

# Spirit of Kwinana

Autumn 2022



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# Mayor's Message

2022 is well under way, and although we have a raft of new challenges to navigate, we still have much to celebrate and look forward to in the City of Kwinana. I have admired the way the City staff and Elected Members have remained responsive to the rapid pace of change and directives as the State Government responds to the WA COVID-19 outbreak.

The City of Kwinana put on some fabulous events late last year, including Get in the Grove!, Light up the Square and, of course, the annual Lolly Run which in 2021 handed out more lollies than ever making the end of a challenging year that little bit sweeter for all.

To kick off 2022 in style, the first event of the year was Summer Sounds which brought a 10-piece band to Bertram for a relaxed family picnic. The City's first Winter Sports Expo was held at Kwinana Marketplace on the back of a very successful Summer Sports Expo to encourage physical activity in the community.

In the coming months, we look forward to a series of Living Green events which I'm sure will see our backyard gardens thriving and fuel more inspiration for sustainable living.

We also had the opportunity late last year to honour some very special people who gave so much of their time and expertise to Kwinana over a long period.

At the Local Organisations Function in December, Jacob Solomon was named Kwinana Citizen of the Year for 2022, Robina Ellis was named Kwinana Senior Citizen of the Year, and the Active Citizenship Award went to the Koorliny Arts Centre.



In November, David Nelson became a Freeman of the City for his dedication to Kwinana and service to the community spanning more than 50 years primarily through the local Lions Club. Mr Nelson served as a Councillor from 1982 to 1994 and was Mayor from 1989 to 1992.

In December the City fondly farewelled treasured staff member Angus Walley after about 50 years of service to the community. You can read more about his story on page 4.

We are very grateful for the time and energy all these people have contributed to help Kwinana flourish in their respective spheres of influence.

Council resumed meetings for 2022 on 10 February and the Annual Report was released earlier in the month. I would encourage you to obtain a copy from the City's administration building, or view it on the website, to find out more about how your rates were used and what was achieved last financial year.

**Carol Adams OAM  
Mayor of Kwinana**

## Freeman

The City announced a new Freeman, with the title conferred by Mayor Carol Adams to David Nelson late last year.

This title recognises outstanding achievements, dedicated service to the community over an enduring period of time, and meritorious service to the City of Kwinana.

Mr Nelson has continuously served the community on a voluntary basis for more than half a century with a strong bond with the Kwinana Lions Club.

In fact, 54 years ago, he was an inaugural member of the Club and has since held the position of President seven times, Treasurer twice, and Secretary for more than three decades.

Mr Nelson also has a long and proud record of service with the Local Government in Kwinana.



Mayor Carol Adams conferred the title of Freeman of the Municipality to Mr Nelson at the Civic Recognition Event on held on Thursday, 18 November.

"Mr Nelson now joins a legacy of Freeman publicly recognised for their enduring dedication and commitment to the Kwinana community, conducting themselves with integrity and selflessness throughout this time," Mayor Adams said.

# Kwinana Citizen of the Year Awards

Jacob Solomon is Kwinana Citizen of the Year for 2022 for his involvement in numerous groups within the City and beyond.

He is one of three Citizenship Award recipients, with Mayor Carol Adams congratulating the winners at Medina Hall in December.

Mr Solomon is involved with a number of cultural groups including the Indian Society of WA, Indians in Kwinana, Malayalee Association of WA, Healing International, Charity for a Cause, Celebrate Culture, and Connecting Communities for Kids.

Robina Ellis is Kwinana Senior Citizen of the Year for 2022 for her dedication to the Homestead Ridge Progress Association where she has been a very active member for 10 years and President for five years. Robina and her husband Goff also began fostering in the United Kingdom and have since fostered more than 50 children.

The Active Citizenship Award went to the Koorliny Arts Management Committee which contributed 1726 hours during the 2020/21 fiscal year as a result of the pandemic.





# Kwinana Creative Collective

Three Perspectives, an exhibition of the diverse works of three local artists which speaks to their unique life experience in Australia, is on display at the Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre until late April.

Noelene Mantellato’s art reflects a connection to country as a descendant of the Yamatji and Noongar people of Western Australia.

Soma Mandal Datta is influenced by the intuitive arts and her Indian roots, with works depicting colours, patterns, textures and mediums that evoke memories and reflect her life experiences.

Susana Micallef is an emerging artist, working primarily with soft pastels, ceramics and printing.

The mixed media works collectively offer an insight into each of the artist’s relationships with the natural environment.



# Farewell Angus Walley

Angus Walley said it was both satisfying and gratifying to be the City of Kwinana’s longest standing employee.

A keen footballer, Mr Walley said upon his retirement that it was “best to get out while you are healthy and fit and go do what you want to do”.

Mr Walley held many roles with the City across five decades, most recently working as a property services officer before retiring on 7 January.

He was a part of road crews, worked as a surveyor’s assistant, and helped put up the Christmas Tree in Medina each year.

“In 1960 to 1970 we were building roads, I was involved in road construction including Gilmore Avenue,” Mr Walley said.

“I’ve seen it go from a Shire to a Town to a City and it’s still growing.

“I did a lot of the flooring at Sloan’s Cottage when it was restored.”

He also helped build the toilet block next to Sloan’s Cottage, where a plaque now adorns the outside wall in honour of the four men who built it.

“The boulders were dropped off and we had to square them up,” Mr Walley said of the toilet block’s construction.

“We carted water from the dam by the fig tree for the mortar and built it in keeping with look of Sloan’s Cottage.

“I’m now the only one living from the group of four who built the toilet block.”

As a child, Mr Walley attended Baldvis Primary School then Kwinana Senior High School where he was the only Indigenous student.

“Watching young kids start off as, say, a receptionist at the City and work their way up to a good position have been some of the best experiences I’ve had with the City.

“To me, they grew with the City, we all grew old with the City.

“My daughter was one year old when I started working here, and I’m a great grandfather now.

“Four of my kids worked here and four grandchildren did work experience and Local Government gave them the opportunity.”

Mayor Carol Adams said Mr Walley had literally built and restored so much of the City.

“Angus has been such a treasure to the City for five decades and has been part of Kwinana’s growth through the various jobs he has undertaken,” Mayor Adams said.

“We wish Angus all the best for the future.”



RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES ONLY

BULK WASTE

Verge collections

SCAN TO SEE:

Verge collections

HELP KEEP KWINANA TIDY DURING VERGE COLLECTIONS!

✓ Only place waste out on the place-out dates for your area

✓ Place a maximum of 3m³ per property

✓ Separate your waste into the four below piles

✓ Keep clear from structures, trees and footpaths

3m³ maximum

White goods and all metal products

E-waste

Mattresses

General bulk waste

Separate into four piles.

Area	Bulk 2
1 Place out	5-6 March
1 Collection starts	7 March
2 Place out	12-13 March
2 Collection starts	14 March
3 Place out	19-20 March
3 Collection starts	21 March
4 Place out	26-27 March
4 Collection starts	28 March

For more details go to [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/vergecollection](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/vergecollection)



# Bird Waterer

A variety of feathered friends (and foes) made use of the City's new bird waterer to bathe and drink from during the heat of summer.

The City of Kwinana installed its first bird waterer on 26 August 2021 to provide flocks large and small with a reliable source of water.

As water sources elsewhere dried up in summer, Council Green became a shady haven for flocks passing through Kwinana.



# Season of Living Green

From April to June we celebrate “Living Green” in Kwinana.

There are many activities to get involved in including Community Planting Days, wildlife Nightstalks, sustainability workshops and a school holiday Tree Treasure Hunt. Check What's On for more details: [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/majorevents](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/majorevents)



LIVING GREEN EVENT:  
Composting Workshop



LIVING GREEN EVENT:  
Easter Beach Hunt



LIVING CREATURES:  
Nightstalk



LIVING SMART:  
Sustainable Living Course



LIVING LANDSCAPES:  
Community Planting Days



LIVING LANDSCAPES: Native  
Seedling Subsidy Scheme

# Kwinana Senior Citizens

## Who is the centre for?

Anyone over the young age of 55, for an annual membership of \$25

## What does the centre offer?

The centre offers a range of social, educational and recreational activities including bingo, carpet bowls, snooker, Swing and Sway, Mahjong, Rummikin, Tai Chi and of course our lunches on Wednesdays from 11.30am to 12.30pm.

## When is it open?

The centre is open all weekdays from 9am, closing at various times depending on activities.

## How do I get involved?

Come and see what activities may interest you! Or contact the centre on 9419 7528.

## What is the centre's history?

The Kwinana Senior Citizens Centre opened in 1973 and is now in the process of upgrading its facility. Before that it was a pub! Kwinana Canteen was Kwinana's first pub, run by the Town as a way of funding amenities in the district and it opened on 8 November 1954. Curiously, the Medina Police Station first opened a little later on the same day.

The first manager of the Canteen was Bill Brown and in 1960 former BP employee Harold Bartlett returned to Kwinana from Wongan Hills to manage the bar. The Canteen's profits fell sharply after the new Kwinana Hotel was opened in 1972. The building was renovated and extended to become the Kwinana Senior Citizens Centre and Harold's wife Fay Bartlett became the manager of the Centre, assisted by Pat Gamage. A mural showcasing key aspects of Kwinana's industry was painted on the wall of the snooker hall in 2021.





# Events season

Kwinana's Summer events season included a line-up of amazing acts, spectacular sounds and tantalising tastes.

The season kicked off with **Get in the Grove!** bringing a movie festival to the heart of Kwinana. There were eight movies throughout the weekend shown at Koorliny Arts Centre and under the stars in the amphitheatre. Kids and adults alike enjoyed circus workshops and roving entertainment and feasted on the culinary delights of the food trucks.

The season quickly turned to Christmas festivities with the annual **Light Up the Square** event with Mayor Adams pushing the button to turn on the huge Christmas Tree and lights in the City Centre.

The annual **Lolly Run** was, once again a huge hit with families throughout Kwinana. This unique event saw 25,000 bags of lollies distributed by groups of volunteers and even Santa himself.

Following on from the busy festive season was the **Kwinana Summer Sounds Concert in the Park**. This chilled out afternoon saw bands grace the stage at Centennial Park with smooth sounds and summer vibes.



Check out our major events page for more:  
[www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/majorevents](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/majorevents)

# CCTV Rebates

Do you have an existing home CCTV system?

The City of Kwinana has partnered with WA Police to provide rebates of \$50 to local businesses and residents who register their current functioning CCTV systems via [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/cctvrebates](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/cctvrebates)

Cam-Map WA is a wide-ranging secure database of all voluntarily registered CCTV systems across WA. This platform invites home owners to self-register their CCTV system onto a secure database which is operated by the Western Australia Police Force. Knowing the locations of installed CCTV systems will support WA Police investigations and ultimately enhance public safety within the community.



For further information or to register yours today visit [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/cctvrebates](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/cctvrebates)



# Kwinana Public Library

Unable to visit the library?

The Kwinana Public Library provides a free home library delivery service for residents who live in the City of Kwinana who are unable to visit the library due to short-term or long-term disability or health problems, such as recovering after surgery or due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The service includes library staff selecting appropriate items according to a personalised profile.

Items are delivered and picked up every two weeks from your front door providing a safe and convenient delivery service.

There is no maximum or minimum duration to use this service. If you or someone you know would benefit from using this service, please contact library staff on **9236 4300** for more information.

*"Absolutely love it, really enjoying the books still after all these years"*

- Margaret, 12 years with the Home Library Service.



*"It is obvious that care has been taken to ensure all the items were in line with I had asked for and is thrilled with the selection that is chosen."*

- Marilyn, two months with the Home Library Delivery Service.



To keep up to date with all the programs and events at our Community Centres visit [kwin.city/3dPX2uk](http://kwin.city/3dPX2uk)

# Be a GREAT sort

The City is launching a new campaign to celebrate those 'GREAT sorts' in the community, who are doing the right thing in disposing of their waste.

There are a number of initiatives running through the year to highlight ideal waste sorting behaviour and improve recycling habits.

Kicking off the program, the City's Community Waste Engagement Officers will visit a random selection of approximately 2000 houses, across the City, for a bin tagging program which aims to help residents use their council-provided bins and waste service correctly.

Keep an eye out for our Officers in the field, events and programs and be a GREAT sort to earn yourself a load of prizes.

**GREAT Sorts** can put 60 per cent less waste into landfill by following the mnemonic tools below:

- **G is for Gifting** things to charity, swapping or selling.
- **R is for Recycling** only these five things: metal cans, cardboard, paper, glass and plastic (bottles, jars and containers)
- **E is for Earth-cycling** food scraps and garden waste into compost.
- **A is for Avoiding** excess packaging and disposable containers.
- **T is for Taking** batteries, e-waste and chemicals to special drop-off points.

These are the five behaviours that can create a significant change to the amount of waste generated and recovered. These behaviours help the environment, your pockets and the waste industry be a much safer place.







# Kwinana Recquatic

## Junior Programs

We have a range of programs available to keep the little ones active and engaged in physical activity including Tumbling Tots (1-2 years) and Jumping Juniors (3-4 years), Multi-sports (5-12 years).

## Adult Team Sports

Are you looking to get active in a fun and social environment? Why not nominate a team for one of our social sports competitions?



**MONDAY EVENING**  
mixed five-a-side soccer

**TUESDAY EVENING**  
mixed seven-a-side netball

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**  
ladies seven-a-side netball

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



## 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. Our adult classes are available for swimmers keen to learn all the swimming skills needed to feel safe and confident in the water. With lessons available on Monday 6pm or Wednesday 9am, plus a female only lesson available on Wednesdays at 6pm, it's never too late to learn to swim!

## 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 or even volleyball game? Then we have the perfect place for you. Whether you want to play on a casual basis or are seeking a permanent booking, we can help. Bookings are essential. Please contact the Recquatic directly on **9236 4700** for same day availability or email [recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au) for all court hire requests, costs and availability.



For more information please contact the Recquatic on **9236 4700**, email [recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:recquatic@kwinana.wa.gov.au) or visit our Facebook page [/kwinanarecquatic](https://www.facebook.com/kwinanarecquatic).



## Neighbour Day Every Day

**Whether through a cuppa, a picnic in the park or a game of cricket in your front garden, the \$150 Neighbour Day Everyday rebate is the perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbours year-round.**

In addition to the \$150 rebate, 'borrow boxes' are available with party accessories, games and more. To register your event, book a borrow box or for help planning your event, contact the Community Projects Officer – Community Safety on **9439 0200**. Want more ideas to connect with your neighbours? Check out '52 Ways to Connect with your Neighbours' and other resources on the City's website. Head to [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au) and search for Neighbour Day Everyday

## National Volunteer Week

**National Volunteer Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. From Monday, 16 May to Sunday, 22 May 2022, National Volunteer Week will celebrate the significant contribution of Australia's almost six million volunteers with their theme 'Better Together'.**

*Interested in volunteering?*

Contact the Kwinana Volunteer Centre at [volunteering@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:volunteering@kwinana.wa.gov.au) or **9236 4314**.





# City Noticeboard

## Neighbour Day Events 2022

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, encouraging people to connect with those who live in their neighbourhood.



There are a range of community events expected to take place throughout Kwinana on 26 or 27 March. For full details visit [whatson.kwinana.wa.gov.au](http://whatson.kwinana.wa.gov.au)

## Senior Subsidy Scheme

The Safety and Security scheme, organised by the Department of Communities, has been reintroduced with West Australian Seniors Card members able to claim up to \$400 per household.

The rebate allows seniors to improve the level of security within their home by installing a range of security items such as window and door deadlocks, security screens, home intruder alarms, sensor lights or roller shutters.

Find out how to apply and to check your eligibility today [kwin.city/3ojZ8ZL](http://kwin.city/3ojZ8ZL)

## SpacetoCo

We've made it easier for you!

Our facility bookings have changed.... for the better!

We would like to introduce you to our new online facility bookings program SpacetoCo. This online booking program means bookings for the City's hireable spaces can be submitted 24/7. For further information visit [kwin.city/364OLir](http://kwin.city/364OLir)

Check out our full list of venues for hire [kwin.city/2Ps46Eq](http://kwin.city/2Ps46Eq)



## Eyes on the Street

Download the 'eyesonthestreet' app on your smartphone to access live reporting of incidents to Police.



# Contacting and keeping up-to-date



### In person

Corner Gilmore Avenue and Sulphur Road, Kwinana WA 6167



### By post

PO Box 21, Kwinana WA 6966



### Online

[www.kwinana.wa.gov.au](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au)



### By email

[customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au](mailto:customer@kwinana.wa.gov.au)



### By phone

9439 0200



### Connect



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