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Cover photo: Kwinana South Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade member Bert Belohlawek (75).







This is an incredibly busy season for our Local Government, with the transformation of waste management including roll out of the GO bin system and pre-booked verge collection systems (page 3).

We've also had consultation of the Strategic Community Plan, including the exciting Urban Forest Strategy (pages 5 and 6), and we welcomed the expansion of our transformative Arclight program for youth. The City also marked 50 years of the Kwinana South Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade and we share an inspiring story from a 75-year-old brigade member on page 7.

This year, the City's Volunteer Centre also turned 20 and we are pleased to announce a new means of connecting seniors to volunteer roles through the WayFairers Project (page 8).

We were grateful for all the election promises made at the State and Federal Elections recently (page 11) and will soon focus on our own Local Government Election in October so if you are keen to join Council stay tuned! Get your cameras ready for our Annual Photography Competition where we will be celebrating the stories and colour of Kwinana, then cosy up in Koorliny for a winter schedule of shows (page 9).

At the City of Kwinana we are working toward the community's vision for a vibrant and inclusive community that leads with innovation and sustainability, where our unique identity and strong reputation makes Kwinana a place you're proud to call home.

Our community is richly diverse and we celebrate our unique part of Perth!

Peter Feasey Mayor of Kwinana

Makuru/ Djilba

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

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

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



Community <u>Awards</u>

The City of Kwinana recently announced the winners of the Kwinana Community Awards in May, with Kwinana Person of the Year announced as Anna Parker.

While a dedicated volunteer at many events in Medina, Anna's most notable work has been campaigning for artwork and general painting upgrades at the Medina shopping precinct to make the suburb more welcoming and visually uplifting.

Anna is a clear and articulate voice for the Medina community and a member of the Medina Residents Group.

The Ngalla Yorga Waangkan Aboriginal Corporation won the Kwinana Aboriginal Person or Group of the Year

Award for providing a safe space for Aboriginal women to share their stories. It provides much needed respite that would not otherwise be available to the women, while also hosting or supporting a range of community events.

The Kwinana Group of the Year went to the Kwinana Heritage Group for its dedication to the maintenance of the history, preservation and conservation of the Smirk's Cottage site.

Pre-Booked Verge Collections launch in July

The new, more flexible Pre-booked Verge Collection Service is designed with the community in mind. This system offers yearround convenience, better environmental outcomes, and greater control for households.

Why the Change?

The decision to shift from scheduled to pre-booked collections follows a detailed service review that included community consultation and the feedback was clear — people wanted more flexibility and a system that better supports recycling and responsible waste disposal.

In addition to its convenience, the new system is expected to improve sustainability outcomes. Compared to the previous system, it boasts a 26 per cent waste avoidance rate and a 62 per cent material recovery rate—helping Kwinana move closer to its waste reduction and sustainability goals.

Simple and Efficient

Booking is quick and easy. Just log on or call, select your preferred collection date, and place your waste neatly on the verge no more than two days before your scheduled pickup. New bookings or changes can be made up until 3pm the day before, subject to availability.

Importantly, waste placed on the verge without a booking will be treated as illegal dumping—and penalties will apply—so it's essential to book your collection ahead of time.

Better for You, Better for the Environment

This new approach isn't just about convenience—it's part of a larger strategy to reduce illegal dumping, improve the appearance of neighbourhoods, and boost recycling rates across the city. It aligns closely with Kwinana's Waste Plan and broader sustainability efforts.

The City encourages all residents to explore the new system and start planning their first pre-booked collection today.

For more information, visit <u>www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/verge</u>.

How It Works

Residents can now book verge collections at a time that suits them, rather than waiting for a city-wide schedule. You can make a booking online at https:// www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/verge or by calling 1300 867 166. Bookings are now open, with the first collections commencing in July.

Each household is eligible for:

up to two collections of 3m³



1 mattress per collection

1 white good per collection 6 e-waste items up to 1m³ per collection

Need more?

Extra collections can be purchased for a fee.



Kwinana's inclusive bin lids

The City of Kwinana is proud to be one of the first local governments in Australia to permanently implement tactile bin labelling across all household wheeled bins. This inclusive feature ensures that all residents – including those who are blind, vision impaired, or colour blind – can confidently identify and sort their waste.

The tactile system aligns with the relevant Australian Standard AS4123.7-2006, which specifies distinct shapes

for each waste stream, with a circle for Garden Organics, square for the general waste bin, and a triangle for the recycling bin.

These tactile shapes are nowhotstamped into all new and replacement bin lids distributed by the City. For residents who rely on touch to sort waste or who have difficulty distinguishing between colours, such as those with colour blindness, these tactile markings provide a crucial point of difference to support correct sorting.

By adopting this national standard, the City of Kwinana is demonstrating leadership in accessible service delivery. This initiative reflects the City's commitment to universal design principles, ensuring that essential services are equitable and inclusive for everyone in our community, regardless of ability.



Arclight changing course for youth

A new program to keep kids in school and out of prison launched in April 2025, following an incredibly successful pilot with boys last year, and continues with the expansion to deliver a program for girls.

Known as Arclight, the program launched in Kwinana in April, funded by WA Police (\$250,000) and Department of Communities (\$375,000).

Outcare WA's delivery of the girls program will be funded by Telethon and the Department of Social Services, with no direct cost to the City of Kwinana.

City of Kwinana's Arclight Coordinator Jamie Barr said a pilot of Arclight was spearheaded by the City of Kwinana last year in partnership with Gilmore College, WA Police, the Departments of Communities, Education, and Justice among others, at no cost to ratepayers with the pilot fully funded by Curtin University's Safer Communities Grant Fund 6 for 2024.

"The Arclight initiative was further developed after the Kwinana community experienced a high level of criminal and anti-social behaviour by young people in 2023," Mr Barr said.

"The cumulative cost to the community totalled several million dollars."

Mayor Peter Feasey said the cost of not engaging with young people in this way was huge for the community.

WA Police data for last year showed offences among participants fell a staggering 88 per cent during the Arclight period of engagement, following the delivery of 43 life skills workshops, 59 sport and fitness sessions, 37 immersive skill-based excursions, and 168 hours of specialist education.

School suspensions also fell 94 per cent, while school attendance and attainment improved from 24 per cent

...it costs \$1.1 million per year to detain a convicted young person in Banksia Hill, so the Arclight program has more than paid for itself just to deter one young person from incarceration...

to an average of 74 per cent for the duration of the Arclight pilot.

The Arclight initiative leads with intensive, relationship focused, multifaceted strategy over the course of 12 months, and partners with a dedicated psychologist and neuroscientist to scientifically measure the impact of collective effort.

"Our residents, in last year's community and wellbeing scorecard, said the City should make community safety a priority," Mayor Feasey said.

"This is a great example of meeting an identified need with an effective solution and we look forward to more positive results as a result of Arclight in years to come," he said.



Living Green

Over a three-month period, Kwinana celebrates Living Green with a series of workshops, native seedling subsidy and community planting days.

This includes participation in the National tree Day and Schools Tree Day coming up on the last Friday in July when thousands of take part in environmental activities that educate the community about the natural world around them, with activities ranging from planting bush tucker gardens, building habitat for native wildlife, nature play and more.

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This year, the City of Kwinana will be hosting its School Planting Program with 12 school groups from four local schools. Students help to make a positive impact in their local bushland by planting native plants for the local wildlife. The City of Kwinana is hosting five community planting days from May, including 8 June at Homestead Ridge Reserve, 15 June at Lizard Park on Litchfield Circle in Wandi, 22 June at Thomas Oval Bushland, 29 June at Lake Magenup.

Please purchase your FREE ticket on Eventbrite Living Green in Kwinana by City of Kwinana | Eventbrite



The City of Kwinana's Urban Forest Strategy 2024-2044 is a plan to maintain and enhance the tree canopy coverage across the City with a target of 22.6 per cent. This is considered the maximum feasible and will ensure the retention of the Kwinana character, being a home of tree-lined streets, parks and nature reserves.

The achievement of the tree canopy will provide a cooler place to live in a warming climate, and ensure residents can get outside and enjoy our parks and footpaths over the warmer months of the year.

The Strategy is set to begin implementation in the 2026/2027 Budget. The pace of investment will depend on the community's preferred timeline – a slow rate with about 50 per cent of the target tree plantings to be completed within 20 years, or a fast rate to achieve the full planning target in the same time range. Full canopy coverage is expected to be reached 10 years after planting.

How your rates are calculated



Property Valuation

It's nearly rates time again! Ever wondered how your rates are worked out?

Rates help cover the City's running costs – things like staff wages, materials, events, programs, and community services.



Each property's value is set by Landgate. This value is called the **Gross Rental Valuation (GRV)** and is reviewed every three years.

To calculate your rates, we use this formula:

Property valuation (GRV) × Rate in the Dollar (RiD) = Rates Payable



The City works out the RiD by dividing the total cost to run the City by the total value of all rateable properties. We also try to reduce this cost by securing State and Federal funding where possible.



Strategic Community Plan

We wanted the Kwinana community to be actively involved in our decisionmaking processes so community was consulted in the preparation of the Strategic Community Plan.

Kwinana is one of the fastest growing populations, currently home to more than 52,103 people with an annualised growth rate of 2.29 per cent from now until by 2046 according to REMPLAN and the Australia Bureau of Statistics. It is therefore vital that we heard your priorities for our work as a Local Government and your vision for your community. The draft Strategic Community Plan's vision, based on the community input, aims for 'A vibrant and inclusive community that leads with innovation and sustainability, where our unique identity and strong reputation makes Kwinana a place you're proud to call home'. Consultation on the draft has now concluded and it identified key objectives and outcomes, and also including some key

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consultation projects like a boost to community safety and crime prevention, implementation of the City's CCTV Strategy, and implementation of the Urban Forest Strategy. We now look forward to it being considered by Council in June at an Ordinary Council Meeting.



Kwinana South Brigade turns <u>50</u>!

The Kwinana South Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade celebrated its 50th anniversary in May with a special event for past and present members, prompting plenty of reminiscing and appreciation for their dedicated work to protect lives and property.

The Brigade was established in 1975 but started out as the Wellard East Bush Fire Brigade until it changed names 40 years ago.

At 75, Bert Belohlawek has been an active Brigade member for 31 years.

"We moved out here on the five acres and just up the road a big fire came through from the direction of the old gun club and it was a mad fire," Mr Belohlawek said.

"Our house was ok, but the back paddocks caught fire and the trees.

"Overnight all you could hear was big cracking and the limbs falling," he said.

He joined the Brigade not long after and said the comradeship was the main factor in keeping him there for so long.

"I get along with them all but I've said as soon as I become a burden, cut me out," he joked.

To stay ready for the physical demands of being a volunteer fire fighter he keeps active, regularly playing golf and tennis, walking a lot and he has a swimming pool at home.

Past and Current Brigade Members

Mr Belohlawek and Fire Control Officer Mark Heath are the Brigade's longest-serving active members, with Mark reaching his 35-year milestone this year.

Mayor Peter Feasey congratulated the Brigade on 50 years of voluntary service and its commitment to the safety of the community within the City and beyond.

He said for the initial 25 years, the fire–fighting appliances were actually based out of members properties in the area.

The current plot of land on Barker Road was provided in 1990, with the first brick station built by the members.

Extensions were added to house additional appliances, then the current modern station was built and operational by January 2023 in anticipation of the new 3.4 Urban Tanker.

It is home to 47 active and dedicated members, 11 of which are women.

Volunteer Centre is 20!

The Kwinana Volunteer Centre celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, connecting organisations in need with people who are eager to share their time and skills.

Richard and Sue Baldwin have volunteered the entire duration of the Kwinana Volunteer Centre, focusing their energies on connecting with children at Leda Primary School where they attend to mentor students, play games, listen and show up as a reliable person in their lives. Mr Baldwin said their enthusiasm to give back was sparked in a church where they ran a youth group in Karratha, involving exciting bus trips into the bush where they would share life skills. "There are many students dealing with adult problems and a saying that guides us both is that kids don't care what you know until they know that you care," he said. The couple, who volunteer through EdConnect, are also board members of the school, taking volunteering to a leadership level. Mayor Peter Feasey said volunteering was crucial to the community's success and enrichment. "Since it's establishment in 2005, the Centre has played a vital role in connecting volunteers with meaningful opportunities and strengthening the spirit of community service in Kwinana. "Thank you to all our volunteers, this celebration is a tribute to all those who freely give of their time and energy to make Kwinana better place to live," he said.



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For more information about the Kwinana Volunteer Centre and its services, email volunteering@kwinana.wa.gov.au

WayFairer Project

Seniors will be better connected to volunteer opportunities through a new five-year program known as the WayFairer project, led by not-forprofit Inclusion Solutions.

The project will work closely with the City's Volunteer Resource Centre and other not-for-profit organisations in Kwinana to match adults aged over 50 with local organisations, clubs and community groups empowering them to donate time, skills and talent to fill volunteer gaps and support social inclusion. The City of Kwinana will host the multi-year project, alongside the City of Mandurah. Other Local Governments to offer the project in the past include Cambridge and Kalamunda.

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For more information call 9443 7226or email info@inclusionsolutions. org.au

Annual Photo Competition

The City of Kwinana Annual photography Competition returns in July with the theme 'Story and Colour in Kwinana'. Entries are open the entire month of July and can be submitted via the City's What's On page. We invite community members of all ages to showcase their photography skills in this year's competition so keep an eye for upcoming workshops for all ages. Capture the spirit, stories, and colourful essence of Kwinana for a change to recognised and win great prizes! Award categories include Adults (26+), Youth (13 to 25 years) and Children (12 and under).



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To enter, take a photo that reflect this year's theme, and submit it online via the City's What's On page. For full details and competition rules visit <u>kwinana.wa.gov.au/2025photocomp</u>

Winter entertainment at Koorliny

Koorliny Arts Centre is your local destination for live entertainment, creativity, and connection.

With a season full of exciting events and performances, there's something for every age and interest to enjoy. Kicking off the winter season, Western Theatrics brings two dynamic junior productions to the stage: Dare to Dream Jr and We Will Rock You Jr, showcasing the next generation of local talent. For film fans, cosy up in the theatre every Sunday from 27 July to 7 September for magical Harry Potter screenings, perfect for a winter movie marathon. Music lovers are in for a treat with Conrad Sewell: Firestone 10th Anniversary Tour on 1 August, followed by the celestial sounds of Space Music performed by Australian Baroque on 16 August. Families will love Aladdin and His Magic

LYRik belebrates kwinana youth

Celebrate youth in Kwinana by nominating them for a LYRiK Award! LYRiK stands for Leadership, Youth and Respect in Kwinana. Smartwatch on 23 August, a fun-filled twist on the classic tale. We're also thrilled to present First Date, our next in-house musical, running 29 August to 6 September. Staged in Theatre 2 as a unique dinner theatre experience, it's the perfect night out with laughs, music, and a delicious meal all in one.

Mark your calendars for a special one-night-only performance by Lucy Durack on 8 September. The beloved Australian stage and screen star returns to Perth for an intimate evening of song, stories, and sparkle. Don't miss this enchanting event with one of the country's favourite performers. Whether you're enjoying a show, taking part in a workshop, or just soaking up the community spirit, Koorliny Arts Centre is the place to be this winter. For tickets and event info. visit koorliny.com.au, call 9467 7118 or pop in during box office hours. See you at the theatre!

Steph Beaumont received the Carol Adams Young Person of the Year Award as part of the LYRiK Awards and here she shares what being nominated for an award meant to her.

What did the LYRiK Award mean to you?

For me, it represented much more than just an acknowledgment of my activity over the years. It came at a time when I was questioning my journey post-high school, unsure whether I had made the right choices in my pathway of study, whether I would be able to balance my academic commitments while juggling volunteering. The award reaffirmed that I was more than capable of doing so and spurred me into reapplying for the Kwinana Youth Advisory Council once again.

How may it have helped you this past year?

The LYRiK Award helped me to connect with other young people who also attended the Awards Ceremony. It encouraged me to maintain my commitment to the Kwinana community as an advocate for youth.

What have you been up to since winning the award?

Since winning the award, I have continued to be a part of the Kwinana Youth Advisory Council. We have reimplemented the Kwinana Young Leaders Forum for 2025, as well as



continuing to actively represent young people in Kwinana at community events, engagement with the local Council, and City consultations. I have also completed my first camps with Uni Camp for Kids in January, jumping right into the deep end and completing two camps back to back. I would recommend volunteering with the charity to any uni student looking to have fun, get involved and be a positive role model for kids. I have continued to act in advisory groups outside of Kwinana, still involving myself in the space of youth advocacy, both with Volunteering WA and YACWA.

Why do you think young people should be nominated for the LYRiK Awards?

The LYRiK Awards are a fantastic opportunity to spotlight the work of young people in our community, both as individuals and as a collective in various action groups. By celebrating the incredible achievements of young people, we highlight the importance of the youth voice and create space for young people to thrive in Kwinana and beyond.



🔞 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 <u>recquatic.com.au</u>

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For more information call <u>9236 4700</u>, email <u>recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au</u> or visit our Facebook page <u>/kwinanarecquatic</u>.



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

Looking for a place to train, enjoy a social game with friends, let the kids burn off some energy, or challenge your family to a game of basketball, netball, soccer, badminton, volleyball—or even pickleball?

Court bookings are now available online! Download the Recquatic app or visit recquatic.com.au to check availability and make a booking.

For general enquiries about court hire contact us on <u>9236 4700</u> or email <u>recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au</u>.

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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.





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

In Case You Missed It



 Alcoa Children's Festival wrap up

Families across Kwinana gathered for a day of excitement, creativity, and adventure at the Alcoa Children's Festival on Calista Oval on Saturday, 8 March. This highly anticipated free event, for children under 12, treated 20,000 people to thrilling rides, hands-on activities, and unforgettable entertainment.

The City of Kwinana is proud to host this event in partnership with Alcoa, Lotterywest, and Wesfarmers, whose generous support helps make this festival a reality.



🕨 Business beach clean up

Local businesses rolled up their sleeves to fill bags with litter along Kwinana Beach and around Wells Park in March, taking the rubbish to the Kwinana Energy Recovery facility.

The inaugural clean up strengthened community bonds, demonstrated business commitment to protecting the environment, and allowed for networking all while getting behind a great cause on the 35th Clean Up Australia Day.

The Clean Up was delivered by Perth NRM's Coastal and Marine program, in partnership with the City of Kwinana and the Kwinana Industries Council.



🤎 Biodiversity Stewardship

Fifty-eight rural landowners recently attended a Black Cockatoo workshop as part of the City's Biodiversity Stewardship Program hearing from Birdlife Australia WA and Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre presenters. They made personal action pledges and were gifted a Cockatoo food plant to grow on their property and assist with food sources in the area. If you would like to know more about the stewardship program, please contact the City's Environmental Planner on 9439 0441.

Image credit Ivan Salas



Textile collections

The results of a textile collections trial are in!

We collected 4300kg of textiles in March, with 91 per cent of donations reuseable. Donations were mostly made up of clothing but also a good mix of linen, toys and household items supporting Good Sammy.

This was an awesome result, with an estimated 66 tonnes of avoided carbon emissions!



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Election promises pave a brighter future for Kwinana

The City of Kwinana welcomes exciting election promises made by Labor in the wake of the recent Federal and State Elections.

Significant commitments were made towards vital regional projects including Kwinana Regional Open Space (ROS) to place a regional sporting precinct just 20 minutes from the doors of more than 320,000 residents.

Kwinana MLA Roger Cook committed land in Postans, and \$500,000 to undertake planning.

Mayor Peter Feasey said the Kwinana Regional Open Space was a once in a generation opportunity to secure the sport and recreation needs for the South Metro Corridor for the next 50-plus years.

He echoed calls for the promised widening of Kwinana Freeway, from Roe Highway to Mortimer Road, to go further through to Safety Bay Road.

Re-elected Member for Brand Madeleine King committed \$2.5 million for the Kwinana Loop Trail's second phases of upgrades and \$1.8 million towards the City's Urban Forest Strategy which aims to increase tree canopy to 22.6 per cent.

State commitments also included \$3 million for a new off-road vehicle area at the Kwinana Mortorplex to replace the current site in Medina, \$30,000 for the popular Kwinana Beats music program for youth, and a \$50,000 upgrade of the Henley Park Basketball Courts.

Darling Range MLA Hugh Jones promised \$90,000 for a playground, footpath and equipment at Sunrise Estate.

"We looking forward to seeing these major projects and recreational facilities being delivered to offer a brighter future for our community in Kwinana," Mayor Feasey said.

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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 <u>kwinana.wa.gov.au/spacetoco</u>

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 <u>kwinana.wa.gov.au/WhatsOn</u>

Business

Join our monthly Business Meet-up for Kwinana business owners! Whether it's a workshop, expert speaker, or a casual coffee chat, connect, share insights, and build valuable relationships. Follow our business page for updates on upcoming events.

Find out more <u>kwinana.wa.gov.au/</u> <u>business-hub/grow-your-business/</u> <u>business-support-1</u>

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Every dollar spent at a local business stays in our community, helping to create jobs and boost Kwinana's economy. Let's keep our City thriving shop local, and be a part of something bigger!

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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.

