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Book of Doing

100 Town Teams in Action

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Town Team Movement acknowledges the Whadjuk Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land where we are based in Perth, Western Australia. Local Town Teams are based in many places around Australia. We pay our respects to their cultures; and to elders past and present. Always was, always will be, Aboriginal land.
Showcasing the Work of Local Doers

Town Team Movement is a movement of positive ‘doers’. There are now over 100 registered Town Teams across Australia and New Zealand! It is a dynamic and growing movement spreading well beyond inner Perth, Western Australia, where the approach emerged organically in 2009. The purpose of this booklet is to showcase just some of the incredible work of the teams and local people. The projects have been chosen to show a diversity of ideas, from the micro through to the massive. Every action is important! Read on and be inspired!

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Connected by the Town Team Charter

A movement links together small groups focussed on improving their own local area through shared values, which we have summarised in the Town Team Charter. The Charter is a shared story of what Town Teams are and how they are expected to act. It’s a summary of the ‘Town Team Way’.

The achievements listed in this booklet are very different and each relevant to their local area.

The Charter is the thing that unites us all and brings this book together.

Town Team Guiding Principles

1. Be Positive and Proactive
2. Apolitical and Independent
3. Inclusive
4. Resilient and Sustainable
5. Integrity, Honesty and Respect

The Vision

This is a positive movement of citizen-led action focussed on creating connected, resilient communities and better places.

Town Teams are proactive, non-profit organisations that include businesses, landowners, residents and others working collaboratively with their local government (or equivalent) to improve their local place or area. The Town Team approach is innovative, creative and fun!
RAC is proud to support local initiatives that create safer, connected and more sustainable communities across Western Australia. We have been the Principal Partner of Town Team Movement since 2018, supporting the first State Conference. At the time, there were 20 registered Town Teams. Now, four years on, we are overjoyed to celebrate the 100 Town Team milestone, and reflect on the multitude of actions that have been delivered throughout WA and other states in Australia.

Town Team Movement supports local people to make a slice of their neighbourhood an even better place to live. This ethos, shared by RAC, is why our partnership is a natural one.

This partnership includes the annual RAC Connecting Communities Fund, which has so far supported more than 40 community placemaking projects in WA, with over $230,000 provided to various Town Teams. Through these projects, it’s been our privilege to collaborate with so many passionate Western Australians who care so deeply for their communities.

To every Town Team, and the many volunteers dedicated to them – thank you. The work you have done and continue to do is making a real difference. Each step, even the small ones, continues our journey toward a more connected state and acts as inspiration for surrounding communities. Our WA is a healthier and happier place because of these steps you are taking.

Alongside Town Team Movement, RAC is committed to building on this great work, to mobilising more local communities, and to creating better places to live, work and connect.

Patrick Walker
RAC, Group Executive, Social Community and Impact
I am very proud that the State Government is providing support for the Town Team Movement. This is a movement that I helped to establish when I formed the Beaufort Street Network more than a decade ago.

Now there are more than 100 Town Teams working with more than 40 local governments, its creative influence being felt from New Zealand up to Queensland over to Port Hedland and down to Albany. More than 90 Town Teams are here in Western Australia alone.

Town Teams are successful because they work to deliver shared interests. They enable local governments, business, and community members to work together, reducing red tape to make lasting, positive change to local neighborhoods and main streets. They are a fantastic way for people to learn more and get involved in their community by volunteering.

Local governments provide vital support to Town Teams, achieving shared outcomes and supporting our communities. I know that councils across the State have continued to work with Town Teams to enable innovation and trial more place-based approaches to local government.

Western Australians should feel proud that this movement started in WA, which is a world leader in placemaking. Local governments are a vital part of this system change that will make WA a more connected, more vibrant and more attractive state to live, work, play and visit in.

**Hon John Carey MLA**

**Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government**
Creating Social and Environmental Impact
BeeScene

By West Perth Local

The West Perth Native BeeScene is a community driven initiative supported by local, State and Federal governments to bring Native Bee-themed street art, native flora beds, sculptures, upgraded seating, lighting and most importantly Bee Hotels. Located in beautiful West Perth, adjacent to Kings Park, once completed the Native BeeScene will not only make West Perth a more vibrant place to visit, but will also become Australia’s first urban native bee village. Several installations are completed already, with a major program of improvements on the horizon.

Supported by City of Perth, WA Government, Federal Government, WA Loves Nature
Birds of Champion Lakes

By the Champion Lakes Residents Association (CLRA)

CLRA hosted a 'Birds of Champion Lakes' day, featuring expert naturalists, photographer/artists and authors. It was a chance for locals to learn more about the birds and flora and fauna of Champion Lakes, and share their experiences.

Supported by Friends of Forrestdale, Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group
Community Garden

By the Champion Lakes Residents Association (CLRA)

Local residents built two compatible gardens from scratch: one to promote food production and recycling; and the other to encourage people to rest and recharge in a peaceful setting with larger fruit trees and vegetables, as well as flowering plants and shrubs. CLRA cleared the land, planned and installed infrastructure like paths, reticulation, seats and artwork. The CLRA also maintain a wide variety of edible and ornamental species of plants.
Urban Forest Strategy

By Vic Park Collective

Trees are an integral part of our urban landscape, providing cooling, shade, absorbing carbon and supporting biodiversity. With Vic Park’s tree canopy sitting at around 10% (and falling), the Vic Park Collective was engaged by the Town of Victoria Park to write an Urban Forest Strategy to double the canopy. Partnering with the Australian Urban Design Research Centre, the Collective engaged Vic Parkians through an ambitious co-design process including workshops, audio recordings, interviews, photographic recordings and more. The Strategy was endorsed by Council in September 2018 and has garnered international attention.

Supported by Town of Victoria Park, Vic Park Trees, Millennium Kids, AUDRC
Car Free day

By Vic Park Collective

Car Free Day was a local event organised as part of a global movement encouraging people to ditch the car and explore how they might use the space usually occupied by vehicles. The Vic Park Collective in close collaboration with the Town of Vic Park were able to negotiate the temporary closure of busy Albany Hwy to deliver an event that brought a much needed lift to the local community. Residents and local businesses took to the streets for yoga, art projects, buskers and cricket games. Some businesses saw a 400% increase in patronage during the event, based on an analysis undertaken by Curtin University.

Supported by the Town of Victoria Park

vicparkcollective.com/car-free-days
The Waverley Food Coop in Launceston, Tasmania provides food and household products to local residents and families in need. The Coop comprises of a number of stalls hosted outside of a private residence. It is an important way to get food and other essential items to people who really need it and provides a way for service providers to help a local community. It also provides a way for people to meet and connect with each other.
Community-led Action Plans

By Beaufort Street Network and Town Team Movement

Action Plans can be a great way to engage the local community, identify a collaborative vision for a place, prioritise actions and work out who is doing what by when. An Action Plan can include a range of ‘hardware’ and ‘software’ upgrades to improve a place, promote a collaborative approach and should include the involvement of the local government, businesses, residents and other community groups. TTM has a ‘How To Guide’ for teams to prepare their own Action Plan.

Example of an Action Plan can be found at thepickledistrict.com.au/event/action-plan/
Mandurah SOUP

By Shape Mandurah

The Mandurah SOUP has been an excellent way to raise money, build community support and get connections to local resources to complete a community project. Each SOUP event provides the winner with a grant of money as voted by the crowd. The event itself is a great way to build connections, positivity and momentum. It is based on the Detroit SOUP model.

shapemandurah.com.au/mandurah-soup-registration/
Experience Nannup App

By Nannup Town Team

The Nannup Town Team and collaborators have created an easy to use, free mobile app to support visitors and locals with maps and information of “whats on” around the local shire. It gets regularly updated and also includes festival programming for the annual Nannup Music Festival.

Supported by Shire of Nannup, SWDC (South West Development Commission), Drought Funding Program, Nymbl

experiencenannupwa.com.au/
By Spencer Park

Community gardens provide so many social, environmental and health benefits. The Spencer Park community initiated a community garden, which provides a great place for the local people to grow, share, connect and learn together. This garden features a noongar bodja (country) mural and Spring and Autumn Equinox harvest festivals to celebrate and share the bounty.

*Supported by the RAC Connecting Communities Fund*
UX2 - Democratic Design

By Leederville Connect

Leederville Connect’s UX2 project is about working with developers and the City of Vincent to create a world class sustainable urbanism that focuses on what we need to do between and inside buildings to showcase Leederville in all its glory.


*Supported by City of Vincent, Shape Urban, Ferart*
A partnership with the Bendigo Bank, City of Bayswater, Department of Communities, Bayswater Landscapes, and Saltbush Landscapes, the Community Garden concept was a result of in-depth community consultation which saw a complimentary redesign to the entire park. It’s a vibrant native garden, with strong historical links through the bench made of limestone blocks from the old Bayswater Station, and red bricks donated by the community including secret messages hidden in the coloured glass bricks.

Supported by Bendigo Bank, City of Bayswater, Department of Communities, Bayswater Landscapes, and Saltbush Landscapes
Places for People
Making places available, comfortable and connected for people
By The Bend in the Road

Partnering with the owners of the Hilltop Shopping Centre, the team activated a previously unused drainage space to make a nature play area. Located outside of popular Dunn and Walton, this space is now a popular spot for young visitors to play thanks to the support of City of Stirling and RAC Connecting Communities Fund.

Supported by City of Stirling, Mens Shed, Dunn & Walton and the RAC Connecting Communities Fund
Super Saturday—Tin Dog Hub Launch

By Dowerin This Together

The Super Saturday Tin Dog Hub Launch saw the local community join the Dowerin This Together Town Team for a morning of live local music, face painting, a sausage sizzle, and live painting of the mural installation at the shop front of the Tin Dog Hub General Store. There were three busy bee weekends to clear and prepare the space out front of the General Store before mural painting and the shop front’s revamped new look.

Supported by Shire of Dowerin, and the RAC Connecting Communities Fund
By People of Gertrude Street

The Greening Gertrude project supports the long-term vision of the Gertrude community to further enhance and beautify the area. Local businesses, community members and Council have worked together for the betterment of the neighbourhood, with 10 new planter boxes designed, manufactured and installed by locals attached to the exterior of five different businesses along Gertrude Street.

Supported by Yarra City Council, design by @brud.studia, manufacture and install by @usfromspace, decal and artwork @spacebetween_, photos by @annikakafcaloudis
Inglenooks

By Inglewood on Beaufort

The award-winning Inglenooks, in Inglewood WA, transformed two under-utilised privately-owned spaces along Beaufort Street into much loved community spaces. These small ‘in-between’ spaces are increasingly important in the urban environment and Inglenooks is a great example of the value that these small spaces can provide to the community.

Supported by City of Stirling, Four Landscape Studio, and the RAC Connecting Communities Fund
Artistic planter boxes

By Historic Heart of Perth

Historic Heart organised and helped to fund the installation of 32 new colourful planter boxes, painted by West Australian artists and planted with WA native plants. The aim was to signify new energy and change in the neighbourhood. The planters were cared for by long-term unemployed people through Green World Revolution.

Supported by City of Perth, WA Government, local landowners and businesses, Green World Revolution

@historicheartofperth historicheart.com
Upgrading a local park

By FABric

FABric applied for and received a grant to upgrade a former infant health centre site to a park. It is working collaboratively with the City of Melville to complete the work. Community engagement has also been a feature. The outcome will be a new public space for the community to enjoy for years to come.

Supported by City of Melville
Working Bee on Bell Street

By Ipswich Central Partnership

The Ipswich Central Partnership hosted the Working Bee on Bell Street to clean-up the arrival gateway to Ipswich, Queensland. The aim of the clean-up was to create a fresh canvas for future art and culture on the street. The day included collecting rubbish, cleaning, planting and painting. One participant said, "People really care and want to see this place shine". We love this spirit!

Supported by City of Ipswich
Main Street Travelling Piazza

By Main Street Cooperation (Osborne Park)

A pop-up public space, with bright furniture and games can turn any empty or unutilised space into a mini-piazza. Having this available for Main Street enables volunteers to easily deliver small events - including pop-up bars, plant swaps, cultural events, bike breakfasts, kids events, and short term parklets.

Supported by City of Stirling
Subiaco Street Side Gallery

By Subiaction

The Subiaco Street Side Gallery engaged local artists to beautify planter boxes and bollards along Rokeby Road. It helped to bring the street to life and celebrate Subiaco's culture and heritage.

Supported by City of Subiaco and the RAC Connecting Communities Fund
Planter Boxes

By Kellerberrin

The planter boxes in the main street were identified as a simple and cheap project, which promoted the newly established Kellerberrin Town Team to the local community.

The plants were chosen for their cascading qualities, and it’s hoped they will become a flower-fall of white flowers and smoky green leaves when they are fully grown. The Garden Team completed the planting, but each of the four main street planter boxes have been adopted by a shop close by to ensure they are watered and weeded.

Supported by Shire of Kellerberrin and IK & WE McNeil Succulent Foods Café, Kellerberrin Pharmacy and Newsagent and Activ Foundation for adopting planters to care for.
By Rise Up Riseley

The Rise Up Riseley team partnered with visual arts students at Applecross Senior High School to add life and colour to some otherwise utilitarian bollards. What a difference some colour can make!

Supported by Applecross Senior High School, landowner
Leederville Connect and City of Vincent trialled four Sunday afternoon/evening closures of the bustling Oxford Street precinct. A series of activities and events helped to attract people and local businesses spilled out onto the street. It helped to demonstrate the need for more places for people.

Supported by City of Vincent
Mural on Melrose

By Leederville Connect

Leederville Connect teamed up with RAC, Blank Walls, Honey Murals Co and HPM 6007 to paint a mural by Cale Hummerston of a 70's classic car in vibrant floral colours and patterns to brighten up a dull noise wall. The project was activated with a local street party with Mister and Sunbird live DJ’s, badge making, free play and lots of fun.

Supported by the City of Vincent, Blank Walls, HPM 6007 and the RAC Connecting Communities Fund
Leederville Village Square

By Leederville Connect

The Leederville Village Square is a flush paved surface that brings the road up to pedestrian level and has been the location of many successful events that have brought the Leederville community together, including Squaresville, Eaterville, Long Table Dinners and the annual Arty Farty Xmas Party. The square came about following the success of Light Up Leederville and various events in the centre of Leederville. Leederville Connect successfully advocated to the City of Vincent to invest over $300,000 to create the square.

*Supported by City of Vincent*
The Busselton Street Art Project's 2021 Laneway Mural was an amazing project to not only support the local South-West artists, but also engage the community to take part by adding their own splashes of colour to the wall. The team put on a Musical Walking Tour, with the Queen St Queen Bee leading the group from one end of town to the other, weaving through laneways and stopping into cool shops to enjoy their food and fun activations.

Supported by City of Busselton, Regional Arts WA, BCCI and the RAC Connecting Communities Fund
Donnybrook Dunny Do Over

By Donnybrook Town Team

The Donnybrook Dunny Do Over will transform the front wall of the very plain Donnybrook toilet block, much used by locals and visitors alike, into a vibrant and imaginative community-inspired and community-painted artwork. The team engaged over 250 people, who provided more than 750 comments to inspire our artists to create an image of “what we love about living in Donnybrook.” Project is due to be finished in October 2022.

Supported by the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup, Donnybrook Community Resource Centre and the RAC Connecting Communities Fund
Telstra Block Redevelopment

By Dunsborough & Districts Progress Association (DDPA)

For over 20 years, a gravel carpark was unloved in the heart of Dunsborough. The DDPA advocated for it to be improved and worked closely with the City of Busselton to negotiate with Telstra to beautify the space. The transformation features native plants and benches. Everyone agrees it has totally transformed this daggy corner block into a fabulous little park.

Supported by City of Busselton, DDPA, Dunsborough community and the RAC Connecting Communities Fund
Welcome to Portside App

By Portside

A carefully curated experience of Portside is now available in the Portside app. To find out more about the precinct and its offerings, which fits in your pocket, anyone can download the Portside app. The app includes a directory of local businesses and a cultural and heritage walking tour which self-guides you through the history of the precinct.

thejunctionco.com.au/portside/
By Narembeen

After two weekends of busy bees, the Narembeen Town Team and a group of Narembeen volunteer super stars completed renovations to the empty shop front at 'Barlow’s Store', the first shop built in Narembeen in 1921! The team gave the shop front fresh paint and placed Narembeen historical photos in the windows.

Supported by the RAC Connecting Communities Fund
People of North Perth

By North Perth Local

An initiative recognising and celebrating people who are enriching the life of 6006 in many different ways. Ten people were selected across a range of businesses, migrant, community and academic categories and interviewed via video and distributed via social media.

Watch video interviews at www.northperthlocal.org/people-of-north-perth/
Events & Activations
to connect, excite and celebrate
Beaufort Street Festival

By Beaufort Street Network

One of the actions of the very first town team was the Beaufort Street Festival, which was WA’s biggest one day street event. It attracted up to 150,000 people to enjoy music, arts, food and street culture along Beaufort Street in Highgate and Mount Lawley. The Festival really put Beaufort Street on the map and led to new businesses opening along the strip. The Network helped many community groups and Town Teams to get started and create their own events in future years.

Supported by the City of Stirling, City of Vincent, Lotterywest & dozens of local businesses and community volunteers!
Inside Out Day

By Beaufort Street Network

Inside Out was a very simple event that encouraged local businesses to bring their wares out onto the street. The Network arranged a street-long trading permit for a weekend and local musicians to perform. The event showed how simple and inexpensive it could be to activate the street and attract more pedestrians and customers.
Monday Night Markets

By Inglewood on Beaufort

Inglewood on Beaufort’s Monday Night Markets has been a major reason behind Inglewood’s success over recent years. It provides a fantastic night out for the family, supports both local shop owners and mobile traders and generates revenue for the Town Team to put back into more community projects. It’s been an amazing success, driven by passionate local leaders and volunteers.

Supported by City of Stirling
Award-winning PorchFest is a neighbourhood street party that brings together great porches and awesome bands! In total, 14 bands play on four porches, verandahs and front yard ‘stages’ over three hours in South Fremantle. The event started in 2019 to reconnect people with place following the first pandemic lockdown and has now become an annual event the community looks forward to each year.

*Supported by City of Fremantle*
The Bend’s Jazz Event

By The Bend in the Road

The Bend Committee wanted to bring the community back together after the pandemic shake-up, and decided on a local jazz event. Partnering with local businesses at the Hilltop Shopping Centre, the car park was closed and the space converted for performances by Corner House Jazz Bang and dance group Swing Zing, with over 500 locals turning out for an evening of balmy jazz.

Supported by City of Stirling, Hilltop Crew, Girl Guides

Photo credit: Marcos Silverio
Braddon Busking Festival

By Braddon Collective

The Braddon Collective facilitated a series of buskers and musical performances on local streets and venues in Braddon, an inner suburb of Canberra. Music brings life, culture and enjoyment to streets.

Supported by City Renewal Authority
Dowerin Do-over

By Dowerin This Together & Town Team Movement

The Dowerin Do-over promoted and celebrated the WA Wheatbelt town of Dowerin. It included a conference, public space makeovers, comedy night, art and main street activations. It brought ideas, energy and people to the town to learn, connect and have fun.

Supported by Town Team Movement, NEWROC, Shire of Dowerin, Wheatbelt Business Network, ECU and the RAC Connecting Communities Fund
Narembeen Street Festival

By Narembeen Town Team

Narembeen Town Team hosted the Main Street Festival in partnership with the Narembeen Community Resource Centre. The community celebrated Narembeen in all its glory with a range of activities including face painting, live art performance, and delicious street food. Prior to the Street Festival, the Narembeen Town Team had completed two projects including renovations to an old empty store ‘Barlow’s’ store front and the installation of a ‘Be Seen in Narembeen’ mural on the Telstra building, and launching the projects at the Main Street festival.

Supported by Shire of Narembeen, Ramelius Resources, Colgar Wind Farm, Narembeen Community Resource Centre and the RAC Connecting Communities Fund
By Brentwood Village

The team hosted a multicultural long table dinner with over 100 guests. Five community cooks presented dishes from their cultural heritage - Mexico, India, Malaysia, Lebanon and Ashkenazi Jewish. In recognition of the team’s contribution, the team received the Active Citizenship Award from the City of Melville in 2021.

Supported by City of Melville
Stitch Clubs

By Bunbury Town Team

Bunbury Town Team wanted to support local venues on their quiet nights whilst bringing together locals who enjoy crafting. This free monthly meetup offers the opportunity for like-minded community members to meet new friendly faces, swap skills and inspiration, sew ‘pocket hearts’ to spread kindness, share some laughter over a hearty meal and a wine or two, and connect with others.

Supported by Highway Hotel, City of Bunbury
Flix ‘n Dickson

By My Dickson

My Dickson in Canberra, supported by the City Renewal Authority, held a series of outdoor family movie nights during the warmer months to entertain and connect people whilst promoting the local town centre.

Supported by City Renewal Authority
By Mount Hawthorn Hub

This annual free family-friendly concert in the park, showcases local community talent and is a great way for the Town Team to give back to the community. The event was a real hit with a fabulous afternoon and evening of music and fun.

Supported by UpBeat Events, City of Vincent
West Perth Wednesdays

By West Perth Local

A regular social event aimed at West Perth locals to provide an opportunity for residents and workers to mix, make new friends/business connections and see a different side of the area. This initiative can be held at local cafes or bars and supports local businesses through advertising and repeat business from attendees.
Free sausage sizzle

By Connecting South Lake

A free sausage sizzle and lunch in the park is a great way to connect people and strengthen community bonds. Family-friendly activities and games are always a winner!

Supported by GLC Residential
Gelorup Food Truck Sundowners

By Gelorup Community Inc

The team decided to spice things up in Gelorup by inviting local South-West food trucks to participate in a monthly summer food truck sundowner. The aim was to bring the community together for connection, good food, live music and fun activities for the kids. These regular monthly summer events are a huge success for young and old!

Supported by Shire of Capel
Really Really Free Market

By Midland Junction Collective

The Really Free Markets were two community ‘sharing’ markets held at the Midland Town Hall. People could bring what they could and take what they need, all for free.

Supported by the RAC Connecting Communities Fund
Scarborough Beach Markets

By Scarborough Beach Association (SBA)

SBA has worked with event agency KINN & Co to develop the (now) iconic weekly Scarborough Sunset Markets – a community, food, retail and entertainment event held along the Scarborough Foreshore. It attracts up to 15,000 people each week. What started as a concept to draw people back to the area during the extended development phase, has become a ritual for Scarborough locals, visitors and tourists alike – connecting the community, showcasing the local lifestyle and drawing attention to the area and local businesses.

Supported by KINN & Co, City of Stirling, and the RAC Connecting Communities Fund

scarboroughbeachassociation
scarboroughsunsetmarkets.com
Groundswell Festival

By Scarborough Beach Association

Over the past four years, the SBA has developed Groundswell from a half day amateur surfing contest into WA’s largest multi-sports youth event. Spread across three days, Groundswell includes Surfing, Skateboarding, BMX, Street Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Beach Soccer, music, arts, entertainment and wellness. It’s a free event, attracting over 10,000 people and provides a platform for local businesses and the wider Scarborough community to come together and celebrate the true coastal lifestyle.

Supported by City of Stirling

@groundswellfest groundswellfestival.org/
Quinninup Fair

By Quinninup Community Association

The annual Quinninup Fair is held in a forest setting and hosts multiple stalls with fresh produce, local wines, tasty food, hand-made gifts, live music and free rides for the kids. Money raised from market stalls and food outlets goes towards the maintenance of the buildings, management of the walking trails in the area, plus many other community projects.

Supported by Lotterywest, Healthways and Shire of Manjimup
Sydney Olympic Park Community Outings

By Sydney Olympic Park Town Team

The Sydney Olympic Park Town Team held their first post-Covid lockdown community outings. Local residents were invited along to two social get togethers held in local businesses. The first was drinks and nibbles at a local restaurant, the second being a hard-fought trivia night at a local Blues cafe. Both events were a great opportunity for new and existing residents to meet each other face to face.

Supported by Sydney Olympic Park Authority
Subilicious

By Subiaction

Subilicious brought Fringe World events to Subiaco to help create a hive of activity in the town centre. It included comedians, music, performances and activities for kids. Local restaurants and businesses offered special promotions to provide even more reasons to stick around in Subi.

*Supported by City of Subiaco.*
Subiaco Street Party

By Subiaction

The Subi Street party featured an ‘Around the World’ theme, celebrating four distinct zones from around the globe. It brought tens of thousands of people to the streets of Subi for a fantastic event.

Supported by City of Subiaco, Synergy, Upbeat Events and dozens of local businesses
Town Team Convergence 2021

By Baysie Rollers, Creative Maylands, Future Bayswater, LACE Inc, Town Team Movement

The 4th annual Town Team Convergence celebrated all things Town Teams. It was hosted by four local Town Teams and community groups and utilised local venues and businesses. It included learning, doing, meeting and enjoying. A celebration of local people!

Supported by City of Bayswater, Metronet, Road Safety Commission and the RAC Connecting Communities Fund
Bitz N Pieces Craft Group/ Withers Markets

By Heart of Withers

Weekly attendees enjoy a hot cup of tea, morning snacks, and chats, while getting creative. They bring along individual craft projects, learn from others, or pop in for a chat. Bitz n Pieces host the Withers Community Craft Markets several times a year. The markets showcase local talent and give people the chance to connect, regardless of experience or challenges.

withersprogress.com.au/
Enabling new community markets

By Wentworth Point Peninsular Town Team

This Sydney Town Team identified a vacant block of privately owned land to use as a regular market space, on the understanding that it was a development site and wouldn't be permanent. It also facilitated the approvals through Council in a number of weeks (rather than months). The team worked proactively to create new community markets for the area, which are now managed by a private operator.

Supported by Cambridge Markets
Wicky Festival and Car Rally

By Ignite Wicky

Ignite Wicky’s main aim was to revive the Wickepin Festival for the first time in 30 years and create a fun family event. A Car Rally was added, guiding participants on a tour of historical sites in Wickepin, market stalls, children’s entertainment, live local music, an art competition, blade shearing demonstrations, and sheaf and boot tossing competitions. The team was overjoyed with the attendance of more than 950 locals and it will now hold a bi-annual festival.

Supported by Wickepin Community Resource Centre, Shire of Wickepin and the RAC Connecting Communities Fund
Mt Hawthorn Youth Activation Series

By Mt Hawthorn Hub

Through development of the Hub's action plan, it was identified that there is a need to provide more activities for young people in the town centre. As a result, the town team organised a series of pop up youth events and included a skate park, art project, basketball, human foosball and roller hockey.

Supported by Skate Sculpture
South Perth Music & Movie Nights

By South Perth Activation Network (SPAN)

SPAN have a strong focus on the environment and sustainable awareness and organised a series of documentaries and music events with a focus on acknowledging their values. The event series also promoted local business specials and activated the underutilised Windsor Park.
By Como Town Team

In partnership with Town Team Movement, the Como Town Team organised an event that welcomed all town teams to come together to connect and learn more about their neighbourhood in the beautiful and historic Grand Cinemas Cygnet. The event included guest presentations, catering from local businesses and opportunities for town team networking.
West Perth Local
Jane’s Walk - History Discovery Tour

By West Perth Local

WPL host an annual free history and culture local discovery tour, which utilises local people to uncover the hidden local stories of the historic West Perth neighbourhood.
Rostrata Block Party

By Rostrata Project

The Rostrata Project kicked off their first project by inviting all local service providers and small businesses to get involved and help organise a local community block party at the rear of the local shops. The event also included engagement stalls to gain valuable input about the neighbourhood values and future ideas to activate Rostrata.
Arts & Culture
to beautify, inspire and promote
Bike Chandelier

By Beaufort Street Network

The Network and City of Vincent jointly funded the manufacture and installation of a chandelier made using recycled bicycle components to promote material reuse and sustainability. Donations were also crowd-sourced from the local community and the landowner covers electricity costs. The City commissioned Perth innovators reSPOKE to create the work in 2015, which still proudly lights up the laneway many years later.

Supported by City of Vincent, reSPOKE
A local First Nations artist named Tallman approached the Ipswich Central Partnership on Bell Street offering his services. The partnership jumped at the opportunity and coordinated approvals, painting supplies and man power to help paint street furniture on Bell Street. Each seat represents an animal important to indigenous people. Every town needs a Tallman!

**Supported by City of Ipswich**

Erica Lane Art and Activations

By Uniting Minto and Town Team Movement

The local community worked with Aboriginal elders and artists to transform an unsafe and unsightly lane into a space to gather, connect and celebrate. It has even hosted weddings! A feature of this project was the cross-cultural cooperation, community leadership and a supportive Council.

Supported by Campbelltown City Council
FLARE Street Art Festival

By SALT District

FLARE was Christchurch’s inaugural Street Art Festival hosted in locations across the central area, including the SALT District. It was a collaboration by a range of organisations, and featured 80 local, national and international street and graffiti artists. It was a real game changer for the area!

Supported by ARCC Christchurch, City of Christchurch
Power Pole Painting

By The Bend in the Road

The first large scale project undertaken by the Bend aimed to improve visibility of commercial areas along Scarborough Beach Road and brighten the bend by painting 65 power poles. Over 100 volunteers from the local community came together with the support of the City of Stirling and Western Power.

*Supported by City of Stirling, Western Power, Bunnings, Al Fornetto*
Maker in Residence Program

By Pinjarra Connect

A collaboration with the Shire of Murray, the Court House is a co-working, co-creating and co-innovating space available for hire with a makers and residency program delivered by Pinjarra Connect. Since its opening in 2018, Pinjarra Connect has successfully coordinated the makers in residence program, securing more than 50 artists and providing a space to work and showcase their products. The initiative aims to support local artists and encourage creative industries and cultural tourism in Pinjarra.

Supported by Shire of Murray
Preston Valley Artisan Trail

By Promote Preston

The Preston Valley Artisan Trail is a two-day South-West event, which runs along the Donnybrook Boyup Brook Road from Thompson Brook to Mumballup. Each of the venues along the way host artisans who showcase their artwork for sale. Now into its fifth year, this popular arts event has its own events team to help bring in new tourists to the region, supporting many local artists and businesses.

Supported by Bendigo Bank, Shire of Donnybrook Balingup, Regional Arts WA and the Yabberup Community Association.
Dalyellup Big Chair

By Dalyellup Collective

The Dalyellup Big Chair Project was created to bring colour and fun to a quieter shopping area and community centre within the centre of Dalyellup. This oversized beach chair was created by the Dalyellup Seasons (Men’s) Shed and painted in bright rainbow ‘pride’ colours to make it fun and encourage locals and tourists to sit, gather, and connect. The Dalyellup Big Chair was launched at the 2022 Dalyellup Twilight Easter Street Party and is now a permanent feature for community and visitors, to sit, take photos and share online.

Supported by Dalyellup Collective, Dalyellup Seasons (Mens) Shed and the RAC Connecting Communities Fund

@dalyellupbigchair
Tuckey Lane Beautification

By Shape Mandurah

A local artist and community members transformed Tuckey Lane from a bland walkway into a work of art! The “selfie chair” encouraged people to get their photo taken, whilst the vivid colours inspired locals to believe again in the potential of Mandurah.

Supported by City of Mandurah
Lego wall in Ravenswood

By Town Team Movement and Ignite Us

It’s amazing what colour can do for a place! The Ignite Us group transformed this wall in Ravenswood, Tasmania from a dull and graffitied “mission brown” to a colourful mix of lego colours quickly and a low cost. The transformation was remarkable. “It makes me happy”, was a common reaction from locals.

Supported by Great Regional City Challenge, landowner
Yarnbombing Kooyong Road

By Rivervale Community Network

Rivervale Community Network ‘yarnbombed’ trees and objects along Kooyong Road in Rivervale. Yarnbombing helps to quickly brighten and add character to streets and public spaces. The stars are often local knitting groups to create the works of art.
Chalked and Baked

By Activate South Hedland

The newly formed Town Team prioritised ideas for the first project to deliver an activity that was simple to organise, low cost and high reward. ‘Chalk and Bake’ required volunteers to each bake a plate and facilitate a children’s chalk competition in the car park at Spinifex Hill Studio. The event was fun to organise, connected the community and even supported the art gallery with a larger turnover of customers.
Leighton Slow Roll

By Leighton CAN

The community event celebrated the opening of a new section of the shared path through the Leighton neighbourhood and promoted positive transport behaviours. It was great to see so many families and the ‘unusual suspects’ on bikes and coming together for a community picnic event at the local cafe and park.

Supported by Department of Transport, WestCycle
The ‘Pickle District After Dark’ is an annual roving art crawl across The Pickle District neighbourhood with open access to local art galleries, creative spaces, light installations, dance and musical performances.
Wake up to Sunday Jazz and stroll through Harbour Road Plant shop to find local artisans selling handmade goods. The event series included music, markets, giant games, hangout spaces and loads of plants!
Northwood Community Festival

By The Flower District

The Flower District presented the inaugural Northwood Community Festival in West Leederville. The event included market stalls, food trucks, kids area and workshops between Railway Parade and Cambridge Street. The local businesses also organised a laneway ‘block party’ as part of the event with delicious beer, wine and spirit tastings. The highlight of the festival was a live mural painted on the Mary Street Bakery wall by Luke O’Donohoe.

Supported by the RAC Connecting Communities Fund
Be Seen in Narembeen Mural

By Narembeen

It was identified that the Telstra building in Narembeen would be the ideal location for an engaging mural. The team worked with the incredible Jerome Davenport Visual Artist to make the ‘Be Seen in Narembeen’ mural come to life, celebrating the local indigenous meaning of the town - ‘the place of female emus’.

Supported by the RAC Connecting Communities Fund
Laneway Art Space

by Baysie Rollers and Laneway Arts

A joint venture between the Baysie Rollers and artist members, Gabi Mazalevskis and Alli Sylvestre to establish an art space at the Oxfam Building in Bayswater Town Centre. The hub hosts the Baysie Rollers offices and the Laneway Art Centre which is used for exhibitions, events, meetings, and community art classes. It was a popular venue at last year’s Maylands/Bayswater Town Team Convergence.
## 100 town teams

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“The imagination, the sweat, the enthusiasm, and the efforts of its people are the greatest resource that any place has”.

Marcus Westbury