

Wandi Warbler

2020 Edition

Wandi Progress Association News

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WANDI PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (INC.)

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Vice President: Les Whiddett

Treasurer: Amanda White

Secretary: Mark Wells

Committee members: Chris Barnes, Debbie & Rod Cocks, Debbie & Wayne Tentori, Gary White

If you would like to join the Association, we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Resource Centre, Wandi Community Centre at 7.00pm.



President's Report

Hi, my name is Ken Workman and last year I took on the role as President of The Wandi Progress Association Inc after being a committee member for a number of years in various roles.

Firstly, I would like to thank outgoing President Wayne Tentori, who after serving 5 years as President, led the association through several demanding and important milestones and has left me some big size 10 or 11 shoes to fill but I love a challenge.

I am very appreciative of the support of the whole committee and the amazing volunteer work they do and coordinate in their own time. This is not only co-managing the Wandi community centre clubs/groups and hire of the facilities but in working with the City of Kwinana in actively building and promoting our local community.

The last number of years has seen the final construction, and then in 2015 the official opening of the Pavilion which is a fantastic facility and well used by many clubs /groups and organisations. The committee not wanting to take a breather led by long standing committee member Rod Cocks then sought and got approval for the installation of dust extraction system through joint funding with one of the wood working groups that use the facilities. This is a great example of cooperation between clubs/groups who raised their own funds combined with funds from community chest grants and the Wandi Progress Association to achieve such an outcome which not only improves the air quality in removing dust but assists when doing the fine woodwork. We are always seeking to support our clubs/groups and consider other joint cooperation projects that would further develop our community facilities.

This year has brought significant changes for all of us in how we go about just our normal daily activities that we so often take for granted. The onset of COVID 19 saw for the first time in our history all of our facilities being required to be closed and groups/users and hirers had to cancel not only their upcoming important events to celebrate milestones (Birthdays/Weddings/Family get togethers etc) but we also saw members of community groups becoming more isolated from fellow club members/friends and family. It would be fair to say we have all felt the impact but some in our community much more than others and therein lies the need for a strong and vibrant community. I am really proud of your committee that took up the challenge in co-managing the introduction of phase 1,2 and 3 and now phase 4 COVID 19 state/federal and local government guidelines. We have continued to operate by embracing Zoom video conference to hold our normal monthly meetings to keep the facilities compliant but also check on them to ensure any damage was rectified or reported. We have had to manage cancellation of bookings and refunds and the disappointment of so many that just wanted to meet with their club members or friends/family during this challenging time.

We have also formed stronger relations with City of Kwinana management and maintenance teams through their place leaders who have a designated area (Our place leader for Wandí is Jenny Marslen) and that has been very beneficial to our community centre and our local residents and users of the facilities. We have helped identify some residents with referral to City of Kwinana support lines and services available where members of the community were identified as personally or financially struggling to manage their situation.

It is so encouraging and rewarding to see with COVID 19 phase 4 recovery stage that many of the restrictions are now being removed or reduced and it was with a warm heart to see red/white danger tape being removed from our children's playground equipment. The important and much loved social areas of our BBQs being recently cleaned and fired up to allow for the recommencement for their sausage sizzle or morning tea feast and some good banter.

Our Community Groups/Clubs have done great in working to comply with COVID 19 restrictions and guidelines including having to have an approved Safety Plan for their group and ensuring hygiene and social distancing requirements and having rolls recording all members attending their meetings. A big shout out to our Secretary (Mark Wells) who has coordinated and implemented the signage at the centre but also ensuring all club/groups and users of our facilities are provided with packs of information and kept well informed after attending a series of City of Kwinana COVID 19 meetings. So, after a very difficult start to this year I am wanting to lead our committee into a more positive period of recovery but being very mindful of the impacts on so many people that COVID 19 has had and continues to have a look to how we can help or offer a level of community support.

Our focus this year is shifting from major capital works of buildings that we have achieved like the Pavilion centre back now to more local community and resident issues and working towards better connecting our community through times of change. We have introduced improved contact with residents as part of our voice of the community program to find out common concerns and issues in the area. We have already had some great feedback /suggestions and solutions provided by residents and through this have then engaged the City of Kwinana as part of the co management arrangement.

I will always welcome your input and feedback and if you would like to attend any of our monthly meetings. They are held at the Resource centre in the Wandí Community centre on the third Wednesday of each month starting at 7.00 pm. Please let us know if you would like to attend either to listen to local issues or if you wish to raise a wider community or resident issue. It's truly a great way to find out what is happening in a time of change or letting your local committee know of issues that you may be aware of that you would like to discuss.

Finally, COVID 19 has taught all of us some hard lessons but also some better practices and to enjoy our lives as you never know when you may lose the ability to enjoy those precious times and events we cherish.

To all of you and your families/friends and local residents your Wandi Progress Association committee wishes you all the best of good health and friendship during these difficult times.

Ken Workman
President



The Hiring of the Community Centre Is Back!!

If you wish to Hire the Hall here are some guidelines put up by the
Kwinana Council



COVID-19 CONDITIONS OF USE

On 18 May 2020 the WA Government implemented a staged lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, permitting the conditional re-opening of sport and recreational venues. Until further notice, the following additional conditions of entry will apply for entry to all.

Wandi Community Centre facilities:

All attendees of City sporting and recreational facilities must adhere to the 'COVID Safety Guidelines – Sport and Recreation' issued by the WA Government, available on the WA Government website. Where relevant, approval from the relevant State Sporting Association must be in place.

Covid Safety Plan Certificate

Hirers are required to provide a copy of their COVID Safety Plan Certificate ('Certificate') a minimum of 3 business days prior to their proposed commencement date. Hirers must display a copy of their Certificate for the duration of their booking in allocation which is prominent and visible to participants. The Certificate must be made available for inspection upon request of an Authorised Officer.

Participant Management:

Hirers are encouraged to plan how to manage the entry and exit of participants from the venue. Parents and caregivers should be instructed, where appropriate, to drop off and collect children from the entry of the premises in order to minimise the number of people inside a facility.

The City encourages the installation of the Australian Government 'COVID Safe' app.

Hygiene

- Hirers are responsible for ensuring personal hygiene standards are adhered to by participants.
- Participants are to be advised not to attend if they feel unwell.

- At the conclusion of each booking, hirers are to disinfect all equipment and touch points (e.g. tables, chairs, door handles and light fittings).
- The Wandj Progress Association will supply disinfectant and wipes for this purpose, though hirers are recommended to bring their own cleaning items.

Outdoor bookings / Sport Clubs

- Clubs are responsible for coordinating the dropping off and collection of children.
- For outdoor sports and recreational activities, where appropriate, parents and caregivers should be encouraged not to remain in the immediate area.
- Where possible, use of toilets and change rooms should be limited to participants only.
- Clubs are encouraged to consider introducing a staggered training schedule for larger groups. This may include different start times, different days and/or different locations.

SO, WHEN YOU HAVE READ ALL THIS YOU WILL BE ASKED TO MAKE A DECLARATION....

I agree that I have read the Wandj Progress Associations additional conditions of hire for the Covid-19 Pandemic. I agree to abide by the Wandj Progress Associations conditions of hire and be responsible for payment of all fees and charges associated with this hire. I agree that I have the authority to make this application on behalf of the above named.

Signature:_____ ***Date:*** _____

Title/position held:_____

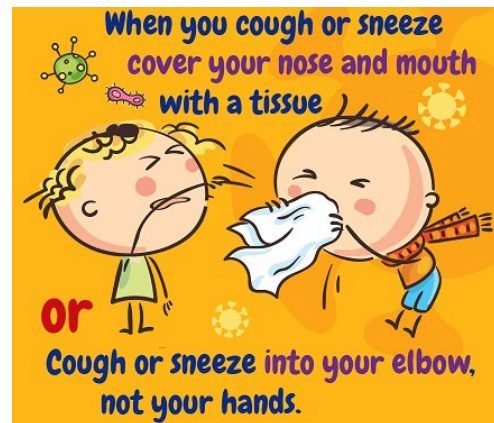
Phase 4 Covid restrictions have started with Phase 5 due to start 18th July,2020. The main change to phase 4 is that an attendance record is no longer required to be kept for Covid purposes.

I have shown a copy of the template of the Phase 4 safety plan for information only. I have also shown an updated WPA Covid 19 agreement for information only.

The Wandi Progress Association is aware that there is the possibility if community Covid infection rates increase the government may reinstitute phase 3 or 2 requirements.

With all this in mind please everyone Keep Safe and Stay Well.

“We are all in this together”



If you or you know of anyone struggling in these times, there is support by going to this link:

<https://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/our-services/health-services/COVID-19/COVID-Support/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/our-services/health-services/COVID-19/COVID-Support/those-in-need/Pages/default.aspx>

Lots of wonderful help and people to talk to.

If you want more information you can go to:

https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/articles/a_e/coronavirus

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Welcome to this edition of the Wandi Warbler.

What a strange and challenging year this has been for everyone – not just those of us who live in Kwinana, but all over the world. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought a host of pressures – both social and financial to all of us.

As a City, we are acutely aware that many Kwinana families, along with the rest of Western Australia are doing it tough at the moment. Many have recently found themselves unemployed or unable to meet their financial obligations.

In April 2020, Council voted to ensure a zero yield in rates revenue for 2020/21, in light of the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, Council resolved wherever possible to freeze fees and charges, and to provide a range of business support initiatives intended to assist with economic recovery across the City.

Committing to a zero increase in revenue was a challenge, given that we cannot rely on cash reserves or borrow to implement the programs and services that are vital to residents and businesses in our community.

In order to produce a balanced budget, the City worked hard to identify any operational inefficiencies within the organisation and was consequently required to reduce some levels of services and delay some planned capital and operational initiatives.

These included delaying recruitment for vacant positions, avoiding any increase in salaries or wages for 2020/21, reduced events and programming, revised coverage for the City Assist Team and reduced operational hours for the Kwinana Public Library.

In order to minimise the negative impact of COVID-19 in Western Australia, the State Government has encouraged local councils to increase infrastructure investment, preserve employment and to manage local social and economic recoveries at this time.

With this in mind, in this year's budget the City has allocated \$2.47m to road renewal and upgrade projects and \$708k towards initiatives designed to support local businesses. We have also committed to finalizing the upgrade of the Kwinana South and Mandogalup Fire Stations and the construction of a pavilion at the Honeywood Primary School.

Safety and security is an area about which we hear community express concerns from time-to-time. The City will invest \$2.22m towards safety and security in 2020/21, with a focus on the expansion of CCTV coverage, community education, compliance operations and control of illegal dumping.

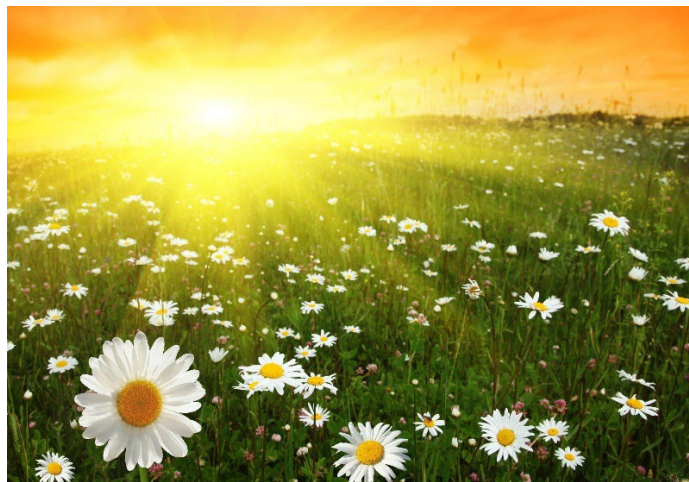
This budget also allocates \$2.27m towards our Zone Youth Centre, as well as the community liaison service that currently works with at-risk, disengaged or homeless community members at popular locations in the City Centre. This service is more important than ever during these uncertain times.

The City will also continue to maintain and operate its Recquatic, Library and Community Centres, which deliver important services and activities, such as health and wellbeing, training and education, childcare and facility hire.

Despite finances being tight, our community groups will continue to access funding for important events such as the historically significant ANZAC Day memorial and our beloved annual Lolly Run.

I am sure you will agree that there is no better place to be but in Western Australia. When I reflect back over the last three months or so, it is my belief that the true Kwinana community values of strength, resilience and support have certainly assisted us through the isolation period and now set us in good stead to assist through the challenges that may lay ahead.

Carol Adams, OAM
City of Kwinana Mayor



Wandi Community Centre Information

We have certainly been through an interesting year so far, Covid19 closed the Wandi Community Centre overnight and sent all the permanent user groups into disarray not knowing what to do. The WPA also had to come up to speed with what was happening and turned to the City of Kwinana for advice and then realised they were going through the same phase. Our job through the lock down was to forward clubs the Covid information as it came to us allowing them to make decisions on how long they would remain closed and if their gear would be secure.

Many of the groups communicated as we did with Zoom meetings and emails. I was told about show and tell, competitions via email and private YouTube demonstrations sent to the membership. Most picked up and continued in isolation and were forced to learn new and interesting methods of communication. One of the church groups actually had an increase in attendance with newcomers being part of their Zoom meetings from interstate.

The Community Centre had non-essential appliances turned off and because of our rainwater supply equipment, we had to ensure water was flushed through the buildings pipes every few weeks. While doing this we finished up with a leak in an exit pipe from a tank that slowly drained and needed to be repaired by one of our members. The main water treatment unit went down on the Pavilion in the first week back because it recognised dirty water and shut down. After a system flush it was back in business thanks to Councils maintenance team.

At the beginning of the year we noticed some movement in the verandah of the Resource Centre and found termites had discovered the old timber. Council had the damage treated and then only a couple of weeks ago the bearers were replaced and the old jarrah flooring swapped over with original jarrah from the building we had stored. Council has informed us that in the future they will be removing asbestos sheeting in the building in line with their policy to remove all asbestos in their buildings in Kwinana. At this stage we don't know when this will happen as the material in the building has been identified as low risk being covered by years of paint. Also, most of the material was removed when it was relocated and is now fibro cement.

So now most of the restrictions have been removed many of the groups are back up and running again, in some cases with good numbers but others about half their usual attendance. This is expected since many of them are made up of retirees and were placed in the vulnerable category. We have received many inquiries for casual hire, mainly kids' parties, most have been put off because they don't realise, they have to have a Covid Safety Plan in place like everyone else. We are happy to email the forms out to anyone wanting to hire but most see it as arduous and said they will leave it till later once more restrictions have been removed.

Last month Council removed and replaced the pine fence along DeHaer Road to the Community Centre it looks pretty good; wire mesh was fastened to the back that will reduce the risk of dogs running onto the road while being exercised. The gate to the oval was also replaced with a much sturdier one that will help with the security of the oval. Fencing contractors were asked to leave the old pine logs behind and the WPA notified the Equestrian Centre so horse owners could take what they wanted within reason for their use. All the pine have been removed now for re purposing, good to see.

Well that's it for now and let's hope we don't have too many more disruptions before the end of 2020.



Landcare

Tree Planting

Now that COVID-19 restrictions have eased the City of Kwinana has rescheduled the local community planting days. Here are some dates to add to your calendar:

- The Friends of the Spectacles will be holding regular plantings on Sundays over the next month. The planting dates are **5th July, 12th July, 19th July and 26th July**. For more information email Friends of The Spectacles at: fotsmail@gmail.com
- Planting at Lake Magenup is scheduled for Sunday 2nd of August.

Plastic Free July

Don't forget to make this July - **Plastic Free July**. It could be a simple commitment to start using re-usable produce bags or saying no to straws! Just remember that every little bit counts.

In your Garden

Even though its winter now is a good time to be thinking about planting ahead of the warmer months. Rhodanthe Chlorocephala (more commonly known as Paper Daisys) do particularly well at this time of year and will add a splash of colour to your garden come late Spring.

July to August is a good time to be pruning your roses to avoid the frost knocking back the new shoots.

On the edible garden front peas, carrots and lettuce like this weather and will keep the family vegetable intake up.

Further information

Let's not forget even though lockdown measures have been eased, we must remember to not become complacent and keep 1.5 metres away from each other and practice good hygiene with washing your hands for at least 20 seconds. This will ensure we can keep enjoying our community events together 😊

If you are looking for more information on workshops and goings on in the community checkout the City of Kwinana facebook page where regular updates are posted.

Gary White
Landcare Co-ordinator





With the ongoing Covid 19 outbreak our local branch launched a collection of non-perishable and hygiene items to be distributed to those in crises with the help of a local social working group. Staff also monitored customers to help provide assistance where needed. We pride ourselves in being totally local with 80% of our profits going back into community. Being the fifth largest bank in Australia equates us to be able to provide all of your banking needs. If you have any enquiries please contact:

Ashley Blower | Branch Manager Kwinana **Community Bank**[®] Branch of Bendigo Bank

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P: 08 9419 4242 | F: 08 9419 4323 | E: ashley.blower@bendigoadelaide.com.au

Les Whiddett
Director/ Property



Happenings Around the Community Centre



WOODTURNING CLUB

All meetings held in the Pavilion
Workshop

First & third Thursday of the month
at 7.00pm

Every Monday morning from 9.00am - 12 noon

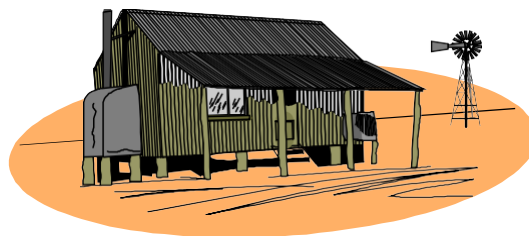
Tuesday evenings 6.00-9.00pm

Wednesday 8.00am to 3.00 pm

New members always welcome.

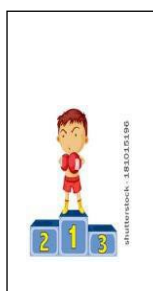
For further information phone

Maxine - 9527 1678



WANDI HALL HIRE

Phone Debbie Cocks on 9412009
for further information or bookings



Smithy's Boxing Gym - Boxing Training

Mon - Thurs 5:30 to 7:15pm

\$7 per night

Phone Elaine on 94391078 or

Mob 0412404674

Email: elliejo@westnet.com.au

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GUILD OF WOODCAVERS INC. WANDI

Carvers meet in the Community
Centre

Every Monday morning

From 9.00am - 12.00am

Beginners or advanced All Welcome!

Contact - Fred Brewer 9419 3558



TENNIS COURT HIRE



Have a fun day with the family or friends by
hiring our tennis courts or become a member with an
Annual Fee. Healthy family fun!!

Cost is \$5.00 per hour per court with a \$20 bond

For more information or bookings phone

Debbie Cocks - 9410 20

WANDI PLAYGROUP

**Tuesdays at the
Wandi Hall 9:30-
11:30am**



A delightful group of mums and children who meet every Tuesday. For further information contact -

Carmel Parker 0429 082 643

AIRBRUSH VENTURI AIRBUSH CLASSES



Wednesday night's Clubroom Wandi Hall
from 6.30pm school terms
Contact: Vanessa 04 2289 4672



**SOUTHERN
EXPOSURE**
PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP
Meetings start 7.00pm
1st & 3rd Tuesday

Wandi Community Centre Clubrooms
Lyn Osborne phone: 0402 94 25 17

WA SCROLLERS

Members of the Australian ScrollSaw Network Inc.
Meet every Tuesday morning
9.00am - 12.00
Where: Clubrooms, Wandi Hall
Beginners welcome
Contact: Kevin Treasure - 9529 3227

SWORD -POINT ASSOCIATION

Safely Swording in WA

Teaching Martial and Theatrical Combat

Dagger

Long Sword

Single Sword

Quarterstaff

Unarmed

SPA is a not-for-profit community-based training group.

We teach a mix of HEMA (Historical European Martial Arts) and Theatrical combat, our style is inclusive and is adapted to the individual practitioner.

Available for demonstrations of medieval combat at community events, festivals and for private functions.

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Call 0437 907 020

swordpointcoa@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/SwordPointAssociation

Wandi Training Times

Monday 6.30pm - 8.30pm Theatrical Combat

8.30pm - 10.00pm Open Training

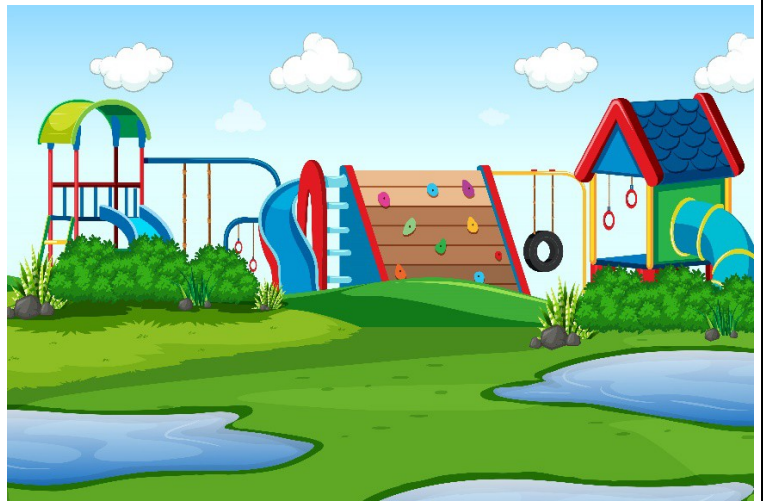
Thursday 6.30pm - 10.00pm Martial Combat

302 De Haer Road Wandi W.A. 6167



With Winter here make sure when the sun shines
you get out and enjoy it.

Take a walk
Ride your bikes
Go to the Park
Have fun at the playground



But please remember to **Keep Safe** and
to **Social Distance**. But most of all
ENJOY yourselves!

