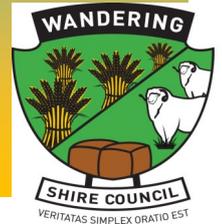


Council Corner

Wandering Shire Monthly Newsletter



CEO's Update

Merry Merry
Christmas
everyone....
Like many of

you I am sure, I cant believe the festive season in descending on us and soon Christmas will be over! I am coming up to 2 years in Wandering in January and wow what an experience it has been... As a first time CEO it has been quite an apprenticeship I can assure you. I continue to enjoy the community and work and look forward to toasting in the new year and looking forward to 2017 and what it will bring!

We had a good turn out at the Caravan Park opening and I want to thank the Lions for their help and enthusiasm. Linda and Mal Wilkins, Pam and Mark Flint and David Lockwood all bought their Vans and Motor Homes and filled up the park which created a lovely spirit and atmosphere. Brendon cut the ribbon on the new ablution block and we

have had very positive feedback from Campers to date. Thanks again to the Lions Crew for assisting with the sausage sizzle. The Annual Electors Meeting was held immediately after the opening and 20 Wandering Residents and Rate Payers presented to review the annual report and ask questions of the Shire. The meeting is a great opportunity for the Council to share information direct with the community and take their feedback on board. The minutes are included in the Echo this month. And are on line for viewing.

We have been busy coordinating work on a number of our Bridges on the Wandering Pingelly Road. We get Government Funding from both the Federal and State Government for this and as many of you would be aware it is well overdue. We will be doing significant repairs to Codji Bridge and hope to improve the surface considerably in the new year, it is being asphalted.

Council will be closing from the 22 December 2016 for any Council and

CRC related matters and opening again on the 9th January. Emergency Contacts will be available during this time.

Australia Post will be available from the office on a number of days over the break for Parcel collection and Banking, please be sure to check out the times listed in the Echo, on Notice Boards and on the Website to ensure you are not disappointed.

The Shire team has been busy encouraging property owners to undertake fire preparedness over the last couple of weeks. We have issued over 30 infringements to households and rural properties that have not undertaken appropriate measures as per the Wandering Fire Notice sent out with the Council Rates each year. Please note council is not happy to have to infringe and if property owners undertook their responsibilities appropriately we would not have to waste precious time and energy on this matter. We really do hope not to have issue any fines next year.



Prohibited Burning Period

The Prohibited Burning Period is now in place which extends to the 21 February 2017. Please note the burning of fires is prohibitive and all properties should have had all fire hazards removed or controlled by now.

CRC successful in sourcing funding to increase services and employment in the Community.

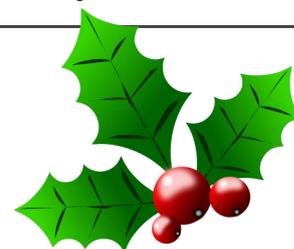
Monica has been successful in securing a number of Grants over the last month or so and this will see increased service delivery and community events available to the Community.

- Department of Local Government and Communities – Community Development Grant to carry out Health and Well-being program – focus on Aged, Men's Health and Early years.\$17,280.00
- Department of Local Government and Communities – Youth Traineeship, Funding available to employ extra trainee part time to help deliver Community Development Program \$16,850.00
- Disability Services Commission – Disability Improvements to front counter, work experience program and development of job descriptions for Outdoor Staff \$10,000.00

We thank Monica very much for her efforts in this area and look forward to exciting times in Wandering.

Shire of Wandering Christmas Closing

The Shire would like to inform all residents of their opening hours over the Christmas break... The Shire Offices will be closed on the following days:



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| Thursday | 22 December | 8.30am to 2.00pm Official Closing |
| Friday | 23 December | 10.00am – 2.00pm (mail and postal services only) |
| Saturday | 24 December | Weekend |
| Sunday | 25 December | Weekend Total Vehicle Movement and Harvest Ban |
| Monday | 26 December | Public Holiday Total Vehicle Movement and Harvest Ban |
| Tuesday | 27 December | Public Holiday |
| Wednesday | 28 December | Australia Post Public Holiday |
| Thursday | 29 January | 10.00am – 2.00pm (mail and postal services only) |
| Friday | 30 January | 10.00am – 2.00pm (mail and postal services only) |
| Saturday | 31 January | Weekend |
| Sunday | 1 January | Weekend |
| Monday | 2 January | Public Holiday Total Vehicle Movement and Harvest Ban |
| Tuesday | 3 January | 10.00am – 2.00pm (mail and postal services only) |
| Wednesday | 4 January | 10.00am – 2.00pm (mail and postal services only) |
| Thursday | 5 January | 10.00am – 2.00pm (mail and postal services only) |
| Friday | 6 January | 10.00am – 2.00pm (mail and postal services only) |
| Saturday | 7 January | Weekend |
| Sunday | 8 January | Weekend |
| Monday | 9 January | Normal Services for all Departments |

****** No Licensing or Shire Services will be available over the Christmas break, only postal services will be offered.**

Emergency Contacts will be available at all times—please call:

All Shire related matters—0428 874 224 and 0429 684 217

Ranger Services—0459 678 154

Caravan Park Ablution Opening



Wandering Transfer Station Christmas Opening Hours



The Wandering Transfer Station opening hours will be altered over the Christmas period to ensure that our trusty Site Attendant Rob can enjoy time with his family over the holidays.

New transfer station opening hours will be—

- Wednesday 28 December 2016 8—4pm
- Thursday 29 December 2016 8—3pm
- Tuesday 3 January 2017 8—4pm
- Wednesday 4 January 2017 8—3pm

Services return to Normal after that date

- Sunday 7 January 2017 8—4pm
- Monday 8 January 2017 8—3pm

Please note that Town Rubbish Pickup is not affected and rubbish will be collected as usual.

Transfer Station Seasons Pass

\$130.00

A year

Get into the Shire now for your annual tip pass \$130.00 pa for one Bin (household waste or recycling) which can be emptied weekly, fortnightly when ever you like... If you bring 3 bins at once you will use up three weeks of your seasons pass, choose to use it as you wish...

Works Program

- The Works crew have been spot grading out and about in the Shire, attending to issues and concerns as they can. It is our intent to spot grade where possible over the Summer to maintain the quality of the roads.
- The Crew have also been working on the extension to Ferguson Road, to support the future development of the Industrial Area. We hope to seal the front section of road during February. Please note that Ferguson Way will be formalised as a loop with the Southern Wandering Pingelly Access being closed to the Public.
- Works to upgrade and increase the culverts at Down Street are underway and will be completed over the next 2 weeks.
- Contractors have been undertaking specialised bridge works on a number of the Wandering Pingelly Bridges, these works are essential to the ongoing viability of the Bridges, the works are funded directly through the Federal and State Government, a number of the bridges will have asphalt applied to improve the surfaces during this financial year as well.
- Works on York Williams and Ricks Road have been scheduled for the New Year to decrease the impact on road users.
- Ferguson Road Works

Vandalism continuing in Wandering

Please note that the vandalism is continuing in and around Wandering. Unfortunately one of our Sporting Clubs had some of their stock stolen from the Community Centre and the Shade sails were again damaged.

We have increased the camera coverage in the area and installed signs to encourage Hall users to ensure that all doors are locked when leaving the building. Staff and neighbours are helping out by providing surveillance as well.

The Shire is very concerned about the impact on users and the inconvenience and financial hardship caused and the ultimate impact on the rate payer from the cost of vandalism, we ask that if you see anything unusual, please report it to the Police so they can increase patrols and help us decrease this costly activity.

Shire Cat Sterilisation Program last days

Please be sure to register your cat with the Shire to be eligible for the Cat sterilisation program. Council has funding available that can support some or all of the costs of sterilisation for either your male or female cat. The program, is only open until the 14 December and after that date unused funds will be returned to the Government.

Please phone Tricia at the Shire on 9884 10546 to register your cat for the programs and dependant on numbers we will work out what the subsidy will be... Act quickly though the program is due to close.

Bush Fire response increased with loan fast Attack Vehicle.

The Wandering Community has been loaned a fast attack vehicle from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) for the 2016/17 Fire Season. The Wandering Bush Fire Brigades have submitted an application over the last couple of years for funding to increase the Shires fire fighting response and capacity through the provision of a fast attack vehicle.

We haven't been successful to date. This year however there is a surplus vehicle that has been loaned to us for the season. DFES will maintain the vehicle and we will ensure that minor expenses are covered.

The Vehicle will reside with our Chief Bush Fire Control Officer—Peter Monk who is often first on the scene.





Wandering Lions Monster



Auction

11am - 18 February 2017

Lots will be sold at Wandering Shire Depot 18 Watts Street & Cheetaning Oval – Cheetaning Street

Registration will be open from 9am and will be located at the Wandering Shire Depot 18 Watts Street, Wandering.

Shire of Wandering misc. machinery and equipment (120 lots) to be sold, outside vendors welcome.

10% of all items sold to Wandering Lions for Community Investment

Refreshments Available

Contact: Mal Wilkins – 0427527150 or Tony Edwards 0417590743 for more information or to register lots

Equipment to be sold includes but not limited to –

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| Plumbing and Bathroom fittings | 3 point linkage Grader heavy duty |
| Misc rolls of barb and plain wire | Compressor on wheels B/S Motor |
| Misc Shelving | 10 sections of crash barrier |
| 2 roasting spits | Desks & Chairs |
| Misc bathroom and Kitchen Tiles | 70 x 2.3m Steel posts |
| 2 Playground Shade Sails | Overhead 1000lt fuel tank on stand |
| 12 Railway sleepers | Misc Signs |
| 9 Gyprock Sheets | Grader/ loader tyres |
| Carpet | 15 lengths railway iron (5m) |
| Grader blades | Assorted pavers |



Road Ribbon for Road Safety®

Road safety is everyone's responsibility

The Shire of Wandering is taking a stand against road deaths and serious injury in the Wandering area. To date, more people have died in our region this year than ever before – a statistic local Councils do not accept.

On Sunday, 20 November, WALGA's RoadWise *Road Ribbon for Road Safety®* campaign commenced. This campaign coincides with the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, and provides an opportunity for reflection, encouraging everyone to help raise awareness of road safety.

The Shire of Wandering and WALGA recognise that road safety is everyone's responsibility and with this in mind, the Shire is working to do all we can to advocate for a road network which caters for the mistakes people make as road users.

"To support this, we ask individuals to play their part by complying with all road rules, being alert and behaving safely on the roads" Amanda O'Halloran stated.

"We are encouraging everyone to pop into the Shire Office grab a free road ribbon and find out more about what we are doing and how they can contribute to road safety."

"By wearing a free road ribbon, emailing the e-Ribbon and spreading the campaign messages to friends, family and colleagues, you are showing your support and helping to keep road safety high on the agenda as we head into the festive season"

We are asking the community to do their part, by making a conscious effort to be a safe road user.

Make a conscious effort to be a safe road user by:

- turning off your mobile phone before driving,
- adapting your speed to the weather, light, traffic and road conditions,
- ensuring you are restrained when travelling in a vehicle,
- taking a break, having a rest or if possible, swapping drivers to prevent the onset of fatigue, and
- arranging a skipper, organising public transport or staying overnight if planning to drink.

To find out more about the *Road Ribbon for Road Safety®* campaign, visit the RoadWise website; www.roadwise.asn.au/road-ribbon-for-road-safety.aspx.

Major Shire Projects

- Ferguson Way Industrial Area— Council will be working over the next 12 months or so, to seek funding to support the land assembly costs to release stage 2 of the Ferguson Way Industrial Area. Funding supplied through the Roads to Recovery Program has enabled the extension of the road and will also facilitate the sealing of the front section. Further work regarding land assembly and title conditions is required before blocks can be released to the public. We will be working hard on this to try and have them available for sale in 2018.
- Aged Care Independent Living Units—Council has applied for the development of 4 aged care independent living units in Wandering. The application is a combined application as part of the Wheatbelt South Aged Housing Alliance, which Council is a member of with Wickiepin, Cuballing, Narrogin, Corrigin, Kulin, Kondinin, Narembeen. Wandering has applied for 4 Units to be built over the 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years. This is an incredibly exciting project and we have everything crossed hoping for a successful outcome to be announced in the near future.
- Caravan Park Upgrade Stage 2—Council has applied for funding to install 10 Caravan Bays at the Wandering Caravan Park. The Bays will provide dedicated water, power and sullage facilities and will better define the park and increase the amenity incredibly. We are very hopeful to receive the grant and if successful would hope that works will be carried out prior to June 30 2017. The announcement of the Dryandra National Park is a very positive outcome for the Economic Development of Wandering and should help increase small business opportunities into the future. Council is committed to helping increase accommodation opportunities through the development of the Caravan Park into the future.
- Retail Precinct Watts Street (Shoppettes Grant)—The Shire has applied to develop a retail and business precinct on the vacant land adjacent to the Wandering Fuel Facility. The precinct will be developed using sea containers and whilst it is envisaged into the future that there is capacity for 5 containers, Stage 1 incorporates head works and the set up of 3 containers as a start. Economic Opportunity is ripe for the picking with up to 5,000 cars a week currently driving through Wandering and the Dryandra Opportunities set to only increase this exponentially! Again we have everything crossed for the success of this grant.



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