



Life in the City of Gosnells

Save the dates, Fusion is on its way

Celebrate diversity at the most popular annual event in the City of Gosnells – the Fusion Food and Culture Festival.

Planning is well underway for this year's festival, which will be held over two big nights on **Friday 10 and Saturday 11 November**, from 5pm to 9pm.

This year's festival features performances by an array of exciting multicultural talent across two stages, with each night of entertainment culminating in a spectacular fireworks finale.

There will also be an expanded Global Village featuring performances, arts and crafts and more. Added to the mix will be youth and children's activities, roving entertainment and, of course, plenty of delicious food from a wide range of countries and cultures.

Sideshow Alley will return, with the City subsidising the cost of carnival rides and attractions. Visitors can purchase three tokens for \$10.

The City of Gosnells is one of the most diverse local governments in Western Australia, with more than 43 per cent of residents born overseas. Fusion brings together community members to celebrate and promote awareness, respect and acceptance of all cultures.

Tell your friends and family and keep an eye on the City's website and social media for all the details.



Improve your shopfront

Boost the street appeal of your business with support from the City of Gosnells, thanks to new Small Business Shopfront Improvement Grants.

Your business could be eligible for up to \$5,000, covering up to half the project costs.

Eligible improvements include painting, installation of architectural features, awnings or canopies, external lighting displays, installation of universal access points, furniture for alfresco dining, planter boxes, landscaping improvements and more.

First impressions count, so welcome your customers with the best you can offer.

The Small Business Shopfront Improvement Grants are part of an expanded City of Gosnells Grants Program, which also includes grants for individuals and community groups.

Visit the City's website for details and to apply.

Council Election

SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER

Make your vote count!



Local Government election

Have your say at the upcoming Local Government election on **Saturday 21 October**.

Ballot papers have been mailed to enrolled voters and you can make your vote count by returning your completed ballot paper to the WA Electoral Commission before election day, or deliver in person at the City of Gosnells Civic Centre.

For more details, visit the City's website.

Events listing

Fun and Frugal: Creating a healthy home

Saturday 7 October
9am – 10.30am
Thornlie Park Centre

Addie Mills Garden Games

Monday 9 October – Wednesday 11 October
9am – 1pm
Addie Mills Centre, Gosnells

Bellies, Birth and Babies Parenting Expo

Saturday 14 October
9am – 12pm
Mills Park, Beckenham

Food Truck Hoedown

Friday 20 October
5pm – 8pm
Harmony Fields, Maddington

Bookings or tickets may be required for some events. Visit the City's website for details.

Nominate now

Nominations close on **Tuesday 31 October** for the annual Community Citizen of the Year Awards, so now is your chance to recognise the efforts of a person or organisation that makes the City of Gosnells a better place to live.

There are four categories to choose from – visit the City's website for details.

Councillor's Corner

What about the waste? This is a question that I am always being asked. Here at the City of Gosnells, we take our rubbish seriously and so should you.

Are you aware the City is one of eight local governments that are part of the first Waste to Energy plant being built in Australia? This huge project was started several years ago and is due to open in the not-too-distant future. When fully operational, this plant will prevent 400,000 tonnes of waste going to landfill each year. It should produce 36 megawatts of electricity to the grid, powering 50,000 households each year, which is more than the entire number of houses in our City. It will also produce fly ash as a by-product, which can be used in road base and brick manufacture.

Converting waste that was destined to landfill into energy will significantly reduce carbon emissions, equivalent to taking 85,000 cars off Perth roads annually. This facility will use tried and tested technology already operational in more than 2,000 similar facilities around the world. The City of Gosnells has been very active in waste management and this next step will assist enormously in reducing the volume of waste that is going to landfill. More details are on the City's website.

Councillor David Goode

