

## Hon Reece Whitby MLA Minister for Emergency Services; Racing and Gaming; Small Business; Volunteering

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Mayor Margaret Thomas JP City of Kalamunda PO Box 42 KALAMUNDA WA 6926

Dear Mayor Thomas

I write to personally congratulate the City of Kalamunda on being named a Highly Commended recipient for the 2021 Resilient Australia State Local Government Award.

This award recognises the City's leadership in building whole-of-community resilience, especially during and in the lead up to high threat periods. This is an outstanding achievement and I was honoured to present you with the award.

I understand the City's emergency management campaign has helped to significantly increase community awareness and preparedness for a range of hazardous weather events. This was achieved with a highly interactive, year-round campaign of which a key component was the engagement of experienced, local bushfire officers and firefighters. I am pleased to hear our personnel were able to contribute to this project and share their knowledge and insights with community members.

I have no doubt the City's decision to focus on all weather events will result in a highly informed and engaged community and increased resilience in the face of natural disasters.

Congratulations again on receiving this well-deserved honour. You should feel very proud.

Yours sincerely

Reece Whitby MLA MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

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