

# MEDIA STATEMENT



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## **City of Bunbury committed to accessibility and inclusion**

The City of Bunbury on Wednesday afternoon was proud to be a part of the inaugural Most Accessible Community in Western Australia (MACWA) awards ceremony.

The awards hosted by the Regional Capitals Alliance of Western Australia (RCAWA) recognised the most accessible communities in WA.

The awards were inspired by the City's aspiration to become the Most Accessible Regional City in Australia (MARCIA). The City recently committed to a co-design approach in the development of major projects as part of the adoption of the MARCIA research report to ensure accessibility and inclusiveness for all members of the community.

Over the past 12 months the City has installed a series of accessible barbecues, drink fountains, picnic benches and toilet facilities in all of the new builds such as the Koombana Foreshore redevelopment and Kelly Park playground. A Changing Places facility was also opened recently in the City and South West Sports Centre and brand new beach wheelchairs will be available for use at Koombana Foreshore by summer.

Manager People and Place Isabell Evans who attended the awards said the City was delighted to be a part of the initiative which encourages Local Government to work towards best practice in access and inclusion.

"The City is proud to be an advocate for accessibility and for taking the lead with the development of the MACWA awards alongside RCAWA," Ms Evans said.

"With a total of 11 local governments submitting applications for the awards it is fantastic so many are recognising the importance of accessibility in their communities. The awards are not about Local Governments competing against each other, it is about encouraging everyone to step up and share an aspiration to meet standards of excellence with access and inclusion within their communities."

The City congratulated all category winners and encouraged all Local Governments to consider entering in 2019.

For more information on MARCIA please visit <http://www.bunbury.wa.gov.au/Pages/MARCIA.aspx>

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