

Golden Project, 50 Years of Karrinyup

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Lake Gwelup Story Trail and Public Art Project Launch
Saturday 23rd November 2024

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AGENDA

8:30 - 9:30 BBQ breakfast

9:30 start

11:30 close



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- MC Introduction, housekeeping
- Welcome to Country, smoking ceremony
- Official speeches – Mayor & Karrinyup Rotary President
- Opening of the Story Trail & Public Art projects



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10:30

- **Guided walks – Culture tour, Nature tour**
- **Artist talk – Lake Gwelup designs**
- **Art activities – a colouring in activity station of the artists designs**
- **Children’s activity – Nature passbook**
- **Kids Nature Club activity**
- **The Friends of Lake Gwelup stall / activity**
- **The Karrinyup Rotary Club stall**
- **Wadjak Nyoongar stall – museum in a box**
- **The CoS Customer Experience stall**

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Position

Opposite our Scout Hall





**What
Excites
Me!**



**Oct '85
39 years later we
are still doing
stuff in Lake
Gwelup**



Rotary 
Club of Osborne Park

Rotary 
Club of Karrinyup

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AND MORNING TEA



**10:30 AM 11TH NOVEMBER
LAKE GWELUP RESERVE**

Lake Gwelup Story Trail

Acknowledgment of Country

City of Stirling kaadatj Nyoongar moort Nyoongar boodja-k Wadjak boodja-k. Ngalak kaadatj Nyoongar nedingar wer birdiya koora koora wer yeyi. Baalabang koondarm, malayin wer nakotal baalab yang ngalany-al. Ngalak dandjoo barn wer kaaratj bandang boodja-k.

The City of Stirling acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land, the Wadjak people of the Nyoongar nation, and pays respect to their Elders past, present and future, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and the hopes of Aboriginal Australia.



Kaya wandjoo

Hello and welcome to Mooro Country, home to the Wadjak Nyoongar people.

Wetlands, lakes and rivers have been at the heart of Nyoongar culture for more than 45,000 years. Lake Gwelup and its stories hold special meaning for Nyoongar people as the traditional custodians of the land. They believe if you respect and care for it, the land will look after you.

The name 'Gwelup' was originally believed to come from the Aboriginal word 'gwelgarnow' meaning 'to shift position'. This was thought to refer to the changes in the rise and fall of the water level. However, research has also found 'shifting in position' could relate to hunting and spear throwing, specifically 'stepping to one side to avoid a blow from a spear'. Other sources suggest the name is derived from the Aboriginal name 'kwalup' which means 'place of the kwilim bird' or cool.



Lake Gwelup: A place of stories

Lake Gwelup is more than just a lake. It is a place of stories, where history and nature intertwine. From an important hunting and gathering site in ancient times to the farms and market gardens of the modern era, Lake Gwelup has changed alongside human civilisation and its many challenges.

Lake Gwelup is part of a network of freshwater lakes and swamps that once covered the coastal plain. These wetlands were crucial in the establishment of Perth in 1829 as they provided a reliable source of fresh water. However, as the city expanded, the wetlands were lost to development. Lake Gwelup was subdivided and repurposed for agriculture, producing food and supporting the local economy.

Today, Lake Gwelup is a regional open space that preserves 20 hectares of wetlands, 35 hectares of natural bush and 20 hectares of parkland. It is a remarkable example of wetland ecology and biodiversity, home to a variety of plants and animals, some of which are threatened or endangered. It is also a popular destination for birdwatchers, nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts.

Explore the Lake Gwelup Story Trail to discover the rich history and natural beauty of Lake Gwelup. Learn about Nyoongar culture and its connection to country, local history, and the biodiversity that makes Lake Gwelup unique. Take your time to enjoy the public art located along the trail, created by Nyoongar artists celebrating their connection to country.

Rotary Club of Karrinyup Celebration

In partnership with the Rotary Club of Karrinyup and the City of Stirling, the Lake Gwelup Trail Head and Story Trail, which opened in 2024, celebrate Karrinyup Rotary's 50th anniversary of service to our community.

The City also acknowledges other community projects completed by Karrinyup Rotary within the Lake Gwelup precinct including the Scout Hall, Memorial Gazebo and seating for Migrant Caretaker Inure.



Caring for Lake Gwelup's biodiversity

The Story Trail introduces just a few of the many remarkable mammals, birds and reptiles that call Lake Gwelup home. Some species are endangered. You can help protect this delicate ecology by following these guidelines:

- Protect our wildlife by staying on the tracks and designated recreation areas and away from nesting sites.
- Be a responsible dog owner by keeping your dog under control, away from wildlife and out of wetlands.
- Be a responsible cat owner by preventing your cat from roaming into Lake Gwelup which is a cat prohibited reserve.
- Take your rubbish with you when you leave, or use the bins provided.



Trail classification

Class 1 easiest. The Lake Gwelup Story Trail is 2.8kms and is accessible and suitable for families and people with a disability. Allow 90 minutes to experience the Story Trail.

— Story Trail
— Pavement
- - - Limestone track
- - - Boardwalk

- You are here
- Barbeque area
- Drinking fountain
- Parking
- Playground
- Toilets
- Cricket nets
- Shelter
- Sports ground
- Tennis courts

- Dogs under control
- Pickup after your dog
- No dogs in wetland
- Wildlife area
- Cats prohibited
- No fires
- No littering

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Thank you

<https://www.stirling.wa.gov.au/your-city/shaping-our-city/search-all-projects/lake-gwelup-story-trail>

