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# 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 have 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 Giddegannup Agricultural Society, with the support of the City of Swan, were presented at the 2024 Giddegannup 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.”



# 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.



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





# Swan Active Ellenbrook is set to make a splash with development application submission

Pearce Ward

**It's full steam ahead as the City of Swan submits a development application to the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) for the new Swan Active Ellenbrook recreation and aquatic facility.**

Situated in the heart of Ellenbrook and adjacent to the new METRONET Ellenbrook train station, the new facility is set to make a splash with its extensive list of regional-level provisions.

The \$108 million project is the City's largest by far and will meet the needs of the rapidly growing community in Perth's eastern corridor, now and into the future.

The project has been made possible with \$42 million in grant funding from the State and Federal Governments.

The City has already gone to tender for earthworks which are expected to start in early 2025, while the WAPC determines the development application.

The development proposal includes a range of facilities – the aquatic area boasts 50m and 25m pools, warm water pools, small toddler pools, four waterslides, a small grandstand, change rooms, significant shade sails and barbeque and family areas.

The recreation area includes a sports hall housing indoor multi-purpose courts, a gym and fitness centre, a wellness centre, family facilities like



a creche and a kiosk with kitchen facilities.

The proposed design delivers a welcoming, adaptable and responsive centre that meets the needs of the community through sustainable, passive design and contemporary aesthetics.

This is evident in the planned wave-like façade that draws visitors from the main entrance to the aquatic hall, where a timber structure and wave ceiling direct daylight and sound, creating an energetic internal atmosphere.

Tanya Richardson, City of Swan Mayor said the development application submission marks a major milestone in the project's timeline.

"We know our Ellenbrook community has been waiting a long time for their own recreation and aquatic facility and we're thrilled to be making headway with the project," she said.

"We couldn't do this without the support of the State and Federal Governments who will help us deliver a modern leisure centre for a modern community with diverse needs and expectations."

The Honourable Rita Saffioti, MLA, Deputy Premier, said this milestone backs up the State Government's commitment to delivering a leisure facility in Ellenbrook.

"Our dedication to delivering this project is coming to fruition with the reality of the leisure centre reflected in the

City of Swan's development application submission – bringing more recreational and aquatic facilities to a centre strategically located in Ellenbrook's transport hub," she said.

Jessica Shaw MLA, Member for Swan Hills, said plans for Swan Active Ellenbrook delivered the State's pool commitment and paved the way for the City's additional facilities.

"The State and Federal Governments are funding the new pool facilities, with our support making stage one of the project a reality. This is another promise kept for the Ellenbrook community, right by the train station and youth centre. I'm glad the City plans to expand the project with an indoor sports centre and look forward to both stages being completed," she said.

Tania Lawrence MP, Member for Hasluck, said the collaboration of all three levels of government to achieve this project will give the community the facility they deserve.

"It's exciting to see the wheels in motion for one of the largest recreation and aquatic facilities in our local area – provisions in the development application submission reflect the community's desires for a regional-level facility," she said.

For more information about the Swan Active Ellenbrook project visit the City of Swan website.



[www.swan.wa.gov.au/  
swan-active-ellenbrook](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/swan-active-ellenbrook)



## Ellenbrook Community Hub one step closer to reality after \$2 million Lotterywest grant

Pearce Ward

### The Ellenbrook Community Hub project has received a \$2 million boost from Lotterywest.

WA Local Government Minister Hannah Beazley presented the grant to the City of Swan on a visit to the future site of the facility on Tuesday, September 24.

Minister Beazley was joined in Ellenbrook by Swan Hills MLA Jessica Shaw, East Metropolitan MLC Lorna Harper, Hasluck MP Tania Lawrence, Lotterywest Director Grants and Community Development Helen McGinty, City of Swan Mayor Tanya Richardson and City of Swan CEO Stephen Cain.

The project has already received funding commitments of \$3.5m from the State Government and \$2m from the Federal Government.

The City has provided \$500,000 for landscaping and the land itself on Cashman Avenue near Ellenbrook District Open Space.

Ellenbrook Community Hub will give local community groups, including Ellenbrook Men's Shed, a place to call home.

The City has carried out extensive community consultation to plan for the facility, which will feature a workshop, a large function hall and other flexible spaces.

Construction is scheduled for completion in the 2025/26 financial year.

"The Ellenbrook Community Hub is a community-driven project that is being made possible by strong investment from Lotterywest, and the State and Federal Governments," Mayor Richardson said.

"It will give local community groups a place to call their own, where they can run programs and host events.

"The Ellenbrook area continues to experience rapid growth, and this is the sort of facility that will boost social inclusion, cohesion and wellbeing."

Minister Beazley said the State Government was proud to support the project.

"I want to acknowledge my friend and colleague, retiring local MP Jessica Shaw, for her persuasive and persistent advocacy for the hub on behalf of the Ellenbrook community," she said.

"With the extra funding now secured from Lotterywest, I am thrilled that the project will soon become reality.

"It will provide a vital centre for local community clubs and organisations, with residents benefiting from the services being provided and the activities being offered.

"Lotterywest have been a cornerstone of support for our community, providing invaluable grants that enable a wide range of projects, and we are deeply grateful to them for their unwavering commitment to enhancing the lives of Western Australians through their generous grants."



# 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/youth-services](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/youth-services)



## 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](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/shopping-trolleys)

## Road treatments boost safety on Arbor Drive

### Pearce Ward

**The City of Swan has installed four raised safety platforms to combat a significant increase in traffic volume on Arbor Drive in Ellenbrook.**

The platforms are designed to encourage drivers to reduce their speed through built-up residential areas, creating a safer environment for pedestrians and other road users.

Two safety platforms have been placed between Withnell Drive and Bancombe Crescent, one is at the intersection of Arbor Drive and Birkett Circuit and one is between Pym Lane and The Broadway.

Safety platforms will be installed on Brookmount Drive early next year to support the City's efforts to boost safety in the area.

# 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.



[www.swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/local-heritage-survey-stage-2-1](http://www.swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au/local-heritage-survey-stage-2-1)

## 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](http://www.swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au)



## 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](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/free-trees)





## Beat the heat and stay cool this summer

City of Swan

**Perth recorded nine days in total with a maximum temperature at or above 40°C 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](http://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](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/subscribe-to-fire-safety-bans)



## 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 these 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 the person doing wonderful things.



## Harvest in the Swan Valley

📍 Various locations in the Swan Valley

📅 January-February 2025

🌐 [www.swanvalley.com.au](http://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.



## Thinking Green: Buy nothing new

📍 Ellenbrook Community Library

📅 Saturday, January 18, 2025

🌐 [www.cityofswan.social/Thinking-Green-buy-nothing-new](http://www.cityofswan.social/Thinking-Green-buy-nothing-new)

Come along to a free workshop and learn how to live with less, how to find free activities and feel more content.



## Monday Makers

📍 Ellenbrook Community Library

📅 Monday, December 23

🌐 [www.cityofswan.social/Monday-Makers-December](http://www.cityofswan.social/Monday-Makers-December)

Join our friendly group as we share ideas, tips and inspiration to help you get back into the crafting groove.

We will have a selection of basic supplies available that have been used for our recent Christmas projects.

**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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