

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting

6:00PM 28 April 2026

Council Chambers (Level 1), Civic Centre,
23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo

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Notice is given that the next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers (Level 1), Civic Centre, 23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo on **Tuesday 28 April 2026** commencing at **6:00 PM**.

B Parker
Chief Executive Officer
22 April, 2026

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Item 9 Motions on Notice

MN04-04/26 Cr Berry - Community Engagement - Universal Access Recreational Fishing Platform, Quinns Rocks

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Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Attachments: 1

Changes to Report and Additional Information Arising from Agenda Briefing

This Item was not presented to Agenda Briefing.

Issue

To consider further community engagement to be undertaken regarding the location of the proposed fishing platform at Quinns Rocks.

Background

In October 2021, the Council considered a Motion on Notice and resolved to allocate funds for a feasibility study for the development of a Universal Access Recreational Fishing Platform within Mindarie or Quinns Rocks. The development of design requirements was informed by internal and external consultation. An internal workshop held in September 2022 identified the City's technical and operational requirements. External consultation undertaken in October 2022 with Mindarie Fishing Club and Fishability, along with input from Quinns Rocks Fishing Club and Recfishwest, confirmed stakeholder support and provided feedback. In December 2022, Westpeak Engineering was engaged to complete the feasibility study.

The feasibility study included a desktop study and site selection assessment. Four locations were considered as follows:

1. Extending from Groyne 1, Quinns Rocks;
2. Extending from Frederick Stubbs Carpark, Quinns Rocks;
3. Mindarie Breakwater, adjacent to the intersection of Alexandria View and Shoreham Turn; and
4. Mindarie Breakwater, end of Alexandria View.

Option 1, extending from Quinns Rocks Groyne 1 received the highest overall score following the multi criteria assessment. Option 3, Mindarie Breakwater adjacent to the intersection of Alexandria View and Shoreham Turn, scored very similarly with only one point difference.

Following the completion of the feasibility study both Option 1 and Option 3 were presented to the community as part of the community engagement process.

Detail

The community engagement process was undertaken in accordance with the plan and included the following two key components:

- A Community Drop-In Session held at the Quinns Mindarie Community Centre on 7 June 2023 to present the concept options and respond to any queries; and

- A Community Feedback Survey that was advertised online between 23 May and 14 June 2023 and provided in hard-copy form to attendees of the Drop-In Session.

The Community Feedback Survey and Drop-In Session were advertised on social media, the City's website, via mail-out and with signage at the concept option locations. Questions in the Community Feedback Survey were tailored to determine the community's preferred concept option and understand general user requirements for a universal access fishing platform.

Two concept options (Concept Option 1 and Concept Option 3) were presented to the community as part of a consultation process conducted between May and June 2023. A total of 140 submissions were received, including 110 from residents within the City of Wanneroo.

Community consultation demonstrated support for the project with 97% of respondents supporting the development of a Universal Access Fishing Platform and 70% indicating they would use the facility at least monthly. Survey results identified no clear community preference between the two concept options, with 45% favouring Concept Option 1 and 44% favouring Concept Option 3. Due to the absence of a definitive preference, Concept Option 1 was recommended for progression as it achieved the highest overall score under the Multi Criteria Analysis.

Following on from the community consultation a detailed design was undertaken for Concept Option 1. Detailed design was undertaken in 2024/25 and completed December 2025. In early 2025 Labor, as an election commitment, promised \$2m towards a fishing platform at Quinns Rocks. Following their successful campaign, the concept option was able to be expanded to provide increased platform area for improved usability. The funding was officially announced on 9 April 2026.

Comment

The City received 110 survey submissions from residents within the City of Wanneroo. While the 110 responses provided valuable insight, they represent a relatively small cross-section of the City's population and the immediate coastal communities most affected by the proposed location.

The available data does not indicate the extent to which responses were received from people living with disability, seniors, or others who may be primary users of a universal access facility. It is accepted that the City did consult with Fishability and on their website the nearest fishability friendly location is Hillary's Marina Southside adjacent to the Aquarium Of Western Australia (**AQWA**). No one disputes the good intent and need to provide an accessible fishing platform.

The engagement for this fishing platform took place just as the community engagement for the redevelopment of the Quinns Rocks Caravan Park was concluding, an item with large community interest at the time. A Council meeting to consider the results from the Quinns Rocks Caravan Park community engagement was set for June 2023 and the focus of many in the community would have been on this item, given the press coverage at that time.

It is possible that community engagement regarding the fishing platform was overlooked due to the interest in the Caravan Park.

As the mover of this motion, I have looked back at my own social media posts. It is noted that my social media post in May 2023 promoting consultation on the fishing platform received minimal engagement. In contrast my post in April 2026 announcing State Government funding attracted significant public response and follow-up emails to Council questioning the adequacy of the earlier community engagement process.

There is potential for increased community satisfaction by enabling this Council to receive submissions from all abilities and all ages within our community including those with accessibility challenges who would be using this fishing platform. For this platform to be a success in the community, its location is vital, along with capturing concerns and addressing them. A concern raised as to the current proposed location is from many who use this beach for swimming and the impacts bait to attract fish may have. Some residents have raised concerns about potential unintended impacts on swimmer safety, which would benefit from being explored through broader community input.

The community engagement process in 2023 consisted of one survey and one drop-in session. This raises a legitimate question as to whether the engagement undertaken achieved the full intent of Council's Community Engagement Policy in terms of breadth, accessibility and diversity of participation. Can this Council say it has complied with all the suggested ways to gather views as per the policy?

The key principles within this policy state:

1. The City encourages and facilitates involvement from a broad range of stakeholders within the City to ensure that a diverse range of views are expressed and considered.
2. The City actively seeks the participation of those affected by or interested in a matter being considered.
3. The City engages in a respectful and inclusive manner, allowing for the inclusion of diverse voices and perspectives within the community, using accessible formats such as Easy Read, translated material, and face-to-face consultation.
4. The City provides information that is accurate, easy to understand and accessible to a range of stakeholders, allowing sufficient time and opportunity to participate in a meaningful way.
5. The City values people's privacy and will ensure reasonable steps are taken when collecting, using, disclosing and handling personal information.
6. The City is committed to open and transparent decision-making, communicating the results to participants and the public, along with the reasons for decisions.

Did the processes taken gather a diverse and wide range of views as per the policy, did the processes taken actively seek participation, did the process provide accessible formats such as easy read and translated material as per the policy to enable full participation. Did the process allow sufficient time and opportunity and was it committed to ensuring this Council received a diverse record of responses.

The City did not engage with members of its own Disability Access and Inclusion Reference Group (**DAIRG**) and did not provide accessible formats or easy read.

Community members have expressed concerns that the engagement carried out in 2023 may no longer reflect current community views and may not have reached all interested or affected residents.

This motion is not intended to overturn the principle of delivering a universal access fishing platform, but to strengthen community confidence in the final location decision.

Statutory Compliance

The *Local Government Act 1995* establishes the community's right to participate in local government decision-making, aiming to improve decision quality, increase community participation, enhance accountability, and ensure effective and efficient governance. Consistent with this, the City's Community Engagement Policy commits the City to inclusive, accessible, and transparent engagement that actively seeks diverse community views, provides clear information, protects privacy, and communicates outcomes and reasons for decisions.

Recent legislative reforms (sections 5.56A and 5.56B, yet to be adopted) further reinforce these principles by requiring Councils to prepare engagement charters and conduct prescribed community surveys.

Strategic Implications

The proposal aligns with the following objective within the Council Plan 2025 – 2035:

4 ~ A Connected and Liveable City

4.1 - Create welcoming community spaces

Risk Appetite Statement

In pursuit of strategic objective goal 4, we will accept a Medium level of risk, extended to High in the areas of Community / Reputation & Financial / Commercial impacts. Shifting transport modes and usage in the City may require short term pain for longer term gain as the City supports the development, maintenance and connection of alternatives to car use (e.g. cycle ways) and the supporting infrastructure.

Risk Management Considerations

RISK TITLE		RISK RATING
Level 1 Strategic Risk	2.0 Assets & Infrastructure	Medium
Level 2 Corporate Risk	2.1 Infrastructure Planning	Low
ACCOUNTABILITY		ACTION PLANNING OPTION
Director Assets		Manage

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The project is already listed in the approved 2025/26 Capital Works Program and draft 2026/27 Capital Works Program.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Recommendation

That Council:-

1. **RESOLVES** that the preferred location of the Universal Access Fishing Platform be subject to further, proportionate community engagement, consistent with the intent of the *Local Government Act 1995* and the Council Community Engagement Policy, thereby enabling everyone to have the opportunity to participate equally; and
2. **RECEIVES** a report from Administration following the new community engagement period with the results of that feedback to enable Council to make a decision on the location.

Administration Comment

The previous community engagement was undertaken in accordance with the City's Community Engagement Plan and the Community Engagement Policy at the time of engagement. A summary of the community engagement undertaken is provided below:

- Community engagement was open to all community members.
- A community feedback survey was advertised online between 23 May and 14 June 2023.
- An open community drop-in session was held on 7 June 2023, between 5:30pm to 7:00pm as a suitable time for residents (following the working day).
- Hard copy handouts of concept plans and posters with project information were made available for all attendees at the drop-in session.
- The community engagement period and project progress was also formally discussed with the Quinns Beach Coastal Management Advisory Group.
- Signage was placed at both potential fishing platform locations, with a mail out to surrounding residents and this information was shared with Council Members.

In addition to community engagement, extensive internal and external stakeholder engagement was undertaken throughout the feasibility study which included, but is not limited to, State Government organisations, Recfishwest, Fishability, Local Fishing Clubs, Council Members and members of the DAIRG.

Although Concept Option 1 and Option 3 scored similarly within the community survey, Option 1 (Quinns Beach location, refer to **Attachment 1**) was selected as the preferred location based on the outcomes of the Multi Criteria Analysis within the feasibility study and the following benefits:

- A more sheltered coastal location;
- Proximity to existing supporting infrastructure including disabled parking and toilets; and
- Access to nearby amenities such as cafés and Frederick Stubbs Park.

It is noted that fishing is also currently undertaken regularly by the local community and visitors to the area from both the groyne structure and the beach adjacent to the carpark. A dedicated fishing platform in this location is expected to focus fishing pressure further offshore of the groyne at the proposed platform structure.

Subject to Council's decision on the recommendations made in this Motion, Administration would undertake further community engagement on the outcomes of the feasibility study and proposed fishing platform at Quinns Beach and will then prepare a report back to Council which could take up to six months. This will significantly delay the project schedule.

Dependant on the outcomes of additional community engagement, new design and geotechnical works may be required subject to any changes (i.e. orientation, location etc.).

Undertaking the works during the calmer summer months of 2026/27 would no longer be achievable. As a result, the current construction program would either need to be delayed into the 2027 winter period, with a higher likelihood of adverse weather impacts and associated cost increases, or deferred until summer the following year, exposing the project to inflationary cost pressures.

Beyond the potential escalation in construction costs, any delay to project delivery would also introduce reputational risk for the City, particularly given the prior community engagement and funding announcements already made.

Regarding the State funding, Administration has confirmed with Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (**DPIRD**) that an extension of time to complete the works (if delayed beyond 2026/27) will be considered if required.

Attachments:

[1](#). Attachment 1 - Locality Plan 26/143960

Attachment 1 – Locality Plan



MN05-04/26 Cr Paul Miles - Establishment of a Community Media and Marketing Advisory Group

File Ref: 32763V005 – 26/136996
Author: Cr Paul Miles
Action Officer: Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Attachments: Nil

Changes to Report and Additional Information Arising from Agenda Briefing

This Item was not presented to Agenda Briefing.

Issue

The City of Wanneroo (the **City**) continues to experience significant population growth, with many residents seeking better access to local information, events and services.

A structured review of the City's communications and marketing approach, including exploration of a community-based radio platform similar to the successful Ellenbrook model, may provide new opportunities to strengthen community connection, support local organisations, and improve awareness of City facilities and initiatives.

Establishing an Advisory Group with limited delegation will allow Council to explore these opportunities while ensuring recommendations are brought back to Council for consideration.

Background

The City is experiencing continued population growth, increasing the importance of effective, accessible and coordinated communication with the community. In response, the City has been progressively enhancing its communications, engagement and marketing functions to improve awareness of services, facilities and community initiatives.

Detail

The City is strengthening its communications through a more accountable partnership with local radio, significant upgrades to the website and digital experience, and coordinated marketing across facilities and events. These efforts are delivering strong engagement and improving customer satisfaction, supported by ongoing organisational work to enhance alignment and effectiveness.

Consultation

Community feedback is gathered through a range of channels and used to inform the City's communications, with further input able to be sought through existing advisory groups and engagement channels if required.

Comment

The intent of the Motion on Notice is supported in principle, noting the importance of effective communication and community engagement. However, there is already substantial work underway that aligns with the objectives of the motion, including improvements to digital platforms, marketing of City facilities, and the use of data-driven communications strategies.

Current performance indicators demonstrate strong and growing community reach and engagement.

The establishment of a new advisory group would have governance and resourcing implications and may duplicate existing internal capability and engagement mechanisms. It is also noted that communication and community engagement are shared responsibilities of all Council Members.

If Council seeks further input or exploration of opportunities in this area, this could be more effectively progressed through an Administration report and discussion at a Concept Forum. This would enable a consolidated view of current activities, future opportunities and any identified gaps, while ensuring all Council Members can contribute.

Statutory Compliance

There are no specific statutory issues, and the proposal aligns with legislative and governance requirements, and any future actions would comply with relevant laws and policies.

Strategic Implications

The proposal aligns with the following objective within the Council Plan 2025 – 2035:

5 ~ A Well-Governed and Managed City

5.1 - Lead with clear decisions and strong advocacy

Risk Appetite Statement

In pursuit of strategic objective goal 5, we will accept a Medium level of risk as the City balances the capacity of the community to fund services through robust cost-benefit analysis and pursues evidence-based decision making to be effective stewards of the Council and City for future generations.

Risk Management Considerations

RISK TITLE		RISK RATING
Level 1 Strategic Risk	3.0 Community Engagement & Stakeholder Relationships	Medium
Level 2 Corporate Risk	3.4 Brand Reputation	Medium
ACCOUNTABILITY		ACTION PLANNING OPTION
Chief Executive Officer		Manage

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Current priorities and resourcing (both FTE and \$) will require review, including adjusting planned communications initiatives, and allocating resources to support and manage the group, which will impact the delivery of some existing activities.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Recommendation

That Council:-

- 1. Establish a Community Media and Marketing Advisory Group with limited delegation to improving community communication and engagement;**
- 2. The Advisory Group be tasked to:**
 - a) Investigate the feasibility of establishing or partnering in a community-focused radio station or digital broadcast platform, similar to the Ellenbrook community radio model, to support local news, community organisations, and council information;**
 - b) Improve the promotion and marketing of City of Wanneroo facilities, including recreation centres, libraries, community spaces and major events;**
 - c) Examine the effectiveness of the City's printed communications, including community leaflets and information distributed to residents about local services, activities and initiatives;**
 - d) Overview the City's current social media strategy, including opportunities to better coordinate messaging, community engagement and event promotion;**
- 3. The Advisory Group consist of:**
 - a) Up to three Councillors, appointed by Council;**
 - b) Relevant City administration representatives;**
 - c) Possible community or media representatives with experience in broadcasting, communications or community engagement;**
- 4. The Advisory Group will operate in an advisory capacity only, with no decision-making authority, and will report its recommendations to Council through Administration;**
- 5. Administration provide a report to Council within six months outlining:**
 - a) Feasibility and governance options for a community radio or digital broadcast platform;**
 - b) Recommendations for improved marketing and communications across City facilities;**
 - c) Opportunities to enhance community information distribution and social media engagement.**

Administration Comment

Improving communication, engagement and awareness of City services and facilities is a key priority, and there is already a significant amount of work underway to support this.

The City continues to work with local community radio, including 89.7FM, through a revised arrangement that focuses on clear outcomes such as on-air promotion, digital support and event coverage. This ensures we can continue supporting community broadcasting while delivering value for our community.

We are also delivering major improvements through the development of the new City website. This will make it much easier for residents to find information, discover local events and access services. A new, centralised events calendar will bring everything together in one place, while improved facilities information and booking features will make it simpler to explore and use City spaces.

Across our recreation centres and community facilities, ongoing marketing and promotion supports a wide range of programs, activities and services throughout the year. Community feedback shows a strong and improving customer experience.

Our digital channels are also performing strongly. Over recent months, hundreds of thousands of people have engaged with City content online, with local events, community stories and updates generating the highest levels of interest and participation.

This reflects a growing focus on digital communication, ensuring we are reaching people through the channels they use every day, while continuing to improve based on feedback and performance insights.

The City is also continuing to review and strengthen how communication and engagement activities are delivered, to ensure they remain effective, coordinated and responsive to community needs.

The idea of establishing a Community Media and Marketing Advisory Group is noted. At the same time, communication and engagement are shared responsibilities across all Council Members, and there are already a range of ways the community can provide input and feedback.

If needed, further information and opportunities for improvement can be explored through existing engagement channels and future Council discussions.

In summary, the objectives of the motion are supported in principle, and there is already substantial work underway that aligns with its intent. A considered approach that builds on current initiatives, maintains strong governance and accountability, and supports inclusive involvement of all Council Members is recommended.

Attachments: Nil