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Mayor's message

**Hon Albert Jacob,
Joondalup Mayor**

It is with warmth and a touch of wistfulness that I address this column for the final time as Mayor of Joondalup, following my decision not to contest the City of Joondalup Local Government Elections in October 2025.

The role of Mayor was one I aspired to when I was first elected to the Joondalup Council in 2006, and as a lifelong local I have been honoured to lead this wonderful City over the past eight years.

Saturday 18 October 2025 will mark the conclusion of nearly 20 years in public life, during which I've proudly served the residents of Joondalup as an Elected Member, a State Member of Parliament, WA Environment and Heritage Minister and as Mayor.

I hope that my service will be remembered for helping to strengthen

Joondalup's identity, while laying the groundwork for a sustainable, connected and inclusive future.

My family's roots in this region run deep. My father moved here in the 1960s, my wife and I both grew up locally, and now we're raising our own children here. Many City of Joondalup officers are local residents and take great pride in their City.

I am proud of the work that the Council and administration has achieved in revitalising our suburbs, with upgrades to streetscapes and public amenities and bold urban planning.

We have looked to boost our economic development initiatives to solidify Joondalup's reputation as a vibrant innovation precinct.

I want to thank all of those who have served as Elected Members over the past eight years, as well as the City's administration under the guidance of Garry Hunt and James Pearson for their support.

There have been many highlights, including the Burns Beach–Mindarie shared coastal path, global recognition for our environmental management — especially the visionary Leafy City program — and major infrastructure upgrades like the Duncraig Adventure Hub.

However, if I had to pick one highlight from my two terms, it's an easy choice: the progression of Ocean Reef Marina.

Many said it would never happen — and it may never have, if not for the efforts of the City of Joondalup and its Council. We undertook much of the essential groundwork — more than 30 reports alone — before the State Government could take control and ultimately deliver this visionary project.

It never fails to put a smile on my face when I venture passed the site of the new marina.

It's been a successful journey so far, but there are still many chapters to be written in Joondalup's story. I have given my best to seeing Joondalup reach its potential, but now it is time to hand the baton on to a new Mayor.

I could only have fulfilled my duties over the past eight years with the support of my wife and two sons. They have been there by my side through it all and I'd like to wholeheartedly acknowledge their selflessness and sacrifice.

See you around town.

Albert Jacob, Joondalup Mayor

Joondalup Business Forum focus – Investing in the Vision 2050

The Hon Dr Anne Aly MP, Federal Minister for Small Business, International Development and Multicultural Affairs delivered the keynote address at the City's August Business Forum at Joondalup Resort on **Thursday 14 August 2025**.

In front of 200 members of the local business community and key City stakeholders, Dr Aly, also the Member for Cowan, spoke about key initiatives to support small business and the critical role they play shaping the future economy of the region.

Guest panellists Small Business Commissioner Saj Abdoolakhan, Property Council Executive Director Nicola Brischetto and Tanya Trevisan OAM explored the forum theme: Joondalup 2050 – Investing in the Vision, highlighting the opportunities for Joondalup as the City Centre for the northern corridor.

Joondalup is well placed to take advantage of future development that will see significant growth and investment in key sectors such as health and medical, education, tourism, housing, and digital innovation including cyber security, automation and robotics.

As Premier Roger Cook previously said, "Joondalup is not just preparing for the future – it is actively shaping it and leading the way as a world-class destination."



The Hon Dr Anne Aly MP delivers her speech



Road users, riders revelling in roundabout revamps

A long-awaited roundabout at the junction of Lakeside Drive and Joondalup Drive opened in late-July 2025, significantly improving safety and traffic flow at one of the City's busiest intersections.

The \$3.1 million project, managed by the City of Joondalup and partially funded by the State Government, took approximately eight months to complete.

Designed to enhance road safety and reduce congestion, the roundabout features:

- high-friction asphalt surfacing to reduce skidding and improve braking

- upgraded lighting for improved night-time visibility
- enhanced pedestrian and cycling paths to support active transport.

In addition, a second State Government-funded* roundabout at the nearby Lakeside Drive/Aldgate Street intersection also opened to traffic.

This roundabout makes it easier for people to get in and out of the Yalbunullup Mountain Bike Trails, which opened in December 2024. Several cyclists were on hand in July to test out the new entry and exit points.

* Funded through the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions



Artwork created by Noongar artist Teresa Miller.

Kambarang: Second spring – October and November

Season of birth

Kambarang brings back longer, warmer, sunnier days and is even more abundant with beautiful wildflowers now in full glorious bloom, symbolised in my painting by the predominant gold colour. The stalks of the balga trees are now tall and proud, and the yellows of many of the acacias are everywhere. Banksias, orchids and kangaroo paws are out too. My painting features a weitj (emu) standing proudly and boldly front and centre. Weitj were once abundant and a very important part of Whadjuk culture on Mooro boodja.

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Supporting our community

City of Joondalup is proud to be sponsoring the following community events:

- Whitford Church of Christ, Heathridge Carols in the Park, \$20,000
- Movies by Burswood Inc, Telethon Community Cinema Season, \$13,000
- Swimming WA Inc, Open Water Swimming Series at Mullaloo and Sorrento, \$10,000
- North Shore Country Club and Residents Association Inc, 2025-26 Festivities at the North Shore, \$8,000.

Ocean Reef Marina boat ramps open to the public

It's full steam ahead at Ocean Reef Marina, with all eight of Perth's longest boat ramps opening to the public in late-July 2025.

The new 65m structures – 24m longer than their predecessors – offer more space for launching and retrieving vessels, while a 108m southern extension will support temporary mooring and includes a kayak launch landing.

Underground services such as installation for power, sewer, stormwater and communications is continuing across the site, while new road infrastructure, footpaths, car parks and a key entrance roundabout are also being finalised. Overhead power lines have been removed along Boat Harbour Quays, with the

underground power network now energised and set to be supported by a future solar-powered microgrid.

Landscaping works have also been progressing over winter, with tree and tube stock planting, underground irrigation installation and a new concrete irrigation tank to provide sufficient water storage. Works to future public open spaces has commenced including preparations for the ocean-themed playground, bike pump track and terraced lawn area beside the family-friendly beach.

The new Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club and Marine Rescue Whitfords facilities are also on track for practical completion, with final touches taking place. For updates, visit oceanreefmarinawa.com

Park to be renamed

At its June 2025 meeting, Joondalup Council voted to progress Karalundie or Koolyanga as an alternative Aboriginal place name for Blackboy Park in Mullaloo.

The proposed change is subject to confirmation of preference from engagement with relevant Aboriginal stakeholders.

In the event that engagement concludes that Karalundie or

Koolyanga are inappropriate replacements, Council has agreed that the park will be renamed Laurel Park. Both names reflect adjoining street names.

In 2019, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Ben Wyatt wrote to all local councils in Western Australia asking them to rename any landmarks that had names that were now considered inappropriate.



City's top honour for three community stalwarts

Hon Pamela Beggs, Hon Cheryl Edwardes AO and Mr Michael Norman have been awarded the City of Joondalup's highest civic honour for their outstanding contributions to the local community.

At a Special Meeting of Council held in August 2025, the trio were formally named Honorary Freeman of the City, joining Brian Cooper OAM and William Marwick OAM and the late Margaret Cockman OAM (1931-2023) and the late Nick Trandos OAM (1934-2025).



Pam Beggs is interviewed by Channel 7's David Christison on the first train ride to Joondalup, 1992. Photo credit: Channel 7

Pamela (Pam) Beggs was elected to State Parliament as the Member for Whitford in 1983, a seat she held for 10 years. She and Kay Hallahan were the first women to serve as ministers in a Western Australian Labor Government. As Minister for Transport, she rode the first train from Perth to Joondalup in 1992, marking the opening of the northern corridor train line extension. As President

of Whitford Senior Citizens' Club, Pam continues to advocate for older residents within the City.



Mike Norman with former Mayor Troy Pickard at Sorrento Beach, 2006

Michael (Mike) Norman served three four-year terms as a Councillor for the South West Ward at the City of Joondalup, including a term as Deputy Mayor. He played a key role in increasing the City's waste diversion rates and campaigned extensively to have Caltrop declared as a pest plant. A passionate environmentalist, Mike has been an active member of the Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum for many years, a voluntary group where members dedicate their time to rehabilitating coastal dunes.

Cheryl Edwardes was the State Member for Kingsley from 1989 – and a Cabinet Minister (from 1993-2001) – until she retired from politics in 2005. She held a number of senior frontbench portfolios and was the first woman in Western Australia to be appointed Attorney-General. As Environment Minister, she presided over the opening of the Bibbulmun

Track in September 1998. Cheryl was awarded an Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2016 for "significant services to the people and Parliament of Western Australia." She has been active in the mining and not-for-profit sectors over the past two decades.

"These individuals represent the best of service, dedication and community spirit. Their contributions have helped shape Joondalup in countless ways, and it's our privilege to recognise them as Honorary Freeman of the City," Joondalup Mayor Albert Jacob said.

"This title is reserved for those who have offered exceptional service to the City and its people. It represents our enduring respect, gratitude and admiration.

"Joondalup would not be the City it is today without the tireless efforts of Pamela, Mike and Cheryl. Each has played a vital role in the Joondalup story."



Cheryl Edwardes at the opening of the Jenolan Way Community Centre, 1996

New chapter for Joondalup leadership



The City of Joondalup is preparing to enter a new chapter of leadership. At its June 2025 meeting, Council resolved to advertise for the position of Chief Executive Officer, with a five-year term to guide the organisation forward.

Current CEO James Pearson has advised that he will not seek reappointment and will continue in the role until his contract concludes in March 2026. This decision allows

for a smooth and well-supported leadership transition.

Joondalup Mayor Albert Jacob said: "On behalf of the Council, I thank Mr Pearson for his dedication and leadership.

In his time, he has overseen progress on major projects such as Ocean Reef Marina, the reactivation of Hillarys Boat Harbour and the growth of the Joondalup Festival to a national award-winning spectacular.

He has also led the rollout of an ambitious Capital Works Program,

built partnerships with the private sector and government to revitalise business and activation in our City Centre, and advocated successfully with the Council and I for record levels of investment in our region from State and Federal governments.

We greatly appreciate Mr Pearson's continuing commitment to the City and supporting a smooth transition to a new CEO."

Recruitment will begin following the October 2025 Local Government Elections.

Don't miss Bloom



Nightly until **Monday 26 October**.

Sessions: Entry times are every 15 minutes from 6.45pm. Allow 45 minutes to 1.5 hours to explore the show. There is a nightly low sensory session at 6.45pm.

Where: Central Park, Joondalup.

Ticket prices:

Adults: \$17.50

Children (3–17 years): \$12.50

Family (2 adults and 2 kids or 1 adult and 3 kids): \$49

Infants (2 years and under): FREE.

To purchase tickets, visit:
bloomjoondalup.com.au

CCTV rebate available

The City of Joondalup is offering residents an opportunity to boost neighbourhood safety through its 12-month CCTV Rebate Program.

Eligible residents can receive 50 per cent off (up to \$500) towards the purchase and installation of a new closed-circuit television (CCTV) system.

CCTV systems can play a valuable role in:

- detecting and investigating criminal activity
- assisting in prosecutions
- discouraging antisocial behaviour.

This initiative aims to increase the number of public-facing CCTV cameras, encouraging both residents and local businesses to install and maintain high-quality surveillance systems on their properties.

More information at
joondalup.wa.gov.au/cctv

CATCH UP WITH...

IYS Creative - Manager/Owner Catherine Morrow



What inspired you to start your business?

I previously founded, scaled and sold an eCommerce business in the UK. Before that, I spent my career working in brand and marketing across a range of businesses, including three years in Hong Kong focused on brand and product development. Building my own business taught me a huge amount, but when we decided to move to Perth, I sold it to focus on what I love most: strategic branding.

Now, I help other businesses build branding that not only looks good but drives real growth.

How long have you been operating in the City of Joondalup?

I launched IYS Creative shortly after we moved to Perth last July.

What is your favourite thing about the area?

There's a genuine sense of community here. When we first arrived from the UK, people were so welcoming, and it quickly felt like home.

What is the most popular product/service that your business offers?

My most in-demand service is full strategic branding, paired with a complete 'done-for-you' design solution. This includes everything from website design and social media templates to launch materials, business stationery and more.

Do you have a special offer for City of Joondalup residents for the next month?

Yes! City of Joondalup businesses can save 10 per cent on all branding packages. Just mention COJ10 when you get in touch via email.

What is your business's most unique perk or tradition?

IYS stands for In Your Shoes - because as a former founder, I understand exactly what it takes to build a business from the ground up. I work closely with clients as a strategic partner, not just a designer.

What's a fun fact about your business that you'd love the community to know?

I also volunteer as the Graphic Design and Social Media Lead for my children's soccer club - Kingsley Westside - also based here in Joondalup. I'm especially passionate about supporting the growth of the female game in Australia.

What's On: October-November 2025

Around the City

The Great Global Mend

Saturday 11 October, 10am-12pm
Woodvale Library
Free to attend, register online
Come together for an unofficial world record attempt for the most people mending and repairing simultaneously. Mending skills are not required.

Earth-cycle

Saturday 11 October, 9am-12pm
Duncraig Community Centre
Free to attend, register online
Learn how to use different types of composting bins and how to set up a worm farm. You will also be introduced to the bokashi bin.

Sustainable Style Workshop

Saturday 1 November, 10-11.30am
Joondalup Library
Cost: \$5. Book and pay online
Join Hazel Law from The Curated Wardrobe and learn how to curate your capsule wardrobe, successfully shop second hand and build and maintain a sustainable wardrobe. This workshop runs back-to-back with the Clothes Swap event.

Clothes Swap

Saturday 1 November, 12-2pm
Joondalup Library
Free to attend, register online
Join us for a fun and eco-friendly clothes swap event where fashion meets sustainability. Bring clean and gently used clothing and accessories and swap them for new-to-you treasures.

Meet the Author:

Annie Raser-Rowland

Tuesday 11 November, 6-7pm
Joondalup Library
Cost: \$5, register online
Join us for an engaging evening with the co-author of *The Art of Frugal Hedonism*. Annie will share how embracing frugality can lead to a more pleasurable, meaningful and sustainable life – without sacrificing the things that truly bring joy.

Sustainable Gift Giving

Saturday 22 November, 10am-12pm
Duncraig Community Centre
Free to attend

Join Shani from Ecoburbia for this hands-on workshop where you will learn about gifting more sustainably, get great ideas on how to use what you already have within the home and DIY your own gifts and cards.

Invitation Art Prize

Thursday 16 October–
Saturday 13 December 2025
Open Thurs–Sat, 10am-4pm
Joondalup Contemporary Art
Gallery, Joondalup
Free to attend

Discover newly created artworks for 10 of WA's most talented contemporary artists in Joondalup's newest cultural facility.

Little Feet Festival

Sunday 26 October, 10am-3pm
Edith Cowan University, Joondalup
Free to attend
From life-sized dinosaurs to space adventures with the Oztronauts, discover the wonders of science through hands-on play, circus performances and interactive demonstrations that spark curiosity and imagination.

Music in the Park

Saturday 8 November, 5-8.30pm
Seacrest Park, Sorrento
Saturday 15 November, 5-8.30pm
Admiral Park, Heathridge
Free to attend
Enjoy live music, food trucks and good vibes in your local park.

Libraries

Boost your Wellbeing

Thursday 16 October, 10am
Joondalup Library
Free to attend. Register online
Discover practical tools to enhance mental fitness, build resilience and develop coping strategies to help with stress and burnout.

Decoupage Workshop

Saturday 25 October, 10am
Duncraig Library
Cost: \$15. Book and pay online
A beginner-friendly, creative session where participants learn how to apply decoupage to a wooden box.

Learn how to prepare surfaces and apply the paper, then take your box home to enjoy.

Speechie in the Library

Wednesday 5 November, 10am
Whitford Library
Free to attend. Register online
Meet your local speech pathologist and learn how to support your child's language and literacy development at home.

Stories in the Park

Every Tuesday in November, 10am
Various City of Joondalup parks
Free to attend. No bookings required
Join us for story time under the trees at our favourite parks. Invite your friends for a morning of stories, song and nature craft. Suitable for children aged 2-4 years.

Christmas Craft

Saturday 29 November, 10am
Duncraig Library
Cost: \$5. Book online
Learn how to repurpose and recycle materials you already have at home to make beautiful, personalised ribbon bookmarks and gift tags.

City supported

Bloom

Central Park, Grand Boulevard,
Joondalup
Friday 26 September–Sunday 26
October
Nightly from 6.45pm
Transforming Central Park into an illuminated wonderland, Bloom promises an immersive experience of light, sound and storytelling featuring interactive projections, laser displays and ambient soundscapes. For more details or to book, visit bloomjoondalup.com.au



For more information, scan the QR code or visit
joondalup.wa.gov.au/events

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My happy place

Where is your happy place in Joondalup? Is it a local beach, natural area, library, walking trail, park or playground? It might even be your favourite café or restaurant. Email info@joondalup.wa.gov.au with an image, and a few words, and it might get a run in our next edition.

Dawn Karen's happy place happens to be in the heart of our City Centre - Joondalup's Central Walk.

"I live in Mullaloo and could mention so many fabulous places I love, but here is where I work ... and sometimes play. This bench gives me a place to relax during the work day and enjoy the art by Olive Chang and the fabulous murals by Jack Bromell. I love living in the City of Joondalup."



Kallaroo project tracking well

Construction of a new pump bike track at Whitfords West Park in Kallaroo commenced in July 2025.

Aimed at riders of all ages and abilities, the new track will include jump lines – a sequence of jumps advanced riders can use for tricks and to improve their skills.

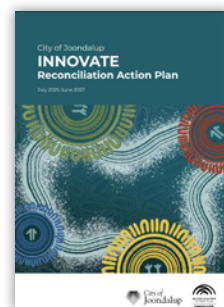
Complementary works will include a new basketball-netball half court to the south of the track.

Shelters, informal seating, upgrades to the footpath network and additional trees and fencing also form part of the \$750,000 project.

The track is expected to be open by January next year.



Reconciliation Action Plan given green light



Reconciliation Australia has formally endorsed the City's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

The finalised RAP includes a total of 87 action items, including

47 one-off, 12 annual and two quarterly actions, across the four RAP themes: Relationships, Respect, Opportunities and Governance.

Since Council adopted the draft RAP in December 2023, the City has worked with Karrajari, Naaguja, Noongar, Maori artist Jarnda Councillor-Barns to design and create a hero artwork and visual thematics which have been interwoven throughout the final document.

This RAP reflects the work of many, and in particular the commitment and passion of a small group of community and organisational representatives who have given their time, knowledge and experience as members of our RAP Community Reference Group.

"We see this, our first RAP, as a transformational document for us as an organisation and a community and are proud that it has progressed from the 'Reflect' level to the 'Innovate' level," Joondalup Mayor Albert Jacob said.

The RAP is available to view online at joondalup.wa.gov.au and printed versions can be obtained.



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