

# City creates Compassionate Bunbury Charter

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A new initiative focused on end-of-life and palliative care has been created by the City of Bunbury as it looks to foster a more compassionate community.

The City said the Compassionate Bunbury Charter sought to guide and encourage the entire community to create a more compassionate city through open discussion and awareness around end-of-life and palliative care.

The charter follows a research pilot project with the South West Compassionate Communities Network around the model of care delivered by volunteers to support people living with advanced life-limiting illnesses or palliative care needs.



**Bunbury Mayor Jaysen Miguel.** Picture: Luke McPherson

The pilot project was aimed at developing, implementing and evaluating that model of care and was a collaboration between SWCCN, Perron Institute, La Trobe University, WA Country Health Service, GP down

south and the WA Primary Health Alliance.

Bunbury Mayor Jaysen Miguel said the charter aimed to open discussion and raise awareness about compassion, help understand what is already hap-

pening in Bunbury and provide a road map to support further discussion and implementation measures.

“The City is proud to support SWCCN with the work it is doing and the first Compassionate Bunbury Charter, which will provide a great opportunity to understand our community better when it comes to compassion,” he said. “The charter will help identify who is already working in this space, and what is unique about our city and provide opportunities to advocate and inspire others to take action.

“I encourage our community to embrace SWCCN’s initiatives and projects, to learn from them, and to help maintain the momentum of Bunbury being a compassionate community.”