

# Mayor's Message



#### Spring/Djilba is the season of new starts, and we look forward to welcoming four **Elected Members to Council** in October.

While voting is voluntary, I encourage you to take part in the Local Government Election when voter packs become available. As a Council, we adopted the Strategic Community Plan in June and we are now sharing the actions the City is taking to deliver the community's vision for the next 10 years. First up are the key projects identified in the Budget (page 3),

including a Kwinana Loop Trail update (page 9). Community Safety is a top priority for the community so, for the second year running, we are dedicating the month of October to community safety and emergency preparedness by hosting a range of workshops (page 6) to help you stay safe. As the City of Trees we all need to be prepared for bushfire season, so check our resources shared on page 6. There are lots of ways to stay active as the weather warms up, with a bike festival planned and the Wandi Jump Track just around the bend (page 9) with works expected to start in summer. To keep you delightfully entertained, Koorliny has an incredible

lineup including Shrek the Musical, Imagine Live inspired by Alison Lester's book, and Barking Gecko's AWESOME Festival. There's just one Summer Sounds concert this year so don't miss out on gathering at Honeywood for a family-friendly celebration. I look forward to seeing you around the City soon!

**Peter Feasey Mayor of Kwinana** 





#### The Strategic Community Plan is out, with your vision for our community for the next decade!

Your vision is for 'a vibrant and inclusive community that leads with innovation and sustainability, where our unique identity and strong reputation make Kwinana a place you're proud to call home.'

In Nyoongar that's 'Ngaking djinaniny bo koorling kwopidak ngalak moorditj moortung. Ngan djoorapiny Ngalang djerp djerp Kwinana nidja ngalla mia mia.'

The Strategic Community Plan (SCP) serves as a roadmap for the next decade. Environmental Stewardship, Quality of Life, Built Environment and Leadership are the four outcomes in the SCP, and you'll notice some of our stories have been grouped together to reflect the work being done towards these outcomes.























# **Budget Key Projects**

The City of Kwinana's 2025/26 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 fastpaced growth.

Key Budget highlights include:

- Wellard West Community Facility \$5.16 million
- Kwinana Recquatic Upgrades and Renewal \$1.03 million
- Administration Building Renewal/ Upgrade \$8.72 million
- Thomas Oval Changeroom Extensions \$2.64 million
- Kwinana Regional Open Space planning \$500,000
- Kwinana City Centre Precinct Plan \$516,500

Community safety \$373,448

In addition, renewals of parks, roads, buildings and CCTV will take place, along with street tree plantings, public art, community events and grants, and programs to encourage active and healthy lifestyles are included in this Budget. Stage 1 of the Kwinana Loop Trail's upgrade will also get underway including resurfacing, realignments and improved signage.

View the Budget at kwinana.wa.gov. au/statutory-budget-2025-2026



# **Make Your** Vote Count

The 2025 Local **Government Elections** are being held on Saturday, 18 October 2025.

All eligible electors are encouraged to vote in the upcoming Election to ensure they have a voice in choosing the best people to represent their community.

To view the candidate profiles or to find out more information about the Local Government Election process visit kwinana.wa.gov.au/elections.

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Please note that the rates for the current financial year are now overdue. If you have not yet made payment or arranged a payment plan, please contact the City as soon as possible to discuss available payment options and avoid penalty interest charges.

# **Proud** of their place

Patricia (82) and Rob's (92) passion for gardening won them the 'pollinators for bees' category in the City's Proud of My Place awards.

They built their home in Bertram 20 years ago and started their front and rear gardens from scratch.

Filled with carrots and beets, a full bed of garlic, a wall of camellias and a towering bountiful avocado tree, their yard is now a drawcard for bees and laden with treats.

Patricia was clearly proud of her husband's green thumb, regularly supported by gardener Mal Rayner from Canterbury Commercial Services.

Rob's talents aren't limited to the garden as he is also a deft guitar player and even built his own guitar using his marquetry skills. Patricia's paintings adorn the walls of the Wood's home and to keep up their garden activities well into their twilight years they utilise raised

garden beds, keep mobile with chair yoga, and regularly hit the hydrotherapy pool with their physiotherapist. The Wood's are proud to call Bertram home, and they are an inspiration to all! Fourteen people won Proud of My Place awards across six categories this year, each presented with a \$100 gift voucher.



#### **Welcoming Cities**

Kwinana's growing community is becoming increasingly diverse, and in response, the City has joined the Welcoming Cities Network. The City is the tenth Local Government in WA, and the 98th nationwide to become a member.

The Welcoming Cities Network brings together towns and cities committed to creating environments where everyone feels welcome and supported to participate fully in community life. According to the 2021 Census, one in three Kwinana residents were born overseas, and 12 per cent of local households speak a language other than English.

As the City's population continues to grow, so too will its diversity, presenting an opportunity to proactively foster social cohesion and promote inclusion. By joining the Network, the City will have access to a range of resources to inform its work and opportunities to help drive a whole-of-community approach to achieving a welcoming and inclusive Kwinana.

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Welcoming Week is 12 to 21 September so visit the City's **What's On** to find local events!















The City of Kwinana recently launched its first Arts and **Culture Strategy as an arts** roadmap for the next five years.

Arts and culture in Kwinana takes many forms, from public art, music and festivals to workshops and youth programs. To help shape this Strategy, we consulted with local artists, community groups, young people, and cultural organisations. Three central priorities emerged from the consultation: to help people create, be creative and experience creativity. This includes support of new artistic works that reflect the people and stories of Kwinana, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture; inclusive and accessible opportunities for people to be creative; and diverse cultural events to build a sense of pride and belonging including expanding festival offerings. Over the

next five years, the City will implement the Strategy in stages. This includes investing in infrastructure, building partnerships, and delivering initiatives that are inclusive, sustainable, and reflective of local identity. Kwinana's new Arts and Culture Strategy is not just a document, it is an invitation to every resident to be part of building a more vibrant, inclusive and creative city. You can view the **Arts and Culture Strategy** to learn more about what's planned.





#### **Wellard Mural**

Wellard Square's newest mural by Amok Island, featuring yellow spoonbills seen in the Wellard wetlands, is a beautiful example of how art elevates local spaces and celebrates the City's unique identity. The project was jointly funded by the City and Wellard Square.

# Bushfire and Emergency Preparedness

Now is the time to prepare your home and property for emergencies ahead of the warmer months!

Download the **Emergency WA** app for all your emergency alerts, and set watch zones to get early warning of incidents near you.

Next, prepare an emergency kit kept in an accessible place everyone in your home knows about.

Your Emergency Kit should include the items recommended by the **Department of Fire and Emergency** Services for your:

- Emergency Evacuation Kit, and
- Staying In Place Emergency Kit

In case of bushfire, use the **DFES My** Bushfire Plan tool to generate a plan for your household about whether to stay or leave, including considerations for any animals on your property.

You also need to ensure your property complies with the City's Fire Notice with fire breaks installed and maintained on rural properties from 1 December to 31 May inclusive.

Urban areas must comply with the fire notice all year round, ensuring properties are clear of flammable materials, protected from ember attack.

Visit Fire Management: Fire Permits and Safety | City of Kwinana for information about fire breaks and bushfire prevention.

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View the City's Bushfire and Emergency Preparedness page for full details

kwinana.wa.gov.au/bushfire-and-emergency-preparedness



#### **October Safety Series**

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

> Find an event near you kwinana.wa.gov.au/ communitysafetyseries



# How to **Book a Pool Inspection**

#### Own a pool and wonder how to book your inspection?

Generally, the City's Swimming Pool Inspector will be in touch to organise a time to inspect your pool barrier.

Under State Government regulations, private pool and spa barriers must be inspected every four years. These inspection fees are covered by your rates.

Alternatively, pool owners can contact the City to schedule their pool barrier for inspection by calling Building Services on 9439 0472 or emailing building@kwinana.wa.gov.au

People can also request an inspection outside of the normal schedule, for properties that have just been purchased or those making changes to the pool barrier or the area around the pool barrier who want to confirm it is compliant.

For more information about pools visit kwinana.wa.gov.au/ poolsafety

# SPIRIT Spotlight Wellard's coming of age

Peet and joint venture partner Development WA celebrated the end of an era in July with the sale of the last lot at The Village at Wellard, after 22 years in operation.

Now home to more than 3000 families, The Village has set the benchmark for innovative urban design, affordable housing, and social and environmental sustainability.

As a walkable transit-oriented development, The Village has many features including a vibrant village centre, 17ha of retained natural bushland and 10ha of wetlands.

There are 28ha of parks and recreational spaces linked by walking and cycling paths, and ready access to schools and childcare.

The Village at Wellard attracted more than 19 prestigious industry awards and accolades over the years, and a series of iconic public art and sculptural pieces now complement the natural environment. Wellard's success story was captured in book form with a copy of The Story of Wellard now available at Kwinana Public Library and the John Wellard Community Centre.



# Register to be a pet hero

Thanks to the actions of responsible pet owners — our local Pet Heroes — lost pets were nearly three times as likely to reunited with their families.

By registering their dogs and cats, these everyday heroes gave their pets the best chance of being returned quickly if lost. Registration allows rangers to access owner details and contact families without delay, reducing stress for both pets and owners.

Pet registration renewals are due by 1 November, so now is the time to check your pet's details and stay up to date.



Visit kwinana.wa.gov.au/animals or call 9439 0200 to register or renew today.



#### Outcome Built Environment



The City of Kwinana is inviting residents to share their thoughts on how to make walking and bike riding easier, safer, and more enjoyable through its new Bike and Walk Plan.

Whether you are a daily commuter, a weekend rider, or someone who enjoys a stroll through the local parks, your input is essential. You can highlight key areas for improvement, suggest new routes, and help create a more connected and active city. This is a valuable opportunity to influence future infrastructure and ensure that

Kwinana continues to support healthy, accessible, and sustainable travel options for everyone.



For further information please visit lovemykwinana.com

#### **Bike Festival**

Bike Month is an annual celebration. held each October in Western Australia, that promotes bike riding as a fun, healthy, and sustainable mode of transportation. The Wheelie Inclusive Bike Festival held during Bike Month will aim to encourage residents of all ages and abilities to hop on their bikes, get active and explore their local area. The City will host a variety of free communityfocused activities in October, including children's bike riding lessons, adult bike skills sessions, bike obstacle courses and guided community bike rides. With a focus on fun, fitness, and connection, Wheelie Inclusive reflects Kwinana's commitment to creating a healthier city for everyone.

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View our upcoming <u>Active</u> <u>Travel Eventbrite</u> events

# Heart Foundation Walking Groups

Step into Health: Heart Foundation Walking Groups in Kwinana offer a fun, social, and accessible way for residents to stay active and connected.

Supported by the City of Kwinana, these free walking groups are part of a national initiative aimed at encouraging people to incorporate regular physical activity into their daily lives. Whether you're a seasoned walker or just getting started, the groups welcome people of all ages and fitness levels. Walks take place in local parks, along scenic trails, and through neighbourhoods, providing a great way to explore Kwinana's natural beauty while improving heart health. More than just exercise, these walks foster friendships, reduce stress, and help build a stronger, healthier community — one step at a time.

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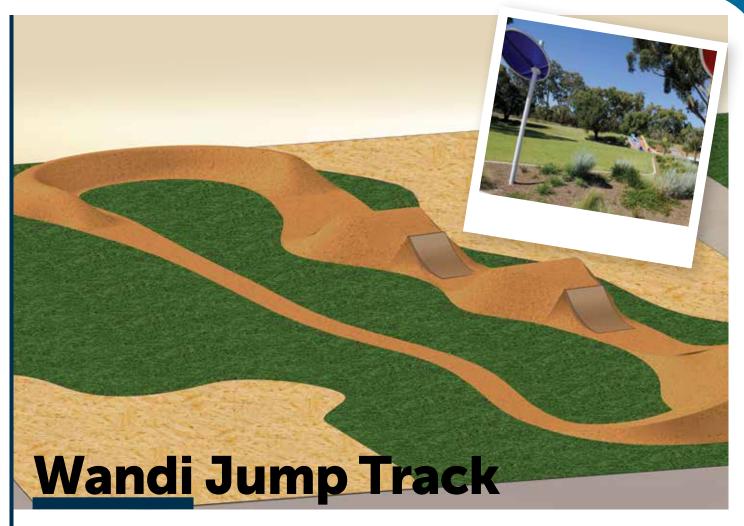
To join a walking group in Kwinana you can register on the <u>Heart Foundation website</u>.











#### Wandi residents called for bike or skate infrastructure, and the City is pleased to announce a jump track will be added to the Honeywood Adventure Playground!

Community consultation began in November 2022, when City staff met with a group of around 20 residents at the Honeywood Oval to discuss ideas about youth activities in the area.

As a result, a jump track will be installed on the grassed area at the Lyon Road end of the park.

Designed by WA trail development company Three Chillies Design, the company is also expected to start construction of the track in January.

Mayor Peter Feasey said it was an exciting time for Wandi residents, and the Kwinana community as a whole, to have a jump track just around the bend.

"The aim of the jump track is to give beginner and younger riders a good introduction to jumping and allow them to grow in confidence with their bike handling skills in a safe setting,' Mayor Feasey said.

"The high-quality beginner level track includes a two-jump line with a catch berm," he said.

The track will be completely hard surfaced with either red/ brown asphalt or polymer stabilised hard surfacing to minimise ongoing maintenance costs and provide longevity.

"This new jump track will be a wonderful complement to the Honeywood Adventure Playground and help keep children active in our community, while drawing families into the City of Kwinana," he said.

"The jump track fulfills a community's dream for an active space for young people and we are proud to work with that community to deliver a quality facility in Wandi."

#### **Loop Trail update**

This City is working with State Government agencies to upgrade the Kwinana Loop Trail and create connecting pathways between key sites along the loop.

Loop Trail details are now on the **Trails WA website**, with a downloadable map to view the key features and facilities along the route.

It will also show in real time the area to be closed for works.

Alternatively, visit <a href="https://www.lovemykwinana.com/loop-trail">www.lovemykwinana.com/loop-trail</a> where details of the upgrade's progress and any closures will be updated on a regular basis.

Planning, design, and procurement processes are underway with commencement of on-ground works expected within the next six to eight months.

# **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 iournev!

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.



#### **Junior Programs**

From first steps to first goals, our junior programs support children aged 1 to 12 through fun, movement-based learning. Whether it's Tumbling Tots and Jumping Juniors, designed for you and your little one to explore motor skills through music, play and movement, or Multi-Sports for older kids to try a variety of sports in a non-competitive, supportive environment, there's something for every stage.

Guided by enthusiastic coaches, these termbased programs help build confidence, coordination, and a lifelong love of being active.

LITTLE SPORTS

1-4 years

**FUTSAL SKILLS** 4-12 years

**TUMBLING TOTS** 1-2 years

> **JUMPING JUNIORS** 3-4 years

**BASKETBALL SKILLS** 

4-12 years

**MULTI-SPORTS** 4-12 years



#### **Social Sports**

Looking to stay active, meet new people and enjoy the game without the pressure? Our Social Sports programs are all about connection over competition. Whether you're in it for the laughs, the movement or the post-game chats, everyone is welcome no matter your skill level.

TUESDAY EVENING mixed seven-a-side netball

WEDNESDAY EVENING ladies seven-a-side netball

**FRIDAY MORNING** ladies seven-a-side netball

#### KOORLINY



We are thrilled to be part of the 2025 AWESOME Festival, featuring Barking Gecko Arts charming new production of Reasons to Stay Inside on 20 September.

This delightful show follows Pedro, who used to run, skateboard, play soccer, and attend school, but now prefers to build an ever-growing pillow fort (which he calls 'The Death Star').

His best friend Flora thinks staying inside is boring and is determined to help Pedro reconnect with the outside world.

Tackling children's mental health with insight and positivity, the production encourages resilience, peer support, and open conversation about emotions. It's playful, hilarious, and perfect for primary school aged kids.

Alongside this, the AWESOME festival offers a vibrant day program of arts events, workshops, and activities for all ages.

On 17 October, experience IMAGINE LIVE, a magical and meaningful celebration of creativity, friendship, and our precious natural world.

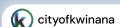
Join performers and audience alike as they bring Alison Lester's iconic book to life, spotting leopards, diving with dolphins, and digging up dinosaurs in an interactive blend of live action, animation, and digital puppetry.

Created by the multi-awardwinning team behind *Robot Song*, this large-scale, multi-screen musical performance is perfect for families and especially welcomes

Then in November, our biggest in-house production of the year arrives. Shrek the Musical runs 14 to 22 November, bringing everyone's favourite ogre and his hilarious fairytale friends to life in a dazzling, laugh-out-loud show for the whole family.

From exciting festivals to magical musicals, spring at Koorliny promises something for everyone. For tickets and event info, visit **koorliny.com.au**, call 9467 7118, or visit the box office. See you at the theatre!

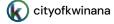
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#### **Procurement Explained**

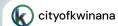
The City of Kwinana recently hosted Procurement Explained, a workshop designed to help local businesses understand how to work with the City. As a Small Business Friendly Local Government, Kwinana is committed to creating opportunities for small enterprises. Attendees gained insights into upcoming contracts, practical procurement tips, and available work types. Businesses left with the knowledge needed to engage in Local Government contracts and position themselves for future growth. Connect with the Economic Development team to find out about future workshops.





#### NAIDOC Week

The theme this year for NAIDOC Week in July was The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy. So our Moorditj Kulungars engaged in a special project, writing and recording their own nursery rhyme in Nyoongar language with the help of musician Kobi Arthur Morrison. Entitled Moorditj Kulungah which is Nyoongar for strong kids, this project was a first for the Community Arts Network Noongar Lullabies project.





#### Sunshine Bench

Medina's Sunshine Bench at the Pace Road Shopping Centre provides a welcoming space for friendly chats. Inspired by a resident passionate about supporting mental health, the community chose the unique sunflower shape for this project. This community conversation bench was then designed and built by local artisans Julian, from Perth Wicking Beds, and Rob, from Heartwood. Made of recycled wood, the bench incorporates a waterwise wicking bed for plants. Grab a coffee, stay for a chat, and get to know someone in your community!

#### **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. Keep an eye out on our business page to stay informed on what's happening next.

Visit kwinana.wa.gov.au/businesssupport

#### The Great Global Mend

Be part of a world-record mending event! Bring your worn items, sewing kit or grab a free FabPatch and help repair, reuse and reduce waste alongside others across Perth. Let's mend together!

The Great Global Mend event will take place at Medina Markets on Saturday, 11 October from 9.30am to 11.30am.

#### Step into Spring

Steptember is a fun, weekly walking challenge designed to get the Kwinana community moving throughout the month of September. Residents are encouraged to lace up their sneakers, track their steps, and enjoy the health benefits of regular walking all while going in the draw to win great prizes each week.

Register at <a href="lovemykwinana.com/">lovemykwinana.com/</a> step-into-spring

#### **Contact** and keeping up-to-date



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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.

