



Life in the City of Gosnells

Tree planting success to green City

More than 120,000 native seedlings were planted across the City of Gosnells over winter, enhancing local amenity and biodiversity for years to come.

About 10,000 of these were local tree species, which will support the City's pledge to achieve 30 per cent tree canopy coverage on City-controlled land. This will increase shade and help to cool the City's suburbs.

The two largest planting projects took place at Harmony Fields Reserve in Maddington and Southern River Confluence Foreshore Reserve in Thornlie, where the Canning and Southern rivers meet.

Thanks to external funding, extensive planting was carried out at these two sites, which together accounted for around 80,000 of the seedlings planted through City initiatives.

While the wet conditions in July and August posed challenges for planting in wetland and river areas, the additional soil moisture this spring is expected to encourage the plants to establish more quickly before the summer heat arrives.

Looking ahead, the City's plans to establish a new production nursery will further enhance its planting capacity – enabling cultivation of even more plants, including a diverse range species suited to local conditions.

Visit the City's website for information about sustainability in action in the City of Gosnells, including planting advice for your garden.



Make your vote count

Make your vote count at the upcoming City of Gosnells Council Election on **Saturday 18 October**.

Take part in shaping your community by voting in the City of Gosnells election, where six councillors will be elected to serve a four-year term.

Voting packs were sent to homes in late September.

Complete your ballot paper and return it in the reply-paid envelope, provided, to the WA Electoral Commission with enough time for it to arrive before election day.

Alternatively, deliver your completed ballot paper in person to the City of Gosnells Civic Centre, 2120 Albany Highway, Gosnells, during business hours or before 6pm on election day.

Ballot boxes will also be available at the four City of Gosnells libraries until close of business on **Thursday 16 October**.

For more details, visit the City's website.

Events season set to start

Don't miss any of the great City of Gosnells community events coming up during the warmer months – including Fusion Food and Culture Festival, Jingle All the Way, concerts, outdoor movies and much more.

The free, family-friendly events bring the community together in celebration.

City staff are hard at work planning all the exciting elements of next month's Fusion Festival, to be held on **Friday 7 November** and **Saturday 8 November**. See the events listing on the City's website for more details.



Events listing

School Holiday Drop-in at The Castle

Friday 3 October

2pm – 5pm

The Castle, Thornlie

Origami Club at Gosnells Library

Saturday 4 October

10am – 11.30am

Gosnells Library

Mental Health Basics – Mental

Health Awareness Week workshop

Tuesday 7 October

9.30am – 10.30am

Amherst Community Centre

Introduction to Auslan – family workshop

Tuesday 7 October

12pm – 1pm

Mills Park Library

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

Volunteers needed

The City is seeking casual volunteer bus drivers to help keep seniors active, connected and engaged in the community.

The bus service plays a vital role supporting older residents who no longer drive.

To volunteer, you'll need a minimum LR (Light Rigid) drivers' licence. Trials and training are available. Call 9391 6030 for details.

Councillor's Corner

One of the great strengths of our community is the incredible work carried out by our local not-for-profit organisations. Every week, I see first-hand the difference these groups make, from supporting families in need to creating spaces where people can connect, learn and belong.

The City of Gosnells is proud to stand behind these efforts through our Community Grants Program. These grants provide vital funding to help local groups deliver

projects, events and services that benefit our residents. Whether it's a small grant to support volunteer training or a larger grant to deliver a community event, the program ensures that grassroots initiatives can thrive.

I encourage all community groups to explore the grant opportunities available. Investing in local organisations means investing in the people who know our community best. Together, we can continue to build a strong, supportive and connected City. For details on upcoming grant rounds, visit our website.

Councillor Diane Lloyd

