

Spirit OF KWINANA

City of
Kwinana

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Cover photo: Kwinana Police at the City's community safety event held at the Medina Markets in October.

Mayor's Message



As the weather warms up, works on several buildings begin including the Administration Building refurbishment.

Administration staff have moved up the hill, with the public now able to access Customer Service at 11 Stidworthy Way and you'll find more about those upgrades and the construction of Djilba Pavilion in Wellard on page 9. Next year works will begin on the Recquatic so there's much change ahead to provide better services for the community.

Meanwhile, more than 40 events focussed on community safety in a dedicated month-long Community Safety Series. You will hear more over the summer months about how we are working closely with Police to improve safety across the City. Excitingly, we now also have automatic number plate recognition cameras installed in Kwinana to better track stolen vehicles.

We gathered the community together in Honeywood Oval for the one and only Summer Sounds event of the season, and look forward to the Lolly Run once again for a week prior to Christmas.

We welcomed one new Council and three re-elected Councillors to Kwinana Council. From February, we shift our meeting location to John Wellard Community Centre in Wellard, and go from fortnightly to monthly meetings amid the Administration Building refurbishment.

I hope you all have a restful and refreshing festive season and I look forward to seeing you at Lolly Run and in the New Year.

Peter Feasey
Mayor of Kwinana

Birak/ Bunuru

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

Birak is the 'first summer'. Known as the season of the young it is a dry and hot, burning time during December and January.

Bunuru is the 'second summer', known as the season of adolescence, and the hottest part of the year in February and March.

Services over Christmas and New Year

Council has approved a full closure from 12pm Wednesday, 24 December through to Friday, 2 January, reopening Monday, 5 January 2026. This closure applies to the City's Administration, City Operations, Retirement Village Office and Zone Youth Space. Council also approved closure of the same facilities from 1pm to 5pm on Wednesday, 3 December for the staff end of year event.

Please check the Recquatic and Library websites for their Christmas opening hours.

CLOSED

12pm Wednesday, 24 December

OPEN

Monday, 5 January 2026



Erin Sergeant



Barry Winmar



Matthew Rowse



Balian Miller

New Council

Four Councillors were sworn in to Council following the 18 October Local Government Election.

32,117 voter packages were sent out, with 8,271 (25.5 per cent) returned by

Election Day. Erin Sergeant, Barry Winmar, and Matthew Rowse were all re-elected while Balian Miller was voted to Council for the first time. All four were sworn in on 29 October where Barry Winmar was once again elected Deputy Mayor by the Council. Councillors Barry Winmar and Ivy

Penny were appointed to Boola Maara (Many Hands) Aboriginal Consultative Committee. You can find the details for all Elected Members and their appointments to Committees at kwinana.wa.gov.au/Councillors

Boola Maara



Boola Maara (Many Hands) marked its first full year as an Aboriginal Consultative Committee on 1 July, providing a wealth of feedback and insights into matters coming before Council that are of relevance to the local Aboriginal community.

Boola Maara discussed the Aboriginal Cultural Protocols Guidelines for the City, provided feedback on the Early Years Strategy, the Arts and Culture Strategy, and the Writing Style Guide. They received briefings about the three-bin rollout and advised on community engagement processes.

Boola Maara also provided advice to the Koorliny Arts Centre about

improving inclusivity and creating a culturally safe space with diverse programming. The Committee also reviewed the Urban Forest Strategy, Economic Development Strategy and the Kwinana Trails Master Plan and has been a part of the naming of new community facilities.

The Consultative Committee also heard briefings about the Kwinana Wind Zone,

Sites of Truth Telling Project, the mural at Kwinana Marketplace, and Regional Open Space.

The Committee even provided advice on events like Summer Sounds Leda to make them culturally inclusive, and were involved in the Apex Park upgrade and Zone community partnerships plus the City's Environment Strategy and Animal, Environment and Amenity Local Law.

The City thanks all members for their time and insights over the last financial year, including Cr Barry Winmar, Paul Garlett, Doris Getta, Cindy Ballard, Marie Walley, Marianne Headland Mckay, Lisa Garlett and Cr Matthew Rowse.



Community Safety Series

We know community safety is a top priority for our community, so we worked closely with Police to deliver a month of workshops, pop-up events, and offers.

We also introduced the Community Safety Survey, allowing residents to share the top three safety concerns in their suburb.

The October series truly addressed all aspects of community safety.

From road safety and traffic calming to meeting your local Police and the Constable Care Puppet Show, the lineup of events also included disaster preparedness, water safety, relationship safety and online safety.

The City offered subsidies for CCTV and anti-theft screws for number plates, promoted its Neighbour Day grants along with homelessness services within Kwinana.

Student feedback during the survey process led to the City introducing a self-defence class to this year's Safety Series.

Many gathered for a wonderful Move for Mental Health dance session in Chisham Square and the soothing Tai Chi Wellness Wednesday in Sloans Reserve as we also focussed on mental health.

Thank you to all who participated in the Survey, and those who took the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and contribute to a safer Kwinana.

We've listened to the community's calls for greater community safety and will soon share the community survey results.





Fire Support Vehicles for Brigades

The City transferred two ex-fleet Isuzu DMAX dual cab vehicles to its Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades in September.

The vehicles replace ageing Ford Ranger vehicles donated by the BP Kwinana Refinery in 2018 and are fitted out with modern features critical for crew safety.

The Fire Support Vehicles play a vital role in crew changeovers, incident command, logistics, training, community engagement, and inter-agency support.

The City of Kwinana will continue to cover registration, insurance, and

maintenance costs, while the brigades will equip the vehicles to meet Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) standards.

The Kwinana South Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade has secured a \$10,000 State Government grant for its fitout, and Mandogalup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade has received a \$15,000 Alcoa grant to complete the upgrades.

This initiative demonstrates the City's commitment to equipping volunteer brigades with safe, reliable, and fit-for-purpose resources to support their essential service to the community.

New cameras in Kwinana

The City of Kwinana, in partnership with WA Police, has installed new Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras at key locations to:

- Detect stolen or suspicious vehicles in real time
- Support police investigations with valuable intelligence
- Track vehicle movements to help locate missing or absent persons
- Act as a visible crime deterrent
- Boost community safety through 24/7 monitoring by police

This initiative marks Kwinana's first integration into the metro ANPR system, reinforcing its commitment to public safety and crime prevention.

Early Years Strategy

The Kwinana Early Years Strategy 2026-2029 will set a bold vision that all children aged zero to five and their families thrive in a connected and caring community where everyone has access to high-quality supports.

The development of the Strategy was shaped through extensive community consultation and collaboration with parents, children, local service providers, and early childhood professionals. Engagement opportunities included workshops and online surveys through the Love My Kwinana platform, where residents shared insights into the challenges and opportunities faced by young families.

Children showed what was important to them through conversations and a variety of artworks. This feedback informed the Strategy's guiding principles and commitments, ensuring it truly reflects local needs and aspirations.

More than eight per cent of our young community is aged 0-4 years, so this is a vital part of our role as a Local Government to strengthen community and support the achievement of key outcomes identified in the Australian Government's Early Years Strategy 2024-2034.

Kwinana's sense of community and belonging, its support services and events, the connection to nature and ability to play in safe communities with ready access to great facilities makes Kwinana an attractive place for families.



But cost of living and financial stress is also very real, and families have said this impacts on their ability to access transport, services, and events.

Families have also expressed a need for greater connection and sense of community safety so the Early Years Strategy will work to meet those needs through the ten commitments outlined in the Strategy.

Koort of Medina sculptures project

Koort of Medina is a new public space in the heart of Medina, connecting the Laneway to the Green.



In Nyoongar, Koort means 'heart', so the name for the space means 'The Heart of Medina'. The space was created through a collaboration between the City and the Medina Residents' Group which celebrated its 20th year in 2025.

Thanks to local Medina volunteer tradies, the laneway between the Tavern and Hairdressers at the Pace Road Shopping Centre was opened up, making it more inviting and easier to move through.

The group, mainly made up of dads, plan to add festoon lighting for events, and interactive footpath art for kids to further enhance the Taverns upgrade of the lounge area.

Meanwhile, ten local Medina residents under the mentoring of highly acclaimed sculptor Lesley Barrett created 11 hand carved sculptures installed in the Koort.

These residents now have the skills, knowledge and tools to continue sculpting artworks for Medina with one of the next projects being the dead tree on Medina Green!

A big thank you to the Kwinana Volunteer Service for your collaboration and making this amazing project happen.



Photo comp winners

The City's annual photo competition attracted 150 entries this year, with three winners and the People's Choice Award announced.

A panel of judges explored the competition theme of Story and Colour in Kwinana.

The Child category was won by Logan Harry for Winters Bush, Sienna Micallef won the Youth category for The Iron Lady, and Peter Taylor won the Adult category for Where the Smoke Sleeps.

"The panel appreciated the technical skill in Peter's composition and they

thought the photo was a bold interpretation of the theme and unique in both the story told and the golden hues," Mayor Peter Feasey said.

The People's Choice Award was presented to Jodie Walker with 34 votes for her stunning Winter at Wally's Walk.

The winners each received gift cards with \$400 for the Adult category, \$300 for the Youth category and \$200 for the Child category.

Some of these community photos are included in the community calendar and thank you to everyone who entered, voted, and celebrated the story and colour in Kwinana with us.



People's Choice Award Winner

Commendations for Child Category
Mehraj, *Look a treenut fish*

Commendations for Youth Category
Jacinta Daphne Farrant, *The Smiling Red-tailed Black Cockatoo*
Robert Frost, *It's a Golden Hour Somewhere*

Commendations for Adult Category
Toni Battle, *Sunny Days at The Spectacles*
Michelle De Rosa, *The Quiet*

Special mentions for People's Choice Award

Mehraj, *Look a treenut fish*
Jacinta Daphne Farrant, *The Smiling Red-tailed Black Cockatoo*.



Lolly Run 2025

The City of Kwinana will once again bring festive cheer, dancing volunteers and a little of the sweet stuff with the much loved Lolly Run, sponsored by the Kwinana Industries Council! From 17-23 December, the Kwinana volunteers including staff, counsellors and community will continue the long-standing tradition of distributing sweet treats across 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 street-side celebrations. Street Meet grants are available for those interested in organising these mini events.

For more details, visit lovemykwinana.com/lolly-run.

Don't miss out on this special week leading up to Christmas, be part of the magic!



How to Book a verge collection

As you head into the New Year with a resolution to tackle that annual clean out, be sure to make use of your pre-booked verge collection, local op shops and Buy Nothing groups!

Residential properties receive up to five collections a year, collected from your verge at a time that suits you.

Two collections, of either bulk waste or green waste, can be booked for amounts up to three cubic metres.

Residents can also book up to three collections for either one mattress, one white good item, or six e-waste items.

This pre-booked service offers a flexible system allowing you to dispose of bulky waste items year-round, at a time that is convenient to you.

You can book your verge collection service through the online portal or by calling the City's contractor on 1300 867 166.

Simply create an account in the online portal, include your email address and phone number, search your address, then book! It's that easy.

Extra collections can be purchased for a fee if you use up all your allocated collections.



For full details and FAQs visit kwinana.wa.gov.au/vergecollection



GO Bin wrap up

The introduction of the City's three-bin Garden Organics (GO) system has had a clear positive impact on resource recovery. Since the rollout, waste tonnage has reduced by 27% with over 1,202 tonnes of GO collected and recycled up to September!

GO collection tonnages have steadily increased each month since being introduced. This shows that more and more of our green waste is being recycled into compost instead of being sent to energy recovery, helping the City of Kwinana progress toward its sustainability and waste reduction goals.

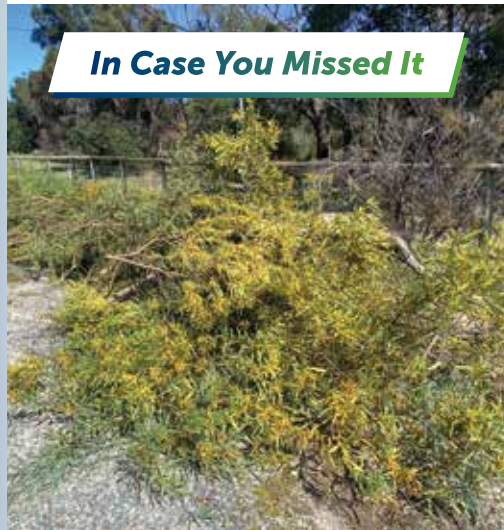
Don't forget that smaller residential properties under 350sqm can opt in to the GO Bin at any time, free of charge via our online request system or calling the City.



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Annual Weed Blitz

The City's annual weed blitz for special rural properties removed the equivalent of 94 green waste collections in Wandi, Casuarina and Wellard! Some properties had their entire 50m verge covered with removed weeds, awaiting disposal by the City. This year targeted Sydney Gold Wattle (*Acacia longifolia*) and Flinders Range Wattle (*Acacia iteaphylla*).

Administration Building Refurbishment and Building Updates

It is a busy time of redevelopment and some new builds in Kwinana!

Construction works have commenced on the Administration Building Refurbishment which is scheduled for completion in September 2026.

During this time Council administration services will be accessible from 11 Stidworthy Way, Kwinana Town Centre.

Kwinana Recquatic Refurbishment's concept design process is well underway, with the aim to progress to the engagement of a builder early in 2026.

The construction of a new pavilion in Wellard West, named Djilba Pavilion, is also well underway with completion scheduled for May 2026.

Construction of the new changerooms on Thomas Oval, known as Djandoo Mia, is scheduled for completion May 2026.



Trails Masterplan and Loop Trail

The City's trails came under the spotlight, with the development and adoption of the Kwinana Trails Network Master Plan.

This is a major step forward in setting a vision for both established and future trails development within the City of Kwinana.

The plan, adopted in August, sets a framework for our trails development and highlights key regional and local linkages that connect communities to each other and the surrounding natural and cultural environment.

This includes the Kwinana Loop Trail which the City has received a Federal funding commitment of \$2.5 million to see the Kwinana Loop Trail Hub developments come to fruition.

The City has also commenced the planning of surface upgrades and key connection detailed design as part of the \$3.5 million commitment from the State Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport.



For regular updates on the Kwinana Loop Trail surface upgrade, check [lovemykwinana.com/loop-trail](https://www.lovemykwinana.com/loop-trail) during 2026.



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).

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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.

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 for same day availability or email recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au for all court hire requests, costs and availability.

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 term-based programs help build confidence, coordination, and a lifelong love of being active.

TUES

LITTLE SPORTS

1-4 years

FUTSAL SKILLS

4-12 years

THUR

TUMBLING TOTS

1-2 years

JUMPING JUNIORS

3-4 years

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BASKETBALL SKILLS

4-12 years

MULTI-SPORTS

4-12 years



MONDAY EVENING
mixed five-a-side futsal

TUESDAY EVENING
mixed seven-a-side
netball

WEDNESDAY EVENING
ladies seven-a-side
netball

FRIDAY MORNING
ladies seven-a-side
netball

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.

KOORLINY



Koorliny Arts Centre is welcoming summer with the announcement of its exciting 2026 program, promising a year filled with music, laughter, theatre, and community spirit.

The Centre's in-house season begins in March with *Billy Elliot the Musical*, based on the beloved film and featuring music by Elton John.

In May, *In Other Words* offers an intimate and heartfelt exploration of love and memory, while June brings *Dogfight the Musical*, a powerful story of compassion and connection. September sees the return of *Come From Away: Return to the Rock*, a triumphant encore of the production that captured hearts at Koorliny in 2024. The year concludes in November with the timeless charm of *Singin' in the Rain*, complete with dazzling choreography and classic songs.

Koorliny's 2026 program also features a vibrant mix of touring acts and special events. Queen Freddie & Major Tom celebrates the music of two rock legends, while Janelle Koenig: Mother Plucker delivers an evening of sharp wit and relatable humour. Audiences can enjoy the glittering fun of *Balls Up Bingo* with Dean Misdale and the soulful storytelling

of *An Evening with Casey Donovan*.

Families will be delighted by *The Quizzical Mr Jeff*, a whimsical fusion of magic and circus, and history lovers will be captivated by *Catalpa: Flight to Freedom*, the remarkable true story of an Irish prison escape. Highlights also include *The Australian Beatles*, international concert pianist Roman Rudnytsky, FIFO, and Dolly Parton: *Extravaganza!*

The program continues with the much-loved Kwinana Dance Festival, and festive celebrations throughout December with Christmas at Koorliny.

With so much to look forward to, Koorliny Arts Centre is set for another remarkable year of creativity and connection. For tickets and event details, visit [koorliny.com.au](https://www.koorliny.com.au), call 9467 7118, or visit the box office.

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♥ Summer Sounds Honeywood

Summer Sounds took over Honeywood Oval in Wandoo on 11 October with a relaxed picnic-style setting for neighbours to enjoy a perfect spring evening. Food trucks brought flavours from around the world and the free event enjoyed by about 3500 people. Live music acts were performed by Decoy and Fyah Acoustic Duo, with free activities by Lil Big Top (Ricochet Circus) and a Bike Obstacle Course plus a great turnout by the local volunteer firefighters.

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♥ Bravo Buddy

Buddy, a volunteer from Kwinana Public Library was a finalist in the Oz Top Dog awards.

Buddy generously gives his time across three charities, even donating blood three times a year to save the lives of dogs in emergency care.

Buddy listens to children read at the Kwinana Public Library, provides comfort to aged care residents and supports medical team, uni students and corporate staff in lifting their spirits. This recognition is a wonderful celebration to Christina, Buddy's handler, and the power of volunteering.

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♥ It Takes a Spark

The City of Kwinana once again provided financial support for the It Takes a Spark STEM event in Mandurah. This year, funding was extended to cover student transport, ensuring distance was not a barrier. We enabled 99 students and 15 educators to attend the event which had 41 schools participating and a total of 456 students in attendance. Kwinana students rubbed shoulders with students from far and wide including Darwin, Laverton and Mount Barker demonstrating a strong engagement in STEM.

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

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