



Life in the City of Gosnells

Homestead Park upgrade complete

Community members recently celebrated the reopening of Thornlie's Homestead Park with a range of Park Play activities, farm animals and a visit from The Nomad wandering youth space.

The major upgrade reflects the site's history and capitalises on its prime location near the Canning River. It includes barbecues, picnic areas, seating, paths, a basketball half-court, turf kick-about area, landscaping, bike racks and an extensive playground that features a herd of carved pigs.

The playground design was inspired by the remnants of what is thought to be a piggery wall found onsite and olive trees, planted in 1837, that are still growing nearby.

Two flying foxes stretch from the top of the hill to the playground area, providing plenty of entertainment for kids of all ages.

The \$920,000 upgrade was jointly funded by the City of Gosnells and a \$680,000 grant from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, as part of the Australian Government's COVID-19 economic stimulus plan.

Homestead Park was previously the site of Thornlie Homestead, which was built in the 1880s and was one of the first European homes in the area.



Community Safety Month

Improve your knowledge about personal safety, home and vehicle security, cyber safety and the importance of knowing your neighbours, by joining in a series of events for Community Safety Month throughout October.

The month begins with Safety Day at Park Play on **Friday 7 October**, featuring a Constable Care puppet show, followed by cyber-safety webinars, displays about home security and personal safety at City of Gosnells libraries, and vehicle safety displays at local shopping centres.

Community Safety Month will conclude with a Your Neighbourhood event at Holling Park in Maddington on **Thursday 27 October**.

Visit the City's website at gosnells.wa.gov.au for all the details.



Save the date for Fusion

The Fusion Food and Culture Festival will return to Mills Park, Beckenham, to celebrate the City's diverse multicultural community over two huge nights on **Friday 11 and Saturday 12 November**. Visit the City's website for details about live performances across two stages, roving entertainment, carnival rides, the Global Village, over 50 food trucks serving food from across the globe and much more. Entry to Fusion is free.

Events listing

Morning Melodies – The Dazzlers Variety Show

Wednesday 12 October
11am – 12pm

Don Russell Performing Arts Centre

History of Two Rivers – local history talk

Saturday 22 October
10.30am

Lyal Richardson Hall

Children's Week celebrations

Monday 24 October – Tuesday 1 November

Visit gosnells.wa.gov.au for details

Switch your thinking – Business Workshop

Wednesday 26 October
10am – 12pm

Business Station Gosnells

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

Councillors' Corner

I must say, it is great to be a part of well-functioning Council. This past year we have worked together to ensure the City's strategic direction aligns with our community's expectations. We have listened to community feedback and identified waste, security, community facilities and the environment as priorities.

Behind the scenes, we have been working with Police to identify the best way to tackle crime and will soon launch a rebate scheme to make CCTV more affordable for residents.



We are also working to establish a public waste transfer station in the City, along with a re-use shop, and will be diverting waste from landfill when the Waste to Energy plant opens next year. We have committed to purchasing 'green' power where we can and we have adopted the Greening Gosnells strategy to preserve our tree canopy, providing many health, lifestyle and wildlife benefits.

We are working on plans to build a new aquatic and recreation centre and redevelop Sutherlands Park in Southern River to cater for the growing population.

There are exciting times ahead for our City and Councillors are here to listen to you.

Cr Serena Williamson

Cat survey

In response to community concerns about the impact of cats on native wildlife, the City is asking residents to complete a short survey about the management of cats.

The survey is available at yoursay.gosnells.wa.gov.au until **Friday 4 November**.