

# THE AGO



# Spring into places of worship

Local places of worship will open their doors to the public for the inaugural City of Gosnells Spring Day celebration, on **Saturday 10 September** from 10am to 3pm.

The City is one of the most culturally diverse local governments in Western Australia and 17 places of worship will be participating in this celebration, in the spirit of creating harmony and acceptance while dispelling myths and misconceptions.

Local people will be able to tour facilities, chat with members and learn about the beliefs and practices of different organisations.

Planned activities include cooking demonstrations and tastings, craft activities, performances, toddler playtime and mindful meditation. Places of worship may have an op shop or community garden, and light refreshments will be on offer at some venues.

Members of the public can travel independently or free shuttle buses will depart the Civic Centre at 10am sharp. Visitors will receive a Spring Day Passport to enter a free draw for the chance to win an iPad.

Email mayor@gosnells.wa.gov.au or call 9397 3000 to register for the shuttle bus. Visit the City's website for a list of participating organisations.



## Donate spare sports gear

There is just over a week left to donate your spare sports equipment through the Equip-Me for Sport program, with the donated equipment going to children from low income families.

The City trialled the Equip-Me for Sport program in 2020, in partnership with Fairgame Australia and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, to encourage local participation in sport, and the program continues to thrive.

Households are under pressure due to cost of living increases, with many families struggling to afford sports fees and equipment. This season the most requested items include football boots, shin guards, protective headwear and hockey sticks. All equipment should be in good condition.

The City will be accepting donations until **Friday 9 September.** Visit the website or call 9397 3000 for more information.



#### Ghost Walks volunteers

Do you enjoy acting and are you intrigued by local history? If you answered yes to either of these questions, you may be interested in volunteering for the City's Ghost Walks season in early 2023. Ghost Walks explore the history of the Mason and Bird Timber Mill and the bustling community that thrived in the area more than 150 years ago, and volunteers are needed to represent the 'ghosts' of some of the City's pioneer characters. Previous acting experience is not necessary and all volunteers receive training.



# **Councillors' Corner**

What a month it has been in the Council Chambers, as we are seeing some initiatives the City has worked on for a number of years coming to fruition. The City is completing more all-abilities playgrounds, perfect for families to enjoy as we head into Spring. There is also significant work being done behind the scenes to design and plan for the upgrade of Sutherlands Park.

Events season is around the corner, offering plenty of opportunities for the community to come together, connect and engage in a range of events for the whole family.

Safety has been a big concern among residents and, as a result, Council has been working alongside WA Police to scope out a strategy for increased security for our residents using CCTV and home security systems.

The Council relies on the community's input to make this City a great place to live, work, raise children, visit and invest. We are always excited to hear your ideas, so keep them coming.

> Events listing

Parent Workshop: Screenagers – Growing Up in the Digital World Tuesday 6 September 6.30pm – 8.30pm Don Russell Performing Arts Centre

**Cabaret Nights – Ross Vegas** Friday 9 September 7pm – 8pm Don Russell Performing Arts Centre

Creators and Thinkers – Create Your Own Comic Wednesday 14 September 4pm – 5pm (arrive by 3.50pm) For ages 7 – 12 years

Never a Dull Moment – Dave Warner Monday 19 September 1pm – 2.30pm Mills Park Centre, Lesser Hall

Bookings are required for some events. Visit the website for details.

### Your Neighbourhood

Come down to Appledore Street Reserve, Beckenham, for the City's next Your Neighbourhood event, on **Thursday 15 September** from 3pm to 6pm. This City initiative brings local people together to make connections with their neighbours. The first 250 people will receive a free sausage sizzle and there will be activities for all the family.

Cr Sarah Patterson