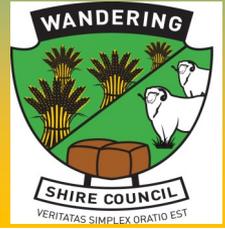


Council Corner

Wandering Shire monthly newsletter



Amanda's Update

Happy New Year Everyone!!! January was my 12 month anniversary with the Shire and on reflection it has been quite a year! I have loved living in Wandering and am keen to get more involved in the community this year. I am very much looking forward to the exciting challenges and opportunities that 2016 brings. It's especially nice to have lived all of the "firsts" and to be able to start thinking about how to do things more efficiently or in an improved way, rather than hanging on for dear life and just getting through events and jobs etc...

2016 is proving to be a challenging year and has kept us on our toes, with issues such as storm damage and breakdowns with the fuel facility impacting service delivery. Let's hope it gets a little easier from now on. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their patience regarding the unreliability of the fuel service over the last month. It has been a very trying time for us all. We

are hopeful that the issues the facility has been having have been ironed out and we can go forward with some confidence regarding on going supply and service. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the Office if you have any further issues.

The Shire Office sustained some serious damage during the rain event on the January 2016. We have had to have the Office recarpeted on Sunday and the Shire Chambers will be done in the next week or two. Other damage received has seen repairs undertaken at the CRC, Gnowing Street house and the Watts Street Playground.

We were very sad to say goodbye to Amy this month. Amy has left us to a job at the Boddington Childcare Centre and will further her studies as well. Amy was a great team member and became an integral part of the operations. We wish her all the very best for the future. We welcomed Rachel Anthony this week, our new trainee and look forward to seeing Rachel grow in the role.

Please be sure to introduce yourself to Rachel at the Shire or the CRC.

We will be saying "see you later" to Vern Kealley this month. Vern is retiring after 10 years of service with the Shire. Vern has been a hard working, employee who will be very much missed at the Shire. We wish Vern all the very best and look forward to hearing about his retirement ventures when we see him around.

All services are back up and running this week after the Christmas break. Monica and Rachel look forward to catching up with everyone at the CRC and Annie, Helen and Tricia are available for any of your Shire enquiries.

I am in the Office most days, with the odd meeting taking me to Perth or surrounding towns, so please don't hesitate to pop in and say hi.

Now on

Transfer Station Seasons Pass

The Wandering Shire is offering a seasons pass for remote and rural users of the Wandering Transfer Station. Please note that fees have been calculated to take into consideration the cost of travel to and from the tip. By purchasing the pass weekly users will save up to \$700 per annum, Fortnightly users will save approx \$530 per annum.

We are keen to support users where possible, recognising the logistical intricacies of waste management in the Wandering Shire. Please don't hesitate to call us or pop into the Office to find out more.

On Sale this month for \$124.90 valid till June 30 2016

Australia Day Breakfast





Australia Day Breakfast

The annual Australia Day breakfast was well supported as per usual, and local Shire Councillors and Lions members cooked a mean bacon and eggs! There was a fabulous turn out by Wandering Residents and the Breakfast is a great way to catch up after the festive season and touch base after summer holidays. The day was not as hot as previous which was lovely however much less Champagne was consumed than usual!!

This year, local Wandering Primary Student Councillor, Tom Price raised the flag whilst the community sang the national anthem.

Residents and Visitors to Wandering were served breakfast by Council Staff and Elected Members and enjoyed quite a feast. Bacon, Sausages, Baked Beans, Spaghetti, Scrambled Eggs, toast and mixed spreads were on the menu again this year.

Formal proceedings commenced after breakfast and Amy Lazenby, past trainee for the Wandering CRC and Shire gave a great Australia Day address of what it is like to grow up in Wandering and reflected on the past year as a trainee at the Shire of Wandering. Amy appeared to thoroughly enjoy her traineeship and gave a comic account of working in the Shire Office, which was very enlightening. Amy's speech was well received and a credit to her and demonstrated how far she has grown and matured over the last year. I think it is safe to say that the Community of Wandering wishes Amy all the very best for the future.

Congratulations to Mal and Linda Wilkins on being receiving the Lions Sustainable Community Award. Mal and Linda work tirelessly in for the Wandering Community, and are both very active in a number of the clubs and causes. Linda was particularly shocked by the award and more so that the secret was so well kept from her!!

Lions President Max Watts made comment that the Wandering Community had a number of wonderful community gems in many of the newer residents to Wandering and emphasised how important it is to engage and be involved in community activities and events.

CWA President Pam Flint, welcomed new residents and introduced the role of the CWA in the Wandering Community and encouraged any one interested to become a member.

Shire President Brendon Whitely, thanked every one for their attendance and wished every one all the very best for 2016.

Council Thanks

Department of Regional Development for ongoing support

The Shire of Wandering have finalised and completed the final touches to the Shire Housing and Skate Park Project. Funding for these projects was received from the Western Australian Department of Regional Developments Royalties for Regions Investment Program. Both of these projects have added to the amenity and community of Wandering considerably. The Skate Park has hosted a number of events and Skate experts have visited to help improve the local the ability of Wandering Youth!

The house has supported the Shire of Wandering to retain the services of a qualified Accountant and Administration Manager thereby increasing the capacity of services, governance and compliance at the Shire.

The Shire and the Wandering Community is incredibly grateful for the funding received and looks forward to enjoying these assets for many years to come.



COUNCIL MEETING ROUND UP CONT....

10.1.1 USE OF COMMON SEAL AND ACTIONS

PERFORMED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2015

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this agenda item is to report to Council for information, Use of the Common Seal and actions performed under delegated authority requiring referral to Council, for the month of November 2015.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council **ACCEPT** the report "Use of Common Seal and Actions Performed under Delegated Authority" for the Month of November 2015.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.1

MOVED: Cr J McNeil

SECONDED: Cr W Gowland

That Council **ACCEPT** the report "Use of Common Seal and Actions Performed under Delegated Authority" for the Month of November 2015.

CARRIED 7/0

10.1.2 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2016

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

It is a requirement for Council to adopt the schedule of meeting dates, times and locations for all Ordinary Council Meetings each year.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.2

MOVED: Cr J McNeil

SECONDED: Cr W Gowland

That Council

ADOPT the schedule of Ordinary Council meeting dates, times and locations for the period January 2016 to February 2017 as outlined below.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday, 18 February 2016	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 17 March 2016	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 21 April 2016	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 19 May 2016	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 16 June 2016	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 21 July 2016	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 18 August 2016	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 15 September 2016	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 20 October 2016	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 17 November 2016	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 15 December 2016	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
No Meeting planned, January 2017	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 17 February 2017	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm

Pursuant to the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* (Act s. 5.25(1)(g)), give local public notice of the Schedule of Ordinary Council Meeting dates, times and locations for the period January 2016 to February 2017.

CARRIED 7/0

COUNCIL MEETING ROUND UP CONT....

10.1.3 PURCHASING POLICY CHANGES

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

For Council to amend the Shire of Wandering Purchasing and Tender Policy CP023 to reflect the 1 October 2015 changes to the legislation.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.3

MOVED: Cr J Price SECONDED: Cr B Dowsett

That Council **ADOPT** the recommended changes to CP023 Purchasing and Tendering Policy as per **ATTACHMENT 10.1.3.1** of this agenda and minutes.

CARRIED 7/0

10.1.4 PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Local Governments are required to ensure that all playgrounds (including the skate park) comply with the current Australian Standards, in particular, AS/NZS 4486.1:1997. The Shire has recently undergone a series of audits and it was identified that to date operational practices have not complied entirely with the Standards. This has since been rectified and this item is to inform Council of recent progress and present the latest annual inspection audits to Council for their attention.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.4

MOVED: Cr B Dowsett SECONDED: Cr K Stripe

That Council:

1. **ACCEPT** the Comprehensive Annual Inspections included in **ATTACHMENTS 10.1.4.1 & 10.1.4.2** of this agenda and minutes.
2. **AUTHORISE** the CEO to have the Slide and Cubby House identified in the Comprehensive Annual Inspections removed and disposed of accordingly.

CARRIED 7/0

10.2.1 PLANNING APPLICATION – NEW OUTBUILDING ON LOT 107 MORAMOCKINING ROAD, WANDERING

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report recommends that a planning application submitted by Steven and Valerie Macdonald to construct a new outbuilding (shed) and water tank on Lot 107 Moramocking Road, Wandering be approved subject to conditions.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.2.1

MOVED: Cr W Gowland

SECONDED: Cr J McNeil

That Council **APPROVE** the application for planning approval to construct a new outbuilding (shed) and water tank on Lot 107 Moramocking Road, Wandering in accordance with the information and plans submitted in support of the application subject to compliance with the provided conditions and advice notes. **See Council Meeting Minutes online for full copy**

COUNCIL MEETING ROUND UP CONT....

10.2.2 BUILDING ENVELOPE RELOCATION – LOT 89 REDGUM ROAD, BLACK BOY SPRINGS, WANDERING

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

An application for building envelope relocation has been received from Jarrod and Theresa Wigham for 89 Redgum Road, Black Boy Springs, Wandering. Council is required to make a decision regarding the relocation of building envelopes.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.2.2

MOVED: Cr W Gowland

SECONDED: Cr C Ferguson

That Council **approve** the building envelope relocation application on lot 89 Redgum Road, Wandering as per plan submitted in **ATTACHMENT 10.2.2.2** of this agenda and minutes.

CARRIED 6/0

Cr Dowsett declared an interest and left the Chamber for the vote

10.4.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2015

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

In accordance with Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, the Shire is to prepare a monthly Statement of Financial Activity for consideration by Council.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.4.1

MOVED: Cr Dowsett

SECONDED: Cr McNeil

That Council

1. Endorse all Cheque, EFT, BPay, salary & wages, transport payments, transfers to investments, credit card payments and other direct debits and transfers as listed from the Municipal and Trust Fund totalling \$222,925.39 for the period ending 30 November 2015.
2. Receive the bank reconciliations & bank statements for the period ended 30 November 2015.
3. Receive the financial statements for the period ended 30 November 2015.

CARRIED 7/0

Adit: The CEO requested the Shire President ask the Council to have the matter reconsidered as it has come to light that the figure in 1. above does not include salary and wages. The Shire President endorsed the request.

The Shire President put to the meeting that the figure in 1. Above be amended to **\$281,556.66**.

COUNCIL DECISION – ADIT

MOVED: Cr Dowsett

SECONDED: Cr Price

CARRIED 7/0

12.2 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

In accordance with Local Government Act 1995 and Shire of Wandering audit committee recommendation, the Council has to appoint the auditor for maximum of 5 years term.

The appointment of auditor is presented for council consideration.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 12.2

MOVED: Cr W Gowland

SECONDED: Cr J McNeil

That the Council

Accept recommendation from the audit committee and appoint Marius Van Der Merwe (Registered Company Auditor #404957) to be the auditor for the Shire of Wandering for five years effective 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2020.

CARRIED 7/0

Prohibited Burn Period

1 November—21 February 2016

Please note that from the 1 November there is no burning and no fires to be light in the Shire of Wandering. We thank every one for their cooperation in advance.

Please check your Fire Notices for more information



WORKS CREW UPDATE

Work on the North Bannister Wandering Road has been completed for the 2015/16 financial year. We have finalised the 2 km of reconstruction, resealed and reinstated line marking as per our Regional Road Group funding responsibilities. This work and the tree pruning that was completed in September / November has greatly improved this stretch of road.



Work on the Moramocking Road continues and we are on track to seal 3.4 km late March 2016. Other works include gravel resheeting on 14 Mile Brook Road and Dwarda East Road.

Ian and Stephen have been working hard to improve the surface of the oval and have had a lot of support from the weather of late. We have fortunately received enough rain to ensure watering can be sustained for the remainder of the summer from the dams. This was touch and go prior to the rain received in January and was why we had been rationing watering so heavily.

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