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On January 26 2020, you are invited to celebrate life in the City of Wanneroo at our inaugural Wanneroo Festival.

Following the largest Australia Day citizenship ceremony in the country, this community-driven, multicultural event will be held at the Wanneroo Showgrounds and feature a range of inclusive activities, vibrant performances and delectable food. The day will finish with a colourful firework display at 8pm.

Whether you are spending the holidays here at home or travelling, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the City of Wanneroo Council and all City staff to wish our residents a safe, enjoyable festive season and a happy New Year.

Mayor Tracey Roberts JP

What’s on | Australia Day

More than 1,000 residents from 65 countries will become Australian citizens during the country’s largest Australia Day citizenship ceremony at the Wanneroo Showgrounds.

The ceremony will also see local residents who have made an outstanding contribution to the community presented with Australia Day Awards, including the Charles Spearson Australia Day Youth Award.

7.30am Barbecue breakfast (Wanneroo Scouts)

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inaugural Wanneroo Festival. Support the Appeal receives from our Christmas. I am incredibly grateful for the contribution to the community presented with residents who have made an outstanding ceremony at the Wanneroo Showgrounds. The ceremony will also see local residents just prior to toys distributed to local Christmas Appeal, which donated to the Mayor’s thank you to everyone who

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Wishing you all a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year. North Coast Ward

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Wanneroo issues or concerns. Please don’t hesitate to phone or email me as your North Coast Ward Councillor for advice & representation in respect of all your City of Wanneroo issues or concerns. Merry Christmas & a safe & prosperous New Year!

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Wishing residents in Wanneroo, particularly the South Ward, a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and wonderful safe holiday. Looking forward to being of assistance to you all. J

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I would like to express my deep gratitude for the communities continuing vote of support as your South Ward Councillor and I wish you all the very best for the festive season and for a healthy and happy 2020. Please feel free to contact me for help and support.

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We’ve got another bumper issue for you to read with gardening and legal advice, a photography competition from our friends at MATCAT photography and useful numbers and the history of Atlantis Marine Park. Plus, there’s some fantastic offers from advertisers.

So, here we are at the end of another decade!!! Where on earth has time gone? I remember one of my late Grandmothers sayings was “wait until you hit 40, time will fly after that” she wasn’t wrong!

We here at The Northern Guide would like to wish you a safe and happy Christmas, New Year and Australia Day.

As always, the idea of The Northern Guide is to connect local businesses to their local community, so please support local. By doing this you’re helping the local economy, building a closer community and increasing employment prospects in your area.

Don’t forget to keep an eye on our Facebook page, there’s always new information and offers posted on there.

I hope you enjoy this issue and welcome any ideas or feedback as to what you’d like to see in the next issue.

Happy Reading!!

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So bring the family to the Wanneroo Markets for some Christmas fun, a great shopping experience, have some beautiful food and listen to the live Music in the Beer Garden and get a drink from the Market Bar. There is ample parking and we are open Friday to Sunday 9am to 5pm and also Thursday 19th December for that extra day of Christmas shopping.
Our first Photo Competition for “Best Australian Wildlife Photo” in October was a great success so we’re announcing our second Competition for December 2019 / January 2020 “Best Australian Natural Landscape Photo”, again run in collaboration with Heather at “The Northern Guide”.

The Australian Landscape is as beautiful as it is diverse, we have everything here from beautiful beaches, daunting deserts & snowy mountains to tropical rain forests & waterlogged wetlands along with everything else in between.

To enter this months competition all you need is a photo taken in Australia that focuses on the Natural Landscape. Animals, people, buildings and man made objects are allowed but must not be the main subject.

Ideas for subject matter include: landscapes (obviously), sunsets, seascapes, forest scenes, wetlands, lakes, abstract natural scenes (like my “Mountains of Gold” above), photos of your local park, beach scenes, waves, trees, flowers or even a closeup of a leaf.

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**Conditions Summary:**
- **Entrants must reside in WA & be able to collect any prizes from our Gallery at Wanneroo Markets in person**
- **Up to 3 images per person that focus on the Australian Natural Landscape. Animals, people, buildings and man made objects are allowed but must not be the main subject**
- **Please feel free to add an accompanying image title & short description associated with your images**
- **Entries should be submitted by email to comp@madcat.com.au & received by Fri 31st January 2020**


If you have any questions then please contact us.

We love promoting photography as a hobby (or profession) for young and old alike. Photography encourages artistic creativity, it gets people outdoors and encourages an active & healthy lifestyle. Photography also provides the opportunity for people to learn new skills using computer tools like Photoshop, Lightroom or many of the free alternatives available.

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Undesirable co-inhabitants...
For different reasons spiders are undesirable co-habitants and as a result a pest control professional may be engaged to rid a property of them. The main reasons reported to pest controllers for a spider treatment typically relate to fear surrounding a bite to family members, the unsightly messy webbing habits of house-proud homeowners or simply the sight or thought of the spider itself.

The most common spiders we see...
Redback spider, black house spider, huntsman spider, white tailed spider and daddy long legs spider are the most common spiders encountered in and around a property house.

First Aid measures...
It is always a good idea for family members to familiarise themselves with spider bite first aid procedures and it is advisable to seek medical attention if you suspect a spider bite has been inflicted.

A reputable, registered pest controller can safely and effectively treat the spiders around your property to give you and your family protection from spiders and the unsightly mess of webs they construct, ensuring peace of mind.

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Deadhead Flowers
When you remove spent and wilted flowers, you spur the plants to produce more. Deadheading can also control the unwanted spread of plants, keeping your garden tidy. Annual blooms and repeat flowering shrubs will have more colour despite the warm weather if you deadhead.

Weed Management
Pesky weeds love the summer heat and take over the soil quickly if left unchecked. It’s important to pull them from your garden as they steal moisture and nutrients from your plants. They are easiest to pull when they’re small and when the ground is slightly wet. Pull them from the roots so they don’t sprout up again.

Keeping Pots Cool
Potted plants, especially those in terracotta pots, are prone to overheating during the summer. If possible, position your potted plants away from direct sunlight in a shaded area of your garden. For potted plants that have already dried out, soak the soil in a bucket of water for half an hour, then drain.

Applying Fertiliser
Midsummer is a great time to fertilise plants. Yellowish leaves are often a sign of an iron deficiency in unhealthy plants. Apply rich soluble fertiliser after a round of watering – adding nutrients to the soil will correct mineral deficiencies. When your plants are well-fed in the summer, they’ll bloom better.

Pest Control
Although gardens attract pests all year long, summer seems to be the most troublesome time for pest control. Be on guard for species that bring more harm than good to your garden, such as cucumber beetles, grasshoppers, squash bugs and tomato hornworms. Watch for signs of disease in plants, like black spots or powdery mildew. The key to maintaining the health of your plants is in early detection of pest issues and prompt, decisive treatment.

Harvesting Fruit and Vegetables
If you grow fruit and vegetables in your garden, be sure to pick them as soon as they are ripe. Allowing the fruit to become over-mature slows its production in the summer and may spell the end of the season for those plants. You also need to harvest fruit before they are eaten by garden animals, which may also result in the plant being damaged.

Long and Lush Lawns
Some homeowners think cutting their lawns short keeps it alive in the hot weather. The truth is that letting the grass grow longer means better wear and suppresses weed growth. Keep your lawn lush in the summer by watering it more often and adding a small amount of fertiliser.

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**So if you don’t yet have a Will get one drawn up immediately.**

Here’s a practical guide to making sure that it will protect and provide for your loved ones properly.

**Do it properly with a professional**

Don’t be tempted to use a template Will or to copy a friend’s, there is just too much at stake to take any chances. Apart from all the legal formalities involved, there are many practical considerations require professional help.

Badly drawn Wills risk invalidity, reduced tax and estate planning efficiency, confusion, doubt and dispute..

**Appoint the right executor/s**

Your estate will be administered and distributed by executor/s. If you decide to nominate a non-professional such as your spouse, he/she will need professional assistance so consider appointing a specialist as joint executor or a clause in the Will enabling the Executor to obtain professional assistance. Choose someone you can trust to act with absolute integrity and professionalism.

**A practical plan for your loved ones**

Firstly, all your bank accounts and other assets will be frozen when the executors take control and deceased estates can take a long time to wind up. So check that your dependents will have enough on hand to tide them over for at least several months’ worth of living expenses. Take advice on how best to do this – common solutions include separate bank accounts and investments, life assurance policies that will pay out directly to dependents on your death.

Secondly, when you die your family will be in shock. Help them through the stress and anxiety of bereavement by keeping a file with everything listed below -

- Names and contact details of everyone who your family can and should turn to for support and advice;
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- Anything else your loved ones or advisers may need to know about.

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Put your file somewhere safe then tell everyone where to find it and how to access it.

**Diarise regular reviews**

All sorts of life events - marriage, divorce, deaths, births, adoptions, retirement, new family circumstances and the like – call for amendment of your Will. So diarise regular reviews and again take full professional advice.

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING...
Thinking of adding a pet to your family? Here are ten reasons to adopt your new best friend.

1. **BECAUSE YOU’LL SAVE A LIFE.**
Each year, it’s estimated that thousands of adoptable dogs and cats are euthanised in the Australia, simply because too many pets end up in shelters and too few people consider adoption when looking for a pet. The number of euthanised animals could be reduced dramatically if more people adopted pets instead of buying them. When you adopt, you save a loving animal by making them part of your family and open up shelter space for another animal who might desperately need it.

2. **BECAUSE YOU’LL GET A GREAT ANIMAL.**
Animal shelters and rescue groups are brimming with happy, healthy pets just waiting for someone to take them home. Most shelter pets wound up there because of a human problem like a move or a divorce, not because the animals did anything wrong. Many are already house-trained and used to living with families.

3. **BECAUSE IT’LL COST YOU LESS.**
Usually when you adopt a pet, the cost of de-sexing, first vaccinations (and sometimes even microchipping!) is included in the adoption price, which can save you some of the upfront costs of adding a new member to your family. Depending on the animal, you may also save on housebreaking and training expenses.

4. **BECAUSE OF THE BRAGGING RIGHTS.**
No one needs to see another selfie—unless it’s a selfie of you with the adorable pet you just adopted! Adopt a pet, post those pictures and let the well-earned likes roll in.

5. **BECAUSE IT’S ONE WAY TO FIGHT PUPPY FARMS.**
If you buy a dog from a pet store, online seller or flea market, you’re almost certainly getting a dog from a puppy farm. Puppy farms are factory-style breeding facilities that put profit above the welfare of dogs. Animals from puppy farms are housed in shockingly poor conditions with improper medical care and are often very sick and behaviourally troubled as a result. The mums of these puppies are kept in cages to be bred over and over for years, without human companionship and with little hope of ever joining a family. And after they’re no longer profitable, breeding dogs are simply discarded and usually abandoned.

These puppy farms continue to stay in business through deceptive tactics — their customers are unsuspecting consumers who shop the everyday pet shop, over the Internet or through classified ads. Puppy farms will continue to operate until people stop supporting them. By adopting a pet, you can be certain you aren’t giving them a cent.

6. **BECAUSE YOUR HOME WILL THANK YOU.**
Many of the pets from shelters and rescues are already house-trained, which means you’re not only saving a pet’s life, you may be saving your rug. Adopting a mature pet not only gives older animals a second chance, it often means introducing them to your family will be much easier.

7. **BECAUSE ALL PETS ARE GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH, BUT ADOPTEES OFFER AN EXTRA BOOST.**
Not only do animals give you unconditional love, but they have been shown to be psychologically, emotionally and physically beneficial to their companions. Caring for a pet can provide a sense of purpose and fulfillment and lessen feelings of loneliness. And when you adopt, you can also feel proud about helping an animal in need!

8. **BECAUSE ADOPTION HELPS MORE THAN JUST ONE ANIMAL.**
Overburdened shelters take in a variety of thousands of stray, abused and abandoned animals and by adopting one of them, you’re making room for others. Not only are you giving more animals a second chance, but the cost of your adoption goes directly towards helping those shelters better care for the animals they take in!

9. **BECAUSE THE PET SHELTER WILL HELP AND ADVISE YOU ON WHAT’S BEST FOR YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES AND HOME ENVIRONMENT.**
You can go to your local pet shelter or rescue group to find pets near you, of every size, colour, temperament and breed. Purebred and mixed breed animals alike are waiting for their forever homes!

10. **BECAUSE YOU’LL CHANGE A HOMELESS ANIMAL’S WHOLE WORLD.**
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In the 1970s Alan Bond purchased 20,000 acres of land with a plan to build a large resort and residential area. The Park was constructed in 1981 with the hope that Perth’s rapid expansion would be accompanied by an equal growth in tourism.

A ten-meter-tall Neptune holding his trident was built by local artist Mark Le Buse along with numerous pools and many other strange, ocean-themed sculptures including the disembodied head of Jacques Cousteau.

The park was opened by the Premier of Western Australia the Hon. Ray O’Connor and the chairman and president of the Tokyu Corporation Mr Noburu Gotoh. In his opening speech Mr Gotoh explained that Atlantis was the first element in an expansion plan to make the Yanchep Sun City a premier leisure recreation region with the Park’s slogan being “Atlantis Marine Park for the enrichment of mankind.”

Six months before its opening, the park’s future stars and main attraction were captured. Seven wild bottlenose dolphins were caught in the lagoon and trained to perform. They would be the main draw of the park for the next ten years.

The park did not prove to be the money maker its creators had hoped and by the end of the eighties, it was losing money. The initial set of wild dolphins grew to nine in 1988, when three dolphins were born in captivity. The new arrivals created new issues for the park. Regulations for dolphin enclosures had changed and legislation required the park to build a larger area for the dolphins. Along with an already-dwindling cash flow, the Tokyu Corporation of Japan decided to close the park in 1990.

Part of the park’s closing was an unusual agreement with research scientist and marine park veterinarian Dr. Nick Gales. In return for releasing the company from its financial obligation to the dolphins, they gave him permission to attempt to reintroduce the wild dolphins and their captive born offspring back into the wild. It would prove complicated.

The hope was to provide a case study
for returning other captive dolphins to the open oceans. The first step for the Atlantis Marine Park dolphins was to remind them what survival in the wild entailed. The adult Atlantis dolphins had been performing in captivity for almost a decade, and the captive-born juveniles had never hunted in the wild. They all needed to be shown how to hunt for fish. While some of the dolphins responded immediately, the captive-born dolphins seemed to treat the exercise as a game and would often all chase the same fish, competing more with each other than actually showing any ability to forage according to researcher Kelly Waples.

While the researchers watched the dolphins, they also attempted to discourage human interaction. Meanwhile, the dolphins watching the human researchers couldn’t quite figure out what the new game was. Puzzled, they would try to get the observers to engage with them. According to researcher Kelly Waples,

“A favourite of their antics was to perform a behaviour in unison. Although the juveniles were never formally trained, they copied the performance behaviours displayed by the adults during feeding sessions. Quite often, while we were trying to record observations of natural behaviour, the juveniles would all stop, watch us for several minutes then in perfect unison embark upon a series of tail slaps or pec waves.”

After living in a sea pen which served as a dolphin halfway house, the adults were fitted with radio transmitters and all of the dolphins were released into the wild. Out in the wild, the dolphins struggled. They quickly lost weight. The group structure broke up. One of the juvenile dolphins was reported to be visiting resorts, trying to interact with people, and nearly beaching itself in the process.

Ultimately, three of the dolphins proved to be incapable of living in the wild. They were recaptured and lived at Under Water World (now AQWA), a local aquarium. A wild dolphin frequently visited the enclosure, spending hours on the other side of the net. In late 1999 all the dolphins mysteriously died in quick succession.

The fate of the other dolphins is unclear. The splitting up of the group and failures of the radio tracking made them increasingly difficult to locate. After February of 1992, none of the wild Atlantis dolphins were ever seen again, though occasional reports do come in from local fishermen who claim to have run into unusually friendly dolphins in the area.

Since closing, the park’s sculptures have been vandalized regularly. In 2006 King Neptune sculpture was heritage listed and in 2015 volunteers refurbished reopened the area to visitors, who can now wander around the site and imagine it as it was, for both human and dolphin alike.
Spot the Difference (there are 10 in total!)
Slow Cooker Chicken Tikka Masala

Using a slow cooker in this chicken tikka masala recipe is the perfect way to develop the flavour of delicious spices and create the most tender chicken.
This is one of my families favourite slow cooker dishes and just wait for the fabulous aroma of this quick, easy and tasty feast!!

Ingredients:
1 kg skinless chicken thighs cut into large chunks
800g canned diced tomatoes
2 brown onions thinly sliced
200g tikka masala paste
60ml pouring cream
1 cup fresh coriander leaves (optional)

Method:
Combine the chicken, tin tomatoes, onions and tikka masala paste in a large slow cooker pot (I wear disposable gloves to do this otherwise you can stain your hands and they smell of curry for a week!)
Pop on the lid and cook on high for 4-5 hours and season to taste.
Serve drizzled with cream and topped with coriander.
Can be served with fragrant jasmine rice or basmati rice and a tender naan bread.
Research has revealed some interesting information about how people lose their lives in Australian bushfires. Most people are killed when out in the open, with nearly three-quarters of these within 200 metres of their home. Around one-third of all bushfire deaths occurred within a house, and these mostly occurred on days with catastrophic (Code Red) fire conditions. More than 90 per cent of these deaths occurred in rooms that did not have a door leading outside.

The most important thing for people living in bushfire-prone areas to do is to construct a survival plan, and to practise it. The common advice from governments and fire authorities around the country is to be prepared and ready to either leave early or stay and defend. ‘Prepare, Act, Survive’ is the nationally accepted mantra.

An understanding of the risks of staying to defend a home during a bushfire, or evacuating to a safe place, is essential. All agencies agree that if you choose to leave, you should leave early, usually the day before, or before 10 am on the day of risk. If you choose to stay, you must be both physically and mentally prepared. Check the information from www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation to find out how best to prepare yourself or your property for the risk of bushfire.

A fire on a hill in the background behind a house You must be prepared to either leave early or be equipped to stay and defend your property.

In terms of protecting yourself, one of the most dangerous aspects of a bushfire is the radiant heat it releases. The most effective protection from radiant heat is enough distance, or a solid barrier like a wall or an embankment. Next best is covering up—putting on protective clothing like long pants and a shirt, or overalls made from natural fibres, not synthetics. The heavy suits a firefighter wears is not simply a fashion statement. Even a wool or cotton blanket is better than no protection.

Other risks are dehydration, smoke inhalation and heat stroke, which can cause people to lose consciousness, or breathing in super-heated gases which can burn the respiratory tract. The fumes from burning materials, particularly houses or cars, can be toxic, and breathing them in can lead to disorientation or death. In many cases, the fumes are heavier than air, so they sink to the lowest part of the landscape or building. This is one of the reasons why sheltering in a cellar or ‘bunker’ under a house is not recommended.

If you see suspicious behaviour call 000 immediately.

If you suspect someone of bushfire arson call Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

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Participating in Neighbourhood Watch is easy –

1. Get to know your neighbours
2. Set up a communication network. For example, SMS, email, facebook or WhatsApp
3. Communicate regularly, be observant and share information about what’s happening in your neighbourhood
4. Follow your local Police District on social media to stay up to date with information.
5. Report all suspicious activity to Police on 131 444.
6. Take steps to improve areas of your home security where required.

Follow these simple tips:-

Neighbourhood Watch tip – Be observant.

Neighbours should know what is normal in their neighbourhood and what is out of the ordinary. Neighbourhood Watch does not want you to spy on your neighbour. We want you to be concerned for the safety of your neighbourhood. Spend time out in your community and become familiar with your local environment and know your neighbours.

Neighbourhood Watch tip – Acknowledge

Communication is the key – knowing who your neighbours are and acknowledging them. Waving and saying hello can deter an outsider, as well as signifying that you are communicating and watching out for one another. Good neighbours also acknowledge those people they don’t know. Thus letting potential intruders know that they have been seen and observed potentially reducing the opportunity for crime to occur.

Neighbourhood Watch tip – Report

Report suspicious activity to Police. Police cannot respond to community problems if they are not made aware of them. If your instinct is telling you something doesn’t feel right – it probably isn’t. If you have information about a crime call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 1800 333 000.

Neighbourhood Watch tip – Share information

Knowledge is a powerful and positive tool that helps prevent crime. Sharing information with police and your neighbours helps build awareness and connects a neighbourhood. Crime prevention is everyone’s business and everyone has the potential to be a key in building a safer community.

For resources or further information on how you can contribute to a safer and connected community contact Neighbourhood Watch WA on 9222 1513 or info@nhw.wa.gov.au.
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