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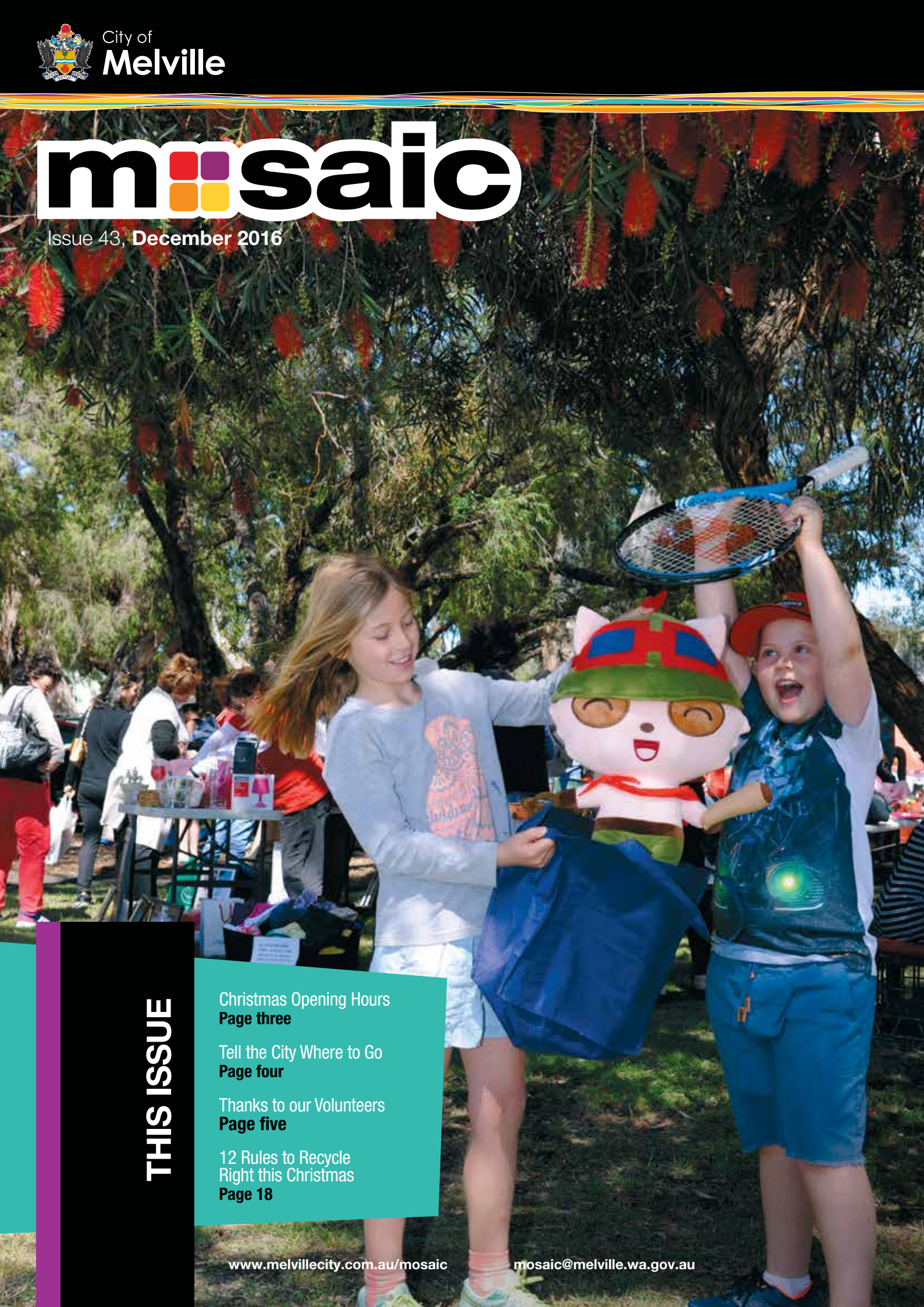
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## Mayor's Message

*Welcome to the December issue of Mosaic for 2016*

**Another busy year has passed and with end of year celebrations upon us it is a good time to reflect upon what we have achieved, before we reset for 2017.**

There have been many significant and important projects underway the City is proud to be delivering. These projects also help us to answer some of the primary needs and aspirations identified by our community.

Earlier this year the community had fun with our "Tell the City Where to Go" campaign to help develop a new Strategic Community Plan reflecting the community's aspirations and views. In alignment with the Community Plan, the City's Corporate Plan has also been updated giving the organisation a road map of how we will work towards meeting community aspirations over the next four years. Read more on pages four and five.

With summer upon us, the events season is once again ramping up. Check out pages six and seven to find out all about the exciting new events we have for you this summer.

On page nine you will meet Bernie from our Customer Service Team and learn more about the City's Customer Service Charter and our commitment to you - our customers.

While the City celebrated Safer Melville Month in October the work continues and on page 11 you can read about the 2016 Community Safety Plan review and find out about our Holiday Watch patrols which might come in handy this holiday season.

Again this year, the City held the annual volunteer recognition event to celebrate and thank our many special volunteers who give so much to the community. Project Robin Hood is also back this year, allowing the community to vote and decide how to spend \$100,000. Read all about it on page 11.

Keeping our community healthy and active at all ages and abilities is an ongoing commitment and on pages 12 and 13 you can read about our very popular Active in the Park program, Healthy Melville events and our wonderful new Wheelchair Sports coaching program.

Pages 14, 15 and 16 will give you important information about living with our natural environment including a "living classroom" at Piney Lakes Environment Education Centre, Snake Awareness, upcoming events and an update regarding the development of the City's Urban Forest Strategy.

For the little ones, we have a special Paper Cranes Project in Quenda Corner on page 19 to help raise awareness of brain cancer in partnership with All Saints' College and the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation.

On behalf of the City of Melville Elected Members and staff, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We also acknowledge that in our multi-cultural and diverse community many of you will be marking your own special holidays and we wish you every happiness and joy for your celebrations.

**Mayor Russell Aubrey**

**City of Melville**



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# City of Melville 2016/17 Holiday Opening Hours

The City of Melville would like to wish all residents  
a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year!

## City of Melville Civic Centre

Including Customer Service, Rates, Environment, Community, Youth, Technical Services, Corporate Services, Building and Planning.

Closed from 12.30pm Friday, 23 December  
to 8.30am Tuesday, 3 January.

Customer Service will be available online or by phone on  
**1300 635 845 | 9364 0666** from 8.30am to 5.00pm  
Wednesday, 28 to Friday, 30 December to respond to  
urgent calls and enquiries.

## Waste Collection

All scheduled waste collections will take place as usual.  
Contact **1300 635 845 | 9364 0666**.

## Ranger Services

Operating every day, hours for Christmas Day (Sunday, 25 December)  
from 9.00am to 5.00pm. Rangers can be contacted during office  
hours on **1300 635 845** and after hours on  
**0418 943 219**.

## Community Safety Service (CSS)

Operating every day, 24-hours. Contact **1300 653 643**.

## Community Centres

Bull Creek Community Centre, Willagee Community Centre and Blue  
Gum Community Centre will be closed from  
Monday, 19 December, re-opening Monday, 9 January.

## Heathcote Museum and Gallery

Closed from Friday, 23 December,  
re-opening on Thursday, 5 January.

## Wireless Hill Museum

Closed from Monday, 19 December,  
re-opening on Sunday, 29 January.

## Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre

Closed from 3.00pm Thursday, 22 December  
re-opening 9.30am Tuesday, 10 January.

## Libraries

Friday, 23 December \_\_\_\_\_ Closed  
Saturday, 24 December \_\_\_\_\_ Normal hours  
Sunday, 25 to Tuesday, 27 December \_\_\_\_\_ Closed  
Wednesday, 28 to Saturday, 31 December \_\_\_\_\_ Normal hours  
Sunday, 1 and Monday, 2 January \_\_\_\_\_ Closed  
Tuesday, 3 January \_\_\_\_\_ Return to normal hours

## LeisureFit Centres

### LeisureFit Booragoon

Friday, 23 December \_\_\_\_\_ Normal hours  
Saturday, 24 December \_\_\_\_\_ 7.00am to 3.00pm  
Sunday, 25 December \_\_\_\_\_ Closed  
Monday, 26 December \_\_\_\_\_ 8.00am to 7.00pm  
Tuesday, 27 December \_\_\_\_\_ 8.00am to 7.00pm  
Wednesday 28 December  
to Friday 30 December \_\_\_\_\_ Normal hours  
Saturday, 31 December \_\_\_\_\_ 7.00am to 3.00pm  
Sunday, 1 January \_\_\_\_\_ 8.00am to 7.00pm  
Monday, 2 January \_\_\_\_\_ 8.00am to 7.00pm  
Tuesday, 3 January \_\_\_\_\_ Return to normal hours

### LeisureFit Melville

Friday, 23 December \_\_\_\_\_ 6.00am to 12 noon  
Saturday, 24 December \_\_\_\_\_ Closed  
Sunday, 25 December \_\_\_\_\_ Closed  
Monday, 26 December  
to Monday, 2 January \_\_\_\_\_ Closed  
Tuesday, 3 January \_\_\_\_\_ Return to normal hours

Please note the hours at LeisureFit Melville are subject to change  
due to maintenance works. For information on when the crèche,  
classes and programs will be operating at the LeisureFit Centres,  
visit [www.melvillecity.com.au/leisurefit](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/leisurefit).

# You told us!

Earlier in 2016, we asked you to Tell the City Where To Go – to make your priorities the City's priorities. What you told us provided six clear community aspirations that now inform the revised Community Plan People, Places, Participation 2012-2022.

## COMMUNITY ASPIRATIONS

### CLEAN AND GREEN



Clean and well-maintained parks, reserves, natural areas and public open spaces where everyone can socialise, be active and be safe.

### SUSTAINABLE AND CONNECTED TRANSPORT



Better public transport, cycling and walking infrastructure and responsive traffic management.

### GROWTH AND PROSPERITY



Encourage development of small businesses in our suburbs and local communities.

### SENSE OF COMMUNITY



A range of local community services, events and cultural activities throughout the year for people to get to know one another and do things together.

### HEALTHY LIFESTYLE



Opportunities for healthy activities both indoors and out, and in local parks and suburbs walking, running, cycling and exercising individually or in groups.

### SAFE AND SECURE



A community where people feel safe and secure at all times.

The City has many roles in contributing to the realisation of the community's aspirations, including the delivery of over 200 products and services and managing a range of community assets including buildings, roads, drainage, footpaths, jetties, lighting, public art, recreation equipment, parks and natural areas.

Our Corporate Business Plan 2016-2020 has been developed to align and respond to the community's aspirations. Key priorities include:

- To protect and enhance the City's natural resources
- To enhance streetscapes, public art, pedestrian and cycle paths
- To optimise facilities to ensure they are 'fit for use' and amalgamate like groups into hubs and shared use facilities
- To explore opportunities for higher density developments (residential and commercial) in strategic locations
- To improve communication and community engagement, including with the business sector
- To continue participatory budgeting that involves the community (such as Project Robin Hood – read more on page 11.)

You can read more about the plans and strategies in place to help achieve our goals, by referring to the full Corporate Business Plan 2016-2020 and Strategic Community Plan 2012-2022, available to download at [www.melvillecity.com.au](http://www.melvillecity.com.au).

### Our Community Vision for the Future

A safe City with green, leafy streets, suburbs and open spaces where people enjoy high levels of health and wellbeing, participate in local events and activities; have access to community services and local business opportunities are encouraged.

Look out for **Your Melville** pamphlet available at City of Melville sites.



# A Heartfelt Thanks to our Volunteers

The City's annual Volunteer Recognition Function was held on Friday, 18 November, to mark the significant contribution volunteers make to the community.

More than 260 volunteers celebrated amongst the banksias at the newly revitalised Wireless Hill Park venue, enjoying a supper, entertainment and awards presentation.

Congratulations to the winners of the Mayor's Valued Citizen Awards, recognising the contribution of long serving volunteers to the community in an unpaid role for ten years or more:

**Jason Braunstein**, 10 years,  
Willagee Community Centre

**Evan Biggs**, 20 years,  
Neighbourhood Watch Group  
(City of Melville)

**Valmai Olney**, 20 years,  
Neighbourhood Watch Group  
(City of Melville)

**Paul Garbutt**, 17.5 years,  
Community Information Centre

**Cathy Grasso**, 17.5 years,  
Community Information Centre

**Kathleen Paterson**, 17.5 years,  
Community Information Centre

**Maureen Pallot**, 17.5 years,  
Community Information Centre

**Irene Golding**, 17.5 years,  
Community Information Centre

**Harry Collins**, 17.5 years,  
Community Information Centre

**Dick Blom**, 17.5 years,  
Community Information Centre

**Carol Filippi**, 11 years,  
Melville History Society

**Jenny Shalders**, 33 years,  
Melville History Society

**Helen Robson**, 11 years,  
Melville History Society

**Malcolm Shalders**, 12 years,  
Melville History Society

**Kelly Green**, 13 years,  
Capital Community Radio

**John Chamberlain**, 13 years,  
Capital Community Radio

**Lynne Wells**, 13 years,  
Capital Community Radio

**Michaela Collingwood**, 13 years,  
Capital Community Radio

**Rodney Culley**, 11 years,  
Capital Community Radio

**George Azar**, 25 years,  
Amalgamated Melville Homing Club

**Leo Monaco**, 16.5 years,  
Melville Cares

**Malihe Gabriel**, 10 years,  
Melville Cares

**Ron Hunt**, 14.5 years,  
Melville Care

**John Wigham**, 10 years,  
Kardy Junior Football Team, and 20 years,  
Salvation Army

**Annie Carswell**, 18 years,  
St John of God Hospital Murdoch

**Elaine Hedley**, 16 years,  
St John of God Hospital Murdoch

**Lydia Read**, 12 years,  
St John of God Hospital Murdoch

**Lyn Guppy**, 16 years,  
St John of God Hospital Murdoch

**Sylvia Hodgkinson**, 15 years,  
St John of God Hospital Murdoch

The City's outstanding youth were also recognised with the Mayor's Youth Citizenship Awards, awarded to three students who have made a significant contribution to their school or community. Congratulations to Samantha Romeo from Santa Maria College, Tara Lord from Applecross Senior High and Jake Fedele (Waller) from Corpus Christi College.

We would like to thank all volunteers for their generous support and contribution to our community.

For more information about the event, or to find volunteering opportunities that suit you, visit [www.melvillecity.com.au/volunteering](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/volunteering) or call the Melville Volunteer Resource Centre on 9364 0662.

# WE EVENTS

## Don't Miss...

Have you received your  
We Love Events calendar?  
If not call 1300 635 845 to  
request one today!



## Limestone Songwriter Series

Enjoy two relaxing evenings with some of Perth's best original singer-songwriters at the Limestone Amphitheatre, 10 Almondbury Road, Booragoon (next to the Civic Square Library).

**SUNDAY, 29 JANUARY 2017,  
5.30PM TO 7.30PM**

The Murphy Brothers  
Bernardine

**SUNDAY, 26 FEBRUARY  
2017, 5.30PM TO 7.30PM**

The Hunting Birds  
Jason Ayres

## Music@ Murdoch

**SUNDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2017**

Doors open at 5pm

Lower Bush Court, Murdoch  
University

An evening of unforgettable music, set amongst the beautiful eucalyptus trees of the lower Bush Court in the heart of Murdoch campus. Tickets available soon!



## Pt Walter Concert

**SUNDAY, 5 MARCH 2017**

4.30pm to 8.30pm

Point Walter Foreshore, Bicton

A family favourite with a line-up of acts for all ages and spectacular firework finale. Pack a picnic and let us entertain you!

For more information visit [www.melvillecity.com.au/events](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/events)

## Happening at Wireless Hill

**Museum opening  
hours: Wednesdays  
and Fridays 10.00am  
to 2.00pm, Sundays  
12noon to 4.00pm.**

## The History of Morse Code

**SUNDAY, 29 JANUARY TO FRIDAY, 30 JUNE 2017**

In collaboration with the Morsecodians Fraternity of Western Australia (Inc.), Wireless Hill Museum will be celebrating the history of Morse Code in WA with an exhibition exploring its invention and development in the 19th Century and beyond.

The impact of Morse Code on communication worldwide was enormous, especially in remote regions such as Western Australia.

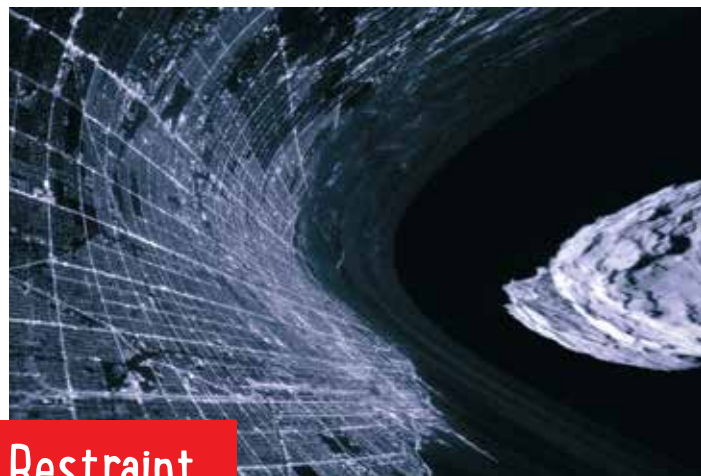
The exhibition will also trace the close relationship of Morse Code to Wireless Hill, which opened as a communications station in 1912. And as they say...the rest is history!

For more information call 9364 0158 or visit [www.melvillecity.com.au/wirelesshill](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/wirelesshill)



**Gallery hours: Tuesday to Friday  
10.00am to 3.00pm, Saturday and  
Sunday 12 noon - 4.00pm**

## Happening at Heathcote

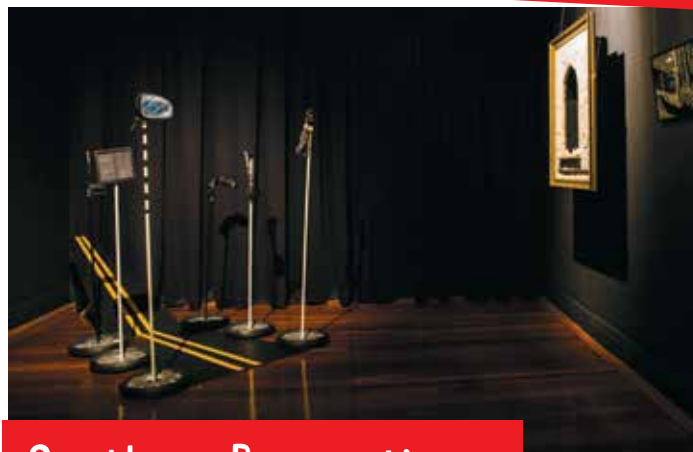


### Restraint

A solo exhibition by Jon Tarry

**RUNNING TO SATURDAY, 14 JANUARY  
2017**

John Tarry is this year's chosen artist for the annual TILT program, inviting an artist to create a new body of work which responds to the Point Heathcote site. Tarry's unique graphic art installations reflect on the site with its many layered history.



### Southern Perspectives

An exhibition by 2016 Year 12 Visual Arts Students

**SATURDAY, 11 FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY,  
19 MARCH 2017**

In its second year, Southern Perspectives provides an opportunity to experience thought-provoking artworks by some of the state's most talented graduating high school students.

For more information call 9364 5666 or visit [www.melvillecity.com.au/heathcote](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/heathcote)

## We Love Events... even more!

The City's event calendar has an exciting new addition in 2017 with the Little Hands Festival and Sculpture Walk event combining to create an innovative new festival appropriately named 'Merge'.

The two day event, from Saturday, 8 to Sunday 9 April, will cater for all ages offering an arts and cultural experience not seen in Melville before.

Light projections, art installations, "up-late library", historic photo-booth, live cultural performances, roving entertainment, pop-up restaurants and food trucks will provide a hub of activity to explore.

The Merge Festival will showcase and road test many of the different facets of the future Melville City Centre, Library and Cultural Facility and

will officially launch the community engagement for the project.

The vision to create a vibrant city heart and community space includes homing a central Library, Museum and Local History service, A-Class Art Gallery, Performing Arts Space, Café and function facilities.

Stay tuned for more information coming soon at  
[www.melvillecity.com.au/events](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/events)

# Elected Members



## Councillor : Cr Clive Robartson

Early this year Local Planning Scheme No. 6 (the Scheme) was gazetted. This important document sets out the planning intentions for the City, indicating where land is set aside for reserves and public purposes and to generally provide guidelines that will determine future development. The aim of the Scheme is to maintain and improve the quality of life and services to our residents, while assisting to implement the State and Local Planning Strategies. It specifically addresses issues that concern us all - development and population, environment and heritage, open space and recreation, economy, community and transport and infrastructure.

Within this Scheme there are a number of designated Structure Plans that have impact on specific areas across the City. One of these is the Murdoch Specialised Activity Centre that stretches east on either side of

South Street from the Murdoch Rail Station. To address this a residential opportunity study is proposed for early 2017. This study will focus on land generally within 800 metres of the rail station. One first step in this project will be to talk to the community about housing options and opportunities. It is expected that these discussions will inform the preparation of a concept plan for further community engagement.

Change is inevitable. As the population grows we are continually pressed to ensure housing choices that are close to shops, services and public transport, are available – like those of Bull Creek and Leeming. My commitment is to ensuring Melville continues to be the leading Age-Friendly Community.

## Councillor : Cr Matthew Woodall

In the year since my election, I have worked hard to deliver on the key commitments I made to residents of Bull Creek and Leeming.

I have opposed attempts to increase your rates to fund additional discretionary expenditure, and worked to identify cost savings in the City's activities. This year's average residential rate increase of 2.45% was an improvement on the 3.75% increase in 2014-15 and I would like to see this downward trend continue. I continue to believe it is important that councillors are aware of the current economic climate and act accordingly by limiting their use of entitlements and rejecting increases to their own salaries.

Another priority has been the construction of Roe 8. I have personally lobbied State and Federal politicians to urgently sign contracts

for Roe 8 to take trucks off Leach Hwy and reduce traffic on South Street. I am excited to hear that construction will soon be underway to ensure this important project proceeds. This is a critical road project that will provide numerous benefits to local residents including safer roads, reduced traffic times, less noise and pollution.

The development of a regional park for families in our local area is an initiative that I strongly support. Planning for the development of this regional park received funding in the City's 2015-16 budget, and I look forward to this proceeding in the near future. I have also been working to secure funding for improvements to other parks in the area, such as Peter Ellis Reserve.





# Meet Melville

**Name:** Bernadette Marbeck **Nickname:** Bernie  
**Job Title:** Customer Service Team Officer

## What is the best thing about working for the City of Melville?

I enjoy working for the City of Melville because of the wonderful team spirit we have, whether dealing with staff or customers alike. People enjoy working in a healthy environment where we look out for each other. We have plenty of activities for the community which we advertise through our wonderful Mosaic Magazine, online and in the local papers. City of Melville is a step ahead of other local governments in leaps and bounds, Customer Service for the whole organisation being one of the leaps. We have a team supervisor who is always looking for ways to improve customer service and she is very lucky to have a team who support her.

## What does your job involve?

My job involves greeting customers whether in person over the counter, phone, social media and live online chat.

## Describe a typical day at work?

A typical day at work would be handling queries regarding volunteering, fitness, security, vehicles, seniors, dogs, cats, rats, trees, museums and art gallery, events including Garage Sale Trail; Robin Hood Project; Art Festival; and much more. We try to answer a customer's query at first point of call whether we book them into a workshop or assist them register their animal or pay rates.

## What is the best part of your job?

The best part of my job is that I talk to customers all the time.

## What is your best memory?

My best memory working with Customer Service is that I can be myself. I love to talk and find out the best way to serve the customer with their query. We also have special days where we can dress up, e.g. Melbourne Cup Day, St Patrick's day and Christmas. Joining in on special events always brings an extra smile to everyone's day.



# Customer Service Charter

The City of Melville is committed to delivering great customer service to our customer and actively promotes a culture that strives to exceed our customers' expectations. Our new Customer Service Charter outlines how we endeavour to work with our customers to achieve a consistently high level of customer service.



## Working together

- We aim to be clear, honest and respectful with you, demonstrating our commitment to own your enquiry and follow it through.
- You endeavour to be respectful, accurate and courteous with us enabling us to provide you with the best possible service.



## Our service standards

The City of Melville will be responsive to all your enquiries. We aim to:

- Answer your phone calls promptly during normal business hours
- Attend you personally within five minutes
- Complete all of your business during your first contact
- If you request a call back, we will respond by the end of the next working day
- Respond to your email within two working days
- Respond to other correspondence (letter or fax) within ten working days
- Respond to social media enquiries within the next business day



## We value your feedback

We would like to hear from you whether you have a request for service, a compliment, a complaint or suggestion. Your feedback assists us to identify strengths and problem areas and generate ideas for service improvements.

- Handling and resolving your feedback
- The City of Melville is committed to managing customer feedback in an accountable, transparent, timely and meaningful way.
- To view our full customer Service Charter visit [www.melvillecity.com.au](http://www.melvillecity.com.au).



## Award Win for Melville



L to R: Manager Neighbourhood Development Leanne Hartill, City of Melville Mayor Russell Aubrey and Coordinator Customer Relations Marcia Coelho receive the Australian Service Excellence Government award

The City of Melville was announced as the winner of the Australian Service Excellence Government award at the prestigious 15th Annual Australian Service Excellence Awards in October 2016.

Run by the Customer Service Institute of Australia, the Award recognises best practice and innovation in customer service and highlights the City's continuous improvement culture, staff pride across the organisation in working towards excellence, the proactive use of data and how staff are embracing the digital era in the City's business.

This award also caps off a very

successful year for the City which has also been recognised by the State Government as top in Financial Health (99 per cent), top for planning performance by the Property Council of Australia (94 per cent - 21.7 out of 23), 'Gold' in Business Excellence' from the Australian Organisational Excellence Foundation, CEO Dr Shayne Silcox recognised as WA CEO Leader/Manager of the year by the Australian Institute of Management (AIM), and more importantly Community Wellbeing at 94 per cent and Customer Satisfaction at 87 per cent as assessed by the community themselves.



## Project Robin Hood is back - \$100,000 up for grabs!

Project Robin Hood (PRH) is back for 2016-2017 and asks you, the community, to pitch for a share of the \$100,000 loot!

In November two sundowner events were held inviting the community to get together and "start a conversation" about what they could do to improve their neighbourhood with funding from Project Robin Hood.

After the success of the previous two rounds of funding, the City has doubled the amount of money up for grabs and urges the community to get

together with neighbours, colleagues, friends and family to submit a project idea to make our City an even better place to live, work and play. Funding will be awarded in amounts between \$1,000 and \$20,000.

### Save the date for PRHIII

- Get the ideas flowing, your project pitch perfect and get ready to submit your idea
- Submissions open 1 February 2017



## When Good Neighbours, Become Good Friends

Summer is here and it's a great time to reconnect with your neighbours and get to know new people in your area.

Did you know that we offer grants of up to \$250 to help you do this?

Our Friendly Neighbourhood Grants are available for residents for hosting events in their neighbourhoods that help connect local communities. The funding can be used for catering for street parties or sausage sizzles, printing costs for event promotion, coffee van for street events etc.

The grants are simple to apply for online and are a great way for neighbours to meet.

To find out more go to [www.melvillecity.com.au](http://www.melvillecity.com.au) and search 'friendly neighbourhoods grants'.

- Submissions close 17 March 2017
- Voting Opens from 10 April to 15 May 2017

Connect with your community and build better neighbourhoods!



For more information and to join the conversation, visit [www.melvilletalks.com.au/projectrobinhood](http://www.melvilletalks.com.au/projectrobinhood).



# Safer Melville

## Going on Holiday?

For security and peace of mind, you can register your property for the City's free Community Safety Service (CSS) Holiday Watch Patrol. Our CSS Officers will patrol your property regularly during the day and night while you are away.

Register for a Holiday Watch Patrol online at [www.melvillecity.com.au/safermelville](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/safermelville) or call the CSS on **1300 653 643**.



## Did you take part in Safer Melville Month?

Over 160 people attended our various Safer Melville Month events during October including Constable Care performances across a number of our libraries, a Seniors Safety Information Session at the Willagee Community Centre, and a Cyber Safety Information Session at the Melville Digital Hub.

## Having a Party?

Be a great host, keep your guests safe and don't disturb the neighbours this festive season, with our party preparation checklist:

- Stay safe
- Let police know, register your party at **[www.police.wa.gov.au](http://www.police.wa.gov.au)**
- Inform the CSS on **1300 653 643**
- Don't create an open invite event on social media
- Invite your neighbours or let them know – use the City's Friendly Neighbourhoods Card at **[www.melvillecity.com.au/friendlyneighbourhoods](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/friendlyneighbourhoods)**
- Consider your neighbours and the noise from your party. For more information on acceptable noise, visit **[www.melvillecity.com.au/noise](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/noise)**
- Serve alcohol responsibly
- Make sure you consider security measures.



Our Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) volunteers also hosted three information stalls in Bicton, Applecross and Bull Creek and signed 59 people up to receive safety information the City and local police, through ewatch newsletters.

## Want to help create a Safer Melville?

The City in collaboration with key stakeholders has been busy implementing a number of projects and initiatives from the 2012-2016

Community Safety Crime Prevention (CSCP) Plan, to create an even Safer Melville.

It's time for us to review this plan and we need you to tell us what your safety priorities are. In the coming months look out for opportunities to get involved and help inform where we should be focusing our efforts to create a Safer Melville.

For more information visit **[www.melvillecity.com.au/safermelville](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/safermelville)**



# LeisureFit

## Extended Opening Hours at LeisureFit

Get ready for summer and enjoy extended opening hours at LeisureFit Booragoon and LeisureFit Melville.

### Contact

#### Phone

9364 0600

#### Email

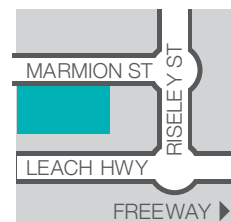
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melvillecity.com.au/leisurefit

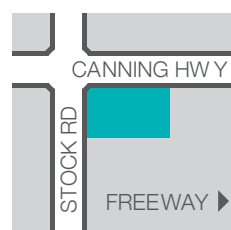
### LeisureFit Booragoon

<b>Monday to Friday</b>	5.30am to 9.00pm
<b>Saturday</b>	7.00am to 7.00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8.00am to 7.00pm



### LeisureFit Melville

<b>Monday to Friday</b>	6.00am to 10.00pm
<b>Saturday</b>	7.00am to 5.00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8.00am to 5.00pm



## Memberships at LeisureFit

Get everything you need to feel better with the **Healthy Life PLUS Membership** at LeisureFit.



Get motivated with ongoing personal coaching – stay on-track and reach your health and fitness goals faster



Receive unlimited access to premium small group exercise classes, including Pilates Reformer, Les Mills GRIT Strength, Barre Attack and more



Try something different with LeisureFit Athletics and receive free coaching for triathlon, multi-sports and open water sports

LeisureFit have other membership options including Junior Memberships for ages 6 months to 14years, Healthy Life Membership, and pay as you go options.

To discuss the best membership for you pop into your nearest centre, or email [memberships@melville.wa.gov.au](mailto:memberships@melville.wa.gov.au).

## Coaching with Healthy Life PLUS



Have you tried a **Personal Coaching session** at LeisureFit? Members using a **Personal Coach** have seen **rapid results**, as they are matched to the best coach to suit their health and fitness aspirations, ensuring you **meet your goals**.

### A Personal Coach can help with:

- Accountability and motivation
- Changing routines to reach health and fitness goals quicker
- A fresh perspective and professional advice
- Consistent and non-judgemental support
- Improved technique and form
- Injury prevention and rehab
- Sports specific training i.e. marathon or Triathlon
- A personalised program
- Results!





## 24 Days of Christmas @ LeisureFit

It is the season of giving and LeisureFit are giving back to their customers, with daily prize giveaways every day of December until Christmas Eve, as we count down to Christmas.

Each time a member visits LeisureFit Booragoon or LeisureFit Melville they will have the opportunity to go into the daily prize draw and be in the running to win the huge Christmas gift of a \$2,500 Garden City Voucher, drawn on Christmas Eve.

Join before Christmas Eve and get into the Centres to go in the draw.

To check out daily prizes and find out more, visit [www.melvillecity.com.au/leisurefit](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/leisurefit)



## Can we make Active in the Park even better?

As we approach the mid-way point for Active in the Park 2016-2017 free outdoor fitness class program, we're keen to hear what you think to help us keep improving.

Since October, five free classes have been providing people of all ages the chance to get active this Summer in some of the City's beautiful parks. Classes have included Functional Fitness, Yoga, PlayFit for Kids, Tunes for Tots and a lighter paced Active Light option.

The Healthy Melville team are keen to hear your feedback and are encouraging attendees to take a short online survey. The feedback will ensure the classes are tailored



to meet the community's needs and will also help secure the ongoing support of Healthy Melville Sponsors who make the free classes possible.

To take the survey and see the January to March 2017 timetable, visit [www.melvillecity.com.au/active](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/active).

To really kick start your health and fitness goals in the new year, check out what's on offer at the City's LeisureFit Centres – including personal coaching, fitness classes, gym and aquatic programs and facilities at [www.melvillecity.com.au/leisurefit](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/leisurefit).

Thanks to the Active in the Park major sponsors



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## Piney Lakes Living Classroom

Our Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre (PLEEC) has undergone significant upgrades!

We have planted natives and installed a large, locally sourced Tuart 'habitat log' as well as recycled timber bench seating and raised garden beds and an additional rainwater tank. We intend on working with local community to plant Bush Tucker species and seasonal vegetables in garden beds.

We are also installing educational signage, which will enhance learning experiences for visiting school groups and the community.

For more information on the Piney Lakes Living Classroom, visit [www.melvillecity.com.au/pineylakes](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/pineylakes).



## What's On at Piney Lakes

We've got some great programs coming up, including some hands-on activities over the School Holidays!

For more details on these events, visit [www.melvillecity.com.au/environmentalevents](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/environmentalevents).



## Preparing and maintaining your home **for bushfire season**

With summers becoming drier and hotter, the risk of bushfire increases. Every year, hundreds of thousands of hectares in Western Australia are burnt in bushfires.

The 2016 bushfire season (15 November to 30 April) is well underway in the Perth Metro area, and it is imperative to prepare your home by clearing all flammable matter from your land.

All owners or occupiers of land within the City of Melville are required to clear their land or install firebreaks by 15 November 2016, and maintain this until 30 April 2017.

To increase the protection of your home, or land that is 1,500 square metres or less, this bushfire season, clear your entire land of all flammable

matter except living trees, shrubs and plants under cultivation and lawns.

Owners of land larger than 1500 square metres should install and maintain firebreaks of a minimum width of three metres inside all external boundaries of the property throughout the season.

Firebreaks will isolate and separate areas and are designed to reduce or halt the progression of fire in bush, pasture, forest or vacant land.

Please note, if you have an approved building licence that has been issued by the City of Melville and construction has not commenced, you are also required to clear and maintain the land.

For more information, visit [www.melvillecity.com.au/firebreaks](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/firebreaks).



### What is flammable matter?

- longstanding grass
- weeds
- boxes
- cartons
- paper
- rubbish
- any combustible matter



# Wildlife Awareness

## Snake Season

Keep an eye out for snakes this summer within parks and reserves, particularly along footpaths, and near stream banks and waterways.

There are two species of venomous snakes you may encounter within the City of Melville:

- Tiger Snake (*Notechus scutatus*)
  - Usually found near streams, swamps and wetlands.
- Dugite (*Pseudonaja affinis*)
  - Usually found near coastal dunes, shrub, bushlands and forests, but can also be found within and around built-up areas.

Although snake bites are extremely uncommon, if you see a snake do not approach or aggravate it any way.

If you require the removal of a snake from your property, contact Wildcare Helpline on **9474 9055**.



## Rainbow Bee-eaters Nesting Season

The colourful Rainbow Bee-eater (*Merops ornatus*) can be found locally nesting in open forest, woodland and shrub land areas during the summer months.

This species build long nesting tunnels about 90cm long, in the ground and along sandy banks, this means they are often subject to disturbance by human interaction, such as nests being trodden on, as well as predation by snakes, lizards and cats.

## Please Don't Feed the Birds!

Despite good intentions, feeding ducks by the lake or the native birdlife in your backyard can be detrimental to the wildlife and the wider environment.

Non-natural foods such as bread, seeds mixes, sugar water or minced meat can negatively impact the nutrition of many bird species. The addition of bread alone has devastating impacts on nutrient cycling in waterways and can cause avian botulism.

Your feathered friends may become dependent on you feeding them, and lose the ability to forage for themselves and are unable to pass these instinctual behaviours on to their young.

In all cases, it is best to let nature feed itself!

For more information about wildlife in the City of Melville, visit [www.melvillecity.com.au/wildlife](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/wildlife).



## The Future Looks Green for Melville

The City of Melville has embarked on the development of an Urban Forest Strategy which will realise the benefit of trees and other vegetation as an integral element of the urban environment.

Following on from Council's adoption of the City's Urban Forest and Green Spaces Policy, in September 2016, the Strategy will help guide the City's long term management of trees in our parks, streets and neighbourhoods.

Driven by community needs and the latest science, the strategy will

identify where our areas of greatest tree vegetation are located in the City and where we will need more trees to create cooler and greener environments. The City's vision is to:

1. Proactively manage, protect and replenish our tree stock in ways that meet the needs of our present and future generations.
2. Increase the overall number of trees / canopy cover across the City.

Community participation through

conversations on the City's online engagement tool Melville Talks, input from a Community Reference Group and an online survey assisted the City in setting out priorities and provided vital information on how those priorities can be achieved.

The long term goal of the Strategy is to ensure that urban forests and green spaces remain integral to the City's sense of place, and are not compromised in the face of increased urban residential density.

For more information on the City's Urban Forest Strategy, visit [www.melvillecity.com.au/urbanforest](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/urbanforest).

## My Future Melville Speaker Series

Over the last few months, events were held across City of Melville libraries as part of the My Future Melville Speaker Series, giving the community an opportunity to hear about the City's 20 year vision from a planning perspective, and how this could benefit local areas and businesses.

In total, five sessions were held and very well attended with some of the sessions booked to full capacity. With each session located at a different library, every event had a special focus on the local precinct, activity centre or suburbs in that area.

Offering a snap shot of the City's future vision and State Government requirements, it was the finer details about local areas the community found of particular benefit, which was

further complemented by a Q and A opportunity at the end of each presentation.

The City of Melville is a city that is transforming, make sure you keep up to-date and look out for opportunities to get involved in helping to shape our future. Visit [www.melvillecity.com.au/futurevision](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/futurevision).





# Future Sporting Champions Awarded

Seventeen future sporting champions were commended and awarded Youth Sports Scholarships at a celebratory presentation in September 2016.

The scholarship aims to support the City's youth, propelling them to new sporting heights, through free access to award winning LeisureFit facilities that could one day see them winning at the Olympics.

**Alastair Bruce**  
Waterpolo

**Alessandra Ho**  
Synchronised Swimming

**Brielle Karklin**  
Softball

**Caitlin Blackman**  
Athletics

**Cody Smith**  
Waterpolo

**Dylan Wood**  
Volleyball

**Hannah Burkhill**  
Synchronised Swimming

**James Leigh**  
Hockey

**Jo Synman**  
Hockey

**Jonathan Sammut**  
Triathlon

**Kazia Zenke**  
Synchronised Swimming

**Lilly Bird**  
Australian Football League

**Min Woo Lee**  
Golf

**Niamh Walsh**  
Cricket

**Olivia Clifford**  
Karate

**Patrick Tichelaar**  
Judo

**Tamila Andreeva**  
Synchronised  
Swimming

Competition was extremely fierce this year, with twice as many applications than last year – all deserving of a scholarship spot. The judging panel had a tough time deciding this year's winners and thanked everyone who submitted applications.

Rising sporting stars and future champions are encouraged to apply when the annual scholarship kicks off again in 2017.

For more information, testimonies and scholarship details, visit [www.melvillecity.com.au/ysss](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/ysss).



Mayor Russell Aubrey learns Judo the hard way with sports scholarship winner Patrick Tichelaar.



## Early Years Development Focus for Bull Creek

The City of Melville has appointed a dedicated Early Years Officer to build partnerships, support our community and provide a more targeted and outcome focused approach to early childhood development.

The position comes as a result of the Australian Early Development Census 2015 (AEDC) data, which identified an opportunity to work closely with services and families in areas where additional support may be needed including social, emotional, physical and communication. While the role will initially focus on the Bull Creek area, the position will work broadly across the whole of the City of Melville.

Resources for the Buster the Fun Bus service were reallocated to fund the new position which will work to support families and caregivers to create an environment in which children can thrive and flourish.

The new role will focus on facilitating meaningful partnerships with stakeholders, services and agencies, playing an advocacy role and partnering to develop programs and information sessions for the community.

For more information on children's activities and services in the City, visit [www.melvillecity.com.au/children](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/children).

## Melville host most **Garage Sales in WA**

Congratulations to the community for making this year's Garage Sale Trail on 22 October the biggest and best yet, with the City of Melville hosting 223 sales, the highest in Western Australia and fifth in Australia.

A record breaking number of sales took place across the City, with local businesses, schools and households setting up shop and jumping on the reuse, repurpose and sustainability train, to declutter, free up some space, meet their neighbours and make some extra cash!

Hordes of eager shoppers hit the

<b>223</b>	sales
<b>5,196</b>	shoppers
<b>34,756</b>	items listed for sale
<b>4,289</b>	people think differently about waste
<b>11,506</b>	community connections made
<b>223</b>	people prouder of their community



sales this year and were spoilt for choice, with a huge variety of items for sale, many of which were listed online to help bargain hunters seek out treasures and plan their shopping expedition.

For more information and sustainability tips on what to do with unsold or unwanted items, visit [www.melvillecity.com.au/garagesaletrail](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/garagesaletrail).



## 12 rules to **Recycle Right** this Christmas

1. Give the gift of knowledge by downloading and sharing the Recycle Right app, from your app store.
2. Give gifts that create minimal waste, have a long life-span or can be easily recycled.
3. Give someone an experience or a homemade gift.
4. Buy locally made products and support your local community.
5. Buy quality Christmas decorations that can be stored and re-used or even try making your own.
6. Use paper wrapping rather than foil or plastic and save wrapping you've received for reuse next year.
7. When entertaining guests, provide two labelled bins – one for general waste and the other for recyclables.
8. Try to minimise food waste, only buy what you need, serve smaller portions and store and use leftovers.
9. Ensure all recyclable materials (including broken glass) are placed into your yellow-topped bin.
10. Be sure not to bag or box your recyclables by placing all items loosely and separately into your yellow-topped bin. Flatten your cardboard boxes.
11. Donate unwanted gifts or items that have been replaced to charity.
12. For more great tips and information on how to Recycle Right this Christmas visit [recycleright.wa.gov.au](http://recycleright.wa.gov.au)!



For all your recycling information and hints and tips on living more sustainably, please visit [recycleright.wa.gov.au](http://recycleright.wa.gov.au)



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The City of Melville has teamed up with Cure Brain Cancer and the Brain Tumour Association of WA to kick off the 1,000 Paper Cranes Project. The partnership aims to raise awareness, promote research and advocate for those affected by brain cancer and their families.

City of Melville residents are being invited to make their own paper cranes and drop them in at their nearest Community Centre, Library or Civic Centre foyer. All the cranes will be on display at the 1,000 Paper Cranes Community Picnic and Fun Day at Piney Lakes Park, Winthrop on Sunday, 19 March 2017. Find out more at [www.melvillecity.com.au/1000cranes](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/1000cranes).

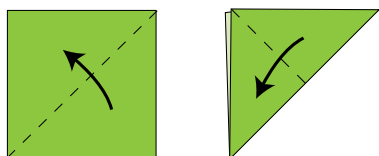


## Make your own PAPER CRANE

### What you need

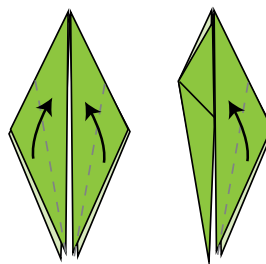
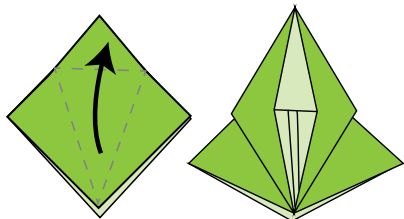
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(25 x 25 cm or 20 x 20 cm  
origami paper recommended)

Step 1 — coloured side down, fold your paper in half matching up the corners, then in half again.



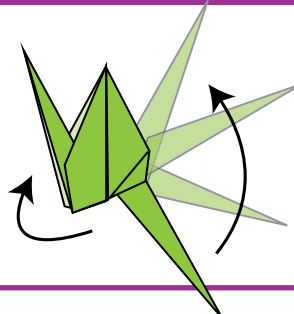
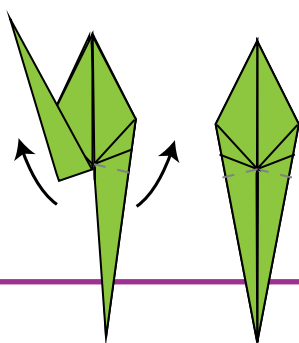
Step 2 — crease the middle by folding in half again, then flatten out to a square. Repeat on the other side.

Step 3 — Fold the sides inwards and the top down to crease, then lift up from the bottom and flatten to make a diamond shape. Repeat on the other side.

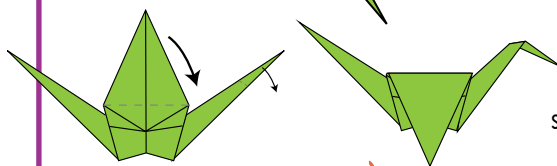


Step 4 — Fold the sides inwards. Repeat on the other side.

Step 5 — Fold both 'legs' of the model up, crease very well, then unfold



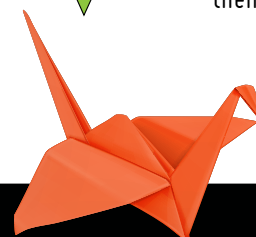
Step 6 — Inside Reverse Fold the "legs" along the creases you just made



Step 7 — Inside Reverse Fold one side to make a head, then fold down the wings

For more comprehensive audio-visual instructions visit [www.melvillecity.com.au/1000cranes](http://www.melvillecity.com.au/1000cranes).

## FINISHED!



# Volunteering for Fremantle CBC All Abilities Football Team - Heather Timms, Team Coordinator

## 1. How did you first get involved in volunteering?

I have two sons with Autism who play in the Integrated Football Program for Fremantle CBC and I became involved in 2010 when I was asked to be the Team Manager for the Fremantle CBC All Abilities Football Team. The team consists of players aged 16 years and over with Intellectual Disabilities, who play Aussie Rules Football in the WAAFL Integrated Football Program which commenced in 2009.

## 2. Tell us about the volunteering work you are involved in?

My role as "Team Coordinator" oversees the running of the Fremantle CBC All Abilities Football Team where we have 52 players split equally over two football teams, which is something we are very proud of.

In 2013 I was involved with the planning of our inaugural

Melbourne football trip where we took 26 players, together with our CBC coaching/support crew to Melbourne. The trip was such a success we went back in 2015 with 28 players.

I am on a few Committees in varied roles including the WAAFL Integrated Advisory Committee, WAAFL Integrated Delegates and a Committee member of our first WAAFL WA Integrated State Football Team. I also arrange team dinners, activities and various opportunities for our players to be involved with throughout the season.

## 3. What do you find most rewarding about your volunteer role?

I admire their courage, commitment and determination that our AA Team players show on the field and during their weekly training sessions. I love to see their smiles when they kick their first goal. I love to see our players enjoy playing



football and being part of a great group of guys. From first-hand experience with my own two sons, I know how much these kind of communities and sports teams help in terms of health benefits but also self-esteem and belonging, they make such great friends and learn so much throughout the season.

## 4. What advice would you give someone who was thinking about taking up volunteering?

Get involved and offer support where ever you can. The rewards are priceless. You just have to start with thinking about what you like doing, it could be sport, gardening, mentoring - whatever it is there will be something available and you're enthusiasm and willingness to help will be invaluable to the organisation or community you become part of.

## Out & About at the Garage Sale Trail 2016

**Name** Janet Thomas  
**Suburb** Teacher at Brentwood Primary School

### What is your favourite thing about the City of Melville?

I love the parks and wetlands in the City and visit them often. I also really like the community feel of the Brentwood Shopping Precinct with a great selection of produce and products to choose from.

### If you were Mayor for the day what would you do?

Being the Founder of Animal Aid Abroad Inc, I would make the City more dog friendly by creating more dog parks



**Name** L to R James, Jenny and Jack Scott  
**Suburb** Mount Pleasant

### What is your favourite thing about the City of Melville?

Jenny Scott – My family and I love all the community events the City puts on. Our favourite event is the Garage Sale Trail, where we can hunt for bargains and enjoy a great family day out.

### If you were Mayor for the day what would you do?

Jenny Scott – With my two boys James (8) and Jack (10) my primary focus at the moment is on education, so I would rally support and approach the State Government for more funding for education in WA.

**Name** L to R Ryen and Alessandro Osorio  
**Suburb** Brentwood

### What is your favourite thing about the City of Melville?

Alessandro – I love the swimming pool at LeisureFit Booragoon in the summer. I also love the parks and all the different species of birds in our neighbourhood.

### If you were Mayor for the day what would you do?

Ryen – I enjoy these community events and would put on more of them. It's great to see the community out and about, getting to know each other. I would put on more music events, such as Limestones and the Point Walter Concert.

