
Whole of City Finalist

2011 International Awards for Liveable Communities

City of Joondalup Population: Approximately 164,000

The City of Joondalup is a region that covers an area of 97 square kilometres from beach to bushland. The City Centre has a relaxed, casual atmosphere and is a combination of cultural, civic, commercial and residential properties built on the edge of the stunning Lake Joondalup. Residents and visitors enjoy the cosmopolitan feel and excellent selection of restaurants and cafes around the City Centre.

The City is well connected to the wider Perth Region by an integrated public transport system, including the Joondalup Train Station, Transperth Bus Services and a Central Area Transit (CAT) Service.

Major features of the City's built environment include a number of major Shopping Centres, Joondalup Resort, Arena Joondalup, Joondalup Health Campus, Edith Cowan University, West Coast Institute of Training, Western Australia Police Academy, Hillarys Boat Harbour, The Aquarium of Western Australia (AQWA), and various beaches and natural areas.

The City has a diverse range of natural areas, landscaped parks and open spaces situated within coastal, bushland and wetland environments. The Coastal Zone is one of the City's most valuable natural assets and has been recognised for its high conservation significance. This area is also greatly utilised by the local community, visitors and tourists for its recreational and aesthetic opportunities.



**Native Bushland Hepburn Heights,
Perth, Western Australia**



**Public Open Space Burns Beach Estate,
Perth, Western Australia**

The City of Joondalup manages some 97 bushland areas totaling over 330 hectares of native vegetation many of which contain significant flora and fauna species and ecological communities.

The City also boasts a chain of conservation category wetlands situated within the Yellagonga Regional Park. The wetlands provide habitat for several fish, frog, reptile, bird and mammal species. The area also has significant cultural value to Indigenous Australians.

The community provides significant input into the protection and enhancement of the City's natural areas through the participation in environmental volunteer groups known as Friends Groups. Currently the City has 17 active Friends Groups working throughout on a variety of conservation projects. The City provides assistance to these groups through the provision of equipment, training and financial support.

The City of Joondalup recognises arts, culture and heritage as an important part of the character of the City and has a number of programs in place to represent the City's art, culture and heritage as well as providing community members with the opportunity to participate in such programs. The City provides a repertoire of art, culture and heritage programs and projects all year round to celebrate the diversity of the community and the heritage of Joondalup.



**Indigenous Dancers,
NAIDOC Week**



**Freeway Bike Hike,
City of Joondalup**

The City of Joondalup is committed to ensuring the long-term protection of the environment for future generations. Environmental management is a key role of local government and, whilst the responsibility is shared with other spheres of government, the City of Joondalup implements programs, strategies and policies, in partnership with stakeholders and the community, to ensure the sustainable use of natural resources, biodiversity conservation, energy and water efficiency, waste minimisation and awareness raising of environmental issues within the City.

The City of Joondalup views community engagement as a critical element in the development of sound policies and decision making processes. The City regularly consults with the community on a range of matters likely to have an impact on, or be of interest to, local residents.

The City of Joondalup aims to facilitate healthy lifestyles and promote a sense of belonging and general happiness in the community. This is a key objective of the City's overarching *Strategic Plan* and is demonstrated through a variety of initiatives that relate to overall community wellbeing.

Effective strategic planning is key to the City of Joondalup's delivery of high quality projects and services to the local community. As one of the largest local governments in Western Australia, the City is committed to providing strong and efficient governance and has sound governance processes in place.