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Cover photo: *OMG Festival 2026*

Mayor's Message



Congratulations to our Kwinana Community Awards winners who collectively offer support to P&Cs, Kwinana's senior citizens, and feeding families – their stories are on page 4.

Our community is big-hearted and inclusive, and Story Dogs is a wonderful example of this by providing integral support for young readers at the Kwinana Public Library and in local schools. You can view a delightful video

of Taega and two young boys at the library on page 3. The incredible tenacity of 80-year-old Nancy van der Kooi is celebrated this edition as part of National Volunteer Week and we honoured community connections with three new murals – one on a path outside a day care centre, one on new changerooms on Thomas Oval and the other on Orelia's Fiona Harris Pavilion in honour of the building's namesake. I encourage you to get involved in upcoming planting days and other opportunities to invest in our local environment. It is great to see the City now has a grants hub as a one-stop-

shop to support community initiatives. Autumn is a busy season for the City as we roll out many community projects by the end of the financial year, including consultation for our Reconciliation Strategy. I encourage you to let us know what actions we can take locally to support reconciliation over the next couple of years. I also look forward to seeing you around Kwinana, perhaps even at Koorliny's return of Come From Away as we mark the 25th anniversary of September 11.

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 number of clear, cold nights and pleasant warmer days, known as the Season of Conception.

Danjoo Ngalang Maara - Reconciliation Strategy consultation

We need your help to shape the City's new Reconciliation Strategy.

In Nyoongar, Danjoo Ngalang Maara means 'the coming together of our hands'.

Building a future grounded in meaningful reconciliation is a journey we take together, and your voice is central to that journey.

lovemykwinana.com/projects/Danjoo-Ngalang-Maara

How do you say...

youtu.be/pAmhWUATJWE

National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week ran from May 18 to 24, and this year we are sharing an incredible story about one special volunteer Nancy van der Kooi, 80, who continues to volunteer two days a week at the Kwinana Citizens Advice Bureau.

Just when most people are putting their feet up in retirement, Nancy van der Kooi decided that wasn't quite her style.

After a long career with the Insurance Commission of WA, Nancy worked right up until the age of 77 before retiring... and then promptly found another way to stay busy. Retirement, it seems, was simply an opportunity to swap paid work for purposeful volunteering.

For almost four years, Nancy has been a dedicated volunteer with the Kwinana Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), generously



giving her time two—and sometimes three—days each week, showing up with energy, warmth, and a wonderful sense of humour.

The Kwinana Citizens Advice Bureau is a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers, providing valuable information and referral services to the community to help people make informed decisions. The service also offers access to low-cost legal advice and assistance with preparing simple legal documents.

Nancy says volunteering helps her stay connected to the community and keep her technology skills up to date but her volunteer spirit doesn't stop there.

She is also an active volunteer with the Country Women's Association (CWA), where she helps make Angel Blankets for premature babies at Fiona Stanley Hospital, and knits or crochets lap rugs for wheelchair recipients in third world countries.

And if that wasn't enough to keep her busy, Nancy has also been a proud member of the Society for Creative Anachronism for more than 30 years—a medieval lifestyle group dedicated to recreating the arts, culture, and customs of the Middle Ages. So somewhere between legal documents, crochet hooks and community service, Nancy may also know more about medieval life than most history teachers.

As we celebrate the spirit of volunteering following National Volunteer Week, Nancy reminds us all that retirement doesn't have to mean slowing down—it can simply mean having more time to make a difference.

SPiRiT Spotlight

Story Dogs

Story Dogs believes every child deserves the confidence that comes with reading, pairing a child with a gentle dog and volunteer handler for weekly one-on-one reading sessions tailored to the child's level throughout the school year.

There's no pressure, no judgement, and plenty of encouragement, allowing children like Theodore and



Viktor to build their reading skills and confidence, along with a love of books one page at a time. Sometimes all it takes is a wagging tail, a listening ear, and someone who believes in you but more volunteers are needed to help more children grow their reading confidence.



Interested in making a difference? Learn more about volunteering with Story Dogs today storydogs.org.au



Kwinana Community Awards

Our incredible Community Award winners were announced earlier this year, with Bonnie Madsen named Person of the Year, Pauline Hardidge Senior Person of the Year, and the Group of the Year award went to Feed it Forward Inc.

Bonnie has been committed to building community connection since 2017, leading programs that support families, early education, and neighbourhood engagement. She re-established the Calista Primary School P&C, spearheading initiatives like Fruity Duty and the award winning Containers for Change program, and helping raise over \$100,000 for school improvements.

Pauline Hardidge is a valued and enthusiastic member of the Kwinana Senior Citizens Club where she runs several groups, participates in the club choir and said she loves fundraising, including auctions to raise needed funds for worthy causes.

"But these fundraisers would not happen without the hard work, love and support of family, friends and my community," she said.

"So this award that I have been given belongs to so many and I accept it on behalf of all those who give so much but may not receive recognition."

As a volunteer run food rescue organisation, Feed it Forward collects more than 3500kg of surplus food each week from local supermarkets in the Kwinana/Rockingham area to prevent waste and support more than 600 individuals and families, and supply more than 40 community groups. Through its environmental impact, cost of living support, and strong volunteer engagement, Feed It Forward Inc plays a vital role in improving food security and reducing landfill across Kwinana and surrounding areas.



Bonnie Madsen



Pauline Hardidge



Kwinana Loop Trail

The first phase of the Kwinana Loop Trail Upgrades is underway with this phase improving the safety of the trail by ensuring the trail connections are safe to use and easy to navigate.

Sections adjacent to Wellard Road near Bollard Bulrush, Runnymede Gate and Gentle Road are the first to see a visible improvement with areas in Leda Nature Reserve, and the Unallocated Crown Land west of the City to follow. This will also include improvements to both wayfinding and interpretative signage, and installation of particular gate entry points.

This first stage is supported by a \$3.5 million commitment made by Kwinana MLA Roger Cook, delivered to the City as part of the WA Government's \$165 million Outdoor Adventure Tourism Package. This funding will also support the activation and promotion of the trail network and employ a Trails Officer to maximise community use and visitor engagement.

The Federal Government committed \$2.5 million last year for the second phase of upgrades.

Phased works mean only certain sections will be affected at any one time, and temporary detours or short-term closures may be in place.

i For further information and details of scheduled closures and trail upgrades see our website [project page](#). To keep up-to-date with consultation opportunities on the project see our [Love my Kwinana Loop Trail Upgrade Page](#) and follow the project for regular updates.

Environmental Volunteering

Do you have some time and would like to give back to the community and care for the environment? Join a passionate group of community volunteers working together to restore our local reserves, take on invasive weeds, or monitor our wildlife.

There are many opportunities within the City of Kwinana to get involved:

- Community Planting Days run annually in May and June at a variety of reserves, we also offer planting days for schools, daycare centres, and corporate groups.
- Weeding Warriors events are run regularly primarily between Autumn and Spring. There is time to socialise for morning tea at the end of the sessions.
- There are active environmental groups, such as [The Friends of the Spectacles](#), who hold community work days on the third Sunday of the month from 9am until noon. You can follow them on Facebook or email the group for more information on upcoming dates fotsmail@gmail.com
- Many of the Local Progress Associations have an environmental arm who support the City of Kwinana in various planting and weeding events.
- The Kwinana Public Library has a new Citizen Science corner with information and how-to-guides on getting involved with wildlife counts.

All equipment and training is provided, so even if you haven't done it before, you can still get involved.



kwinana.wa.gov.au/livinggreen

✉ EnvironmentWaste@kwinana.wa.gov.au

Urban Forest Strategy

Council recently adopted the City's Urban Forest Strategy, with significant planting financed by the Federal Government with the delivery of an Election promise by Member for Brand Madeleine King.

The City's first Urban Forest Strategy will preserve, expand and manage the City's urban forest on both public and private land, to reach 22.6 per cent overall tree canopy coverage in the next 20 years.

Clearly defined targets for management of the urban forest include increasing the overall tree canopy coverage from the current 19.8 per cent.

The biggest rise would be in streetscapes, followed by public open space, residential and then industrial.

Mayor Peter Feasey said the City plays a key role in land management and

planting and therefore the ability to improve tree canopy coverage, with an estimated 29,889 new trees needed to meet the new goals.

To accelerate this process the City applied for and was successful in receiving a Local Environmental Projects Program grant of \$1.84 million over three years for tree planting, following an Election commitment by Member for Brand Madeleine King in 2025.

"This enables an immediate boost to the City's planting efforts," Mayor Feasey said.

Madeleine King MP said the grant funding would help ensure the City of Kwinana and surrounding suburbs remain great places to live.

"The funding will help address the issues of urban heat and will support measures to conserve, protect, and sustainably manage the precious natural environment", she said.

"The \$1.84 million in grant funding reflects the Government's ongoing commitment to protecting our local environment and ensuring it remains for future generations to enjoy."

Canopy goals



Streetscapes

increase by 12 per cent to
22.9 per cent



Public open space

increase by 6 per cent to
30 per cent



Residential

increase by 3.6 per cent to
18.3 per cent



Industrial area

increase by 2.4 per cent to
9 per cent



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How your rates are calculated



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

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

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.

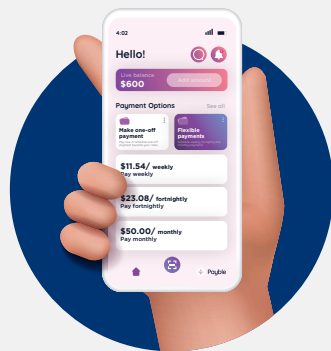
This year, Landgate will revalue the Gross Rental Value (GRV) on property. The GRV represents the total annual rent a property could reasonably be expected to earn if it were rented out. GRVs are assessed and periodically updated by the Valuer General's Office to reflect changes in the property market. In metropolitan areas, revaluations occur every three years. The effective date of the new valuation is 1 July 2026 and the date of the valuation is 1 August 2024. The updated valuation are used to determine how rates are distributed across properties.

For more information about your rates visit kwinana.wa.gov.au/rates

New Flexible Payment Platform

Payble is a new platform available to ratepayers, offering flexible payment options for rates charges. Through Payble, you can set up a direct debit plan to pay your rates on a weekly, fortnightly, or monthly basis, on a day that suits you. Payments can be made via BSB and account number or by credit card.

Further instructions will be provided soon. City staff will be sending communications inviting you to register for the new platform, whether you are already paying your rates via direct debit or would like to switch to a flexible direct debit payment plan.



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Pay with card or bank

Automatic payments for all major bank accounts, credit and debit cards



Flexible payment options

Manage your budget with weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments



Helpful reminders

Receive SMS reminders before important due dates

kwinana.wa.gov.au/rates



New Murals

Local public art continues to play a vital role in strengthening community connection and celebrating a shared sense of place. Through developer contributions to Art under the City's Cash in Lieu Policy, three new Public Art murals have been delivered.



Buttercups Daycare Pathway Mural, Mandogalup

Artist: Linzi Carter

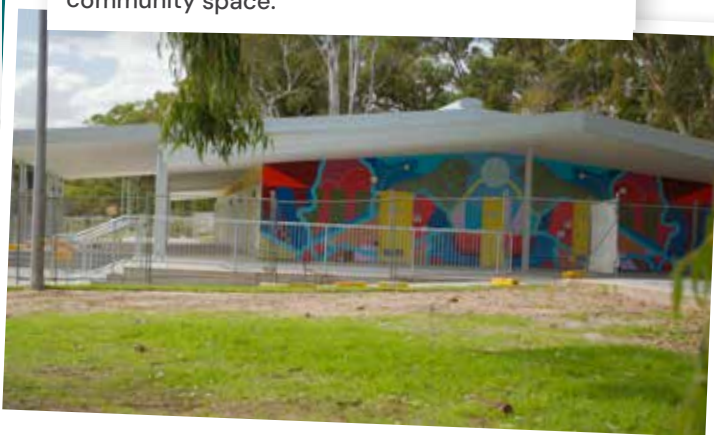
This mural wraps playfully around the new childcare centre, delivering a joyful and uplifting design. Set in Mandogalup directly opposite the skate park and playgrounds, the mural reinforces a strong sense of play and exploration.



Fiona Harris Pavilion Mural

Artist: Adam Cisanese | Commissioned through: Blank Walls

The Fiona Harris Pavilion mural celebrates the legacy of Fiona Harris while honouring the strong sporting culture that has long defined this community space.



Djandoo Mia (Thomas Oval Changerooms)

Artist: Andrew Frazer "Whistling Kite" Mural

Located at Thomas Oval, "Whistling Kite" is a striking mural about the historical and modern connections to Chalk Hill and Thomas Oval, developed through conversations with Nyongar community leaders.

How To – Get a Grant

The City has partnered with GrantGuru to offer Kwinana Grants Hub, a one-stop-shop for finding grants and funding opportunities.

Open to local businesses, community groups, not-for-profits, and individuals, these grants help recipients deliver quality programs, events and services which benefit Kwinana and the local community. Users can browse grants currently open in the City of Kwinana, set alerts for future opportunities, save favourite grants, and even access handy hints to make the application process easier.

Kwinana Grants Hub

Find Funding Faster

For details, visit grantguru.com/au/kwinana



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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).

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.

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TUMBLING TOTS

1-2 years

JUMPING JUNIORS

3-4 years

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BASKETBALL SKILLS

4-12 years

MULTI-SPORTS

4-12 years



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.



WEDNESDAY EVENING

ladies seven-a-side netball

FRIDAY MORNING

ladies seven-a-side netball



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

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. Winter season is full, register your interest for summer season by emailing: socialsports@kwinana.wa.gov.au

In Case You Missed It

1 cup water

Method

1. Mix dry ingredients together, then slowly add the water.
2. Knead and shape dough.
3. Sprinkle flour on oven tray
4. Place dough on oven tray
5. Cook in hot oven until brown.

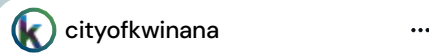
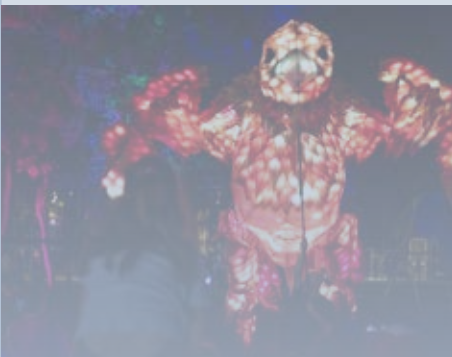
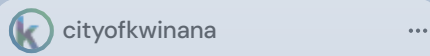


Thomas Oval Irrigation upgrade

Thomas Oval's new irrigation system means better water efficiency, more reliable playing surfaces, fewer unexpected pipe breaks and healthier, greener turf.

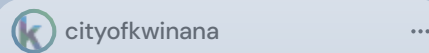
Specialised trenching methods were used to keep the oval open and safe during works, replacing a 35-year-old system.

A new fertiliser injection system helps us deliver nutrients more efficiently with less machinery and less water.

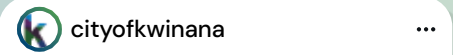


OMG Festival

More than 25,000 people attended the incredible celebration of light and culture that was the OMG! Festival for 2026. Thanks to the sponsorship support of Lotterywest and Fremantle Ports, the festival was held across four nights this year, over the long weekend at Calista Oval. It was incredible to see the skatepark's bowl lit up, The Falcon in full light and flight, and families enjoying a great night out.



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Ngalla Yorga Waangkan Cookbook

Local women's group Ngalla Yorga Waangkan Aboriginal Corporation put together a cookbook of their favourite recipes now available for \$10 by contacting Cindy Ballard. Damper is featured on the front cover, so here's the recipe!

Recipe: Damper

Preheat oven on very high before making the damper

Ingredients

4C self-raising flour,
1C plain flour/sometimes cornflour can be used.

1 cup water

Method

1. Mix dry ingredients together, then slowly add the water.
2. Knead and shape dough.
3. Sprinkle flour on oven tray
4. Place dough on oven tray
5. Cook in hot oven until brown.



Koorliny's winter entertainment

This June, we are proud to present the Western Australian amateur premiere of *Dogfight The Musical*, running 19 to 27 June. With music and lyrics by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul and a book by Peter Duchan, this hauntingly beautiful musical has been praised by critics and awarded the Lucille Lortel Award for Outstanding Musical.

Set on 21 November 1963, on the eve of deployment to Southeast Asia, the story follows a group of young Marines on one final night of bravado and mischief. When Corporal Eddie Birdlace meets Rose, an awkward yet idealistic waitress, what begins as part of a cruel bet soon transforms into something far more meaningful. With a soaring contemporary score, an unexpected romance, and a deeply human story, *Dogfight* is a moving theatrical experience that lingers long after the final note.

Looking ahead to the July school holidays, families can delight in *Seussical the Musical Jr*, presented by Western Theatrics, running 10 to 18 July. This vibrant and whimsical celebration of Dr. Seuss's most beloved characters bursts with colour, energy, and heart, making it perfect for young audiences and the young at heart.

In August, we present *FIFO* on 21 and 22 August. Inspired by true events, this compelling new work explores the

relationships between workers and their families, forming a subtle allegory of Australia's long and complex connection with the resource sector. As a new female workforce establishes itself, the site becomes the forefront of serious allegations, placing both individuals and the broader fabric of Australian society under scrutiny.

In September, we mark the 25th anniversary of September 11 with a special encore season of *Come From Away*, running 11 to 19 September. Featuring the original Koorliny cast, band, and creative team, this extraordinary production tells the true story of kindness, community, and connection in the wake of a moment that brought the world together. It promises to be a heartfelt and deeply resonant theatrical event.

Alongside these major productions, Koorliny Arts Centre continues to offer a rich program of Visual Arts workshops and beloved Daytime Concerts, providing opportunities for audiences of all ages to engage with the arts throughout the season.

From powerful musicals to family-friendly fun, Koorliny has 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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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

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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.

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

Young Adult Library Membership

Young people aged 16 and 17 can now register themselves for a Young Adult library membership and use that membership to book a Study Room, book time on a Nintendo Switch, borrow items online and in the Library. Membership is free.



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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



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