-business-hub

CCTV

The City of Kwinana is providing a subsidy for residents and businesses off the cost of new closed circuit television (CCTV) installations and / or Sensor Lights in the City that include a public angle field of view overlooking the road, footpath, front verge, or any other applicable public area.

Opens October kwinana.wa.gov.au/CCTVsecuritysubsidy

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