

Belmont Bulletin

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**Celebrating
our community
champions**

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Message from your Mayor

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Term expires: 16 October 2027



As the seasons change, so too does our city, growing greener, stronger, and more connected.

Our biggest winter planting season yet is now underway, with thousands of new trees and plants helping to create greener, more vibrant spaces for everyone to enjoy.

In May, we also took the time to celebrate National Volunteer Week recognising the incredible contributions of local volunteers who bring passion and dedication to our community. A special mention to Rob and Jeanette Bradshaw, who together mark an incredible 75 years of service to our city!

As your Mayor, I took our community's concerns to the WALGA State Council Regional Meeting in May, where we called for stronger communication between State agencies – particularly on the critical issues that impact our residents. I advocated for more timely and coordinated responses to the matters our community consistently raises: lighting, safety, and housing.

Thank you to everyone who continues to make a difference. I look forward to seeing you out and about soon.

Acknowledgement of Country

The City of Belmont acknowledges the Whadjuk Noongar people as the Traditional Owners of this land and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We further acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs, connection and relationship with this land which continues today.

We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living within the City of Belmont.



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Learn more about your Mayor and Councillors at
belmont.wa.gov.au/yourcouncil



Did you know?

You can report faulty streetlights directly to Western Power online.



Lighting our community

We're lighting up parks and public spaces across the city, to make them more welcoming and accessible for everyone.

Lighting is a clear priority for our community, and while we advocate to Western Power for better street lighting, we're also delivering a range of projects to brighten the spaces we manage.

Each year, we budget for lighting projects through our Capital Works Program.

Current projects include:

- Upgraded sports lighting coming to Middleton Park, Centenary Park, Peet Park and Miles Park.
- Solar powered bollard lighting around Tomato Lake.

- LED lighting upgrades for all existing parks.
- Our Winter Night Lights program, which keeps lights on for longer at four local parks.

We also own a small number of street lights, and are working through our LED replacement program. This will see 84 street lights in Ascot Waters upgraded by the end of the year.

Lighting is also included in the design of upcoming projects at Faulkner Park, Wilson Park, and Belvidere Street, to make sure our community spaces are well-lit year-round.

connect.belmont.wa.gov.au/lighting



Have questions? We're here to help

Visit our website, call us, or stop by the Civic Centre.

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In memory of Councillor Janet Powell

We are deeply saddened to advise that South Ward Councillor Janet Powell passed away over the Easter long weekend.

Councillor Powell was a long-standing and respected member of Council.

She initially served the community as a Councillor from 2001 to 2021 and was re-elected during the extraordinary election for the South Ward in June 2024.

For over 20 years she represented the City of Belmont community as a dedicated councillor, committed to the responsibilities of her role.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of working with her and knowing her.



There's a fresh space to play at Whiteside Park!

Shaped by community feedback, the new playground is a space for climbing, swinging, balancing, and puzzle-solving, perfect for curious minds and active bodies.

belmont.wa.gov.au/playgrounds



**Plant,
grow,
thrive!**

Our winter planting season is in full swing, with 3,000 trees and 55,000 natives going in across verges and public spaces.

Keeping our trees healthy is a team effort, and there are a few ways to get involved.

If your verge has been selected for a new tree, our team will be in touch before planting. You can also request a free tree through our website.

Please leave pruning to the experts as improper pruning can damage a tree's long-term health and is an offence under the City's Consolidated Local Law.

If you notice a tree that needs attention, you can lodge a request online or contact us.

belmont.wa.gov.au/trees

Want to know how to plant like a pro?

Scan to watch our new how-to videos.

Planting a tree



Planting tips and tricks



City of Belmont

ART

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belmont.wa.gov.au/art-awards



Mentorship Awards Winners

- 2024 Mentorship Award Winner Anne Farrell, Mentor Kevin Robertson (pictured above).
- 2023 Mentorship Award Winner Sonali Fernando, Mentor Jo Darbyshire.
- 2022 Mentorship Award Winner Sky Edwards, Mentor Christophe Canato.

With the Art Awards exhibition just around the corner, we're celebrating the creative talents nurtured through our Mentorship Program.

This program pairs emerging artists with experienced mentors for one-on-one guidance, studio visits, and professional advice.

Our 2024 recipient, Anne Farrell, has been working closely with her mentor, Kevin Robertson, to refine her artistic practice.

Reflecting on the experience so far, Anne said, "having the opportunity to receive feedback and mentoring from such a reputable artist as Kevin has been an incredible

experience. The mentorship not only helped me refine my artistic direction but also reignited my passion for creating."

Mentor, Kevin Robertson, added, "watching her work develop during the mentorship has been a highly rewarding experience."

You can see Anne Farrell's solo exhibition at The Artist's Place Gallery from Friday 8 August. Anne and Kevin will also be giving a special Artist Talk on Friday 8 August.

We're also excited to welcome our 2025 mentor artist, Joanna Lamb.

The Artist's Place Gallery

Friday 6 June to Thursday 31 July

Olivia Jones is an early career artist who has exhibited locally and nationally. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from Curtin University.

Jones exhibition 'Lost' is a collection of recent paintings exploring her life experiences. Splashes of brightly coloured oil paint adorn the raw hessian

surfaces. In her textural paintings Jones uses crushed Toodyay rock, collected from her family's property. It is a link to a time of childhood innocence, solitude and time spent exploring the Outback of Western Australia.

Artists Place Gallery is on Level 1 of Ruth Faulkner Library.



Olivia Jones, Untitled, 2025. Image courtesy of the artist.

belmont.wa.gov.au/the-artists-place-gallery

Rates

With the new financial year just around the corner, you can now view your rates issue and due dates.

Instalment	Issue Date	Due Date
First	Tuesday 29 July 2025	Tuesday 2 September 2025
Second	Tuesday 6 October 2025	Tuesday 3 November 2025
Third	Tuesday 15 December 2025	Tuesday 12 January 2026
Forth	Tuesday 13 February 2026	Tuesday 13 March 2026

Don't forget to keep your rate notice in a safe place as you may be required to produce it for tax and other purposes.

To recieve your rates notice by email, register for eRates on our website by Wednesday 16 July.

belmont.wa.gov.au/rates



Watch our video to learn more about your Rate

Get ready to vote!



The 2025 City of Belmont election will be conducted by postal vote and managed by the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC). Voting closes on Saturday 18 October at 6pm, with vote counting starting

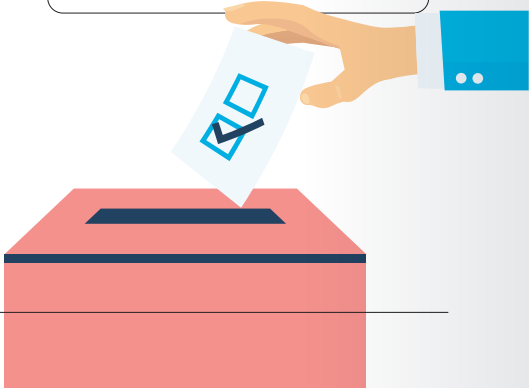
immediately after. This year, the East, West, and Central wards each have one council position to be filled, and the South Ward has two. There is no Mayoral election.

Local Government elections use preferential voting, meaning the way you number the candidates on your ballot paper sets your preferences for vote counting.

Make sure your electoral enrolment is up to date on the WAEC website.

If you are a non-resident owner of a property, or lease a commercial property in the City, you can apply to be on the City's Owners and Occupiers Roll.

belmont.wa.gov.au/elections



Caring for our verges



Verges are shared spaces that keep our neighbourhoods safe and tidy.

While residents are responsible for their upkeep, any changes must follow our Verge Greening Guidelines.

Please note that artificial turf and planting your own trees are not permitted under the City's Consolidated Local Law.

belmont.wa.gov.au/verge-compliance



Supporting native wildlife



Feeding our native wildlife might seem kind, but it can do more harm than good. It can cause health issues, attract pests, and disrupt natural foraging instincts.

The best way to support local wildlife is to create a healthy habitat. Plant native species, keep pets away from wildlife areas, and provide clean water sources like bird baths.

belmont.wa.gov.au/wildlife



Getting ready for winter weather



With winter on its way, now's a great time to get your home ready.

Clear gutters and downpipes, check for cracked tiles or loose roofing, and secure outdoor items to prevent damage in heavy rain and strong winds.

Don't forget your pets! Make sure your fences and gates are secure, and consider bringing pets inside or creating a safe, comfortable space for them during storms.

belmont.wa.gov.au/storms

What's on



Energy Saving Workshop

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- Tuesday 24 June, 1pm to 2pm
- Events Room, Ruth Faulkner Library

Learn how to effectively lower your electricity costs in this free, expert-led workshop.

For adults and seniors



Community Markets in Makuru

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- Saturday 28 June, 10am to 2pm
- The Glasshouse

Enjoy market stalls, live music, activities, and tasty

treats from food trucks.

For everyone



Belmont Interest Group: To the Moon and Back

✦

- Friday 4 July, 2:30pm to 4:30pm
- Activity Hall, Seniors Hub

Celebrate the Apollo 11 moon landing with a talk from Perth Observatory and afternoon tea.

For adults and seniors



School Holidays: Drop in Craft Session

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- Thursday 10 July, 2pm to 4pm
- Innovation Lab, Ruth Faulkner Library

A casual, drop-in crafting session for children and youth.

For young people 8 to 18 years



ATO Small Business Masterclasses

F

- Thursday 26 June and 24 July, 12pm to 1pm
- Online

Free sessions with the Australian Tax Office to help your business grow and succeed.

For businesspeople

Wiggles 'n' Giggles

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- Wednesday 2 July, 9:30am to 11:30am
- Forster Park Community Centre
- Wednesday 6 August, 9:30am to 11:30am
- Redcliffe Park Community Centre

A free monthly program designed to get little ones up and moving with their families.

For families up to 5 years



Creative Clinic: Bookbinding with Bina Butcher

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- Friday 11 July, 1pm to 4pm
- Innovation Lab, Ruth Faulkner Library

Learn coptic bookbinding, a no-glue binding technique in this guided workshop.

For everyone

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No tickets



Free tickets



Paid tickets



Free residents, paid non-residents tickets



Contact us



School Holidays: Nature Life Drawing for Kids

F

- Monday 14 July, 10:30am to 11:30am
- Innovation Lab, Ruth Faulkner Library

Join Eco Action for a Nature Life Drawing workshop and connect with our environment.

For children 8 to 12 years



New Residents Event

F

- Saturday 19 July, 10:30am to 11:30am
- Events Room, Ruth Faulkner Library

Discover Ruth Faulkner Library and all it has on offer.

For everyone



School Holidays: Drop in RUFF and Craft Session

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- Friday 18 July, 10am to 12pm
- Innovation Lab, Ruth Faulkner Library

Read your favourite story to a therapy dog and enjoy a dog themed craft activity.

For children 5 to 8 years



Speaker Series: Budget Backpacking in Peru

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- Sunday 27 July, 2pm to 3pm
- Events Room, Ruth Faulkner Library

Author, photographer, and traveller Talitha Huston shares her backpacking adventures.

For adults and young people 16+ years



Cabaret Series

- Thursday 24 July to Sunday 27 July
- AfterDark Performance Lounge, The Glasshouse

The Glasshouse will glow AfterDark.

Don't miss the newest event on our calendar. The Glasshouse will transform into an intimate performance lounge showcasing the artistry of the nation's leading cabaret stars, including the one and only Rhonda Burchmore in a WA premiere!



Adult Storytime

- Wednesday 23 July
- AfterDark Performance Lounge, The Glasshouse

Settle in for a night of hilarious, heartfelt, and wildly entertaining true tales told live.



A Timeless Gathering

- Monday 28 July,
- AfterDark Performance Lounge, The Glasshouse

It was meant to be a relaxing evening... until a mysterious guest arrived.

Work with the audience and actors to uncover their identity.



Tickets on sale from Thursday 19 June. For further information visit: belmont.wa.gov.au/afterdark

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For adults 18+ years

What's on

KEY No tickets Free tickets Paid tickets
 Free residents, paid non-residents tickets Contact us



Belmont Interest Group: WASO

Friday 1 August, 2:30pm to 4:30pm
 Activity Hall, Seniors Hub

Hear stories and music from the Western Australian Symphony Orchestra,

followed by afternoon tea.

For adults and seniors



Artist Talk: Kevin Robertson and Anne Farrell in Conversation

Friday 8 August, 5pm to 7pm
 Innovation Lab, Ruth Faulkner Library

Join artists Anne Farrell and Kevin Robertson as they discuss Anne's solo exhibition Cutouts.

For everyone



Introduction to Pickleball

First Wednesday of the month, July to December, 9am to 10am
 Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre

Learn the basics, get hands-on practice, and meet new people!

For everyone



Community Lab: Lego Club

Weekly, commencing Tuesday 1 July, 5pm to 6:30pm
 Innovation Lab, Ruth Faulkner Library

Unleash your creativity with LEGO! With a variety of kits and bricks available, it's an opportunity to let your imagination run wild.

For adults



Family Case History: Who Do You Think You Are?

Tuesday 5 August, 4:30pm to 6:30pm
 Events Room, Ruth Faulkner Library

Join geoscientist and family history expert Ian Simon for a fascinating talk on genealogical research.

For adults and seniors



Avon Descent Spectator Spot

Sunday 10 August, 11am to 3pm
 Garvey Park

A tranquil covered viewing location to watch the Avon Descent. River themed activities for kids and refreshments available.

For everyone



Multicultural Playgroup

Fridays during school terms, 9:30am to 11:30am
 Rivervale Community Centre

This playgroup caters to parents who have English as a second language.

For children up to 4 years and their caregiver



Belmont Oasis Playtime

Fridays, 9:30am to 10:30am
 Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre

An interactive program to help toddlers and pre-schoolers build confidence through movement.

For children aged 18 months and over

Local schools leading the way

It's great to see our local schools championing sustainable transport, and we're proud to support them every step of the way.

Belmont City Collage joined in the fun with a Cycle Week event that almost tripled the number of student riders, with fresh fruit, bike locks, and prizes for cycling champions. Belmont City College is continuing to build on this with more events planned.

Kewdale Primary School recently celebrated Walk Safely to School Day with a healthy breakfast, fun bike and scooter accessories, and free bike checks from WestCycle to keep everyone rolling safely.

belmont.wa.gov.au/get-cycling



Blast from the past!

City of Belmont kids have always loved their bikes (c.1970s.) and we're glad bike safety has come a long way since then!



Kids summer Multi-Sport Program

Our free multi-sport program is back this August!

It's the perfect time to have a go and help your kids find their next favourite sport.

belmont.wa.gov.au/kids-multi-sport



Join us this MOVEtober

Are you a local business, organisation, or club that's all about getting people active?

We'd love to team up this October to showcase the many ways our community can stay healthy and active.

belmont.wa.gov.au/movetober

Sharing our sporting ovals



Our sporting ovals are shared spaces, so it's important for everyone to do their part to keep them safe and enjoyable.

While some ovals are off-leash exercise areas, they're also used by sporting clubs for training and games.

To help everyone share these spaces:

- Keep dogs at least 5 metres from children's playgrounds and playing fields in use for organised sport or events.
- Use a lead in carparks.
- Pick up after your dog.
- Always keep your dog under control, either by leash, verbal, or visual commands.

belmont.wa.gov.au/parks



How do you like to keep active in our community?

We're reviewing our Recreation Strategy and want your input.

Share your thoughts to help shape the future of sport and recreation in our community by Sunday 29 June!

connect.belmont.wa.gov.au/recreation-strategy

Congratulations to our local sporting super stars!

Congratulations to our sporting donation recipients who have excelled in their sport.

If you're representing your sport in a national or international sporting competition, we'd love to hear from you.



- **Dylan Sardelich**
Annual International Little Athletics Championships, Singapore
- **Alia Williams**
2025 National Youth Climbing Championships, New South Wales



- **Kieren Webster**
International Ice Hockey Federation World Championships, Serbia
- **Jeshua Williams**
2025 National Youth Climbing Championships, New South Wales

belmont.wa.gov.au/sporting-donations

Upcoming roadworks



Location	Section	Description of Works
Brighton Road	Nannine Place / Rowe Avenue roundabout	Asphalt repairs
Lemon Gum Court	Fulham Street to end cul-de-sac	Asphalt overlay
Arthur Street	Keane Street to Scott Street	Asphalt overlay
Towers Street	Belmont Avenue to Knutsford Avenue	Asphalt overlay
Klem Avenue	Epsom Avenue to end cul-de-sac	Asphalt overlay
Grand Parade	Klem Avenue to Copeland Drive	Asphalt overlay

For a full list of all upcoming roads, drainage and footpath projects or to report a problem visit our website.

belmont.wa.gov.au/on-the-roads



Wave goodbye to bulky waste items when it suits you!

City of Belmont residents can request free collection of bulk waste items including mattresses, lounges, fridges and white goods on a date on your choice.

You can also drop off your old white goods and e-Waste at our next drop off day on Saturday 5 July.

belmont.wa.gov.au/bins-waste-and-recycling



Waste and Recycling Guide

Keep an eye out for your new Waste and Recycling Guide.

They'll be hitting letterboxes soon!





Belmont Community Environment Champions

In 2023, a group of passionate local residents turned their shared love for the local environment into a powerhouse volunteer group - the Belmont Community Environmental Champions (BCEC).

The last six months have seen the BCEC working with the

community on their Less Mess program to raise awareness of the devastating impacts of litter on our environment.

They engaged over 100 students from local schools in educational workshops and fun activities that shone a light on waste management and protecting our local area.

Through working together, the community collected more than 100 garbage bags of litter, hosted 8 volunteer clean-ups, created a new adopt-a-spot program, and most importantly - built more environmental champions of all ages.

Know a community champion?

Help us shine a light on the people who give their time, passion and expertise to make our community a better place.

Nominate an individual or community group for a City of Belmont Community Service award.

Nominations close on Monday 30 June.
🌐 belmont.wa.gov.au/community-service-awards



Jeanette and Rob

It's a milestone year for Jeanette and Rob, as they celebrate 60 years of marriage and a remarkable 75 years of combined volunteer service.

We caught up with them to reflect on their journey - both in life and in giving back.

"I've lived in the Belmont area my whole life. We met at a birthday party, later got married, and moved into a place in Kewdale where we've been ever since," said Rob.

"Once our children went to school, I took up volunteering. Fifty years ago I started with Meals on Wheels - I loved meeting people," said Jeanette.

"Twenty-five years ago, Meals on Wheels was short on drivers, so they asked me if I'd do it," added Rob.

Since then, their shared love of community has taken them from Meals on Wheels to the Belmont Museum, where they help look after our local history collection.

With such enduring service, we wanted to know what it is that keeps them coming back. They both said the same thing - it's all about giving back to our community.

Stuart

Stuart has been part of the Belmont State Emergency Service (SES) for 24 years.

We spoke with Stuart for Wear Orange Wednesday during National Volunteer Week, a time to recognise the incredible people behind the high-vis.

"I started at the Belmont SES when I was 19. I lived locally, had an interest in abseiling, and my brothers were also volunteering there," said Stuart.

Stuart is now the Manager of the Belmont SES and has achieved a lot over the years - but it's the people and purpose that keep him coming back.

"It's friendship and camaraderie. It's learning skills you can't get from behind a desk. And it's rewarding being able to help people when they're in need."



AFTERDARK

Performance Lounge

*The Glasshouse
will glow AfterDark*


Join us for a sensational line
up of some of the nation's
brightest cabaret stars.

Featuring:

- Rhonda Burchmore: *Tall Tales* (WA Premiere)
- Mama Alto: *Transcendent* (WA Premiere)
- Michael Griffiths Sings Peter Allen
- Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse
- *Best of Times*: Ali Bodycoat and Libby Hammer

 **Thursday 24 July to Sunday 27 July**

 **AfterDark Performance Lounge,
The Glasshouse**

 Tickets on sale from Thursday 19 June.
Recommended for Adults 18+ years.
For further information visit:
belmont.wa.gov.au/afterdark

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