



# Life in the City of Gosnells



## Record number of new citizens for City

A record number of City of Gosnells residents became Australian citizens last month, with three back-to-back ceremonies held on **Monday 20 April**.

More than 670 people were conferred as new citizens at Mills Park in Beckenham, pledging their commitment to Australia and its people.

Mayor Teresa Lynes said the new citizens came from 62 countries, including Mongolia, Croatia, Chile and Zambia, with India the most common country of origin.

"Each of these new citizens has put roots down in our local community and it is a privilege to share in this life-changing moment for our local residents," she said.

"To be eligible for citizenship, a person must have been a permanent resident in Australia for at least four years. This means each of these new citizens has already been contributing to our community and economy for some time.

"By officially welcoming these new citizens, we strengthen our diverse and vibrant community and ensure it continues to thrive."

Citizenship eligibility and assessments are managed by the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs, while local governments, including the City of Gosnells, host citizenship ceremonies for their communities.



## Feast your eyes on art

Head over to the Lyal Richardson Hall in Gosnells to view almost 200 vibrant and diverse artworks, as part of the City of Gosnells Community Art Exhibition and Awards.

The exhibition is free to enter from **Saturday 16 May to Sunday 24 May**.

Established and emerging artists will compete across 11 categories for a total prize pool of \$10,000, including the \$5,000 Overall Acquisitive Award. Visitors can also vote for the People's Choice Award.

Visit the City's website for details.



## Events listing

### Felt Flowers Workshop at the Museum

Saturday 9 May  
10.30am – 12.30pm  
City of Gosnells Museum at Wilkinson Homestead

### French Friends at Gosnells Library

Monday 11 May  
10am – 12pm  
Gosnells Library

### Men in the Hood

Saturday 16 May  
1pm – 4pm  
Thornlie Park Centre

### Morning Melodies – Dusty Springfield Tribute

Wednesday 20 May  
11am – 12pm  
DRPAC

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

## Museum at the Shops

The City of Gosnells Museum is heading out into the community this month, with a special collection of objects on display at Maddington Central shopping centre.

Part of the Australian Heritage Festival, the satellite exhibition will showcase the rich history and heritage of the district.

The exhibition will be open from 10am to 2pm, Monday to Thursday, until **Thursday 14 May**.

For more details, visit [gosnells.wa.gov.au](http://gosnells.wa.gov.au).



## Councillor's Corner

As a Councillor for the City of Gosnells for the past 15 years, I've seen firsthand how our community works best when we think of our City like a household. Just like any home, we don't have a bottomless pool of money. Every dollar must be carefully considered, balanced and spent where it's needed most.

In recent years, costs have risen significantly, while our rate increases have remained modest. This reflects a long-standing commitment by this Council to be responsible and measured, especially compared to other areas where rates have risen much more sharply.

It can be frustrating when expectations for services continue to grow, but resources do not. Every request, whether it's verge mowing or park maintenance, comes with a trade-off. Funding one service often means scaling back another.

We are all doing our best with what we have. By working together, understanding these challenges and supporting sensible decisions, we can keep rates manageable and continue to enjoy the community we share.

**Councillor Glenn Dewhurst**

## Keep your pet safe

This winter, make sure your pet has a protected place to hide from wet and wild weather.

Check fences and gates are secure, to prevent pets from running off during storms, and ensure your pet's registration details are up-to-date so they can be returned quickly if they escape. Register your pet via the City's website.