

Council Corner

Wandering Shire Monthly Newsletter



CEO's Update

What a busy Month June has been. We have been madly working on all that the end of financial year requires and the planning of the new 2016/17 budget. Council have been involved in a number of workshops to plan ahead for the coming year.

Difficult decisions have been made regarding rates and cost cutting measures to ensure that the Council is utilising every inch of the funds it has well.

Key projects such as the caravan park, footpath upgrades and finalisation of our road works program have kept the team busy during the month. These projects are all great community projects that enhance lifestyle, tourism or road safety.

We have had Adrienne Yzerman, working with us for most of the last year on contract supporting us with compliance and management of our key projects. As the key projects draw to an end so to will Adrienne's work with us. We would like to thank Adrienne for her support and hope we get to work with her again in the future.

The Shire would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town Entry Statement Committee for

their fabulous work creating our new town entry signs. The signs are a breathe of fresh air and certainly make the statement that you have hit town! Special thanks goes out to Mal Wilkins for all his hard work. Thanks also to the CWA and Lions Groups for their support of the project! Great team work!!

A number of you would be aware that the Shire is needing to hold an extraordinary election over the coming months. Unfortunately Jim McNeil and Kim Stripe have had to resign for health and personal reasons. This leaves Council with 5 Councillors and in the interests of good decision making and governance it is imperative we get back to 7 as quickly as possible. The election is scheduled to be held on the 2 September 2016.

Our Shire Projects are continuing at a fast and furious rate :

- The renovations at the Caravan Park are underway, and the Park will be closed for the month of June. We are very excited to see the job progressing and look forward to the finished product.
- The CCTV camera's have been

installed and are operational. We have already had the benefit of their presence, being able to call on footage to capture vandalism being carried out.

- Winter Grading has nearly finished with the Crew out in the south eastern corner of the Shire at present. The rain has come steadily over the last month and we have gotten through the program in good time. Work continues on road edges, patching and guidepost replacement at present.
- Minor burning off in the Cheetaning reserve is being undertaken to reduce fuel loads and improve the amenity of the park. We apologise for the smoke but assure residents that it is a vital job that needs to be undertaken

**Please note specific advertisements in this Echo for proposed Rates and Dates of Election Etc...

Don't forget to pop in and say hi, and fill us in on your thoughts or hopes for the Shire.



Thanks to Retiring Councillors

Council would like to take this opportunity to thank retiring Councillors Kim Stripe and Jim McNeil for their commitment and support during their time on Council. Jim McNeil was a Councillor for just on 15 years, which is a terrific effort and demonstrates a passion for Community governance and development. Jim has made many significant contributions to the community during his time on Council including but not limited to the development of the Machinery Shed and the Wandering Fair. Jim is retiring due to health reasons and we wish him all the very best for the future.



Kim served Council for approximately 8 months and unfortunately due to a change in her personal circumstances has had to resign from Council. We thank Kim for her contributions and times with us and wish her all the very best for the future.

2 September 2016 Election Time Table

Enrolling to Vote

- It is time to **Enrol to Vote** — If you are currently on the State Electoral Roll you are automatically registered to vote in the up coming 2 September 2016 Local Government Election.
- Owner/ Occupiers have until **5.00pm on 14 July 2016** to update their particulars and/or register to be on the State or Councils Owner/Occupier Roll. See further information in the full advertisement enclosed in the Echo.
- ***Please note if you were not on the roll correctly at the October 2015 election and have not corrected your particulars , no exemptions will be given this year.***

Nominations Open

Offices Vacant and Terms of Office:

One Councillor	1 Year Term	Expiry October 2017
One Councillor	3 Year Term	Expiry October 2019

Where there are multiple vacancies of varying terms within a single District, the candidates term of office will be determined by the election.

- **20 July 2016** — First day for Candidate's to lodge completed nomination papers, in the prescribed form, with the Returning Officer. Nominations are open for 8 days
- **27 July 2016** — Nominations close at 4.00pm. No late nominations will be taken. Please note that in order for Nominations to be valid, all fees and documentation must be received and signed off by the Returning Officer at 4.00pm.

Nomination packs and further information is available by contacting the Wandering Shire Office.

Election Day

- Polling will occur Friday 2 September 8.00—6.00pm Wandering Shire Office 22 Watts Street Wandering WA. ***Please note that the advertised Election day is a Friday this year.***



Calling for Nominations for the Shire of Wandering Citizen of the Year Award

This is your opportunity to recognise those outstanding people in your club or community who make such a difference. It's a simple way to say thank you from us all and we're happy to help you complete the nomination. Just give us a call! Each nominee will be recognised at the Australia Day Breakfast 2017.

Nominations close on the 31 October 2016, please see nomination form at the back of the ECHO.

Community Centre News

Recent upgrades have occurred at the Wandering Community Centre with new carpet tiles and blinds being installed in the foyer. The new additions do lift the area and have modernised it considerably. We are working further improvements to the Kitchen that will hopefully increase the range of food that can be prepared and sold from the centre in the new financial year.



Key Bonds

Please note that all residents hiring or accessing services/ Buildings that require a key are required to pay a \$50.00 deposit for the key, I understand that this has upset some residents considerably and I am sorry that you have felt that way, but we incur significant costs and inconvenience when keys go missing and have to be ordered from our contracted security firm. Please support us in our endeavours to utilise Council funds wisely.

Bush Fire Season Preparations

Fire Breaks are required to be bare mineral earth breaks and all Council land occupiers should have started spraying and or undertaking further actions to ensure that they meet the 31 October deadline.

Mowed Fire Breaks are not accepted



ACCEPTABLE BREAK



NON ACCEPTABLE BREAK

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