

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## Wanneroo Botanic Gardens celebrates 40 years

[Wanneroo Botanic Gardens](#) is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this August, with a weekend of 1980's inspired festivities.

Since officially opening to the public on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1981, Wanneroo Botanic Gardens has evolved into five acres of picturesque gardens, Australia's largest outdoor mini golf course and busy hospitality venue. It is one of the most frequented tourist attractions in the northern suburbs, welcoming more than 350,000 patrons per year.

To celebrate four decades of dedication, hard work and success, the popular venue is winding the clock back to 1980's from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Mini Golf pricing will go back to \$8 per person (60% off adult general pricing), 80's music will be playing, Leapfrogs (the onsite restaurant) will serve 80's inspired meals and cocktails and 80's outfits are encouraged.

*Wanneroo Botanic Gardens* Director, Paul Woodcock said the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary is a celebratory milestone, and it also commemorates the iconic venue entering a new era of transformation.

"We have been busy working behind the scenes on new developments and are delighted to unveil the upcoming plans for the venue. We will be renovating Leapfrogs, adding a multi-purpose function centre, and redefining the indoor / outdoor space so that guests are immersed further into the lush gardens. We will be continuing refresh the 18-hole 'garden' mini golf course and are very excited to be adding a fun children's play area in the coming years as a part of those works.

"[Design Theory](#) have been appointed as the interior architects of the new developments. The design aims to celebrate the magic, passion and history of Leapfrogs and the Botanic Gardens and respectfully evolve the venue, setting it up for future generations to come. Work on the Leapfrogs expansion are expected to commence within the next 18 months.

"Our passion is encouraging family fun, we're very committed to that and enjoying every minute of it," concluded Mr Woodcock.

Wanneroo Botanic Gardens is proudly family owned and operated and has been in the same family since the very beginning. The concept and dream began in 1971. Emigrants from Holland, Theo and Hanneke Puik, purchased the five-acre property on the shores of Lake Joondalup, with a vision to transform the sand and scrubland into a garden sanctuary with waterways, rockeries, an abundance of flowers, lush tree canopy and magical botanic mini golf course.

Theo, a landscape architect by trade, commenced work on the garden in 1974. With incredible vision and unwavering passion, they embarked on the seven-year project, hand shovelling 700 tonnes of limestone and planting thousands of plants, more than 500 species in total. The Puik's operated the garden until 1994 when the family business was sold to their daughter Nicole and her husband Paul Woodcock.

Paul, like Theo, has feverishly pursued the ongoing success of the garden, its intricate design, varied and unique plant life and its unchallenged iconic status within the West Australian tourism industry. The Woodcocks expanded the offerings in 1998 by opening Leapfrogs.

*City of Wanneroo Mayor, Tracey Roberts says, "What the Puik and Woodcock family have achieved over the last 40 years is remarkable. They have transformed the landscape into an urban oasis that is a successful major tourism destination in our region. Many happy memories have been created for local families and visitors from afar at Wanneroo Botanic Gardens. We are very excited and supportive of the plans they have for the future."*

From Friday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August, all mini golf participants will go in the draw to win a grand prize valued at over \$1,000! The prize includes a Mini Group (family) Season Pass for Perth's Outback Splash, 2 x Mini Group (family) Passes for the Wanneroo Botanic Gardens and \$300 in Gift Vouchers to spend at Leapfrogs.

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Digital media kit available here:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/x2kqs94c8o1kifb/AABdBfFfX0e-z4v5-H2GNkja?dl=0>

Includes:

- High resolution images of Wanneroo Botanic Gardens (from 1980s and current)
- High resolution render image of new developments
- Logos

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