

# MEDIA STATEMENT



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## **Bunbury-led awards recognise the most accessible communities in Western Australia**

The City of Bunbury in collaboration with the Regional Capitals Alliance of Western Australia (RCAWA) has been instrumental in the development of the Most Accessible Community in Western Australia (MACWA) awards.

The awards have been inspired by the City's aspiration to become the Most Accessible Regional City in Australia (MARCIA).

MARCIA became part of the City's vision in 2014 and since then a lot of work has gone into developing the MACWA awards.

The inaugural awards which will recognise the most accessible communities in the state will include three categories:

- Metro Council
- Regional City
- Regional Shire/Town

In order to be inclusive of all the new categories the City's MARCIA acronym has had to undergo a change to MACWA.

The awards will be judged on four criteria: Infrastructure; Information, Communication and Technology; Services and Events; and Leadership.

Nominations are set to open 1 May and close on 1 July with the award being presented on 1 August during Local Government Week.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said this was an important milestone in the MARCIA journey, demonstrating the City of Bunbury's leadership and commitment to disability access and inclusion across WA.

"It has been a long time coming and it is a real credit to City officers and the Disability Access and Inclusion Committee for bringing this vision to fruition," Mayor Brennan said.

"I am confident we can deliver on our promise to become the Most Accessible Regional City in Australia."

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The City of Bunbury will be submitting a nomination under the Regional City category.

Nominations open 1 May with the awards being announced on 1 August.

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