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Altone Ward

 City of Swan

## A new look and feel for our Community Care services

### City of Swan

Community Care has a new look and feel.

**Our Community Care staff and volunteers are passionate about helping people live with choice and independence.**

Whether you want a hand getting from A to B, some extra support at home or a social network, they are here for you.



In July, we celebrated a refresh of Community Care, signifying our commitment to creating inclusive and connected communities that have a sense of belonging in Swan.

The new identity is warm, welcoming and inclusive – reflecting the values at the core of our Community Care services and people.

Some of the changes you may notice are:

- A refurbished building, creating a home away from home for members of our dementia specialised service
- New uniforms and signage
- A fresh approach to service delivery
- Acknowledgment of Aboriginal heritage

If you are interested in accessing our Community Care services or helping out as a volunteer, please visit our website.



[www.swan.wa.gov.au/  
community-care](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/community-care)



## It's easy to be a great pet owner

### City of Swan

**An important part of responsible pet ownership is renewing your pet's registration, so if the worst happens and they go missing, you have the best chance of being reunited.**

If yours is due this year, you will soon receive a notification to renew your pet's registration.

You can renew the registration between October 10-31, 2024.

The easiest way to do it is online.

You can also pay in person at any of our libraries, our administration building in Midland or at an Australia Post office in Swan.

If you want to reduce the hassle of annual renewals, you can choose to register your pet for their lifetime.



[www.swan.wa.gov.au/pets-and-  
animals](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/pets-and-animals)

# Get your thumbs green at Lockridge Community Garden

Altone Ward

**Lockridge Community Garden, which has been a cornerstone for local green thumbs for more than 20 years, is seeking more volunteers.**

The garden features a range of fruits, vegetables, herbs and trees that are cared for, maintained and harvested by a group of dedicated volunteers.

Long-term member Kate Poll joined with her mum about eight years ago.

“This is one of the oldest ongoing community gardens in Perth,” she said.

“We are always open to more volunteers. We have volunteers of all ages, up to their 80s.”

The group recently installed new water-saving garden beds ready for summer.

Altone Ward Councillor Amanda Dorn lends a hand at the garden each Saturday and hoped to see fresh faces join in.

“It would be fantastic to reignite the enthusiasm of the community for the garden and have new members bring their ideas and gumption,” Cr Dorn said.

“All tools are provided, just bring your green thumb.”

The group meets 9-11.30am on Saturday mornings at the corner of Arbon Way and Diana Crescent, Lockridge

If you’re interested in getting involved, call Kate on **0426 221 318**.



[www.cityofswan.social/lockridge-community-garden](http://www.cityofswan.social/lockridge-community-garden)



## Sustainability on the rise as FOGO reaches Altone

Altone Ward

**It’s time for Beechboro, Bennett Springs, Kiara and parts of Lockridges to get their new bins as we roll out our three-bin kerbside collection system.**

If you live in these suburbs, you will receive a letter in the lead up to your stage of the rollout explaining what to expect during your property’s transition period and when it will happen.

The process involves leaving your general waste bin on your kerb until our team visits and swaps the dark green lid for a lime green FOGO lid.

We will also deliver a new red-lid general waste bin, a kitchen caddy and the City’s Waste and Resource Recovery Guide, which details how to use your new system.

FOGO stands for Food Organics and Garden Organics.

Your FOGO bin will collect organic food and garden materials which can be recovered and processed into FOGO products, such as compost or soil conditioner.

Introducing FOGO aligns the City with the State Government’s Waste Strategy targets, and most importantly,

helps us protect our natural environment for future generations.

We understand you might have questions about the new system.

Our FOGO educators will be out and about in the community at libraries and shopping centres to speak to you.

You can also learn more on the FOGO section of our website.



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

# A responsible budget for a brighter future in Swan

## City of Swan

### Our Annual Budget 2024/25 has laid the foundation for an exciting year of growth for Swan.

Council adopted the budget at a Special Council Meeting on June 26, 2024, when they also passed a rate increase of 3.5 per cent.

The modest increase – lower than Australia's annual rate of inflation – marked only the second rate rise for the City in five years.

"We froze rates for three consecutive years after the onset of COVID-19 to lessen the financial burden of the pandemic on homes and businesses," Tanya Richardson, City of Swan Mayor, said.

"Council has been working hard to get this budget right in recent months and we're confident we've struck the right balance for our growing community."

The rate rise aligns the budget with the priorities in our Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031 (SCP) and Council's direction not to close facilities or cut services.

The SCP is the City's key strategic document, capturing the community's priorities for the next 10 years and breaking them down into five key result areas – Natural Environment, Economic, Social, Built Environment and Governance.

Our annual budget is the economic tool that allocates resources to put our SCP onto action.

"As Council Members, we set the City's strategic



direction, and that's a role we take very seriously," Mayor Richardson said.

"We spend a lot of time reviewing and refining these plans because it's critical to have an effective planning process, especially for a local government like ours which is growing rapidly."

The 2024/25 budget includes one of the biggest capital works programs in WA, featuring major infrastructure projects such as Swan Active Ellenbrook, the extension of Henley Brook Avenue and the construction of Ballajura Intergenerational Playspace.

Highlights from our \$155.5m capital works program:

- **\$33.6m** to improve our road network through road construction, upgrades, safety and parking projects
- **\$7.7m** to get kids playing outdoors with playspace construction and improvements
- **\$5.5m** to give local community groups a place to call home by building the Ellenbrook Community Hub

- **\$3m** to preserve our heritage with works on buildings such as the Midland Junction Arts Centre
- **\$2.8m** to boost sustainability by introducing a new three-bin FOGO system
- **\$2.4m** to improve access and safety on cycleways, footpaths and shared paths
- **\$2m** to continue the revitalisation of Midland with stage one construction of Trackside Entrance and Grandstand Way in the New Junction precinct
- **\$1.6m** to make Swan greener, including planting more than 1,200 street trees in line with the City's Urban Forest Plan
- **\$900,000** to increase female participation in sport with changeroom upgrades in Beechboro and Ballajura
- **\$100,000** to boost safety with the introduction of more mobile CCTV towers
- **\$30,000** to increase accessibility by installing universal access ramps and pedestrian crossings in Ballajura



[www.swan.wa.gov.au/annual-budget-2024-25](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/annual-budget-2024-25)

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– Deputy Premier Rita Saffioti



## **‘It looks incredible’ – Deputy Premier hails Dayton hub**

**Altone Ward**

**Deputy Premier Rita Saffioti has hailed Dayton District Open Space as a “beautiful” addition to one of Perth’s fastest growing areas.**

Speaking at an official opening event at our \$30 million sport and recreation hub in June, Ms Saffioti said it was the latest step in the “complete transformation” of the Swan Urban Growth Corridor.

The 1,100ha Swan Urban Growth Corridor has experienced rapid population growth in recent years in relatively new suburbs such as Dayton, Brabham and Bennett Springs.

The population is expected to rise by another 50 per cent in the next 30 years.

Dayton District Open Space (DDOS) is a facility that can handle the growth, featuring sports ovals, hockey fields, netball and tennis courts, pavilions, a half-court basketball court and more.

It is the new home of the Ellenbrook Falcons and Eastern Blades hockey clubs, the Caversham Suns Junior Football Club and the Caversham Dayton Cricket Club.

Dayton is in Ms Saffioti’s West Swan electorate, which she has represented in State Parliament since 2008.

In addition to being WA’s Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Tourism Minister, the West Swan MLA also serves as the State’s Transport Minister, overseeing the rollout of METRONET.

The Morley-Ellenbrook METRONET line will run through the City of Swan, with two stations planned for the Swan Urban Growth Corridor.

Ms Saffioti said delivering quality services and infrastructure for a growing community was a partnership between the State and local governments.

Major projects such as new schools, METRONET and DDOS were transforming the area.

“When I first got elected in 2008 there was a plan for this whole growth corridor, and it involved a number of things which are now being delivered,” Ms Saffioti said.

“This space for local sports is so important and fundamental for the community.”

She congratulated Swan on delivering a facility that would serve the area well for years to come.

“This is very beautiful, it looks incredible, and I think the local community and the local clubs will very much appreciate having this new infrastructure, quality fields, and delivering to sports that sometimes don’t get the services or the facilities that other sports get,” Ms Saffioti said.

“I think having the range of sports that you’re supporting is a very, very good thing.”



[www.swan.wa.gov.au/ddos-deputy-premier](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/ddos-deputy-premier)



## Our calendar competition is closing soon. Get amongst it!

### City of Swan

**Calling all shutterbugs – from the seasoned snappers of Swan to anyone with a phone and a flair for photography.**

This is your golden opportunity to capture the essence of the City of Swan on camera, get your photography featured in the highly anticipated 2025 Community Calendar and win a \$400 gift voucher.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words.

For this year's calendar, the City wants to tell the story of Swan through your eyes – or more specifically, your lens.

The theme for 2025 is **"Get Amongst It,"** focusing on the vibrancy, energy and diversity of life in Perth's biggest local government area.

The calendar will showcase the beauty of the environment and the spirit of the community, with images of people getting amongst it across Swan.

Tanya Richardson, City of Swan Mayor, said it was a rare opportunity for anyone with a creative streak to get their photography in homes across the City.

"If you are passionate about our stunning landscapes or the everyday moments that make Swan special to you,

I encourage you to snap and submit," she said.

"It might be an image of your children laughing at a park, athletes in action at a local sports event or the warmth of community connections at the markets – it's all part of our story."

**Entries are open until September 29, 2024.**

For terms and conditions, FAQs and to submit a photo, see our website.



[www.swan.wa.gov.au/2025-calendar-comp](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/2025-calendar-comp)



## How safe is your place?

### City of Swan

**This is a great time to take stock of your home security measures to make sure you are keeping yourself and your family as safe as possible.**

Using devices such as CCTV cameras, getting to know your neighbours and staying connected to your community are great ways to help you feel safer.

Sneak theft – where burglars sneak into easy-target homes and steal keys, often while homeowners are there – is a common crime that can be easily prevented with these measures.

You can visit the Neighbourhood Watch website to assess your security measures and learn new crime prevention strategies.



[www.cityofswan.social/home-security](http://www.cityofswan.social/home-security)

## Get bushfire ready

### City of Swan

**Swan will enter the restricted burning period in October.**

This means you cannot burn without a permit unless you meet strict requirements in certain cases.

Leading into summer, all property owners have a legal responsibility to conduct fire hazard reduction works such as maintaining an asset protection zone and keeping grass height below 10cm.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services recently released the first Firewise Gardening in WA guide, which you can find on the DFES website.

The City has a Fire Hazard Inspection Officer, who can help you develop a plan to manage your fire risk. Visit our website to book an inspection.



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



## Exciting milestone for our Women's Aquatic Program

Altone Ward

A female-only aquatic program that allows women to work on their swimming in a comfortable and culturally appropriate environment has reached a major milestone at the City of Swan.

After two successful trials, the Women's Aquatic Program will return to Swan Active Beechboro in October on a permanent basis.

Sessions will run from 5.30-7.30pm on Sundays in Terms 1 and 4, giving women of all cultural backgrounds an opportunity to build their swimming skills, fitness and social network.

Feedback from the two trials has been overwhelmingly positive.

The program – run in partnership with Royal Life Saving WA – has helped women overcome their fears, enjoy the water with their children and make new friends.



[www.swanactive.com.au](http://www.swanactive.com.au)



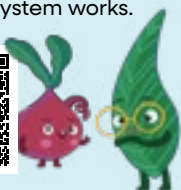
## How to FOGO

The City is introducing a three-bin kerbside collection system from 2024. Properties will soon have three bins – recycling, general waste and FOGO.

Here's a quick guide to understand how the three-bin system works.



Scan for more info





## Circle of life

📍 Beechboro Public Library,  
332 Benara Road, Beechboro

📅 10am-1pm,  
Saturday, September 14

🌐 [www.swan.wa.gov.au/  
explore-and-do/events/  
circle-of-life](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/explore-and-do/events/circle-of-life)

Vivian Paans will lead this engaging and thought-provoking circle weaving workshop in Beechboro.

Trained in Transpersonal Art Therapy, she will speak about the circle as a symbol of the recurring patterns of life as she teaches the artform.

Please book as spaces are limited.



## Silver Linings Variety Show

📍 Swan Active Beechboro,  
332 Benara Road, Beechboro

📅 10am-12.30pm,  
Wednesday, September 18

🌐 [www.swanactive.com.au](http://www.swanactive.com.au)

Get ready for another toe-tapping morning of hit songs that will bring the memories flooding back.

The Silver Linings Variety Show takes you back in time, with tributes to the biggest artists from yesteryear.

This free event is always a hit so don't miss out.



## Community Garba Night

📍 Swan Active Beechboro,  
332 Benara Road, Beechboro

📅 5-10pm,  
Sunday, September 15

🌐 [www.facebook.com/  
bgcc.wa](https://www.facebook.com/bgcc.wa)

Embrace the spirit of Gujarati culture at an alcohol-free night of fun. This showcase of Gujarati tradition will be accompanied by delicious food, face painting, children's activities, prizes and more.

The Community Garba Night is presented by Brabham Gujarati Community Club with the support of the City.



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