THE CITY

New Mayor
New Deputy Mayor

Albert Jacob was sworn in as Joondalup Mayor on Tuesday 24 October for a four-year term; the City’s fourth Mayor since Joondalup became a City in its own right in 1998.

Of the eight Mayoral candidates at the 2017 Local Government Elections, Mr Jacob finished the poll on 9,096 votes.

He replaced predecessor Troy Pickard who retired having held the position since 2006.

Councillors Kerry Hollywood (North Ward), Philippa Taylor (North Central), Russ Fishwick (South), John Chester (South-East) and Christine Hamilton-Prime (South-West) were also re-elected in their Wards for four-year terms.

Cr Christopher May replaced Liam Gobbert in the Central Ward and will also serve a four-year term.

Cr Russell Poliwka was voted in as Deputy Mayor for the next two years.

Joondalup Mayor Albert Jacob and the new Council.

Council Decisions

At its November meeting

Joondalup Council approved Sports Development grants for the Joondalup Brothers Rugby Union Football Club ($10,000) and Sorrento Bowling Club ($12,000).

Joondalup Brothers RUFC will use the funding for its Coaching Development Program with Sorrento Bowling Club to install a covered area at its (leased) premises at Percy Doyle, Duncraig.

The Council received the results of the 2016-17 Customer Satisfaction Monitor. Key findings included an overall satisfaction rating of 83.3% with 88.3% of people satisfied with the services the City provides and 97.4% satisfied with Joondalup as a place to live.

City Secures ‘Smart Cities’ Funding for Yellagonga

Yellagonga Regional Park is set to become a more popular natural areas attraction after the Cities of Joondalup and Wanneroo secured $867,000 in funding through the Australian Government’s Smart Cities and Suburbs Program.

The funding will enable Smart Technology to better manage and protect the park’s biodiversity-rich wetlands system for current and future generations.

The use of smart environmental sensors, satellites and drones will allow the City and its partners to measure and monitor the park’s environmental conditions in near real time, ensuring that timely action can be taken to maintain the amenity of the area and also provide the ability to better make decisions for the health of the wetlands.

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Mayor’s Column
Hon. Albert Jacob JP

Welcome to the fourth and final edition of City News for 2017.

It’s been a very busy but enjoyable few weeks since being sworn in as the City’s fourth Mayor in late October and highlighted by the phenomenal success of the 2017 Kaleidoscope Festival in November. For four nights, the Joondalup City Centre was the entertainment capital of Perth as tens of thousands of people travelled from far and wide across the metro area to witness a spectacular wonderland of art installations, illumination and projection attractions (see page 8).

The Twilight Markets are again proving popular with two markets still to take place on Friday 8 and 15 December. Residents can experience a great band under the stars at the Music in the Park concerts in Falkland Park, Kinross (13 January) and Penistone Park, Greenwood (3 March) or get in early to ensure you are one of the 8,000 in attendance at the 2018 Valentine’s Concert. We’ll be announcing the name of the Valentine’s Concert guest artist very soon.

On 26 January 2018, the City will welcome about 300 new residents into the Australian family at the annual Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony. We are a diverse and inclusive community. Of Joondalup’s population of approximately 161,000, the latest Census shows that about 40% were born overseas and more than 25% were born in the UK, South Africa, New Zealand or Ireland.

You can expect to see more of our City in the media spotlight again in the coming months as we host the Commonwealth Games’ Queens Baton Relay on Sunday 25 February. The City’s leg of the relay will be staged along West Coast Drive and all residents are invited to a free community celebration and concert to mark the occasion at Whitfords Nodes Park, Hillarys.

In March, the Fremantle Dockers and West Coast Eagles will play a pre-season match at HBF Arena in Joondalup that will be telecast live and exclusively around Australia on Foxtel, showcasing Joondalup on the national stage.

Work has also commenced on another of our big sporting infrastructure projects – the $3.7 million Penistone Park redevelopment – which received part funding ($550,000) through the Department of Sport and Recreation’s Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund.

Our City will continue to focus on working and engaging with the community to ensure we are meeting their needs and expectations by delivering cost-effective services and programs, whilst planning for the future, to ensure Joondalup remains a place that you and your family are proud to call home.

I hope you and your families can enjoy this special time of year together in what is a truly great City. May I personally wish you a safe and Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Hon. Albert Jacob JP
Mayor, City of Joondalup
What’s Going on in Your City?

Dog shower station, Hillarys Dog Beach

The City recently installed a dedicated dog shower station, enabling owners to wash their dogs without accessing the pre-existing foot washes and internal showers.

Poynter Park, Duncraig

About $110,000 was spent on upgrades to the play space which now includes two benches, a double swing, junior combination unit, talking tubes, sand wheel, senior combination cube-climber and slide, roll-over bars, nature-play balancing log and boulder steppers. The play area is edged with a limestone block wall and accessed via a new connecting universal access footpath.

Whitfords Avenue – between Northshore Drive and Flinders Avenue, Hillarys

Construction continues on a new boulevard type treatment carriageway within the road reserve as well as drainage upgrades, new street lighting, landscaping, line marking and new roundabouts – one at John Wilkie Tarn and the other at Flinders Avenue. The roundabouts will improve traffic movement at these intersections.

MacDonald Park, Padbury

Upgrades have been made to the existing irrigation system to ensure efficient distribution of water that provides effective hydrozoning and ecozoning. Additional amenities will include new trees, drinking fountains, a picnic shelter and upgraded bench seating.

Entry statements, Warwick Road

Entry statements were recently installed on Warwick Road on the eastern and western side of the Mitchell Freeway.

Penistone Park, Greenwood Redevelopment

Work continues on the $3.7 million upgrade which will incorporate a single storey community sporting facility, softball infrastructure, two tennis courts and a tennis hit-up wall, softball and cricket nets, a three-on-three basketball pad as well as a playground, barbecue and picnic shelter. The project is expected to be finished in early 2018.
Joondalup City Centre
Development (Boas Place)

A concept plan has recently been completed for the development of a large area of City-owned land in the Joondalup City Centre. The plan includes office accommodation, hotel/short stay, residential options (including aged care/independent living units), retail/commercial as well as a civic square and other public spaces.

Boas Place will provide a strategic setting and a sought after commercial and residential address which will become the heart of the Joondalup City Centre. Boas Place will unite the City’s existing civic, cultural, retail, transport, recreation and education elements and anchor these with a new development containing a vibrant mix of commercial, retail, residential and public spaces.

A fully developed Boas Place could ultimately accommodate approximately 1,400 workers, provide immediate and longer term social, economic and environmental benefits and support the state’s planning strategies for the north-west metropolitan region.

An artist’s impression of how the development could look.

Coastal Path to Connect Cities

An eagerly awaited coastal dual-use pathway between Burns Beach and Mindarie is a step closer with a $2 million commitment from the State Government.

The Cities of Joondalup and Wanneroo have been advocating for the project for several years, noting considerable community support to have a continuous stretch of pathway connecting the northern beaches.

The current pathway stretches down the coast from Burns Beach to the suburb of Munster in Perth’s south. The design and development phase of the new section will include environmental approvals and processes, to be carried out during the 2017/18 financial year.

Both Cities have worked closely with the Department of Planning, Department of Parks and Wildlife and Department of Environment Regulation to thoroughly consider the environmental factors, with initial proposals indicating the path will meander through the Tamala Park conservation reserve to avoid Bush Forever sites.

This will be further explored during the design and development phase, which is expected to begin in February 2018. The Cities will continue to work with adjoining land owners, who have commitments to fulfil prior to construction commencing.

FAQ

Will the City be spraying for midge this season?

At this stage, no. Early season monitoring of the Yellagonga Regional Park for midge indicates there are low numbers of midge larvae present and no chemical treatment of the wetland system is currently required. Officers from the Cities of Joondalup and Wanneroo and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) are monitoring the situation. As part of ongoing research activities aimed at understanding the factors that contribute to nuisance midge, a study on adult midge emergence will also be undertaken this season.
Pool Inspectors

Did you know that in the period January to September 2017 the City’s pool inspectors carried out 4,723 swimming pool inspections? The City currently has more than 22,200 privately owned swimming pools and the Building Regulations 2012 require that each pool is inspected at least once every four years, meaning City inspectors must inspect 106 pools each week to meet those regulatory requirements.

That number does not include re-inspections where modifications are required to pool security following an initial inspection. The number of re-inspections for the team can average 100 per week.

The City is committed to ensure that all pool owners are aware of the dangers around unsafe privately-owned swimming pools and unfortunately this can sometimes lead to prosecutions in the courts where owners refuse to comply.

The City is happy to provide information to pool owners regarding their swimming pool security prior to the officer arriving on site and will also work with owners throughout the process of obtaining compliance.

For further information on swimming pool security please call 9400 4262.

Bronze for City

The City of Joondalup received a Bronze Award in the Australian Organisational Excellence Awards, which is recognised as one of Australia’s leading award programs run by the Australian Organisational Excellence Foundation.

The award was presented by Senator the Honourable Mathias Cormann on behalf of the Australian Organisational Excellence Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting principles of business excellence and sustainable improvement across all industries in Australia including business, government and the community service sector.

The criteria for the Organisational Excellence Awards are internationally recognised and are awarded to organisations that have demonstrated a commitment to excellence against all aspects of the organisation including:

- Leadership
- Strategy and planning
- Customer and stakeholder service and engagement
- Ethical behaviour
- Environmental responsibility
- Continued high levels of performance.

The awards involve an evaluation process by independent assessors against the Australian Business Excellence Framework, an internationally recognised framework based on the essential elements for high performing organisations.

CEO Garry Hunt accepts the award on behalf of the City.
Hillarys to host Commonwealth Games Queen’s Baton Relay

Sunday 25 February 2018

The City of Joondalup has been named as one of the Australian celebration communities for the Queen’s Baton Relay (QBR) in the lead up to the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018).

The relay, which takes a message from Her Majesty the Queen through the Commonwealth to the Opening Ceremony of GC2018, calling for peaceful and friendly competition at the Games, arrives in Australia on Christmas Eve and will be celebrated in communities across the country for 100 days before the Opening Ceremony of GC2018 on Wednesday 4 April.

The City’s leg of the relay will be staged on Sunday 25 February 2018 and will be run along West Coast Highway and Whitfords Avenue, starting at Beach Road and finishing at Whitfords Nodes Park where an end of day community celebration will take place.

HBF Arena Joondalup Redevelopment Unveiled

Joondalup Mayor Albert Jacob and CEO Garry Hunt recently attended the official opening of new basketball and football facilities at HBF Arena, following an extensive redevelopment.

The City contributed $4 million to the project which included new function areas, player amenities, football development services, administration and member facilities for West Perth Football Club.

Four brand new basketball courts were constructed to the south of the existing courts, providing a new home for the Wanneroo Basketball Association.

The City’s contribution also assisted in the upgrade of HBF Arena through the construction of additional courts for the Joondalup Netball Association and additional playing surfaces for the Joondalup Brothers Rugby Union club.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are still two markets to go in the City’s annual Twilight Markets Series? Head down to Central Walk, in the Joondalup City Centre from 5:30pm – 9:00pm on Friday 8 and 15 December. The markets feature locally sourced, designed and created art, craft, clothing, jewellery, homewares and gift wares as well as delicious food stalls and food trucks. Santa Claus will be dropping by on Friday 15 December.
Kaleidoscope Delivers

If you were not among the lucky 88,000 to catch all the colour and excitement of the recent 2017 Kaleidoscope Festival, here are some of the special moments.

More Success for Kaleidoscope

Two weeks prior to Kaleidoscope 2017, the inaugural Kaleidoscope Festival (2016) was named the National Event of the Year at the prestigious Parks and Leisure Australia Awards of Excellence.

The awards were announced on the Gold Coast on Tuesday 24 October.

The Event of the Year Award recognises the combined effort required to successfully plan, organise and manage effective events and/or festivals which promote and enhance leisure time for a number of social, environmental and economic benefits to the community.

Upcoming Events

JANUARY

Music in the Park Concert One
Saturday 13 January, 7.00pm
Falkland Park, Kinross

Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony
Friday 26 January, 9.00am
Central Park, Joondalup

FEBRUARY

Valentine’s Concert 2018
Thursday 15 February, 7.15pm
Joondalup Resort, Connolly

Queen’s Baton Relay
End of Day Celebrations
Sunday 25 February
Whitfords Nodes Park, Hillarys

MARCH

Music in the Park Concert Two
Saturday 3 March, 7.00pm
Penistone Park, Greenwood

For all of the City’s events visit joondalup.wa.gov.au