



THE CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICY AWARDS

2017 SHOWCASE

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THE POLICY AWARDS

ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCACY INSTITUTE WA

Following establishment in 2008, PHAIWA has contributed to raising the public profile and understanding of public health in the Local Government sector through influencing public health policy and political agendas. The seven key priority areas for PHAIWA include; obesity, Local Government, alcohol, environment and health, Indigenous health, child health and gambling. Our purpose is to develop, promote and support public health advocacy in Western Australia. We aim to translate relevant research and project findings to policy makers with the purpose of generating change and action.



BACKGROUND TO THE CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICY AWARDS

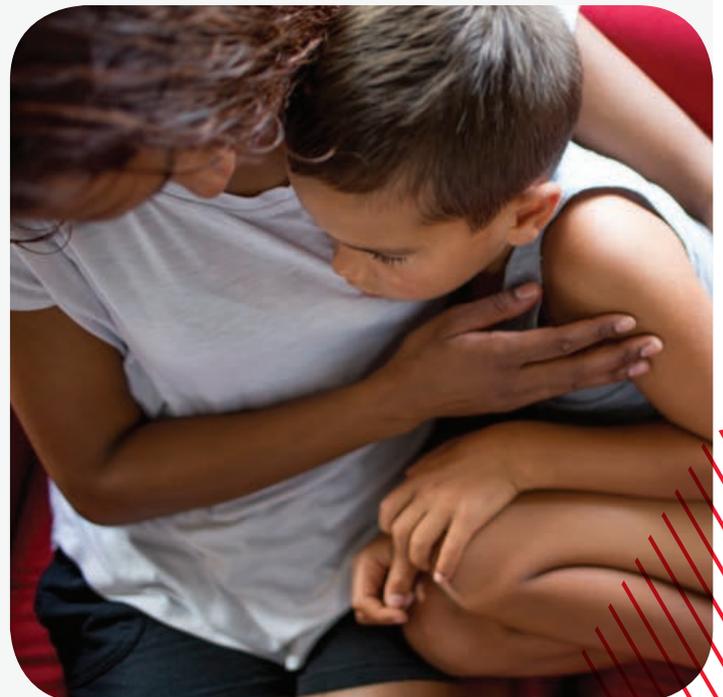
The Children's Environment and Health Local Government Policy Awards were developed to illustrate the important role that Local Government plays in promoting happy and healthy children and young people. Healthy environments for childhood have a positive impact and influence on the future health of children as well as the surrounding community.

Involving young people in decision making is also an important strategy. Young people should have the opportunity to influence decisions that are made about their community and to express their views.

The Children's Environment and Health Local Government Policy Awards aim to promote positive environmental change and integrate children's environment and health issues and voices within policies and plans in the Local Government sector.

The project recognises the strategies that Local Governments are undertaking in order to improve and promote child health.

The Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) and Healthway have been partners in this project since 2012. The 5th edition of the project saw a new partnership develop with the Commissioner for Children and Young People Western Australia who individually sponsored the Children's Consultation category. The Cancer Council WA added their support in 2016 sponsoring the Smoke Free Environment and Shade in Public Places categories.





NUMBER OF SUBMISSIONS

Since the beginning of the project in 2011, 58 Local Governments (35 regional and 23 metropolitan) have submitted their policies to be reviewed by a report card. Over the past seven years, 128 submissions have been received with many Local Governments submitting over multiple years. It is estimated that this project has reached over 450,000 people aged 0-19 years old.

- City of Albany
- City of Armadale
- Shire of Augusta – Margaret River
- Shire of Ashburton
- City of Canning
- Shire of Capel
- City of Cockburn
- Shire of Collie
- East Metropolitan Regional Council
- Shire of East Pilbara
- Shire of Goomalling
- City of Greater Geraldton
- Shire of Harvey
- Shire of Kalamunda
- Shire of Katanning
- City of Kwinana
- Shire of Lake Grace
- Shire of Laverton
- Shire of Meekatharra
- Shire of Menzies
- Shire of Merredin
- Shire of Narrogin
- Town of Victoria Park
- City of Wanneroo
- Shire of Yalgoo



CATEGORIES

Local Governments can apply to showcase their policies across 14 different categories. These include:

- Aboriginal Child Health
- Children's Consultation
- Child Health and Development
- Climate Change
- Early Literacy
- Environments Promoting Physical Activity
- Healthy and Safe Food
- Injury Prevention
- Nature Play
- Planning Healthy Communities for Children
- Road and Active Transport Safety
- Shade in Public Places
- Smoke Free Environments
- Young People Making a Difference in Communities



WHY A REPORT CARD?

A report card is an easy way to illustrate how well a Local Government is doing in relation to developing and implementing policies that promote health and wellbeing of children and young people. Our report is used to assess policy, evaluate program quality, promote program improvement and inform and advocate for programs in many settings including schools, urban planning and health services.

Applications and supporting documentation are submitted to one of the 14 categories of which they consider their policies are most suitable. The marking and reviewing process utilises information from each submission to assess the strategy against:

- Forward planning – how the Local Government planned within this category specifically targeting children in policy development or strategic planning (scored out of 5).
- Proof of implementation – how the plans were implemented in the community (scored out of 4).
- Consultation – whether there was any consultation within the community (specifically with children) to determine their needs and highlight gaps in services (scored out of 2).

The marking format is similar to that used in academic grading on any report card.

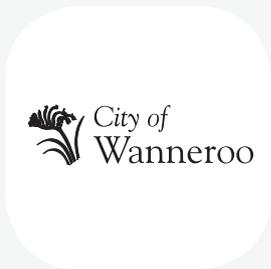
GRADE	SCORE
A+	11
A	9 - 10
B+	8
B	7
C+	5 - 6
C	<4
NE	No evidence submitted

THE WINNERS' SHOWCASE

The Winners' Showcase acknowledges and celebrates the Local Governments who have embraced and included children in their decision making processes and have provided supportive environments for children and young people.

The Showcase presents the details of the strategies for the winning Local Government of each category and demonstrates the innovation within their policies to address the health and wellbeing of children. These positive outcomes of the Local Government strategies encourage other Local Governments to integrate children's environment and health into their policies.

OVERALL WINNER: City of Wanneroo



REGIONAL AWARD: Shire of Collie



OVERALL CATEGORY WINNERS

Aboriginal Child Health:

City of Kwinana

Children's Consultation:

City of Kalamunda

Child Health and Development:

City of Wanneroo

Climate Change:

City of Kalamunda

Early Literacy:

Shire of Collie

Environments Promoting Physical Activity:

East Metropolitan Regional Council

Healthy and Safe Food:

Town of Victoria Park

Injury Prevention:

City of Kwinana

Nature Play:

City of Wanneroo

Planning Healthy Communities for Children:

Shire of Ashburton

Road and Active Transport Safety:

City of Albany

Shade in Public Places:

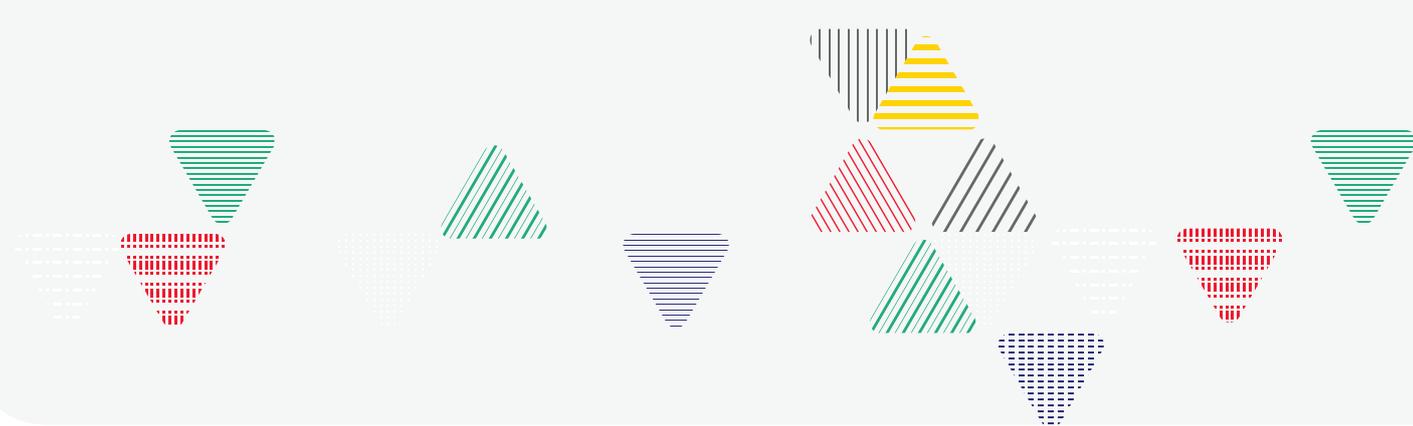
City of Cockburn

Smoke Free Environments:

City of Kwinana

Young People Making a Difference in Communities:

Shire of Goomalling



ABORIGINAL CHILD HEALTH



WINNER: City of Kwinana

The Kwinana Adventure Park is part of the extensive redevelopment of the Kwinana City Centre. In line with the City's engagement policy, and central to the project was the development and delivery of the *Kwinana Adventure Park Art* program.

A group of 15 young Indigenous people and local artists worked together to craft sculptural seating using old growth timber logs which feature throughout the new Kwinana Adventure Park. The community arts project created a sense of place around the Adventure Park by creating a link to local Indigenous history and culture.

In addition to channelling their creativity into producing a tangible artistic piece, the young people attended weekly skills development workshops which focused on resume writing, budgeting and money management, goal setting, and communication skills. The project provided a unique opportunity to engage local Indigenous youth in cultural awareness, artistic development and life skills.



The Kwinana Adventure Park



COMMENDABLE: Shire of Laverton

The Shire of Laverton has excelled in forward planning in the area of Aboriginal Child Health, aiming for a 'proud, spirited, harmonious and connected community with a strong sense of community pride and ownership'.

The Laverton youth programs are designed to provide a variety of participatory, culturally appropriate and fun activities. These include *Bike Maintenance and Ride* projects and collective community gardens.

One of the most popular activities is going 'out bush'. Led by elders and community members, it fosters skills and knowledge of bush plants and animals being shared with the wider community. This activity offers the opportunity to learn about the diverse history and culture of the local Aboriginal people, with participants searching for and discovering honey ants and bush bananas, as well as cooking a delicious damper bread for all to share.

At the community's request, an educational, photographic booklet explaining different seasonal plants, animals, and other relevant bush information is being produced using Wongatha words with English translations.



A goanna caught while 'Out Bush'

CHILDREN'S CONSULTATION



WINNER: City of Kalamunda

The City of Kalamunda is committed to being 'a community that listens to, engages with and involves its young people in decision making', a philosophy which underpins its youth planning process.

The City has consulted with young people to capture their knowledge and experience in a range of ways, including online surveys, face to face engagement at community events, and via a variety of youth related organisations, partners and stakeholders.

The Youth Services Team currently runs an extensive program of free activities and events for young people. These include 'tried and tested' (annual or regular popular events), 'experimental' (variations to keep things fresh), and 'aspirational' (activities of value where the outcomes may be less tangible, but longer term).



Consultation with young people

COMMENDABLE: Shire of Augusta-Margaret River

The Shire of Augusta-Margaret River provides a broad range of interactive opportunities for young people to run their own consultation and engagement activities, and provide feedback used in Local Government planning.

The Shire's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is made up of local young people who work to advise the Shire on all things hip and happening, meeting every Thursday throughout the school year. This group has contributed to the redesign of the Skate Park and played an increasing role in positive community management of the Zone Room and Margaret River Youth Precinct.

An annual highlight is *MR SAM* – a Skate Art Music Youth Festival organised by the YAC, and attended by an estimated 200 locals this year. The YAC have had an increasing role in recycling and reuse activities, volunteering time at the Margaret River Agricultural Show and the National Youth Week events. They also coordinate a Facebook page, run regular surveys, and encourage young people to come to the Zone Room.



Young people enjoying the redesigned skate park



CHILD HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT



All About Stories in the library



WINNER: City of Wanneroo

The City of Wanneroo has a comprehensive forward plan to support children and young people, with strong partnerships and consultation with community groups, young people and their families. Continually reviewing and evaluating the *Public Health Plan and Early Childhood Strategy* shows the City's commitment to the health and wellbeing of the children and young people in their community.

Numerous initiatives - weekly drop in programs; toy libraries; diverse library programs; education programs run by the Cultural Services Team at the Museum, Gallery and Heritage Houses; support for playgroups including access and funding; and a range of physical activity programs at the Kingsway Stadium - support and create opportunities to encourage active and healthy lifestyles in children and young people.

Notably, Roseworth Child and Parent Centre was supported to attend 'Jamie's Ministry of Food' classes, and The City's first Parkrun was launched at Quinn's Rocks foreshore. It offered a free, timed 5km walk or run for any community member regardless of age, gender or ability.

COMMENDABLE: Shire of East Pilbara

The Newman Early Years Network worked with Newman residents, and identified that they were largely unaware of many of the services offered in the district that aim to promote a more cohesive and engaged community life.

This prompted the Shire to take a collaborative approach to sharing information and enhancing coordination of children's services, which were then integrated within the Shire's policies. As a result of this partnership, a number of projects have evolved.

The SkoolBag App, an easy to use resource, was implemented to keep families with children connected. Additionally, an Early Years Community Directory was developed to provide an online resource for families, detailing a range of service providers and school holiday activities.

The Shire is also recognised for their work on National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Children's Day where it planned a fun-filled day of activities hosted by a variety of agencies within Newman, together with lunch and a performance by local Aboriginal community members.



Activities at the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Children's Day

CLIMATE CHANGE



WINNER: City of Kalamunda

The City of Kalamunda delivers a range of environmental strategies, plans and policies to increase awareness and engage children and young people in caring for their natural surroundings.

In partnership with Kalamunda Senior High School, The City coordinated over 40 volunteer hours of planting, weeding, collecting rubbish and tracking native animals on Kalamunda's Railway Heritage Trail for students who were completing their Duke of Edinburgh award.

A Commemorative Tree Planting Event is also held in July each year, which recognises children born in the Kalamunda area. Families are invited to take part by helping to revegetate three local parks and reserves, where a single plaque with the names of all children born in the area that year is also installed. Those participating receive their own tree to plant at home, as well as a personalised certificate. An excellent community building activity, the 2017 project resulted in 130 families getting involved and receiving a tree to plant at home, with an additional 145 trees planted in the parks and reserves.



A commemorative tree to revegetate a local park on the community planting day

COMMENDABLE: City of Wanneroo

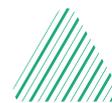
The Shire of Wanneroo's *Climate Change Adaption and Mitigation Strategy* aims to promote and protect local areas including beaches, national park, bushland, and open spaces to minimise the impacts of climate change as they arise.

The focus on sustainable communities with children included activities such as verge tree planting, rehabilitation of areas, and art workshops to educate young people on waste and recycling.

The continuation of the *Go Green Yanchep* project saw the delivery of a suite of activities focused on simple and positive environmental actions to highlight the importance of caring for the environment, including *Switch Your Thinking*, *National Tree Day* and *Garage Sale Trail*.



Strategy in place to protect local beaches



EARLY LITERACY



A 'Little Library'



WINNER: Shire of Collie

The Collie Public Library provides a variety of activities structured to promote literacy and encourage a love of reading. One example is the *Little Library* project, which allows young people to access their 'take a book, return a book' free book exchange.

The Shire worked in collaboration with the Collie Heritage and Men's Shed Group to build the libraries, which were then distributed to all the primary schools, Ngalang Boodja Aboriginal Centre, PCYC, Scouts, and the community garden. Children from the schools, Scouts and PCYC were involved in their painting and decoration.

The Shire now has ten *Little Libraries* throughout the community; they not only provide access to books for those who would not normally visit a public library, but also promote ongoing community spirit and assist in the sharing of skills, creativity and wisdom across generations.

COMMENDABLE: Shire of Narrogin

The Narrogin Library delivers a range of inclusive and creative programs which provide a positive environment to foster learning for the children in the community.

A *CoderDojo* group has been established, which encourages local young people to use the library PCs and laptops to learn coding. The program specifically targets local Indigenous or vulnerable people. Homemade pizza is provided at the end of the program to encourage young people to attend, and to help them feel more comfortable in a library setting.

The library also runs a very successful *Home Crew Homeschoolers Club* with children and parents driving up to two hours from surrounding towns to participate. All areas of the curriculum are covered, and there is a focus on group activities that teach children to communicate and cooperate within small teams.



Activities at the library

ENVIRONMENTS PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



'Eric' and the Swan River Ramble Map



WINNER: Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council

The *Swan River Ramble* demonstrates the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council's (EMRC) collaborative approach to undertaking initiatives; it worked across several local and state government agencies to produce an exciting new activity for the community.

Launched to coincide with Bike Week and the Term 1 school holidays, The *Swan River Ramble* utilises colourful path signage and QR codes to highlight attractions at 14 different locations around the Swan River. A fictional character named Eric assists with directions along the path, and adds a fun element for children and families while they enjoy all that the Swan River has to offer.

A competition was also run for those who visited in its opening weeks and correctly answered questions via a QR reader. Demographic data collected during this time showed that the Ramble was well used by both locals and visitors, with many children as young as four years old participating.

COMMENDABLE: Shire of Meekatharra

The Shire of Meekatharra's Youth Service employs a full-time Youth Sports and Recreation Officer. With a lack of organised sport elsewhere in the community, the Shire fills the role of a "Club" by providing two sessions per weekday of various seasonal sports - including football, basketball, netball, athletics and swimming. The Shire has implemented a mentoring program, with the goal of community members forming and running clubs in the future.

The Youth Service also formed a partnership with the Stephen Michael Foundation, which enabled them to launch their first country program in Meekatharra. As well as offering role modelling, it highlights future opportunities for young people to improve their lifestyle outcomes through sports.



Children enjoying a game of night footy

HEALTHY AND SAFE FOOD



Giving the blender bike a run



WINNER: Town of Vic Park

The *Healthy Vic Park Plan* has provided strategic directions for the category of healthy and safe food, including a major objective to guide and encourage the community to lead healthy lifestyles through the provision of educational opportunities. The community vision is to enable residents to learn about healthy eating, as well as having nutritious and safe food options available.

The Town purchased a bike blender for making smoothies, which has proven very popular in teaching young people about healthy eating, specifically fruit and vegetable intake. The bike is used at library events, in the school holiday program, and as part of *Healthy Family Food* nutrition sessions held at the library during the school holidays. The City's dietitian has created a nutrition session to supplement the smoothie making exercise.

The bike blender is available for schools and community groups to hire and use for events and fundraising opportunities. As part of the bike hire, all hirers receive recipe suggestions and resources on fruit and vegetable intake.



COMMENDABLE: City of Wanneroo

The City of Wanneroo is committed to providing family and community support to ensure children and young people are given the best possible chance to learn about, develop and achieve good mental and physical health. This includes multiple strategies that target children's nutrition and access to safe food.

The City delivers an extensive range of programs suitable for a variety of age groups.

Ongoing healthy eating and cooking classes are delivered in The City's youth centres with health-related information available to young people who drop in. The continuation of the *Scores on Doors* program provides a food hygiene rating visible to consumers for all food outlets in the area, and healthy options including water are available at all City events.

The City's *Community Garden Policy* fosters community relationships and is supported by *Foodscaping*, *Winter Gardening* and *Vegetable Gardening* workshops; aimed at children they promote the benefits of both healthy eating and community gardens.

The City is also supporting a Food Truck Trial, where a number of food truck vendors provide healthy food options in the area. This allows families and children to utilise and connect in public spaces in their local neighbourhoods whilst accessing the various healthy food options on offer.



Community garden

INJURY PREVENTION



WINNER: City of Kwinana

The City of Kwinana recognises and addresses potential injury hazards with an emphasis on inclusion and child focused initiatives.

The *Access and Inclusion Working Group* has been instrumental in lobbying for crosswalks to the major shopping centre and the Kwinana skate park in an effort to prevent pedestrian injuries.

Another success has seen a reduction in the speed limit on a major arterial road to reduce the risk of potential injury for all users – in particular, the elderly who live at the local retirement village nearby, and the young people who cross the road to access the Kwinana Adventure Park.



Keeping safe at the skate park

COMMENDABLE: City of Wanneroo

The City of Wanneroo places a prominent focus on reducing harm through injury and creating a safe and connected community, as evidenced by the *Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan* and *Strategic Community Plan*.

The City continues to support the ongoing delivery of the *Your Move* program which encourages active forms of transport to and from school, reducing traffic and parking issues to ensure a safer environment for children.

Free bike skills workshops are also provided to primary schools, teaching children basic road awareness, as well as how to safely ride a bike.

As part of their *Youth Engagement* program, The Wanneroo Library also facilitated a '000 Hero' book launch with St. John's Ambulance, which taught children under eight years old how to identify an emergency and call 000.



Free bike skills workshop

NATURE PLAY



WINNER: City of Wanneroo

The City of Wanneroo supports the benefits of nature play by increasing awareness of parks and trails, and designing spaces to engage children in quality experiences in natural environments.

The Cubby Town event supported by The City at Yanchep National Park was attended by over 5000 people. This event encouraged children and families to experience play environments and participate in risk and resilient play. Children enjoyed building cubbies and forts, making mud pies, creating nature crafts, and testing their abilities on the rock climbing wall and high ropes course.

Many existing parks have also been renewed to provide an increased variety of nature play elements. Cheltondale Park in Madeley was converted from remnant bushland into a recreational park containing brightly coloured play equipment, as well as nature based play throughout the park via a combination of equipment and pathways. The park contains two interpretive panels highlighting the environmental features of the site.

Nature Play WA was a supporting partner of the recent *Your Move Wanneroo* program. They provided a Nature Play Passport resource which was included in a pack sent to 10,500 households; it promoted various 'missions' that encouraged children to get creative via numerous outdoor activities.



Cubby Town event at Yanchep National Park

COMMENDABLE: City of Cockburn

The *Dads 'n Tots Mud Trek* and *Mums 'n Bubs Nature Hike* were two very popular events organised by the City of Cockburn's Environmental Services to encourage parents to discover the secret sites of Cockburn with a guided wetland or bushland adventure. These free events were designed to connect parents and their young children with the positive benefits of being in nature, increase their fitness and wellbeing, and help them meet other new parents.

The City runs numerous environmental education initiatives aimed at children. These include *World Environment Day* school festivals held in primary schools annually; *Cockatoo KIDS Club* programs which teach children about wildlife; and *Turtle Watch* workshops and activities that provide information about turtles, and promote reporting turtle sightings in the area.

A nature playground was built in Dixon Reserve in response to community feedback, and nature play features were also a part of the new Bibra Lake Regional Playground.



Mum's 'n Bubs nature hike

COMMENDABLE: Shire of Yalgoo

Despite its remote location, The Shire of Yalgoo recognises the importance of nature play spaces in its community and provides both physical and creative play opportunities for its young residents.

The Shire created a nature play space around the community hall kitchen, which encompassed features such as shade sails and a vegetable garden to encourage community members to gather in the area.

While the Shire supplied all the equipment and resources, community members took on the challenge of transforming the area by planting fruit trees, tending the vegetable garden and fixing the water tank. The project is ongoing, with members of the community working together after work and on weekends.



The community outdoor space

PLANNING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN



WINNER: Shire of Ashburton

The Shire's forward planning around promoting healthy environments for children is exceptional, with a strong commitment shown to increasing opportunities for children, making the town family-friendly, and encouraging community involvement. To this end, they have partnered with BHP, Buurabalayji Thalanyji Aboriginal Corporation, Chevron Australia, the Onslow Primary School and a number of local businesses to provide a great range of new facilities for children within the town of Onslow.

These facilities include a children's water park, rec centre, swimming pool, new multi-purpose courts, a children's art space and a community garden. The highlight is the colourful new skate park, with an eye-catching design intended to resemble the internal chambers of a termite mound. Named "The Fish Bowl" by locals, it has become central to the vibrant community hub, and was recently named the number one play space in Australia. A large part of the community was involved in its development, and eight young people were further appointed ambassadors of the project, assisting with design details and construction.



The new 'Fish Bowl' skate park

COMMENDABLE: Shire of Collie

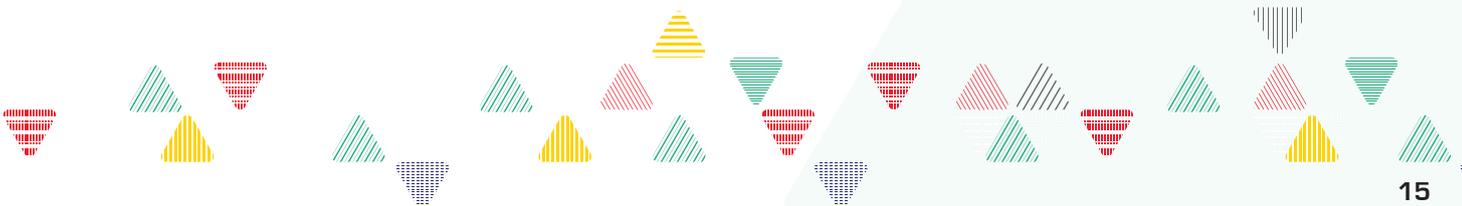
During the redevelopment of the Collie CBD, the Shire recognised the need to provide and promote healthy opportunities for children and young people, with spaces for them to interact. With this in mind, Central Park was designed to attract and provide families and visitors with a vibrant, stimulating outdoor space catering for recreational and cultural activities. The completed area included a stage, grassed amphitheatre, tables and chairs, BBQs and a kiosk.

A number of free events have since been held at Central Park, including the official opening concert by award-winning artists Sisters Doll and Kate Hindle; both hailing from Collie, they were fantastic role models for the young people in attendance, showing what is possible with determination and hard work.

Australia Day was celebrated with an outdoor movie, preceded by live music performed by a local musician. Paper plane making and throwing competitions, roving mascot characters, bouncy castles and giant games of Snakes and Ladders, Twister, Noughts and Crosses, Jenga, and Connect Four were some of the fun interactive activities available for families to enjoy.



Sisters Doll performing on the new stage in the redeveloped CBD



SHADE IN PUBLIC PLACES



Bibra Lake regional playground



WINNER: City of Cockburn

The City of Cockburn prioritises shade in public places by regularly auditing the shelter in playgrounds and recreational reserves, and communicating the results annually to the community. As a result of public feedback from these reviews, six shade sails have since been installed at Meller Park, Santich Park, Watson Oval,

Horse Hire Park, Chorus Park, Kurrajong Park, and the Bibra Lake Regional Playground. The Council now ensures that all new playgrounds are built in such a way as to maximise the use of shady trees, or to include shade sail construction.

COMMENDABLE: City of Wanneroo

The City has completed its first year of implementation of the *Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation Strategy 2016-2020*, which identifies how the City and the community are exposed to the effects of climate change, and how to both adapt to and reduce the associated risks.

During winter, the City of Wanneroo planted 14,000 trees from tube stock in conservation reserves with the support of local schools, community groups and residents. These planting events provided an opportunity for locals to engage with the community and support the City's conservation volunteers and schools. They also helped to improve biodiversity and raise awareness of local natural areas.

Tree planting is the City's preferred primary shade provider for playgrounds and picnic areas, with shade sails installed until the trees have grown enough to provide adequate shade. The planting

aligns with the objectives of the City's *Strategic Community Plan* and *Public Health Plan*, and received positive feedback from residents.



Community tree planting

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENTS



WINNER: City of Kwinana

The City of Kwinana continues to recognise the damages associated with second-hand smoke, along with the costs associated with fires and litter from discarded cigarette butts and packaging. The City has made a commitment to improving the health of the community through the *Kwinana Healthy Lifestyles Plan*. A Smoke Free Kwinana policy under this plan will assist to provide a safer and healthier environment for all residents and visitors.

To recognise this commitment, the City runs an event each year to raise awareness about *World No Tobacco Day*. In 2017, in partnership with the Kwinana Schools and Community Network (KSCN), three classes participated in a 'Design a Sign' competition. Students were asked to create a 'no smoking zone' sign, with the best being developed into real signage for use at future school events.



World No Tobacco Day 'Design a Sign' competition entry

COMMENDABLE: City of Cockburn

The City of Cockburn has a raft of actions aimed at reducing residents' exposure to second-hand smoke. For example, The City has extensive 'no smoking' signage, flyers, and posters, which can be found at playgrounds and youth events.

To extend this important message, the City received a Healthway sponsorship to include the 'smoke free and drug aware' messages as an important part of a *Super Summer Skaters* project – a skateboard coaching program rolled out over the past year.



Young people enjoying the redesigned skate park

ROAD AND ACTIVE TRANSPORT SAFETY



WINNER: City of Albany

The City of Albany prides itself on creating an environment which enhances community health and wellbeing and encourages a bike riding culture. The *Cycle City Albany Strategy* aims to engage and up-skill children in road and active transport safety with several education and awareness programs implemented with local children, schools and families.

The *Share the Road/Path Campaign* promotes a culture of mutual respect on roads and paths regularly used by cyclists throughout the Albany region via the installation of 50 'share the road/path' signs and targeted media messaging on local television, radio, and cinema. This message is further promoted at local community events, school presentations and in combination with their 'ride to' events.

The City of Albany's TravelSmart Officer worked with local schools to plan and implement programs to encourage their students and staff to walk or ride to work and school, with approximately 250 school children participating and appreciating the benefits of active transport for their health and the environment.

The *Commuter Choices Campaign* supports the community riding or walking to events and destinations by providing way-finding signage, walking routes and distances. The *Bike Skills Sessions* and *All Abilities Park Ride* encourages children to ride their bikes to the park and helps to develop bike skills and safety knowledge.



Kids enjoying Albany's bike riding culture



COMMENDABLE: Town of Victoria Park

The Town of Victoria Park partnered with the Department of Transport to be part of the *Your Move* program. Participating schools and teachers attended an initial workshop, signed up to be active members of the program website, collected survey data to assess how their students were currently travelling, and then hosted two breakfast events focused on inspiring their whole school community to be active for their trip to school. Several activities such as *Safe Routes to School* also encouraged families to map their school route and provide feedback on any barriers or opportunities for improvement. This information was collated and used to create a local access map called *Map Your Move*.

A week long campaign called *Make Your Move Week* was also held, encouraging families to find 25 *Your Move Monsters* that were 'hiding' on local streets.



Children involved in the Your Move program

YOUNG PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN COMMUNITIES



WINNER: Shire of Goomalling

This year the Shire of Goomalling developed the *Gooma Squad* – a collective of young people that consult and assist with engaging other young people in the development of the Council's *Our Youth, Our Future, Youth Friendly Community Plan*.

The Goomalling Youth Zone, with the support of the WA Police Crime Prevention Fund, provides activities and workshops on Friday nights for young people. The activities are targeted at high-risk youth, and include practical skills such as cooking their own meals while providing a safe environment for relaxation.

Following the completion of Goomalling's BMX Pocket Park, the Council hosted *Dismantle* to facilitate a three day *BikeRescue* program. This enabled youth to achieve a sense of accomplishment by overcoming the challenges of fully restoring an old bike. As a reward for their dedication and hard work in completing the program, participants got to keep the bike once they had finished.



Participants in the BikeRescue program



COMMENDABLE: Shire of Capel

The Shire of Capel clearly prioritises consultation with young people, as evidenced by the objectives identified in both the *Community* and *Youth Strategic Plans*, and the actions taken to increase participation and empower young people.

Captivate Capel was an initiative held during the school holidays that employed local artists to run a number of free workshops with young people. As well as teaching drawing skills and aerosol art techniques, the workshops gave youth ownership of the space they hang out in by allowing them to devise a design concept to repaint the Capel Skate Park. This made the young people feel like their ideas were valued, and allowed them to express their creativity.

The launch of *Captivate Capel* also included a whole public community art project, with children being encouraged to paint on the Shire water tank and get involved in a chalk street art project. A skating competition held by *Freestyle Now* gave young people in the Shire a chance to showcase their talents as well as the new skate park design.



Capel Skate Park



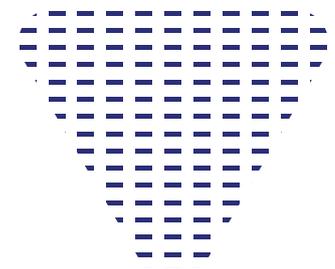
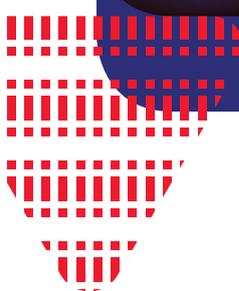
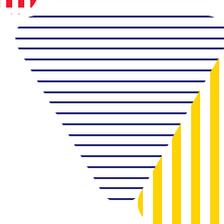




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