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Celebrating our diverse community

City of Swan

Everyone is welcome in the City of Swan, which is why we were proud to host and support a range of Pride events in November.

It was the most colourful month of the year as we celebrated the LGBTQIA+ community, who are a significant part of our community.

The inaugural Pride Swan Festival at Carnegie Triangle, Midland was at the heart of the month-long celebrations.

The community-driven event boasted all the colours of the rainbow to celebrate inclusivity, diversity and unity.

Thanks to Ellenbrook Rotary Club, Midland Anglican Church, GRAI, Radio 88.5 FM, Pride in Swan Community Group, Jeannie Consulting and all our allies who made the event possible and so much fun.

The City celebrates inclusivity and diversity all year by providing a range of programs and services.

The Youth Development team's Our Place program offers various initiatives for LGBTQIA+ young people and we support a monthly LGBTQIA+ SB Safe Place gathering for adults

at the newly opened Dayton Family Hub – operating on the last Tuesday of every month from 6-8pm.

The City's Community Grants Program also supports local community groups in celebrating WA Pride Month each November.

Visit our website for more information.



www.swan.wa.gov.au



Hundreds of options for our 2025 Community Calendar

City of Swan

The 2025 City of Swan Community Calendar is out now.

This year we took a slightly different approach to further involve our community and we can't wait to reveal the results.

Earlier this year, we ran a successful community photograph competition, inviting budding photographers to submit their own photos that captured the theme "Get Amongst It" and showcase the beauty of the City of Swan.

We were inundated with 136 fantastic snaps.

It was great seeing the City through our residents' eyes, or lenses, which captured beautiful landscapes, hidden gems, familiar favourites and lovely family moments.

Our panel of judges had their work cut out for them narrowing the selection down to 36 photos that were put out for a public vote to determine

the winning 12 that will appear in the community calendar.

Thank you to everyone who submitted a photo and voted online, making this edition a true community initiative.

Visit our website for more information, including where to collect your copy.



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Grab your bathers and boardies – Swan Inflatables are back

Altone Ward

Back and bigger than ever, the Swan Inflatables family event will be popping up at Swan Active Beechboro on Saturday, January 18, 2025 between 11am-2pm.

Thanks to popular demand, Swan Inflatables will also be coming to Plaza Turn, Ellenbrook on Saturday, February 1, 2025.

Last year's Beechboro event amassed a crowd of 2,500 who enjoyed Swan Active's outdoor area which transformed into a summer splash wonderland for kids and parents.

Featuring large inflatable slides, foam pits, a toddler area and obstacle courses – there is something for everyone.

Our annual Swan Cup basketball tournament will add

another layer of excitement on Court 1 and 2, providing families with a fast-paced activity for those who like some friendly competition.

For the little ones, kindy sport and kindy gym will offer retreat options in the function room and on Court 3.

The Ellenbrook event will feature all the fun of Beechboro, plus food trucks and other exciting activities.

Tanya Richardson, City of Swan Mayor, said she is excited to welcome families back to one of her favourite events of the year.

"Swan Inflatables continues to be such a popular event and we're excited to host the

event twice in 2025 – bringing it to even more of the Swan Community," she said.

"The City is committed to building a strong sense of inclusion for our community and hosting free, affordable family events like this one helps us foster social connection in local areas."

If you are looking for a family-friendly activity to wash away the summer heat these holidays, be sure to join us at Swan Inflatables 2025 – we look forward to seeing you there.

Find out more by visiting our website.



www.swan.wa.gov.au/events



Creativity on display at the 2024 Australian Rustic Farm Art Awards

City of Swan

In its third year running, the Australian Rustic Farm Art Awards has once again demonstrated the passion and creativity of our community.

The “A Trip to the Tip” design brief encouraged artists to

visit their local waste transfer station and select items that could be reused and turned into art.

The awards, run by the Gidgegannup Agricultural Society, with the support of the City of Swan, were presented at the 2024 Gidgegannup Show on October 26.

Scott Mitchell won the \$3,500 Bendigo Community Bank Mundaring Overall Award for his sculpture Sunnie, made from recycled steel, railway iron, brackets, chains and fittings.

The judges describe it as a quirky, delightful and joyous response to the theme that showcases the creativity and ingenuity of rural Australians.

Tanya Richardson, City of Swan Mayor, said it was amazing to see our community's creativity on display.

“Each sculpture is truly wonderful, showcasing the unique talent we have among us and I am proud to say every artist today has contributed in their own way to the arts and culture of the City of Swan,” she said.

“I’d like to congratulate the winner, Scott Mitchell, for his exceptional craftsmanship and acknowledge all entrants for their hard work.”



Bold local law tackles abandoned shopping trolleys

City of Swan

The City of Swan is taking an innovative approach to tackling abandoned shopping trolleys with the introduction of the **Consolidated Amendment Local Law (No.2) 2023**.

Under the local law, the City will impound abandoned shopping trolleys and charge a collection fee to retail owners, covering the collection cost and encouraging retailers to improve their trolley management.

Abandoned shopping trolleys have been a constant problem for many local governments,

they're unsightly and create environmental and access hazards.

This new approach comes after the City's proactive trolley collection trials in 2020 and 2022, which saw the collection of more than 70 trolleys every week.

While the trials were effective, they proved costly and didn't encourage retailers to manage their trolleys better.

Since November, the City has been collecting trolleys from public areas within our boundaries, focusing on hotspot areas.



Trolleys are taken to our impoundment facility and retailers are notified that they have one month to pay the fee and collect their trolleys.

If trolleys aren't collected, the City disposes of them and the fee stands until it is paid.



www.swan.wa.gov.au/shopping-trolleys

Recognising and appreciating our significant heritage sites

City of Swan

The City of Swan's Local Heritage Survey is a collection of local buildings or places that have been identified as having cultural heritage significance that may need preservation.

Under the Heritage Act 2018, all local governments must keep a list of heritage assets up to date by completing a regular Local Heritage Survey Review.

We are in the middle of conducting our review so we can continue to identify, share, and celebrate the historic and cultural sites within Swan.

It is particularly important as it allows us to capture new places that may have only just become eligible for a heritage status.


We started our thorough review of our Local Heritage Survey last year, marking the first step in a multi-stage process to update and potentially expand the list of significant heritage sites.

The review is ongoing and nominations for stage two closed earlier in 2024.

In this stage, we received 50 nominations for new heritage sites which are

now being assessed by the City's independent heritage consultant.

The City is committed to keeping the community informed throughout the process and will provide updates on the progress of both stage one and stage two in 2025.

 swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/local-heritage-survey-stage-2-1



Swan Street Gallery reflects Brabham's cultural vibrancy

Altone Ward

As part of the Brabham Art Project, the City of Swan collaborated with community groups to celebrate Brabham's diversity, culture and community through art.

Five electrical boxes were wrapped with traditional fabrics and dress design elements outside Brabham Pavilion and Brabham Primary School, reflecting the vibrant cultural tapestry of Brabham and its surroundings.

The art serves as an educational opportunity – influencing conversations and understanding and appreciating cultural differences in the community.

More than just a visual transformation, this project has also been an educational opportunity for local schoolchildren to learn about the diverse traditional attire they see in their community.



Did someone say free trees and plants?

City of Swan

Applications for the City's next Free Trees and Plants Giveaway are set to open in February 2025.

Each year, we give away over 45,000 free trees and plants to residents and community groups.

Depending on property size, residents are eligible for either a rural or urban pack of plants that contain a mix of water-wise, native seedlings

appropriate for our climate.

The Free Trees and Plants Giveaway is just one of the ways the City is working to conserve our natural environment and increase our urban and rural tree canopy.

To make sure you don't miss out on your free trees, visit our website and subscribe for updates.



www.swan.wa.gov.au/free-trees



Share the feel-good with an appreciation card

City of Swan

The City of Swan, in collaboration with the Ellenbrook Community Advisory Group, has created beautiful citizen appreciation cards, available for free at all City of Swan libraries.

You can use them to show appreciation to people who have gone out of their way to make our community a better place to live.

Simply choose a card, write your thank-you message and give it to a person doing wonderful things.



Are we meeting your needs?

City of Swan

Keep an eye out for the City of Swan's annual Community and Business Perceptions Survey, launching early 2025.

The City provides a broad range of facilities and services to ensure our community continues to thrive, but we understand your needs can change.

We want to know what we are getting right, where we can improve and what your priorities are.

If you are a City resident or business owner, this is your opportunity to give us your feedback, which will help us plan for our future.

Feedback we have received in past surveys helped guide our Community Safety Plan, strengthen our mobile CCTV program, increase our tree planting and install playground and shade equipment.

We will provide more information about the survey on our website and social media channels.

To stay up to date, visit our website.



www.swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au



Beat the heat and stay cool this summer

City of Swan

Perth recorded nine days in total with a maximum temperature at or above 40C last summer – the second-highest number of hot days on record.

We're in for another scorcher this year, so it's important to be prepared when heatwaves strike.

Here's what you can do to look after yourself and others:


- Keep an eye on vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours
- Seek air-conditioned areas – during severe heatwaves,

the City's libraries, Swan Active centres and youth centres operate under extended opening hours to provide relief from the heat for those who do not have air-conditioning

- Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated
- Stay out of the sun as much as possible and if you need to go out, be SunSmart
- Keep pets indoors or provide them with lots of shade and water
- Never leave your animals in a vehicle, even with the windows down
- Get help if you start showing signs of heat stress such as excessive sweating, headache, vomiting or confusion.

Heatwaves also increase the risk of bushfires, so stay alert and keep up to date with emergency warnings.

For more advice about heat-related illnesses, symptoms and treatments, visit the HealthyWA website.

 www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/articles/f_i/heatwave-be-prepared-for-extreme-heat

Get fire-ban notifications straight to your phone

City of Swan

Keen to stay on top of total fire bans and harvest and vehicle movement bans throughout summer?

The City's SMS and email notification services makes it easy, sending you updates as soon as a ban is announced.

Visit our website to subscribe to the service.

 www.swan.wa.gov.au/subscribe-to-fire-safety-bans



The simple warning system for natural disasters

City of Swan

Western Australia has adopted a new system for bushfire, cyclone, flood and storm warnings called the Australian Warning System (AWS).

AWS delivers consistent colour-coded warnings that make it easier for people to know what action to take during an emergency.

Yellow icons are for advice warnings and mean an incident is active but there is no immediate threat to lives and homes.



Orange icons are for watch and act warnings and mean there is a possible threat to lives and homes and you need to take action.

Red icons are for emergency warnings and mean there is a threat to lives and homes and you are in immediate danger.

The warning system has been adopted nationwide, so no matter where you are you'll know what to do in an emergency.

You can learn more by visiting the Department of Fire and Emergency Services website.

 www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire



Harvest in the Swan Valley

📍 Various locations in the Swan Valley

📅 January-February 2025

🌐 www.swanvalley.com.au

Celebrate the Swan Valley's delicious summer produce with several events, seasonal offers and experiences at venues across the region.

From a delicious lunch to market days to masterclasses – there's something for everyone.



Altone Comes Alive

📍 Altone Park Oval, Beechboro

📅 Saturday, March 15, 2025

🌐 www.cityofswan.social/events

Our much-loved celebration of culture and community is returning for another great year.

Enjoy a family-friendly day filled with live entertainment, a variety of stalls, food trucks and so much more.



Water Safety Storytime

📍 Dayton Family Hub

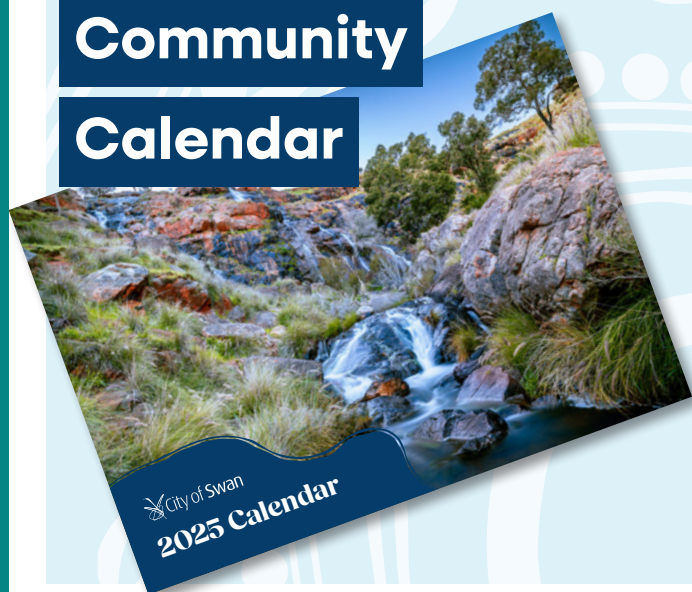
📅 Friday, January 10

🌐 www.cityofswan.social/water-safety-storytime

Just in time for summer, learn how to play safely and be more confident around water.

Suitable for children aged two to five and their families.

Community Calendar



Get yours from:

Beechboro: Beechboro Library, Beechboro Swan Active

Ballajura: Ballajura Library, Ballajura Swan Active

Ellenbrook: Ellenbrook Library, Ellenbrook Sports Hub, Ellenbrook Place

Bullsbrook: Bullsbrook Hub

Gidgegannup: Gidgegannup City Office

Guildford: Guildford Public Library, Swan Valley Visitor Centre

Midland: City of Swan Administration Centre – Front Reception, Midland Public Library, Midland Swan Active

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