



# Life in the City of Gosnells

## Community members honoured

Some of our most dedicated and selfless community members were acknowledged with Citizenship Awards as part of last week's Australia Day celebrations.

Mayor Teresa Lynes and Australia Day Ambassador Niles Makwana presented the Australia Day WA Community Citizen of the Year Awards, with the Mayor praising all nominees for their contribution towards making the City of Gosnells a great place. The Citizenship Award recipients were:

- **Citizen of the Year Award – Clinton Phillips** for his volunteer work with vulnerable and disadvantaged people, providing free community dinners in Langford and school-based mentoring and lunchtime programs.
- **Citizen of the Year Award (Senior) – Trevor Drummond** for service to Thornlie Bowling Club and over 20 years with the Friends of Brixton Street Wetlands.
- **Citizen of the Year Award (Youth) – Shivani Panneri** for raising awareness about autism and fundraising through a community art exhibition.
- **Citizenship Award for a Community Group or Event** – Gosnells Football and Sports Club for its support of the local community and creating AFL pathways for young footballers.

Further details of the winners' achievements can be found on the City's website.



## Great Cocky Count

Join our team of 'citizen scientists' by getting involved with the Great Cocky Count 2022 – the biggest single survey for black cockatoos in Western Australia.

To help community members understand their role in this important conservation activity, a free workshop will be held from 3pm to 5pm in the Lyal Richardson Hall at The Agonis on **Sunday 27 February**.

Participants will hear from experts from BirdLife Australia and the Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre.

This year's Great Cocky Count will be held on **Sunday 3 April**. Places for the **27 February** workshop are limited, so registration is essential by **Wednesday 23 February**. To reserve your place, follow the Eventbrite link on the City's website at [gosnells.wa.gov.au](http://gosnells.wa.gov.au) or email [environment@gosnells.wa.gov.au](mailto:environment@gosnells.wa.gov.au).

## Chinese New Year

Lion dancing, lantern making, calligraphy, live performances and family entertainment will fill the Gosnells Town Square from 5pm to 8pm on **Friday 4 February**, with the City's Chinese New Year celebration.

There will also be food trucks and the nearby Gold Castle Chinese Restaurant will provide authentic Chinese cuisine.

Visit [gosnells.wa.gov.au](http://gosnells.wa.gov.au) or follow us on social media for more details about this free family event.



## Events listing

### Morning Melodies – AViIDA – What a Wonderful World

Wednesday 9 February  
11am – 12pm  
Don Russell Performing Arts Centre

### Sunset Cinemas – Date Night (M)

Friday 11 February  
5pm – 10pm  
Wilkinson Homestead Museum  
(Licensed event)

### Parent Workshop: Transition to High School

Tuesday 22 February  
5pm – 6.30pm  
The Castle Youth Space, Thornlie

### Business in Gosnells 'BiG' Event – Networking on the Lawn

Wednesday 2 March  
5.30pm – 8pm  
Wilkinson Homestead Museum

Bookings are required for some events. Please visit the City's website for more details.

## William Street works

The community is urged to take extra care around William Street in Beckenham for the next two months, while a roundabout is installed to improve safety for all road users.

Please be patient while lane closures and detours are in place. For more details about this project, visit [yoursay@gosnells.wa.gov.au](mailto:yoursay@gosnells.wa.gov.au).

## Councillors' Corner

There are so many good things happening in our City and much of it goes unnoticed. Each month, close to 100 residents become Australian Citizens at ceremonies hosted by the City. A group in Thornlie works with local schools and – for families experiencing hardship – provides school bags filled with items a child needs. Another group worked throughout the year to make up over 5,000 shoeboxes filled with Christmas gifts for children in third-world countries.

In my street, one resident took the initiative to set up a WhatsApp group, which has helped to improve safety and create a greater sense of community.

Throughout our City, staff do a great job keeping our parks looking fresh – have you visited the Gosnells Town Square next to the Agonis Building on Albany Highway, or one of the growing number of all-abilities playgrounds that allow all children to play and have fun together?

As 2022 unfolds, may I encourage you all to think about what you can do to add value to our community and help make the City of Gosnells an even better place to live and raise a family.

Cr Peter Abetz

