

Magor's Message



The year in Kwinana has been full of exciting projects that are truly making our community an even better place to live and work!

We introduced our first Environment Strategy and work continues to prepare the City for the roll out of our Three-Bin Garden Organics (GO) System and pre-booked verge collections for bulk

The Arclight initiative cut a spate of vandalism in its tracks, and we

dedicated a month to community safety to equip our more vulnerable residents ahead of the busy bushfire season and resource residents with a raft of safety tips and rebates.

We celebrated Kwinana's biodiversity through September and captured the colours of Kwinana in the Annual Photography Competition to the theme of 'Vibrant Kwinana'.

You will find a selection of these images featured in the community calendar.

I encourage you to nominate someone deserving for a Kwinana Community

Award, and take part in our fun-filled event season including the upcoming Lolly Run.

We can be proud of the year that was and I urge you to take the time to relax with friends and family over the holiday period, enjoy where you live through the Birak/Bunuru and refresh ahead of the new year.

Peter Feasey Mayor of Kwinana







A 'Vibrant Kwinana' was captured and celebrated in this year's annual photography competition held by the City of Kwinana.

An exhibition of all 94 entries, including the winning submissions, were displayed at Kwinana Public Library throughout October and some feature in the 2025 community calendar.

Judges included Gemma Dix from the Koorliny Arts Centre, last year's competition winner Aaron Brown who is also a photographer, and Cr David

Aurora Antonio won the child category for her capture of a native flower in a garden, showing great talent for her age group.

Natarlia Ciancio won the youth category for a work titled 'Something In The Orange' which is a relaxing view of Kwinana Beach, using lighting well to capture a feeling.

Michael Sargeant won the adult category for a work cleverly titled 'Moss to the Flames', taken at The Spectacles.



The image featured bright waxcap fungi nestled among green moss.

The judges were quite taken with the subject matter as well as the technical skills in capturing the textures and detail.

Commendations added for the children's category included photos by Nathan Hunter and Linkon Ciano.

Commendations for the youth category went to Connor Taylor-Thorpe, and for the adult category the judge's commendations went to David Schaller and Andrew Cox.





Kwinana Community Awards

The Kwinana Community Awards are back to shine a spotlight on the incredible individuals and groups who make our community thrive!

Categories include:

- Kwinana Person of the Year
- Kwinana Senior Person of the Year
- Kwinana Aboriginal Person or Group of the Year
- · Kwinana Group of the Year

Know someone deserving? Nominate them today!

Let's make this year's awards the best yet!

Nominations can be submitted via https://bit. ly/3MtKTfK by 5pm, Sunday 5 January 2025



Befriend

Wellard resident Inger Ward, a community builder for Befriend, has created a warm and welcoming space on the ground floor of the John Wellard Community Centre.

Supported by Rotary Kwinana and local community members, the Pop Up Community Lounge came to life as a collaborative effort.

The Pop Up Lounge launched in October as a three-month trial, supported by the City's Facilities Team. It drew and impressive 40 attendees on its first day..

Local businessman Alan Careswell further boosted the community spirit by offering free ice cream, coffee and slushies from the Pink Panther Ice Cream Van. Visitors to the Pop Up Lounge enjoyed a free, inclusive and relaxing environment, complete with "linger longer" zones designed to encourage conversation.

The popular 'Trinket Trade Tray' invited guests to exchange small treasures, while the Book Swap station is a haven for book lovers.

Card and board games were also available, encouraging social interaction and friendly competition.

The Lounge was further enhanced by local artists who have loaned their artwork to decorate the space, adding to the community vibe.

Additionally, various arts and crafts were available for purchase on a "pay what feels fair" basis, with proceeds going towards keeping refreshments available during the Pop Up's Monday sessions from 9am to 3pm.

The trial will continue through to the end of the year and Inger is very hopeful to see this initiative extended into 2025, so watch this Pop Up Community Lounge space.

This initiative is one of many community-building opportunities offered by Befriend in Kwinana. Printed copies of the Kwinana Senior Citizens Centre program and Befriend's monthly calendar of events are available in the foyer for those looking to get involved in their community.

For more information about Befriend's vision for a more inclusive and connected world, visit **befriend.org.au**.

If you are interested in starting your own interest group, feel free to contact Inger at inger@befriend.org.au or 0478 500 950 to explore how Befriend can support you to find your place to give, volunteer and thrive.

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Befriend events can also be found on the City of Kwinana's What's On page at kwinana.wa.gov.au/ whatson

Arclight

Behind the scenes, an incredible youth intervention program spearheaded by the City has led to transformative change in Kwinana.

The Arclight Initiative was launched this year to reach young people struggling to engage in education, and in Kwinana it was instrumental in putting a stop to a concerning spate of youth crime and anti-social behaviour. Arclight draws upon the Save the Children's groundbreaking Youth Partnership Project (2014–2021) to deliver a holistic,

partnership-focused wrap around program to get support to the right young people at the right time.

With about 80 per cent of young people who attend Banksia Hill Detention Centrereturning within one year, it is clear that detention is no deterrent.

The Arclight Initiative identified young people who may be struggling at school, built relationship and rapport with local youth workers and provided a comprehensive cognitive assessment with a psychologist and neuroscientist to understand needs, before creating a collaborative action plan.

This plan caters to multiple aspects of the child's life including life skills, literacy, numeracy, physical and mental health, sports, hobbies, career and more.

The Arclight Initiative has nurture, care and love at its core, and it has brought together many organisations, individuals and government departments to pilot the program in Kwinana.

The Arclight pilot was funded externally by Curtin University and included collaborative efforts from local services and State Departments.



Biodiversity Stewardship

Did you know that the City actively support's rural landowners to manage and encourage biodiversity on their lots? The City launched its Biodiversity Stewardship Program in September 2023, with ten landowners taking part in the program's pilot year. Pilot participants were identified in the City's Local Biodiversity Strategy as having properties with high environmental value. Following the success of the pilot, the program will now extend into other rural parts of the City.

Environmental Planner Rebecca Rosa supported Lesley Moreschi's journey to revegetate sections of her Wellard property and identify and manage weeds.

"I received 516 tube stock plants through the City through the biodiversity stewardship program to help revegetate sections of my fiveacre property," Mrs Moreschi said.

"We planted 200 trees ourselves prior to that and watched what was successful.

"The knowledge and expertise from the City helps us focus on what has a good chance of survival and what we

thought were weeds were often actually native plants.

"In 16 years, we've seen a change in the types of weeds and pests coming into our property as more development has occurred around us," she said.

Ms Rosa said participants of the stewardship program received a free property environmental assessment, a bespoke management plan and on-going support to assist them in managing biodiversity, weeds and pests on their property. The program also provides tubestock for revegetation, financial assistance for weed removal and management and community workshops to help rural landowners with biodiversity and land management issues. "Working with the landowners and their unique needs and property, we provide individualised and on-going environmental support to help them protect and enhance the biodiversity of their property. For some landowners this is weed removal focussed and for others it includes revegetation. Every property and landowners' needs are different.

To register your interest, email rebecca.rosa@ kwinana.wa.gov.au

Tree borer zones

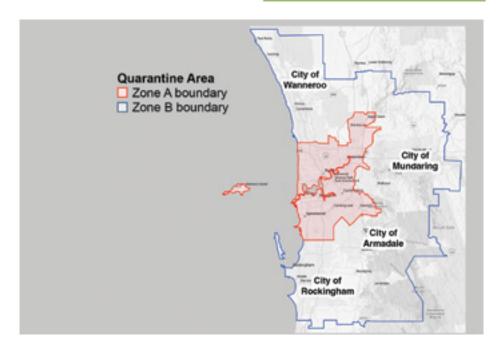
The Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB), a tiny beetle about the size of a sesame seed, has been detected in the Perth Metro Area.

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.

In September, the Quarantine Area in Perth was expanded, and divided into Zone A and Zone B.

Kwinana is now part of Zone B where increased surveillance is taking place.

Residents cannot move untreated or unseasoned wood outside of this area, unless chipped to piece smaller than 2.5cm in diameter; they cannot move plant materials including living plants that are greater than 2cm out of the Quarantine Area; can move wood or plant materials, including living plants, into Zone A; must ensure machinery used to handle green waste is cleaned before it can be moved outside the quarantine Area.



PHSB does not live, breed in, or otherwise affect lawn clippings and grasses so these can be disposed of as normal with no restrictions.

Anyone who cannot meet the movement requirements must contact DPIRD to obtain a permit before moving restricted materials.

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



The first event of the Summer Sounds series was held on Sloans Reserve in Leda for another cultural celebration, this time with \$10 food passports so attendees could sample cuisines from around the world.

This family-friendly event included cultural performances, free workshops and food trucks featuring Ngalak Nidja, Jarrah Celts, Bollywood Dancers, Rostiazhka Cossak Dancers, Akwaaba African and Chung Wah Dance.

With a growing focus on making our events more accessible, we were thrilled to hear that a patron attended with her carer due to vision impairment said it was a wonderfully accessible event.

Summer Sounds kicked off the busy events season, with OMG! Festival bringing a celebration of light, art and culture in The Grove over two nights in November, followed by the Wellard Street Festival featuring stunning light-filled performances.

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Stay up to sate with all our major events kwinana.wa.gov.au/majorevents



Kwinana marks 70 years of the Lolly Run!

This year marks the 70th anniversary of Kwinana's much-loved Lolly Run.

From 17 to 23 December, volunteers will continue the longstanding tradition of distributing sweet treats to every residential street in the community.

Each night, four trucks will drive through the suburbs, ensuring everyone gets to join in the festivities and celebrate this iconic event. Residents are encouraged to gather with neighbours and make the most of the event by hosting their own streetside celebrations. Street Meet rebates of \$150 are available for those interested in organising these mini events. Don't miss out on this special 70-year milestone be part of the magic of Christmas!

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For more details lovemykwinana.com/lolly-run



Swimming pool safety is one of the highest priorities facing the City, with the lives and safety of young children and community members at stake if local pools fail to pass safety inspections.

The City recently created a new Swimming Pool Inspector position, with Royal life Saving also available to assist as required for pool inspections.

Manager Building Services Brian Cameron urged pool owners to check and maintain the self-closing gates around the pool area.

Climbable items like outdoor kitchens, furniture, pot plants and trees should also be kept more than 500mm away to prevent access to the pool over the side.

"The pool gate needs to be self-closing when held at any distance away from the closing mechanism as required by the Australian Standards AS 1926.1," Mr Cameron said.

"Some inspections have also noted swimming pool safety barriers in poor condition, providing little or no structural integrity to prevent entry."

"We recommend regular checks by the residents to ensure all safety barriers, fencing and gates are maintained in a sound condition," he said.

The City conducts swimming pool safety barrier inspections, within the maximum period of four-yearly intervals, as mandated by State legislation.

The City is required to provide the Department of Energy, Mining, Industry Regulation & Safety (DEMIRS) an annual report of the number of swimming pools registered and inspected, including any that may not have been inspected within the four-yearly interval and the City. We are proud to report all our swimming pools due for an inspection had been inspected in the last financial year, and all bar three were compliant with these three booked for reinspection.

Rangers reunite feline family

A trapped and un-microchipped cat was reunited with her kittens and rehomed as a family, thanks to the quick thinking actions of our Rangers.

A cat presenting as a feral and displaying very aggressive behaviour making it difficult to assess was found trapped on 12 October. With the Rangers called to impound the cat and try reunite it with an owner by posting on the Lost Pets page without success.

But it's temperament drastically changed several days later at the vet who, where they also discovered the catwas in fact a lactating mother.

Rangers immediately went back to the area where the cat was trapped and conducted a door knock to try and find the kittens, fearing dehydration. One resident called in a report of five kittens in their Meares Avenue shed.

The kittens were rushed to the vet for care and the mother cat immediately accepted all her lost kittens, which were about five to six weeks old. A new home outside of Kwinana was then found for them as a family through the Rangers' Rehome contacts.

Registering your pet ensures they are safe and can always find their way home.

Our Rangers stress the importance of responsible pet ownership, ensuring pets are registered and microchipped. Dogs must be microchipped and cats over the age of six months must be sterilised and microchipped to be registered with the City.



For more details kwinana.wa.gov.au/poolsafety



An extensive and targeted campaign rolled out through the entire month of October as the City of Kwinana's Community Safety Series sought to enhance the community safety and wellbeing of its residents.

This exciting series featured interactive workshops about home security, being ready for an emergency and community vigilance, plus engaging pop-up events promoting convenient online subsidy applications to support safety initiatives.

Mayor Peter Feasey thanked everyone who took part in the Community Safety

"We know from the Strategic Community Plan that safety in Kwinana is a key priority for our community so we've gone big this year," Mayor Feasey said,

"We brought emergency services, Police, and even experts in waste, engineering, cyber safety and pool safety together to equip our community with valuable knowledge, encourage people to get to know their neighbours and contribute to a safer Kwinana.

"Community safety is more than just addressing crime. It is also about having the right emergency apps on your phone, maintaining cybersafe practices online, knowing your neighbours, responsible pet ownership and taking meaningful steps to protect your property and family.

"As a result, we dedicated the month of October to community safety, with highlights including four Disaster Preparedness Forums held across the City to prepare for summer's risk of bushfires and other emergencies."

Safe and Found rebates, CCTV subsidies, and Street Meet rebates were also opened and promoted during October, along with the City's Neighbour Day grants.

Kwinana Police Station Officer in Charge Senior Sergeant Lynn Barbour said community safety was everyone's responsibility.

"I encourage everyone to download the Eyes on the Street app, and help us help you by reporting potential criminal activities or suspicious behaviour anonymously through the app," Sen. Sgt Barbour said.

Assisted living housing released in Orelia

In the lead up to International Day of People with Disability, the City worked closely with St Jude's Disability Services and is excited to announce the opening of our newly built Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) homes in Orelia on Varris Way.

Meticulously designed with the utmost care and attention to comfort, these 11 two-bedroom homes offer accessibility features that enhance daily living and promote independence for participants.

St Jude's have over 42 years of experience in supporting people with

disability and psychosocial needs, providing essential services across Western Australia and Queensland.

Residents experience the safety of a secure, purpose-built community while maintaining independence in a comfortable, fully accessible living space.

Thoughtful designs to Improved Liveability standards feature wide doorframes, walkways, and advanced fittings to promote autonomy and accessibility.

The modern homes are tailored for accessibility, featuring electric

adjustable kitchen countertops, accessible bathrooms with assistive railings, and spacious layouts, ensuring comfort and ease of use.

Residents will enjoy 24/7 access to dedicated on-site carers, with each home equipped with a centralised support worker communication system for around-the-clock care.

The official opening of these homes took place on Tuesday, 3 December in celebration of International Day of People with Disability, with guided tours and morning tea provided.

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, email recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au or visit our Facebook page /kwinanarecquatic.



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 Kwinana Recquatic team shined at the 2024 WA Aquatic Recreation Industry (ARI) Awards, held on 15 August. With five award nominations and three major wins, our team's dedication to excellence and community impact has truly been recognised.

Swim School of the Year Award

Community Impact Award – for our innovative partnership with Good Sammy Enterprise, creating the Good Thanks Café.

Emerging Leader of the Year – Congratulations to our Duty Officer Gordon Cheok!

We also celebrate the accomplishments of our finalists:

Kirra Russell - Lifeguard of the Year finalist

Melissa McCabe - Swim Teacher of the Year

A big congratulations to our entire team for their hard work and commitment to making Kwinana a better place!



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

ladies seven-a-side netball

FRIDAY MORNING ladies seven-a-side netball



A coffee cup swapping initiative known as HuskeeSwap has launched in

The City of Kwinana has partnered with Huskee to help local coffee businesses transition away from single-use disposable coffee cups through the HuskeeSwap program.

This initiative aligns with the City's first Environment Strategy's commitment to circularity - to design systems that aim to eliminate waste.

The City of Kwinana paid for a float of reuseable HuskeeCups, which are made of waste coffee husk, to stock local cafes.

Patrons can now buy a cup from the participating café for their coffee, then bring the cup back (the café will clean it!) and swap it for their next steaming beverage in a fresh HuskeeCup.

Alternatively, patrons can keep your HuskeeCup and clean it themselves, ready for their next caffeine hit.

The cups can ultimately be recycled into new products, and cups can be swapped at any café using the HuskeeSwap program.

The Green Barista, in Medina, and New Ground Coffee, in Mandogalup, have already been swapping Huskees. Bliss Momo's, in Wellard, and Good Thanks, inside Kwinana Recquatic, are next in line to roll out HuskeeSwap.

Learn more: email environmentwaste@kwinana.wa.gov.au or visit kwinana.wa.gov.au/huskeeswap



Scholarships provided by the City of Kwinana enabled 132 students from local schools to attend the It Takes a Spark! **STEM Conference on 18** September.

The State-wide conference was held at Peter Carnley Anglican Community School in Wellard.

Previously, just five Kwinana schools were involved, with the scholarships boosting this to include nine schools, Mayor Peter Feasey said.

"We are thrilled more local students in Years 4 to 10 can have the opportunity to delve deep into the fascinating world of science, technology, engineering and maths," Mayor Feasey said.

As a result, more local students were exposed to a leading STEM education event, and the City also supported 15 teachers and one EA to attend with their students.

The day included hands on activities, stimulating problems to solve including real life challenges, and a masterclass

for teachers.

Peter Carnley Anglican Community School Principal Felicity House said the school was proud to host Western Australia's largest STEM in Education conference for the third year running.

"It Takes a Spark! conference provides educators and students from around Western Australia the opportunity to experience cutting-edge STEM activities, speakers and workshops on the grounds of our beautiful Wellard Campus," she said.

Three-Bin Garden Organics

We know that our community values sustainability and effective waste management, so preparations are underway to roll out a third bin from May 2025.

As soon as dates are set, the City will notify all residents through a range of methods including direct mail, social and print media.

Known as the Three-Bin Garden Organics (GO) system, the rollout of this third bin will enhance material recovery by composting organic waste, ultimately enriching our soils.

Did you know that garden trimmings, grass clippings and leaves fill over a third of kerbside bins?

Turning garden organics to compost will contribute to a circular economy and help create a more sustainable future for Kwinana.

The 240L GO bin will feature a lime green lid, be automatically given to properties over 350sqm, and be collected fortnightly on the opposite week to your recycling week.

Smaller properties can opt in to the GO system at any time.

As part of the new Three-Bin System residents will be given a smaller 140L general waste bin with a red lid.

This general waste bin will be collected weekly and is a last resort for waste that cannot be composted or recycled. All general waste will go to the new Kwinana Energy Recovery facility to turn the City's waste into electricity!

All dark green lids and old bins will be removed and recycled into new bins in the future.

Mayor Peter Feasey said while many of the residents surveyed during the consultation phase wanted a third bin to move to a more sustainable waste model, the GO bin system was chosen over the FOGO system as the best value for our community. It also carried low to moderate risks, was an easier system to use, and there are readily available processing facilities. A feasibility assessment to reconsider FOGO will be undertaken in five years.

> ...major leap forward promoting a cleaner and greener future for all residents.

He said the City of Kwinana Council also agreed to move to a pre-booked verge collection system for bulk waste, to commence July 2025.

Residents will be able to pre-book collection for their bulk waste, by phone or online, as a major leap forward promoting a cleaner and greener future for all residents.

Residents will be allocated two bulk or green waste collections, and additional mattress or whitegoods collections.

They will have the option to forgo their mattress and whitegoods collections in favour of an extra green waste collection.

Residents will be able to book extra collections for a fee.

Mayor Feasey said the pre-booked verge waste collection system was designed to be more convenient and flexible than the current verge collections, catering to the diverse needs of Kwinana residents.

For more information, visit kwinana.wa.gov.au/threebingo

Environment Strategy

We care about our natural environment, so Council has adopted its first Environment Strategy.

Kwinana is growing and changing fast so we want to enhance people's quality of life with greener spaces, active transport, and protection of our local heritage.

As an organisation, we also plan to reach Net Zero emissions by 2035 and the City as a whole by 2050.

We will support our region's biodiversity and boost urban canopy to cool our suburbs.

We will also drive a circular economy for our community.

This Environment Strategy delivers on the community's call for a naturally beautiful environment that is enhanced and protected. Let's do it together!

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



City Noticeboard

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

Seniors Services

The City and local community groups provide numerous programs and services for people 50 years and over.

Check out the City's What's On web page for a full list

kwinana.wa.gov.au/WhatsOn

Business

Join us for an engaging and supportive Business Meet-up 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

Toddler Town Centre

Available for children aged eight weeks to five years, the Toddler Town Creche at the Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 12pm and provides a safe and caring environment for your child while you use the facilities within the Centre.

Bookings can be made online kwin.city/3ghAtQP or call 9236 4321.

Volunteering

Are you looking to make a difference in your community? The City of Kwinana has a variety of volunteering opportunities that allow you to connect with others and give back to the place we all call home.

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills, and contribute to making Kwinana an even better place to live. Get involved today and become part of a vibrant, supportive community!

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

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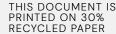
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City of Kwinana kaditj kalyakool moondang-ak kaaradj midi boodjar-ak ngala nyininy, yakka wer waabiny, Noongar moort. Ngala kaditj baalap kalyakoorl nidja boodjar wer kep kaaradjiny, baalap moorditj nidja yaakiny-ak wer moorditj moort wer kaditj Birdiya wer yeyi. City of Kwinana acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we live, work and play, the Nyoongar people. We

recognise their connection to the land and local waterways, their resilience and commitment to community and pay our respect to Elders past and present.

