

10th Anniversary

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICY AWARDS

Children • Environment • Health

2020 Showcase





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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Local Governments play an important role in contributing to public health policy outcomes.

That is why I am proud to support the Local Government Policy Awards for Children, Environment and Health, now in their 10th year.

These important awards continue to grow, with more than 80 submissions for 29 Local Governments received in 2020.

This number is up significantly from last year, which is particularly admirable given the adversity that 2020 has brought our communities.

The work of the Public Health Advocacy Institute of WA is vitally important in translating relevant research and project findings, so that policy makers can develop strategies for change.

Congratulations to everyone involved in these awards, which celebrate best practice and the best possible outcomes for the environment, for health and for children.

Hon. David Templeman MLA
*Minister for Local Government Heritage;
Culture and the Arts*



A NOTE FROM OUR SUPPORTERS



Local Governments play a valuable role in championing healthy communities throughout Western Australia.

Sporting clubs, parks, playgrounds and community venues are all environments that can have a positive impact on children and families health and wellbeing.

The Awards provide an opportunity to recognise the innovative approaches that Local Governments have taken to create sustainable, connected and healthy communities.

Healthway is proud to work in partnership with the Public Health Advocacy Institute of Western Australia to support the Awards, and to strengthen public health efforts that encourage healthy lifestyles for all Western Australians.

Susan Hunt PSM
Healthway CEO



Commissioner for
Children and Young People
Western Australia

All Local Governments have an important role to play in improving the wellbeing of our children and young people.

My inaugural Speaking Out Survey of almost 5,000 WA young people found that some did not feel a sense of belonging to their community or that there were fun things to do within their local area.

Children and young people make up almost one quarter of our State's total population, so it is vital that they are consulted and considered in planning and services. I support the LG Policy Awards as they continue to highlight innovative approaches to include children and young people within their communities.

Colin Pettit
Commissioner for Children and Young People



WALGA

The positive impact of health initiatives in childhood is especially pertinent this year, given the global pandemic. These initiatives not only serve to help individual children, but they also establish a foundation of greater beginnings, which will extend through their growing years and across the whole community.

Local Government plays a key role in promoting and delivering these initiatives and applies evidence-based policy development and planning to create supportive environments that lead to an increased level of health and wellbeing within our communities.

This important program with PHAIWA allows us to showcase Local Government projects and recognise the far-reaching positive impacts of such initiatives. I encourage all Local Governments to consider entering their projects in the 2021 Awards and thank all in the sector for their positive and inspirational initiatives.

Mayor Tracey Roberts
WALGA President



The Local Government Policy Awards are an important opportunity to reflect on and acknowledge the crucial role and hard work of Local Governments to create sustainable and supportive healthy environments. We know the environments where we live, work and play have an enormous impact on the health and wellbeing of our communities. Cancer Council WA is proud to celebrate the success of Local Governments and to be a part of the awards. Not only do the awards allow Local Governments to showcase their success, but it shows their leadership and innovation so other councils can see firsthand what is possible. And everyone can benefit from that!

Melissa Ledger
*Cancer Prevention and Research Director,
Cancer Council WA*

THE POLICY AWARDS



ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCACY INSTITUTE OF WA

It has been a pleasure to have witnessed the Local Government Policy Awards grow from a pilot project in 2011 with just under 20 Local Governments entering, through to the widespread success that it is today. As a founding member of the 22 strong Environment and Health Advocacy Committee that guided the development of the Policy Awards, it has been a privilege to be involved throughout the last decade.

Promoting the policy levers at the community level through a statewide showcase document and providing constructive feedback to the entrants through a report card, has been a successful and innovative advocacy strategy that acted as both an effective evaluation mechanism of local government corporate strategy and an instrument to promote positive change in the local government sector.

The Policy Awards have adapted over the past decade to align with emerging evidence, entailing categories to come and go or be amended to better suit the local government sector policy environment. The most rewarding aspect of being involved has been to see the fabulous policies and projects that WA Local Governments have developed to achieve and promote health and wellbeing for the young people in their jurisdictions. Here's to another decade of policy action and recognition through the Local Government Policy Awards!

Melissa Stoneham
Senior Research Fellow and Former Director

As we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Awards we recognise the valuable contribution that our Local Governments, supporters and partners have made to improving the health and wellbeing of children in our communities. The longevity and success of this project lies with the commitment, collaboration and contribution of all involved.

Local Governments are uniquely placed and have been instrumental in driving environmental changes to support children's health. The past decade has seen a growth and diversification in Public Health Policies that protect children and promote child health by creating supportive environments. These policies are important as they have broadened, strengthened, guided initiatives, and improved the sustainability of government action.

At the heart of all initiatives are the children and young people themselves, and Local Governments are key to involving them in decision-making, giving children a voice, and ensuring their needs are met.

The Awards themselves have increased awareness of the types of action Local Government take to improve child health. The number of Award submissions has increased each year. The initiatives are creative and inspiring, making it increasingly difficult to select winners. Thank you to all of the Local Government Officers who have developed project submissions; this is no small feat.

The Awards provide an opportunity to share and learn from each other and highlight the incredible work happening in our communities. On behalf of PHAIWA we would like to thank all who have been involved, your contribution is appreciated and is making a difference. May we together, continue to advocate, inspire others, and build healthier futures for our children.

Associate Professor Christina Pollard
Director of PHAIWA

Since 2008, PHAIWA has worked with the support of Curtin University, to influence policy, through the promotion and implementation of public health advocacy at local, state, national and international levels. By raising the profile and understanding of public health, particularly in the Local Government sector, it has been possible to develop local networks which can influence public health policy and political agendas.

With a focus on child health, Local Government, environment and health, alcohol, tobacco, obesity and Aboriginal health, PHAIWA seeks to promote and support public health advocacy in Western Australia. The aim of our work being 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 POLICY AWARDS

The Local Government Policy Awards were developed to illustrate the important role that Local Governments play in fostering happy and healthy children and young people. Healthy childhood environments have a positive long-term impact and can influence the future health of children as well as the surrounding community. Young people should have the opportunity to express their views and influence decisions that are made about their community, with the involvement of young people in decision making fundamental to this project.

The 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 Government are undertaking in order to improve and promote child health. The Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts, Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA), Healthway, the Commissioner for Children and Young People Western Australia and the Cancer Council WA are strong supporters of the awards.

CATEGORIES

Local Governments can apply to show case their policies across 11 different categories:

- Aboriginal Child Health
- Action on Alcohol
- Children's Consultation
- Child Health and Development
- Climate Change
- Environments Promoting Physical Activity
- Healthy Food
- Planning Healthy Communities for Children
- 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 11 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 each category specifically targeting children in policy development or strategic planning (scored out of 4).
- Proof of implementation – how the plans were implemented in the community (scored out of 3).
- Consultation within the community (specifically with children) to determine needs and highlight gaps in services (scored out of 3).

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

GRADE	SCORE
A	Excellent
B	Good
C	Satisfactory
NE	No Evidence



THE POLICY AWARDS (continued)

NUMBER OF SUBMISSIONS

Since the beginning of the project in 2011, 80 Local Governments (52 regional and 28 metropolitan) have submitted their policies to be reviewed by a report card with increasing numbers of Local Governments across the state, motivated to improve the health and wellbeing of young people in their communities.

In 2020, 29 Local Governments submitted their work, 11 metropolitan and 18 regional. This year 81 applications were received.

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the Awards. This year Mayors, elected members, Local Government delegates and supporters gathered at Burswood on Swan to celebrate and share the diverse and inspirational work Local Governments do to prioritise the health and wellbeing of our children.

2020 entrants:

- City of Armadale
- Shire of Augusta-Margaret River
- City of Bayswater
- City of Bunbury
- City of Busselton
- Shire of Capel
- City of Cockburn
- Shire of Collie
- Shire of Gingin
- Shire of Harvey
- City of Kalamunda
- Shire of Kojonup
- Shire of Kondinin
- City of Kwinana
- Shire of Lake Grace
- Shire of Laverton
- City of Mandurah
- Shire of Manjimup
- Shire of Merredin
- Shire of Nannup
- Shire of Narrogin
- Shire of Plantagenet
- City of Rockingham
- Shire of Shark Bay
- City of Stirling
- City of Swan
- Town of Victoria Park
- City of Vincent
- City of Wanneroo

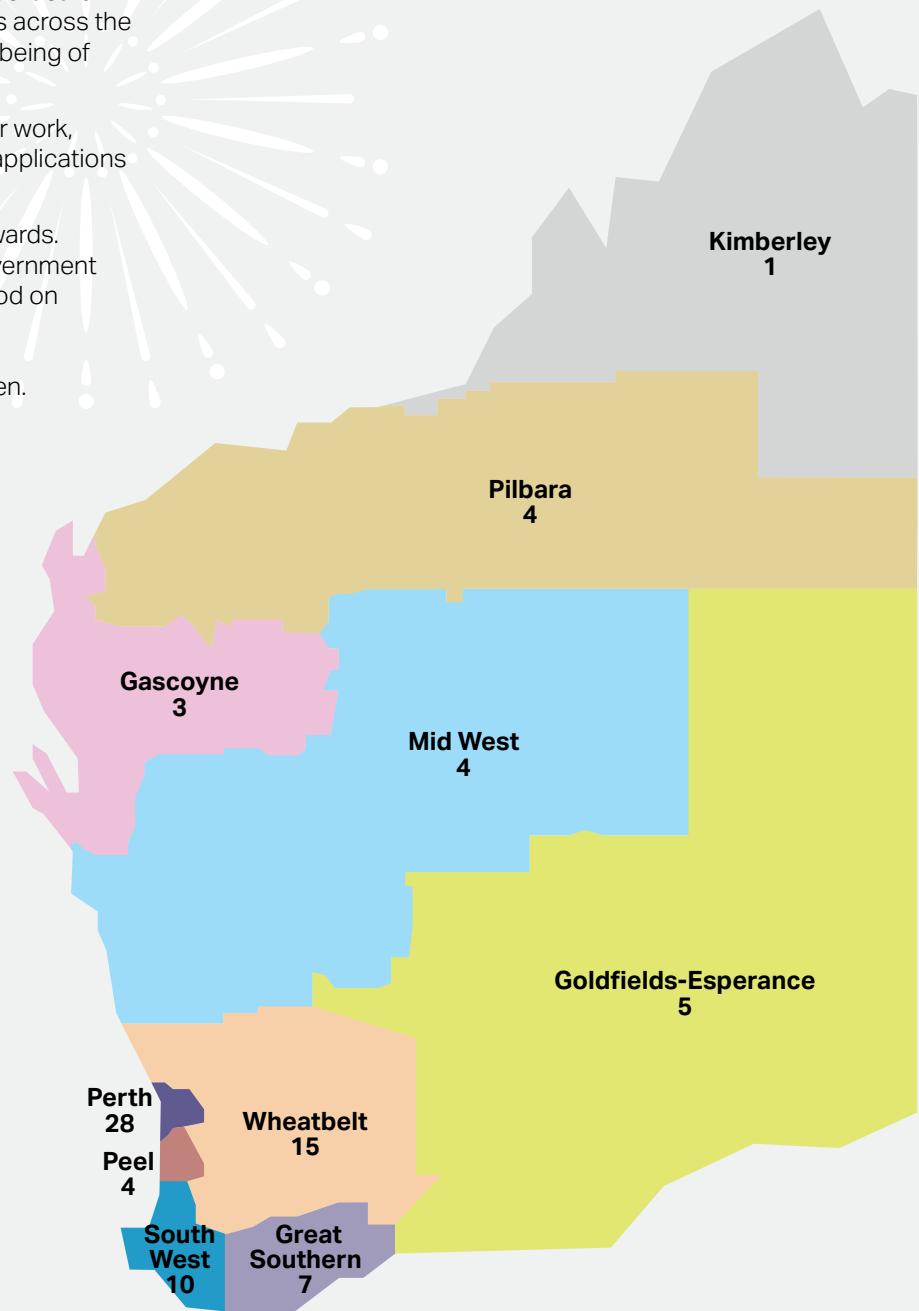


Figure 1 Number of Local Governments per region, participating in the Awards since 2011

REFLECTIONS ON THE PAST 10 YEARS

These reflections are from Local Governments that have received the overall winner or regional winner award since 2011.

The City of Cockburn has submitted PHAIWA award applications for the past decade. These awards are important in identifying what Local Governments are doing, addressing gaps and needs, and providing a means for documenting, planning, implementation and engagement in the children and youth sphere.

The importance is such that it was made an action in the City's 2016-2021 Children and Families Strategy - Action 3.5.2: Apply for award opportunities that provide recognition to the City.

Winning the overall award and certain categories a number of times has been an incentive for the City to continuously improve children and youth policies and programs.

The City has been prioritising this area for a few decades, evidenced by its extensive service delivery including provision of a free parenting service for over 20 years, dedicated staff positions (e.g. full-time Children's Development Officer, Youth Development Officer, Children and Young People's Librarian) and development of new policies and programs.

The City has also supported a Children's Reference Group since 2012 and a Youth Advisory Council since 1993, so the voices of this cohort could be heard firsthand and used to inform services and policies.

The City appreciates this opportunity to inspire Local Governments to value their children and youth.

Mayor Logan K. Howlett, JP

City of Cockburn

Over the past eight years the City of Rockingham is delighted to have been recognised at the Public Health Advocacy Institute of Western Australia (PHAIWA) Local Government Policy Awards.

This recognition came in several categories including:

- Awarded the Best in WA in 2012, also winning individual categories of Environments Supportive of Physical Activity, Housing Density/Affordability and Healthy Eating.
- Awarded third overall (Best in WA) in 2014, also winning individual categories of Food Safety and Security and Children's consultation.
- Category Award (2016): Young People Making a Difference in Community for a Youth Festival delivered in partnership with the Rockingham Youth Advisory Council.
- Category Awards (2018): Smoke Free Environments for the 2017/2018 Summer Series, and Early Literacy for the Paint Rockingham REaD program.

PHAIWA's Local Government Policy awards are crucial to recognising the work that goes on across WA and provide an opportunity to learn about what our industry counterparts are doing and how we can apply that knowledge to boost our own strategies.

Since winning these awards, the City has developed its Strategy for Children and Young People 2018-2023, which outlines key elements and focus areas for the City to invest in. It is used to plan various community projects that promote and encourage opportunities for children to engage in outdoor play and exercise, consult on issues, and contribute to community action and advocacy.

Children and young people are the future of our community and it is vital that Local Governments play their part in fostering environments that have a positive impact on their future health.

Mayor Barry Sammels

City of Rockingham



REFLECTIONS ON THE PAST 10 YEARS (continued)

The Local Government Policy Awards provide a wonderful opportunity to showcase the incredible work Local Governments do to provide safe and healthy environments for their young residents.

At the City of Wanneroo, we pride ourselves on putting our community at the centre of everything we do and we were incredibly proud to receive the Metropolitan Best in WA award in 2014 and 2017, along with top honours in several categories in past years.

We know that involving and encouraging our young people leads to collaborative outcomes, including creating stronger and more connected communities.

The City of Wanneroo is committed to promoting and delivering public health initiatives that support our young people to be healthy and feel empowered to participate in our community.

The children of today are our leaders of tomorrow and there is nothing more important than ensuring their environments are safe and healthy. Thank you PHAIWA for recognising and acknowledging the work of Local Governments in this very important space.

Mayor Tracey Roberts JP
City of Wanneroo

Progressive Local Governments such as the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup recognise that good health influences how children feel and go about their everyday lives and can affect participation in family life, schooling, social and sporting activities.

A community that creates the right environment to grow healthy, strong children will be vibrant, active and a place where people will want to belong.

Since 2013 the Shire has continued with the Youth Road Prevention Trauma Day and continues to advocate outdoor play and activities through the Apple Fun Park, the Golden Valley Tree Park and numerous walking and bike trails.

Children's social and emotional wellbeing—how they think and feel about themselves and others, and deal with daily challenges—is an important component of mental health and wellbeing. Socially and emotionally competent children:

- are confident
- have good relationships
- communicate well
- do better at school
- take on and persist with challenging tasks
- develop the necessary relationships to succeed in life.

The collaboration between PHAIWA and Local Governments will ensure the continued improvement in children's lives in Western Australia.

Shire President Cr Brian Piesse
Shire of Donnybrook

The City of Armadale has been involved with the PHAIWA Local Government Policy Awards for a number of years, having received awards in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2019. The awards recognise Local Governments who are creating positive change in their communities through the use of evidence based projects and programs. It provides best practice examples, standards and expectations for other Local Governments across WA to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people.

The PHAIWA awards have helped the City of Armadale raise the profile of health and wellbeing within the community and have given validation to the proactive role that the Council has taken in public health. Since receiving our first award in 2014, we have been able to highlight how different departments within the City can contribute to the health and wellbeing of our community. Leading by example, Health Services have encouraged various other teams to put forward submissions for multiple categories.

The City of Armadale is committed to improving the health and wellbeing of children and young people. This has been reflected both in our Strategic Community Plan as well as the Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2014-2017. Our young people are our future leaders and will form the fabric of our future community. That's why it's important that we create positive change through evidence based, best practice projects and programs to give our young people the best possible start to life. This will improve the health, wellbeing and prosperity of Armadale in the future.

Mayor Ruth Butterfield
City of Armadale

The City of Busselton has always had a strong focus on the health and wellbeing of families and children and this is reflected in the City's Strategic Community Plan. One of our key goals is to create a community that is welcoming, friendly and healthy. We're also committed to creating spaces and places that create opportunities for people to come together, socialise and exercise.

These objectives are underpinned by practical strategies and strong policy developed in consultation with the community and reviewed regularly. We've done very well in these awards and this success is a great reflection on Council's commitment to community wellbeing and the dedication of City Officers.

Mayor Grant Henley
City of Busselton

The Shire of Plantagenet was awarded the best 'Rural Report Card Holder' and won the 'Nature Discovery' category at the 2012 Children's Environment and Health Report Card Project. This was the first time and a very proud moment that our Shire had entered the Report Card Project Awards which was an excellent opportunity to benchmark Shire operations and the effectiveness of its planning and policies relating to children's health and environment.

The award was a turning point for the Shire's communication with the community, reinforcing that targeted consultation, feedback, broader community knowledge and input is critical to the success of community related projects. The same model of consultation was implemented when the Council established skate parks, an outdoor basketball court and other facilities. It has resulted in facilities that are suited to a broad group of people, are well utilised and cared for by the users. We have a growing sense of community pride and a high level of satisfaction with our local government operations.

We are so proud of the award-winning Nature Based Playground, located in Wilson Park, which continues to be a community focal point in the town centre.

Children and young people are the future of our communities and therefore their health, social and personal development is a priority to the whole community.

Shire President CR Chris Pavlovich

Shire of Plantagenet

Children and young people are a vital part of the City of Subiaco community. The City is honoured to be recognised amongst the outstanding achievements of our peers in local government over the last ten years. The City is committed to supporting and empowering children and young people to live healthy, happy lives. I am proud of the City's achievements in this area, being awarded the overall winner in 2011 in recognition of the City's Child Friendly City Plan, literacy and cultural programs and physical environments. The awards showcase the innovative work of local government and the positive impact that these policies and programs have on the health and wellbeing of children and young people, and our communities, now and into the future.

Mayor Penny Taylor
City of Subiaco

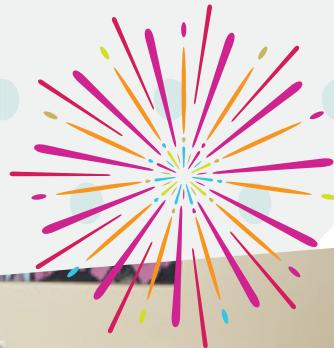


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CATEGORY WINNERS

ABORIGINAL CHILD HEALTH

WINNER: **City of Mandurah**
COMMENDABLE: **City of Cockburn**

ACTION ON ALCOHOL

WINNER: **Shire of Manjimup**
COMMENDABLE: **City of Mandurah**

CHILD HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT

WINNER: **Shire of Narrogin**
JOINT COMMENDABLE:
Shire of Harvey
Shire of Collie

PLANNING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

WINNER: **Shire of Kondinin**

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENTS

WINNER: **City of Cockburn**

SHADE IN PUBLIC PLACES

WINNER: **City of Cockburn**

HEALTHY FOOD

WINNER: **Shire of Laverton**
COMMENDABLE: **City of Kwinana**

CHILDREN'S CONSULTATION

WINNER: **City of Kalamunda**
COMMENDABLE: **Shire of Gingin**



CLIMATE CHANGE

WINNER: City of Mandurah
COMMENDABLE: City of Swan

ENVIRONMENTS PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

WINNER: City of Busselton
JOINT COMMENDABLE:
City of Kalamunda
City of Cockburn

YOUNG PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN COMMUNITIES

WINNER: City of Bunbury
COMMENDABLE: City of Busselton

OVERALL WINNER

City of Cockburn

REGIONAL WINNER

Shire of Laverton

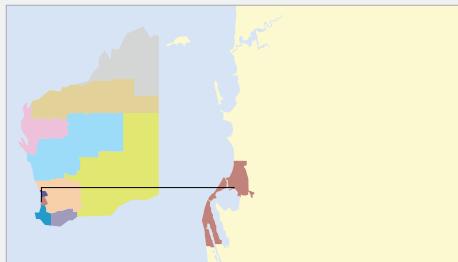


Image provided by City of Cockburn



Image provided by Shire of Kondinin

ABORIGINAL CHILD HEALTH



WINNER: City of Mandurah

The City of Mandurah's Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan provides a framework for supporting the development of Aboriginal young people and promoting their achievements. The City of Mandurah Youth Development team initiated the Young Yorgas in 2018.

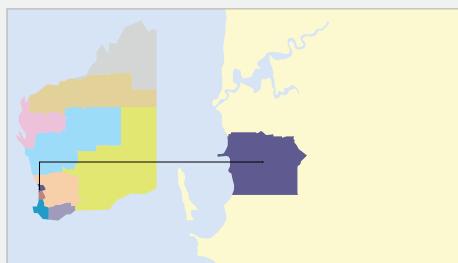
The Young Yorgas is a fun, positive and informative program for Aboriginal girls aged 11-17 years, using female role models to empower and enable young Indigenous women to make informed decisions. The program creates a place to learn and develop a connection to culture, make new friends, gain confidence and develop pride in themselves.

Two local female Aboriginal Elders were involved in both the co-design and delivery of the program. They help create cultural learning opportunities for the Young Yorgas and provide the 'grandmother function' to the group. The Winjan premises and surrounds, has undergone significant structural improvements to ensure the space creates a safe and friendly environment for Aboriginal young people to meet.

With the support of the program, the girls have participated in many life-changing experiences, including



participation in Mandurah's Wearable Art Showcase 2019. The girls learnt traditional dance and performed the opening dance at the showcase.



COMMENDABLE: City of Cockburn

The City of Cockburn have embedded their Reconciliation Action Plan 2018-2021, Youth Services Strategy, Cultural Diversity Strategy and Community Plan into the development of community initiatives, some examples include:

- NAIDOC Astronomy Night was led by Aboriginal Outreach Workers at the Gravity Discovery Centre in Gingin



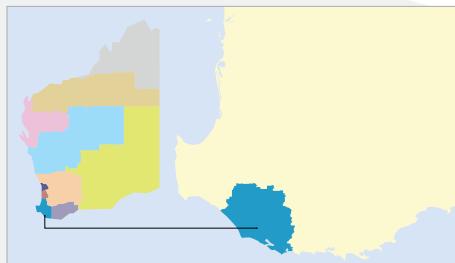
during school holidays. Dreamtime stories were shared, and the group of young people ate kangaroo stew, rice and damper, followed by a self-tour and use of telescopes in the centre.

- Cultural Conversations Workshops: The City supported workshops by Little Green Steps, focusing on Nyungar language in an early childhood setting. Djirri Dreaming co-presented and the workshop featured Elders from Ngulluk Koolunga Ngulluk Koort (Our Children, Our Heart) project who provided a planning resource book and the book Nee Kadadjiny.
- NAIDOC event for families Connecting Community for Kids (CCK). To celebrate NAIDOC, an Aboriginal themed lunch with craft activities and performances was held. My Time participants brought kangaroo stew and damper and members of CCK brought Chinese food to share.
- Aboriginal health and wellbeing day: The event aimed to enhance relationships with the local community, provide information about community services and strengthen partnerships to improve health and wellbeing.

ACTION ON ALCOHOL



SHIRE OF
MANJIMUP



WINNER: **Shire of Manjimup**

The Shire of Manjimup has been actively involved in the Southern Forest Alcohol and Other Drug Committee (SFAODC) since 2012. The SFAODC has a broad partnership base, drawing on a range of supports and ensuring a high level of sustainability. The project, implemented in 2019, was developed based on evidence around the role parents play in Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) harm prevention. It included several initiatives



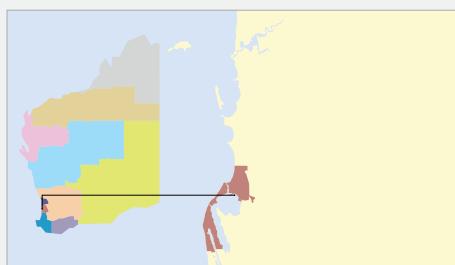
that focused on increasing knowledge of AOD harm, increasing parent/child quality time together, social connection, and availability of programs. SFAODC achieved its objectives through:

- Actively promoting the 'Alcohol Think Again' and 'I Need You To Say No' messaging through the Lower South West Football League (LSWFL).
- A father-son adventure camp and a mother-daughter skateboard workshop with interactive messaging around the importance of the parent/child relationship and AOD.

- Hosting a parent workshop focusing on AOD, signs/symptoms of use, and how to speak to your child about AOD.

Positive outcomes of the project include the LSWFL agreeing not to accept any alcohol sponsorship and good community recall of the 'Alcohol Think Again' message. The adventure camp and skateboard workshop were effective at building parent child relationships.

 CITY OF
MANDURAH



COMMENDABLE: **City of Mandurah**

City of Mandurah and partners, through 'Communities That Care (CTC) Mandurah', designed and delivered an evidence-

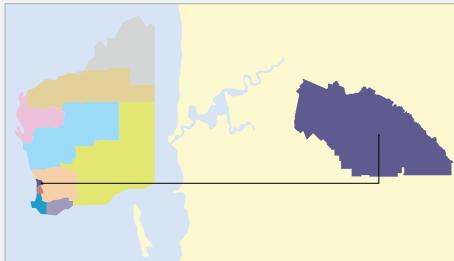
based, localised youth alcohol campaign, aligned with the Western Australian 'Alcohol Think Again' and 'I Need You to Say No' campaigns. The Mandurah Youth Alcohol Campaign (MYAC) project aimed to educate young people and parents, on the effects of alcohol on the adolescent brain.

Project strategies were peer-led and included the establishment of a youth leadership group, known as Campaign Leaders. With support and mentoring, the Campaign Leaders facilitated alcohol workshops and youth consultation in schools. Young people were engaged in the design, brand and development of a local campaign video, to promote key 'Alcohol Think Again' messages. Campaign leaders were upskilled through an alcohol education workshop, conducted by CTC partners.



The MYAC working group, in consultation with young people, developed localised resources to promote key messages to parents. They created posters, website content and social media posts. Young leaders hosted an event to promote the campaign and a youth forum with workshops, presented by various stakeholders, on various health topics.

CHILDREN'S CONSULTATION

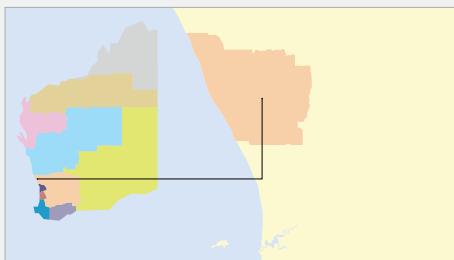


WINNER: City of Kalamunda

The City engaged Town Team Movement to identify community ideas to inspire a creative and uniquely 'Kalamunda' play space at Stirk Park. Consultation was conducted using the 'dot'mocracy survey approach to explore four themes: adventure, messy and natural, art and senses, sport and strategy and was compiled in the Stirk Park Play Space Engagement Report.

In 2019, the project team facilitated a Play Space Co-Design Workshop, where students were chosen from local primary and high schools to participate. The co-design workshop involved four phases; a site visit, discussions on vision and play equipment, place space co-design group session and a group presentation to the City's executive team and elected members. Outcomes of the workshop were included in the Stirk Park Play Space Engagement Report.

Engaging youth was priority in the High Wycombe Shared Path Decorative Project. In March 2020, students from local primary schools participated in an artistic design workshop and storytelling session. The second stage was an interactive survey, available to all High Wycombe residents to comment on the community values and initial design ideas. Survey results were detailed in the High Wycombe Shared Path Art Treatments Engagement Report which was used to guide the development and implementation of the initiative.



COMMENDABLE: Shire of Gingin

Consultation to inform the Gingin Youth Strategy 2018-2021 and delivery plan consisted of engaging young people via youth survey and a series of workshops. A Survey Reference Group was established to develop survey questions

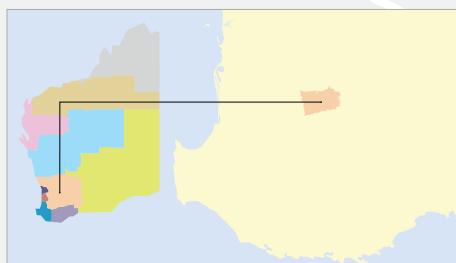
and results were used to inform the Youth Strategy 2018-2023 delivery. Youth contributed context to the delivery plan by identifying barriers, such as no shared meeting place and transport limitations. They also identified a need for an online communication platform to inform and connect young people.

Two one-hour workshops were facilitated by the Shire of Gingin Youth Officer at the local High School, with forty youth attending. The first workshop results informed the Youth Strategy content, with attendees identifying five key themes. The second workshop gathered more specific data focusing on gaps in services. This provided the responding Youth Strategy 2018-2023 broad actions and identified several youth project recommendations, including a Community Transport Review suggesting a community bus and Wi-Fi hot spots, to enable young people to attend community events. A pop-up youth activity trailer was also suggested to



increase access to resources. Prior to completion of the Gingin Youth Strategy 2018-2023, young people were given feedback on workshop and survey results.

CHILD HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT

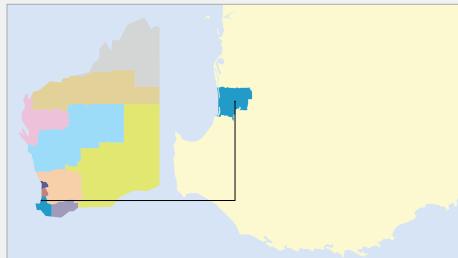


WINNER: Shire of Narrogin

The RW (Bob) Farr Memorial Library Shire of Narrogin, in partnership with Narrogin Early Years Network, was actively involved in establishing the Paint the Town REad program in Narrogin. The program, aimed at children from birth to early school years, was launched in the Narrogin Town Hall as a combined National Simultaneous Storytime. The program created a connection between children and a large egg, which 'grows' as the children read, sing and talk to it, until it eventually hatches, and a mascot is born. The mascot is then available to attend children's activities in and around Narrogin, promoting reading and singing for early literacy. Her Excellency, Linda Hurley, wife of the Governor launched the project and wrote a song, with Narrogin providing the harmony, and a last verse for towns around Australia to use.

During the COVID-19 shutdown, the library participated in the worldwide We are going on a Teddy Bear Hunt program, by decorating the library and participating in Paint the Town REad. There were mailboxes with teddies, and signage for programs available through the library. Books were distributed to local children, stories read online and care packages for vulnerable children were delivered.





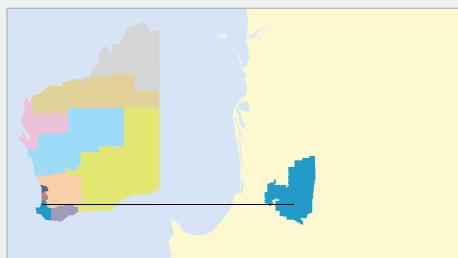
JOINT COMMENDABLE: Shire of Harvey

Harvey Shire Libraries encourage positive outcomes for children's language skills, early literacy, cognitive development, social competence and health and wellbeing through regular literacy-enhanced Storytime's and Rhymetime's. Library Storytime's are social, fun, messy, noisy and crowded but also built on the knowledge that competence in language and literacy are essential for positive



outcomes for all young people in terms of future relationships, health, schooling, and employment.

Enhanced Storytime's are aimed at helping children become ready for formal schooling, with incidental learning including how to sit on the mat, how to take direction from an adult, and when it is or isn't acceptable to speak/shout/run/wriggle. They are also aimed at parents, as their role as children's first and best teachers, on the understanding that families have a great power in being able to instil a love of learning in their children, that will set them up for life.



JOINT COMMENDABLE: Shire of Collie

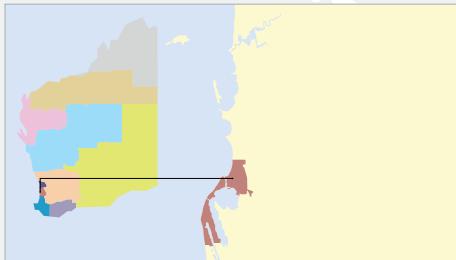
The Smarter than Smoking SK8 RIDE SCooT 2020 program was designed to promote the health and wellbeing of Collie's youth community, through a series of 5 free workshops (Skateboarding, BMX and Scooters) and a community event/jam session at the end. The workshops and event were

held at Collies' Soldiers Park Skatepark which was an underutilised, family-friendly venue.

The workshops covered safety equipment, safe use of the skatepark, skatepark etiquette, and skateboard, scooter and BMX skills. The five workshops were held during the January school holidays, attracting children and young people aged 3-18 years. To conclude the workshop series, a "Jam Session/ Community Event" was held as a way for participants to display their acquired skills to the broader community. During the program there were visits from the Local and Youth Engagement Police teams, who developed positive connections with participants. Almost 300 participants and spectators engaged in the workshops and Community Jam. Participants gained skills and confidence and there was an increase in the use of the facilities by varying age groups. Due to the success of the program, the Shire of Collie and local stakeholders are hoping to support an annual skate and scooter program.



CLIMATE CHANGE



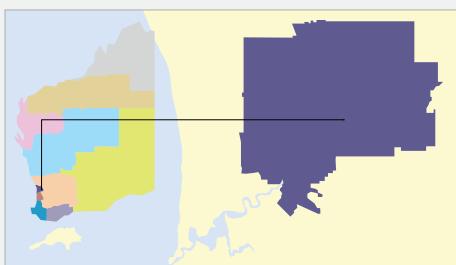
WINNER: City of Mandurah

In 2019 a group of students from local Primary Schools across Mandurah were elected to Junior Council, a deeply embedded initiative of the City of Mandurah. This year's Junior Council felt passionate about the negative impact of plastics on Mandurah's waterways. The group organised presentations from the City of Mandurah Environment Team and local community groups to discover

what was already happening in this space and where the gaps were.

In partnership with Coastal Waste Warriors, the group organised a community beach clean-up event at Town Beach Mandurah. 150kg of plastics, rubbish and debris were collected and correctly disposed of thanks to the clean-up. Following the event, many Junior Councillors gave presentations at their school assemblies about the project.

The Junior Council's other key initiative was to host a stall at the Mandurah Children's Festival. The young people displayed information about the impacts of single use plastics and facilitated engaging activities including letter writing, using microscopes to find single use plastics in the sand, and making reusable shopping bags out of old T-shirts. The stall engaged 1,500 participants and feedback was positive.



COMMENDABLE: City of Swan

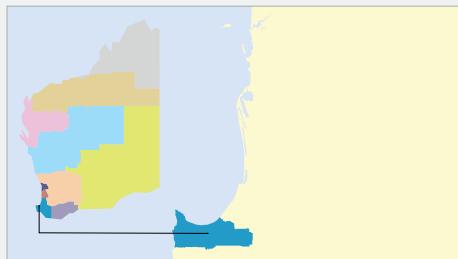
Understanding the impacts of climate change for children and young people is important for the community at the City of Swan (the City). Through the Sustainable Environment Team (SET), the City provided a range of educational

and fun activities for children and young people including:

- 13 Thinking Green Workshops, with a popular session on bike maintenance to encourage young people to choose sustainable forms of transport.
- Worm Farm Subsidy Program to support people to find sustainable solutions to home waste. Three worm farm sustainability workshops and a webinar were well attended by children and adults.
- Think Green Education Trailer at the Bullsbrook Twilight Festival. The trailer consisted of interactive educational activities and material, to inform the community about water quality and conservation, waste and recycling, biodiversity conservation and energy efficiency.
- Two interactive workshops at the Bullseye Youth Centre in Bullsbrook. Using typical waste and recyclable materials, a recyclable scarecrow was designed and constructed with messages attached.



ENVIRONMENTS PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



WINNER: City of Busselton

Initial consultation for the provision of a nature-based play space, included a planning workshop, information table at Hannay Lane Street party and participation of students from a local Primary School. A working group was formed, and further community meetings took place.

The success of Djiljit Mia lies with the strength of community ownership, the delivery of the project, and the transformation of an area that was underutilised. The Hannay Lane precinct was enhanced to include nature-based play features including tree rope swings, cubby house making, log balance, sound sensory play and sand play. The project was successful in creating a natural gathering space for local families and visitors, in the heart of the CBD, ensuring minimal impact on the brook, incorporating existing trees and the natural environment, using repurposed and recycled materials throughout.

The City of Busselton is committed to working towards a formal journey of reconciliation, enhancing respect, through creating a sense of Aboriginal place and relationships, by recognising Aboriginal history. The Djiljit Mia project, is an important step for understanding and appreciating the cultural significance of the area.



Djiljit Mia Community Gathering Place
10 December 2019

Selecting Dunsborough Primary School students' artwork with Josh Whiteland.

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When exploring the new Djiljit Mia Community Gathering Place in Dunsborough, be sure to take the time to check out all the intricate little carvings in the wood.

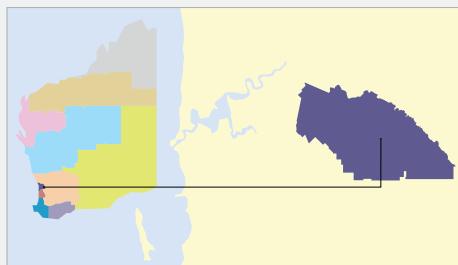
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ENVIRONMENTS PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

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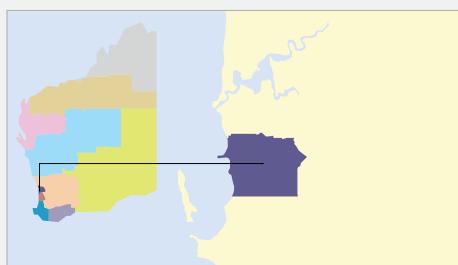
JOINT COMMENDABLE: City of Kalamunda

The City of Kalamunda is committed to providing healthy, sustainable spaces and opportunities for children to develop their physical and social skills, while engaging in outdoor play. Following community consultation recommendations included: Revitalisation of Stirk Park to create all abilities and nature play experiences, a watercourse to assist with storm

water conveyance, location of fitness opportunities and circuit paths around the park and inclusion of a new skate park.

Another initiative demonstrating the City of Kalamunda's commitment to environments promoting physical activity was funding received under the Western Australian Bicycle Network Grants to design and deliver improved bicycle routes in High Wycombe. The High Wycombe Shared Path Decorative Project included shared paths connecting people to the new train station.

The City, in partnership with The Place Team, facilitated a workshop, interactive survey and outcomes report to engage with young people in the community. Four themes emerged important to young people, the natural environment & sustainability, transportation and inspiration, play and active fitness, storytelling and animals. The results were used to inform a final art design brief for a local Indigenous artist. Following treatment designs being supported, installation of the works was scheduled.



JOINT COMMENDABLE: City of Cockburn

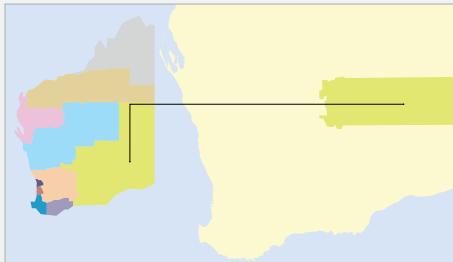
The City of Cockburn aims to create environments promoting physical activity, by encouraging bicycle use through stalls at events, bicycle user groups and partnering with organisations to promote riding. The City's Travelsmart Officer worked



with Bike Wise at the March 2020 Coogee Live Festival and Coogee Beach Australia Day event 2020, promoting cycling and offering hands-on workshops. The City has expanded its children/youth programs from free skateboarding and scooter clinics/competitions to include BMX and pump track competitions, clinics and time trials. Your Move is a free program helping students get active through walking, scooting and riding to school. Ten Cockburn schools attended a Your Move Schools presentation and signed up to the program.

One of the 13 playground renewals in the City of Cockburn last year is the Len Packham Reserve New Nature Playspace in Coolbellup. The play space is integrated with the skate park and provides intergenerational facilities with elderly and disabled seating. The play space includes recycled timber, ropes, rocks, repurposed logs, balance beams, high and low stepping logs, slides, net lounge, spiral ladder and climbing ropes, an all abilities roundabout and bicycle tracks.

HEALTHY FOOD



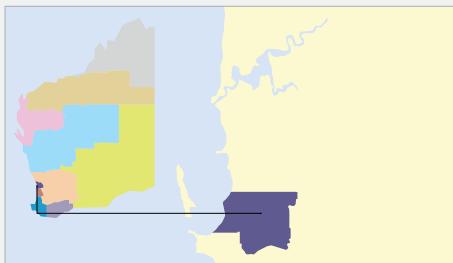
WINNER: Shire of Laverton

Laverton is a remote town in the far Northern Goldfields where food security is an important issue. Guided by Laverton's Strategic Community Plan and Laverton Stakeholder Group, the Shire of Laverton has developed

creative initiatives to address food insecurity. Regular initiatives at the Youth Centre include, hosting Big Brekkies, Great LA Bake off cooking competitions, World Cooking, Taco Tuesdays and Friday Kidz Kitchen. Children and young people were involved in researching recipes and using fresh vegetables from garden to plate, to cook and share meals. Another positive initiative involving children and young people is the Regional and Remote Aboriginal Communities Swim for Fruit. During the pool season, kids attend twice weekly, swim laps and receive healthy fruit options. Young people also participate in the popular monthly 'Out Bush' trips where they cook (and sometimes catch!) traditional food. In partnership with community organisations, one pot cooking educational programs are held, vegetable seedlings are provided for parents and children to plant and recipes with photos and in language are provided.



The Shire of Laverton, together with Centrecare's Financial Adviser and WA No Interest Loans Scheme (WANILS), informed the community of alternative options and the local supermarket is working with Retravision and WANILS to provide white goods to the community.



COMMENDABLE: City of Kwinana

The City of Kwinana, together with its partners, developed and implemented a nutrition project during 2018-2019. The City utilised the knowledge and skills of the Conciliation and Multicultural Action groups, the Bertram Punjabi group, local playgroup and Connecting Communities for Kids organisation.

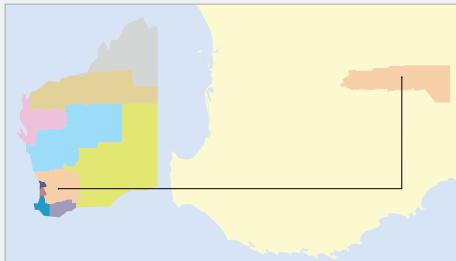
The objectives of the project were to increase awareness of healthy lifestyle



behaviours in Kwinana, increase fruit and vegetable sales by 5% in one year and decrease sugary drink sales by 5% at selected outlets between 2018 and 2019. The target audience was low socio-economic households, high risk groups, community groups and key stakeholders in and around The Marketplace. The strategies included outdoor advertising, door decals displaying healthy food images and colours, point of sale posters, digital advertising, onsite activations and

promotions on the City's website, social media pages and featuring in the local media. These placements were supported by the LiveLighter® campaign. During store activation, Kwinana Marketplace reported Supermarket 1 and Supermarket 2 increased sales of fresh fruit and vegetables compared to the previous year.

PLANNING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



WINNER: Shire of Kondinin

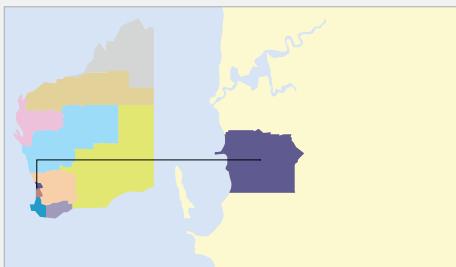
The Shire of Kondinin has developed the Kondinin Community Garden Project to provide year-round fresh produce, incorporate a bush tucker garden and week-long community event.

The idea for a Bush Tucker Garden, with local, edible or medicinal plants, came from discussions with the Shire and local Noongar Elders. The project aimed to increase engagement of local Noongar children and families and enhance their understanding of bush tucker plants and their association with Noongar culture. Further partnerships were developed with Kondinin Primary School and the Community Garden Working Group. From here, a planting day was organised with school children, teachers, local Noongar Elder and the Shire's Landcare Technician.

The annual Gourmet in the Garden Dinner was extended to a weeklong event called Nourished by Nature Week. The Nature Week aimed to increase community involvement, expand knowledge of the health benefits of eating and growing fresh food, and increase sustainable gardening skills. Partners worked collaboratively to implement home-made pizza making, a garden activity evening and Gourmet in the Garden. Nourished by Nature Week was well attended and received, resulting in a marked increase in involvement in the community garden.



SHADE IN PUBLIC PLACES



WINNER: City of Cockburn

The City of Cockburn Playground Shade Sail Strategy 2013-2023 continues to govern the implementation of new shade sails. Linked closely to shade sail measures, are the strategies, policies and actions focusing on providing shade through trees.

The City of Cockburn has implemented various shade measures, including provision of a large shelter at the Perena Rocchi Yangebup Pump track. Shade sails have been erected in several parks throughout the City and portable UV meters have been piloted at events.

The new Len Packham Nature playground has been carefully

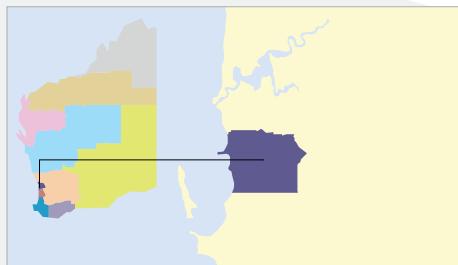
established around mature, native trees and has incorporated a nature inspired play structure. The play structure facilitates a unique relationship between users and their environment.

The City implements an extensive tree planting program each winter. In July 2019, 5,400 trees were planted by over 250 students and during August 2019, 2,900 trees were planted by students. Other examples of community inspired activities involving students are tree planting activities to mark World Environment Day, National Tree Planting Day and participation in a commemorative tree planting ceremony hosted by different parks.



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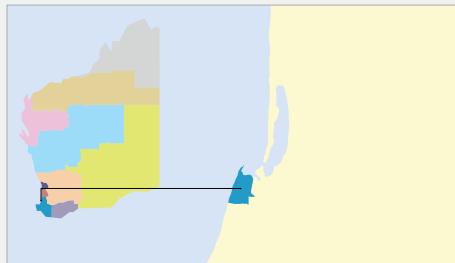
WINNER: City of Cockburn

The City has committed to reducing the Cockburn residents and visitors' exposure to second-hand smoke, with an increasing focus on policies and plans to prohibit smoking in public places and at events, especially near children.

The Proud to be Smoke Free pilot study began in 2017-2018 and was implemented by the City of Cockburn, together with the South Metropolitan Health Service. An A4 sign, Proud to be smoke-free, formed part of the City's objective to create healthier sporting club environments for the community. The A4 signs were installed at all sporting clubs, 8 community centres, 4 skate parks, a bowling club and hockey stadium. The size of the centres directed how many A4 signs were required and were displayed at entrances and high traffic areas. Another aspect of the project was to install smoke-free stickers on all new playgrounds and old playgrounds where the original sticker had either faded or was missing. Over 2,000 stickers were printed and installed in 2019-2020 and this strategy will continue as new playgrounds are built.



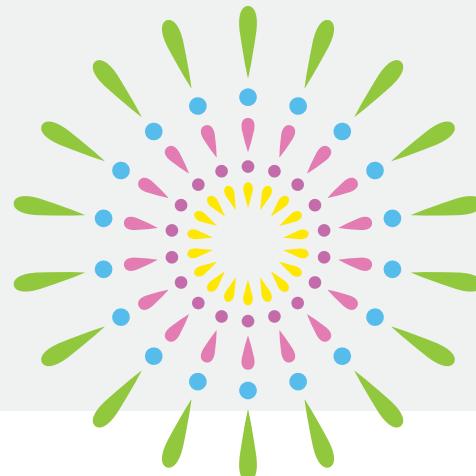
YOUNG PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN COMMUNITIES



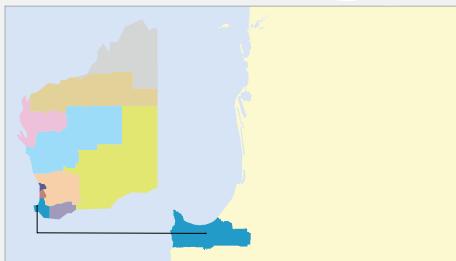
WINNER: City of Bunbury

The City of Bunbury recognises the significant contribution young people make to its community and have harnessed their support through its Youth Advisory Council (YAC) to implement several initiatives. Bunbury's annual youth week event, the Shift Youth Festival, is delivered in collaboration with YAC as an opportunity for skill development and to give young people a voice in decision making. The festival engages young people in every aspect of its development and delivery, offering a range of opportunities to perform, exhibit, plan, deliver and volunteer. The wide-ranging activities offered, are achieved through partnerships with local organisations. All stallholders provide a free, engaging activity, where young people learn about available services. In 2019, the event attracted more than 3,000 people. YAC have also taken a lead role in the development of the \$6m Bunbury Youth Precinct, assisting in the creation and delivery of community engagement for site selection and concept design, as well as provide vital feedback on features of the facility. Other Youth initiative include:

- YAC successfully advocated for installing community lockers in the CBD.
- YAC assisted in the delivery of a school leadership and networking event which gave students the opportunity to voice key youth issues and create localised solutions.
- YAC attended other local events, to build awareness of their role in the community.



YOUNG PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN COMMUNITIES (continued)



COMMENDABLE: City of Busselton

The City of Busselton identified the need to increase engagement and

coordination of youth services. The rebranded SHIFT Youth Crew (previously Youth Advisory Council), consulted the Department of Health and consequently the CARE call poster was redesigned with the youth friendly language and is displayed in Busselton Hospital.

The SHIFT Youth Crew formed a Local Drug Action Group (LDAG) in 2019 to raise awareness of alcohol and drug consumption and its link to mental health. SHIFT ran family friendly events, whereby support and educational material about drug and alcohol related issues was provided. LDAG held two silent discos in 2019/20, as well as a Mocktail competition at YACTivate 2019 and at Mental Health Week Sundowner 2019.

SHIFT Youth Crew organised YACTivate 2019, a youth leadership conference,

with three Local Governments. Young people from across WA took part in several workshops on public speaking, self-confidence, empowerment, careers, goal setting, mental health and wellbeing.

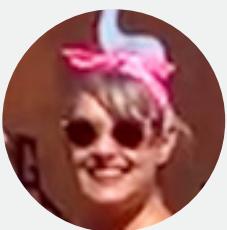
Battle of the Bands 2020 in partnership with the Busselton Jetty Swim 25th Anniversary, ran a 2-day concert to positively promote youth and celebrate young musical talents of the south west.

This year, Youth Services replaced the South West Youth Festival with a social media campaign, celebrating young people and their achievements. The campaign reached 11,152 people.



OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

This year PHAIWA selected three individuals for an Outstanding Service Award to recognise their commitment and valuable contribution to the Local Government Policy Awards. Each of these recipients have consistently excelled in developing their submissions and demonstrated outstanding effort to embed child health policy in their local community.



Jo Morgan
Shire of Laverton



Kay Weaver
Shire of Narrogin



Joan de Castro
City of Cockburn



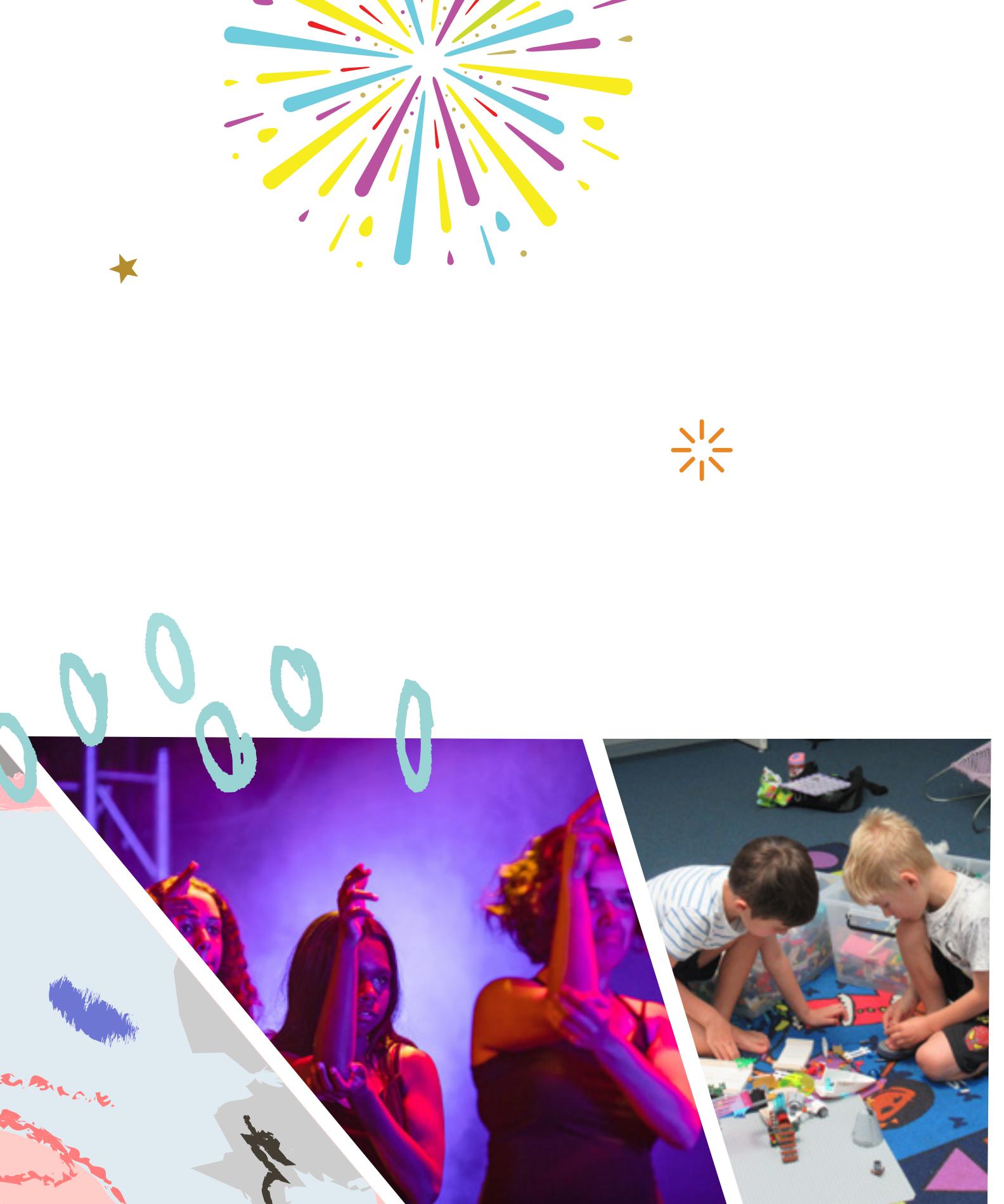
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