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Mayor's Message



Christmas is just around the corner now and in this edition we are reflecting on a year of transformation for the City.

Djilba Pavilion opened at McWhirter Oval, offering a new home for local sporting clubs. The Kwinana Adventure Park also reached its 10-year milestone in October. We look forward to consulting with our community more on the splashpad expansion in the new year and you can read more about the park's history on page 9.

Redevelopment plans continue to progress for the Kwinana Recquatic, while the refurbishment of the Administration Building is facing completion and we look forward to opening the doors to a modern customer service area soon.

Following the Early Years Strategy launch, the region's local governments gathered in Kwinana for an Early Years Forum to improve outcomes for our youngest residents. Dazzle at Darius lit up the heart of the City to herald the festive season and I look forward to seeing you along the Lolly Run or the Christmas Lights Trail, full details on page 4.

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 the full closure of City facilities over the Christmas period.

This includes the City's Administration Building, City Operations, Retirement Village Office and Zone Youth Space.

These facilities will also be closed for the afternoon of Wednesday, 2 December from 1pm.

CLOSED
12pm Thursday, 24 December

OPEN
Monday, 4 January 2027

For more details on other City facilities, visit kwinana.wa.gov.au/christmas-hours







Summer Sounds meets Bushfire Community Day

The City of Kwinana partnered with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) to deliver a bigger Summer Sounds event in October, bringing live music, family fun and bushfire preparedness together in one major community event.

Held on Saturday, 17 October, the event featured a strong Bushfire Community Day focus, giving residents the chance to connect with DFES and City teams and learn practical ways to prepare their homes, gardens and families for the warmer months ahead. Fire hose demonstrations, firewise gardening information, the RAC Rescue Helicopter, free children's activities and live music kept families entertained.

City teams including Community Safety and Rangers also provided information and services for residents, including dog registrations. With hotter weather approaching, we encourage everyone to take a proactive approach to bushfire preparedness. Review your emergency plans, prepare your property, know your triggers to leave, and stay informed about local fire conditions. A small investment in preparation today can provide greater confidence and safety throughout the bushfire season.

For more information, visit kwinana.wa.gov.au/bushfire-and-emergency-preparedness

Library a UN finalist for kids clothes swap

Kwinana Public Library's Samantha Hay was named a finalist in the United Nations Association of Australia (WA Division) Environment Action Award for the kids clothing swap held each school holidays.

As the Library's Senior Library Programs Officer Samantha lead the kids clothes swap with her City of Kwinana colleagues and the community, diverting more than 500kg of textiles from landfill annually.

The program also won the Library Board of WA's Innovation and Collaboration Award for the Metro and Large Regional category in July. Held each school holidays, the Kids Clothes Swap combines connection with circularity to create a sustainable future.



Christmas comes to Kwinana

Thursday 17 December	Honeywood and Aspley Estate
Friday 18 December	Wellard Village and Homestead Ridge
Saturday 19 December	Medina and Leda
Sunday 20 December	The Estates/Wellard East
Monday 21 December	Parmelia
Tuesday 22 December	Calista and Orelia
Wednesday 23 December	Bertram

Dazzle at Darius lit up Chisham Square on 27 November, heralding the Christmas season in Kwinana.

It's now time for you to spread the festive lights across the City for the Christmas Lights Trail, back for it's second year.

Decorate your space then register to join the trail and vote for your favourite from 1 December to 21 December.

There are three prizes up for grabs including the $500 Judges Prize, $250 People's Choice and a $250 Random Prize Draw.

The festive cheer will build further from 17 December with the launch of the beloved Lolly Run, sponsored by the Kwinana Industries Council and supported by hundreds of community volunteers to bring seven magical evenings to the City.

Follow the live tracker or listen for the music and beeping horns from 5pm until finished each night to see when the Lolly Run is in your street to hand out bags of sweets to children.

For more details and to follow the journey of the trucks, visit kwinana.wa.gov.au/christmas

LYRiK Award winners

Congratulations to all LYRiK Award winners and those awarded scholarships to develop their leadership skills. The awards were announced 26 October.

Awards

Lucas Johnson, *Arts, Media & Culture*

Ethan Eggington, *Arts, Media & Culture*

Kwinana Beats, *Arts, Media & Culture*

Jaxon Chidgey & Justin Kickett, *Arts, Media & Culture*

Yangchen Dolma, *Education/Career Progression*

Nick Jackson, *Education/Career Progression*

Sophie Lance, *Environmental & Sustainability*

Piper Smith, *Environmental & Sustainability*

Ciara Hayward, *Growth & Resilience*

Kason Robis, *Growth & Resilience*

Owen Maddison, *Leadership*

Mars Best, *Leadership*

Ciera Carter, *Sports & Recreation*

Mikayla Rumens-Thornber, *Sports & Recreation*

Mylika Indich, *Youth Mentor of the Year*

Justin Zecca, *Youth Mentor of the Year*

Abbey Follington, *Personal Development*

Isabella Mortimer, *Carol Adams Young Person of the Year*

Scholarships

Andrie Langbid, *Trades and Business*

Rianne Bunag, *Hospitality, Retail & Beauty*

Aliyah Ghonem, *STEM*

Tyler Rumens Thornber, *Sports, Fitness and Health*

Emily-Rose Vines, *Community, Defence & Emergency Services*

Sophie Lance, *Innovation, Environment and Sustainability*

Adam Rowe, *Innovation, Environment and Sustainability*

Hannah Rowse, *STEM*

Phoebe Fusire, *Community, Defence & Emergency Services*

Ciara Hayward, *Sports, Fitness and Health*

Avanthika Anish, *Community, Defence & Emergency Services*

Portia Lovejoy, *Trades and Business*

Lawrence Savage, *STEM*

Alex Beaumont, *Arts, Media & Culture*

Nick Jackson, *Trades and Business*

Palakshi Mulka, *STEM*



Swim School and Waste awards

The City won two WasteSorted Awards in September for initiatives supporting the State's transition to a circular economy.

The Waste Team Award was presented on Thursday, 10 September, for the City's AWARE Bin Compliance program which combines waste education, behavioural insights and innovative technology to help residents sort waste correctly and reduce contamination. This program delivers a smarter approach to waste education and behaviour change.

Another innovation recognised by WasteSorted was the 'In the Zone Circular Fashion and Pop-up Op Shop' program which won the Community Events and Engagement Award.

Based out of the Zone Youth Space, this collaborative initiative between the City's youth and waste teams encourages young people to reuse, repair and upcycle clothing through activities that ultimately reduce textile waste while building skills like sewing and personal confidence.

Meanwhile in September, Kwinana Recquatic's Swim School took home a national title, winning National Swim School of the Year for its category.

The Swim School has experienced significant growth over the past decade and now supports more than 6,300 annual enrolments, from babies to seniors and those with additional needs.

As the Kwinana community continues to grow, it is clear families trust the Recquatic for their swimming lessons so this award belongs not only to our staff but to the thousands of students and families who are part of our swim school community.

The Swim School's Specialised Access Inclusion Lessons (SAIL) program also won the Regional (WA) Award for Inclusive Swim School making it a national finalist for its tailored one-on-one swimming lessons designed around the goal and abilities of each participant.





Pool inspections

The City is once again partnering with the Royal Life Saving Society to complete pool inspections, so if you have a pool you may notice inspectors from the Royal Life Saving Society conducting your inspection.

The City conducts swimming pool safety barrier inspections, within the maximum period of four-yearly intervals, as mandated by State legislation. We are required to provide the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) an annual report of the number of swimming pools registered and inspected, including any that may not have been inspected in the four-yearly interval.

For more information visit kwinana.wa.gov.au/pool-safety or view our pool safety video



Community Safety Series

The Spring Community Safety Series returned for the entire month of October offering workshops, subsidies and conversations to improve the safety of the City.

The City offered a CCTV subsidy, parcel letterbox subsidy, Street Meets grants and Secure PL8 initiative across the month.

An online Scam Safety Webinar, Digital Child Workshop and multiple Device Advice sessions were also available, along with a session on snake safety for under-fives at the Kwinana Public Library. Community Safety Month kicked off with an Outdoor Community Movie night showing of Shrek at Calista Oval, with free popcorn and lawn games. It rounded off with a 3km family guided bike ride with a Halloween twist on 31 October where spooky dress-ups for bikes where invited while people learned basic bike maintenance skills for Bike Month.

Mayor Peter Feasey said various pop-up events and Community Conversations took place throughout the City including Wellard Woolworths, Local Farmers Market and Kwinana Marketplace.

"Community safety remains a high priority for our residents and we were thrilled to once again deliver a jam-packed month of opportunities to create a safer city," he said.



SPIRIT *Spotlight*

Wandi Woodturners and the Book Swap Boxes



Ten book swap boxes are being handcrafted by the Wandi Woodturners and installed across Kwinana, with the first two already in place.

The City is funding the materials as part of a community safety initiative fostering community connection.

These boxes also provide an opportunity to further support early childhood development across Kwinana through the Paint Kwinana REaD initiative so the first box was launched at Bolton Way in Orelia, the home of the Moorditj Kulungar playgroup and in proximity to Orelia Primary School.

Robin Campbell, 84, designed and painted the boxes built by her carer Andrew Bennett.

"When I was a kid, we couldn't get books and I was eight or nine before I could borrow books from the school library," Robin said.

"One day I was allowed to take a book home that I loved, it was about bluebirds.

"We were on a farm in NSW, I was born during the second world war and couldn't afford books.

"I love reading, I have a library wall at home and all my children read. I hope these boxes can help people who are homeless or who need a book.

"There's also space in the top of the boxes for people to also leave items to share with others," she said.

She said the box project was a group effort, with group secretary Fran Green coordinating the project, member George Murphy providing expert advice and loaning specialised tools, Paul Cooke and Geoff Green sawing up all the parts for the boxes and Dorothy Seeman travelled by train from beyond Fremantle to help with assembly.

The group dedicated the first box to fellow woodturner Allen Sewell who recently died of cancer and whose ethos was to help all, in fact he had helped set up the play equipment at the site where the box is located at Bolton Way in Orelia. A second book swap box dedicated to former woodturner Matt Holst is located at Litchfield Circle in Wandi.

Keep an eye out for a Book Swap Box coming to a street near you!

The **Wandi Woodturners** welcome new members and meet at the Wandi Community Hall.

From the Stage to the Community: Forget Me Not Café



Koorliny Arts Centre's Forget Me Not Café grew from a special partnership formed during the Centre's 2026 production of *In Other Words*. The moving play brought to life the story of Arthur and Jane, their marriage, and the changes they experience following Arthur's diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease. Forget Me Not partnered with Koorliny for the performances, helping to extend the conversations around dementia, memory, connection and the experiences of those living with dementia and the people who care for and love them. From this partnership, the Forget Me Not Café at Koorliny was established, creating an ongoing opportunity for those connections to continue long after the final curtain. The café offers a welcoming and supportive space for people living with dementia, their families and carers to come together in a relaxed environment, enjoy a cuppa and conversation, and connect with others in the community.

The Forget Me Not Café is held at Koorliny Arts Centre on the second Tuesday of each month, from 10am to 12pm, facilitated by Ronnie Baldwin. It's a wonderful example of the lasting impact the arts can have beyond the stage, with a story shared through theatre helping to create an ongoing space for connection, understanding and belonging in our community.

For more details contact **Forget Me Not Memory Café** or call Koorliny Arts Centre on 9467 7118.

Spectacular 2027 awaits at Koorliny Arts Centre

Get ready for an extraordinary year of live entertainment as Koorliny Arts Centre unveils its exciting 2027 Season! With a spectacular line-up of musicals, live music, acclaimed theatre and family entertainment, there's something for everyone to enjoy right here in the heart of Kwinana.

The year kicks off with plenty of laughter as the hilarious Mr Snotbottom takes to the stage on 21 January, bringing outrageous fun for the whole family.

Music lovers can also look forward to the return of the Koorliny Live Summer Music Series, filling January through March with fantastic live performances.

Musical theatre takes centre stage from 19 February with Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's legendary rock musical Jesus Christ Superstar. Reimagined against the backdrop of a high-stakes political campaign, this bold new production explores power, ambition, loyalty and betrayal. Directed by Ryan Taaffe, with choreography by Kate Leeder and musical direction by Justin Freind, this electrifying interpretation promises an unforgettable theatrical experience.



Beyond the stage, Koorliny's much-loved Morning Melodies concerts and creative arts workshops continue throughout the year, offering even more opportunities to enjoy entertainment, explore creativity and connect with the community. Whether you're planning a night out with friends, a family adventure or looking to discover something new, Koorliny Arts Centre is the place to be next year!

Explore the full 2027 Season and secure your tickets at **www.koorliny.com.au**, call 9467 7118, or visit the Box Office during opening hours.

March	**In Her Own Words** – Rachael Beck's music and storytelling
April	**On the Land on Which We Meet** – Circus, Country and Culture **Velveteen Rabbit** – Family story brought to life
May	**Hadestown: Teen Edition** – Western Theatrics musical phenomenon **Millsy's Mixtape** – Music by Australian stage and screen favourite Rob Mills
June	**August: Osage County**– Darkly comedic drama **Arthur Haynes and the Smoking Gun** – Historical story by Theatre 180



Djilba Pavilion Opening

The newly formed Wellard Bulls Cricket and Wellard Junior Football clubs will call Djilba Pavilion home following the pavilion's official opening, offering families community sport closer to home.

Djilba Pavilion marks new beginnings for the area while honouring the site's past as a traditional Aboriginal meeting place then dairy farm in the once rural context along Telephone Lane.

The $7 million project was funded by developer contributions and the City, as identified in the City's Community Infrastructure Plan, and includes an artwork by Kwinana Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artist Tyrown Waigana that blends these histories in a fun way featuring a central figure as a good spirit with concentric circles symbolising 'place', positioned with a cow and vintage telephone.

Djilba is about newness, the Nyoongar season recognised as the first spring, and this pavilion will serve the local community in new ways for decades to come.

It is a fitting name for a place that will support new clubs, new opportunities and new community connections.

The pavilion features a community hall with kitchen, club room with kiosk and changerooms to support local sporting and community activities.



Adventure Park's anniversary

The Kwinana Adventure Park opened in 2016 as an all abilities, all ages inclusive regional adventure playground. October marked the tenth anniversary of the $5.2 million project, funded by Federal Government, developer contributions and a contribution by Rotary Kwinana at the time to deliver 11,000sqm of play space, fully fenced and naturally shaded. Funding was announced in January 2013 with the community consulted on the design three months later, and the final concept endorsed by Council in May 2014. Construction of the 65 individual play elements, plus nature play throughout the park, took place between November 2015 and September 2016. This incredible park opened to the public a month later and has since won multiple awards quickly becoming a destination playground.

It was designed to create innovative and imaginative play opportunities and foster community spirit while also being sustainable, featuring best practice stormwater management and celebrating local biodiversity. Key features of the park include the tree maze; sand and water play; junior, active, sensory and musical play spaces; and of course the popular splashpad which will be expanded next year with a $1 million Lotterywest grant matched by the City. Works are expected to include new water play elements, including a Mega Soaker and spiral tunnel, along with upgrades to the filtration system, plant and pump room, patio, toilets, shelter and surrounding amenities forming the $2 million project.

Update

In early December, we are expecting to relocate our customer service back to the refurbished Administration Building!

Customer Service will relocate from its temporary base at the Business Incubator, on Stidworthy Way, to the Administration Building on the corner of Sulphur Road and Gilmore Avenue.

Please keep an eye out on our socials for exact moving dates.

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

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 and can be made online via the Recquatic website. For general enquiries, please email recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au

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.

MON + THUR	TUMBLING TOTS KINDY GYM	1-2 years
	JUMPING JUNIORS KINDY GYM	3-4 years
TUES + FRI	BASKETBALL SKILLS	4-12 years
	MULTI-SPORTS	4-12 years
WED	LOW SENSORY GYM	1-4 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. Register your interest for summer season now by emailing socialsports@kwinana.wa.gov.au

Find out more information and view available sports at recquatic.com.au/sport

Recquatic Redevelopment Update

Exciting progress is continuing on the Recquatic Redevelopment, with the project design progressing.

As planning moves closer to delivery, there will be more opportunities for the community to stay informed and follow the project's key milestones. The redevelopment represents a significant investment in the future of recreation, health, fitness and community connection in Kwinana.

Want to keep up to date with the latest project news and redevelopment updates? Visit the Love My Kwinana Recquatic Redevelopment page and register to receive project updates direct to your inbox lovemykwinana.com/projects/kwinana-recquatic-redevelopment

How To – Pre-booked verge collection

We've got a handy video to help you plan and book your pre-booked verge collection.

Please note December is one of our busiest times for verge collection bookings so we encourage you to prepare ahead by checking availabilities and avoid putting your waste out no more than two days before your scheduled collection.



In Case You Missed It

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Purple Road

The contributions of seniors were celebrated in November with a packed schedule of activities on offer, including a Purple Road competition to raise awareness of elder abuse.

Savvy Seniors and Befriend rolled out the Kwinana Purple Road as part of the statewide Find and Follow the Purple Road in WA initiative led by the Older People's Rights Service.

Featuring hundreds of handcrafted purple flowers, it showcases the stories of older people while helping raise awareness of elder abuse and challenging ageist attitudes.

During Seniors Week, people could view and vote for their favourite Purple Road display.

Seniors Week launched at Djilba Pavilion on 9 November ahead of a week-long line up of activities from laugh yoga and pickleball to Brain Games, woodturning and more.

Image: Inger Ward, Ellie Wright, Gina Gilbert, Mayor Peter Feasey, Ivy Currie, Annette Taylor.

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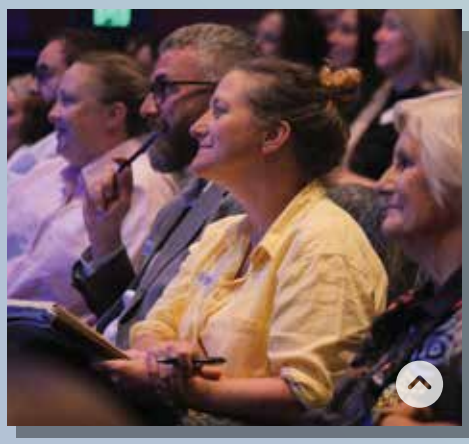
Early Years Forum

The City brought local governments and sector partners together in October for the inaugural Early Years Forum at the Koorliny Arts Centre, highlighting the vital role local governments play in shaping outcomes for children aged zero to five years and their families in every WA community.

The Early Years Forum – Children and Families: an LGA Priority was hosted by the City in partnership with the WA Department of Education through the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) program, City of Armadale, Shire of Carnarvon, Shire of Harvey, City of Karratha and peak body WALGA.

This program showcased the impact of the Western Australian AEDC Local Government Early Years Grant Program – a Department of Education led initiative delivered in partnership with the Department of Communities and WALGA. It provided $900,000 in grant funding to 12 local governments for strategic, place-based initiatives supporting early childhood development.





City Noticeboard

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

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.

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

Report It 24/7

Use Report It 24/7 to report and request a range of different instances, from lost animals to graffiti, and even to request a new street tree or bin service.

Visit kwinana.wa.gov.au/reportit

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 of upcoming events

Visit kwinana.wa.gov.au/business-support

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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.

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