



Life in the City of Gosnells

Community leaders celebrated

The people and organisations who make a significant difference to the City of Gosnells community have been celebrated at the Australia Day Big Breakfast.

Kylie and Joel Burns were joint winners of the Community Citizen of the Year Award, recognising the countless hours they spend selflessly supporting families in need by preparing and distributing food hampers, connecting people to services and providing practical and emotional support.

Youth Citizen of the Year Hania Usman has volunteered for nearly 10 years with the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group. She also volunteered at the Perth Royal Show waste and recycling stations, for the Push-up Challenge and serves as a marshall at Homestead Parkrun.

This year, two Senior Citizen of the Year Award winners were announced. Rajeshwary Krishnan was recognised for more than 45 years improving the health outcomes of First Nations communities and establishing wraparound care for generations of families. Janice Baker was recognised for her outstanding commitment to the Friends of Mary Carroll Wetland's efforts to improve local biodiversity and engage the community in landcare activities.

The City of Gosnells Walking Groups received the Active Citizenship Award for keeping local seniors active, engaged in their community and improving physical health while nurturing a sense of belonging and social inclusion.

Congratulations to all this year's nominees and winners.



Rewind for retro sounds

Wind back the clock and enjoy some of the greatest music from the 60s and 70s, with a free concert bringing the best of The Beatles and ABBA to Centennial Pioneer Park Amphitheatre from 5pm to 9pm on **Saturday 14 February**.

Retro Rewind will bring Perth-based tribute bands Fab Four Beatles and ABBAfab to the stage for a night of nostalgic hits.

Fab Four Beatles will "Come Together" on the stage from 6pm, before ABBAfab will have you dancing from 7.45pm.

Bring along a rug or low-lying chair to sit on and pack a picnic, or buy from a range of food trucks. A licensed 18+ area with a bar will be available, so remember to bring your ID if you plan to purchase an alcoholic drink.

Retro Rewind is presented by the City of Gosnells and supported by Lotterywest. Tickets are free but essential, so visit the website at gosnells.wa.gov.au to book.



Councillor's Corner

Over the Christmas period, I came across a story about a family living in poverty whose children were highly motivated at school and went on to become high achievers. Their secret was simple but powerful: they fostered a positive atmosphere in their home. Each evening, as the family gathered around the dinner table, every member was asked to share two things from their day for which they were thankful.

In a time when doom and gloom often dominates our news cycle, this story is a timely reminder of the value of gratitude. It is worth pausing to reflect on the many good things we enjoy in our City — clean water, our parks, regular rubbish collection, well-stocked shops, access to education and so much more.

These blessings are possible because others faithfully do their jobs, often without recognition. Let us make a conscious effort to nurture a spirit of thankfulness in our City. Thank those who serve you. Give a word of encouragement. It is one way we can all contribute to building a vibrant, cohesive community.

Councillor Peter Abetz

Council meetings 2026

Did you know you can attend or view the City's regular Council Meetings? Meetings are held at 7pm in the Council Chambers at the City's Civic Centre, 2120 Albany Highway, Gosnells.

They are also live-streamed on the City's YouTube channel. Agendas and Minutes are available at the Civic Centre, City libraries and at gosnells.wa.gov.au.

Meeting dates for 2026 are listed below. For details, call 9397 3000 or visit the City's website.

January	February	March	April
Nil	10 and 24	10 and 24	14 and 28
May	June	July	August
12 and 26	9 and 23	14 and 28 Special Council Meeting 7 July	11 and 25
September	October	November	December
8 and 22	13 and 27	10 and 24	15

Events listing

Chinese Calligraphy Workshop
Saturday 7 February
9am – 11am
Thornlie Park Centre

Book Club at Gosnells Library
Monday 9 February
1pm – 3.30pm
Gosnells Library

Toddler Time at Thornlie Library
Thursday 12 February
11am – 11.30am
Thornlie Library

Music Under the Stars
Saturday 14 February
7.30pm – 9.30pm
City of Gosnells Museum at Wilkinson Homestead

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

Art exhibition open

Entries are now open for the City of Gosnells Community Art Exhibition and Awards.

A total prize pool of \$10,000 is available across 11 categories, including the \$5,000 Overall Acquisitive Award.

Emerging and established artists are encouraged to get creative and enter before **Monday 16 March**.

Visit the City's website for details.