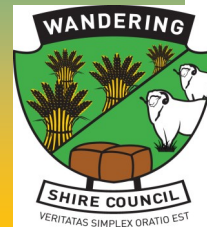


Council Corner

Wandering Shire Monthly Newsletter



CEO's Update

Well what a month February turned out to be....

The rain that we have experienced caused a reasonable amount of damage through out the Shire, there have been different impacts for different residents and the Shire has been working to better understand these.

Rod and I have just completed our final assessments and will submit them to Main Roads WA for assessment and approval over the next week or so. The Shire has 22 roads that should qualify for funding. Its quite a long process to document the damage appropriately, correlate it with supporting evidence and photos etc... Most local councils have engaged a contractor to do this, however Wandering isn't in a position to do so, we ask that people bear with us. Once the claim is submitted Main Roads will send out assessors to verify the damage and fingers crossed

approve it. It is important that we don't alter the state of the roads too much prior to assessment if possible. Ken has been out in the grader trying to give trouble spots a quick grade to improve safety where possible.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those residents that helped out during the few days and after, we very much appreciate those who have cleaned drains, culverts and road ways.

I would also like to thank Cathy Cornish who has been out and about with her new metal detector... Cathy has been out and checked on our playgrounds and other public places keeping an eye out for needles and other dangerous objects. Many thanks Cathy for your time and care.

Congratulations to Leisa Turton and helpers on the 2017 Annual Fox Hunt. The Shire is proud to help out with the event and pleased to see so many take the

time and effort to support the feral animal control initiative.

Congratulations to Grant White and Team on taking out top spot again.

What an amazing effort the Monster Auction was... Many thanks to all of the Lions members and other helpers. The Shire is very appreciative of your efforts. It was a fantastic opportunity for all members of the public to have equal opportunity to source unwanted Shire items. We have very little to dispose of post the Auction and now have some space down at the yard! We really cant thank the Lions crew enough. I also want to make special mention of Stephen Bullock for his efforts too, he kept us all on track at the Shire and worked hard to catalogue and clean out the many hidey holes at the Shire yard. We would never have got there without Stephen!



Restricted Burning Period 22 February to 19 April 2017. Permits required

Contact you local Fire Control Officer from the 22 February for a permit .



Rain Event 2017



Dog Registrations and Micro Chipping

The Council would like to take this opportunity to remind residents of the Shire that registering and chipping your dog is vital to us when your dog is lost or escapes... Recently some residents have incurred significant fines as a result of their dog being impounded. Please note we do not want to or like to have to fine or impound and would very much like to be able give you a quick ring to come and collect your dog! So lets work together and protect our local dogs and save you being fined by getting all animals in the Shire registered and chipped ASAP!! Call Helen at the Office who will help you with this.



With the recent rain—there is likely to be an increase in mozzies in and around Wandering... Please consider the following in an effort to keep yourselves and the community mozzie bite free.



COVER UP Wear long, loose-fitting, light coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can. Mosquitoes can bite through tight clothes like jeans. Make sure children are also appropriately covered up.

REPEL

Use insect repellent containing DEET (diethyltoluamide) or picaridin and always follow instructions on the label.

CLEAN UP

Stop mosquitoes breeding in water pooling around your home or holiday accommodation by emptying water from containers and draining areas where water ponds, such as low lying areas or gutters that don't fully drain.



Navigating the Food Act *Free Information Sessions*

The Wandering Shire would like to invite all interested Parties to an interactive information session with Gordon Tester—Environmental Health Officer. Come along and meet Gordon and first hand discuss your issues or concerns.

Over the last few months there has been significant confusion and concern related to how to set up and manage events, conduct a food stall, cater for events and run a food business in Wandering.

Gordon and the Shire would like to invite any interested parties to the following information session to get first hand information and guidance to support your clubs, groups or business's activities into the future.

- Date:** Monday 20 March
Time: 10.30am
Venue: Wandering Shire Chambers—22 Watts Street, Wandering
Morning tea and refreshments provided
RSVP: Not essential but will help us cater and register your interest.

We are keen to wipe out the concern, arm all groups and individuals with the facts and encourage events and activities to continue into the future.

1 Michibin St for Sale ...

Council has listed the Michibin Property for Sale with Lisa Carrots from Landmark Harcourts Boddington. The house is surplus to Council needs and requirements in these times and Council is keen for a family to have the benefit of this great property.



The property is a large 5 bedroom 2 bathroom home on a great block with a large shed in a lovely town location! Council is asking \$250,000.00—Please contact Lisa Carrots 0428 838 054 for more information or to view the house.



Lions Monster Auction Feb 2017



ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE 2017



6.00am

The Centenary of Anzac 2014 to 2018 is Australia's most important period of national commemoration. Marking 100 years since our involvement in the First World War, the Anzac Centenary is a time to honour the service and sacrifice of our original ANZACs, and the generations of Australian servicemen and women who have defended our values and freedoms, in wars, conflicts and peace operations throughout a Century of Service.

The Wandering CWA, Lions and Shire of Wandering will once again team up to deliver the Dawn Service and Gun Fire Breakfast again this year. We look forward to seeing you all there... So please mark you calendars and lock in the time. More information will be provided in Aprils Echo.

Straying Stock!!

Council has had lots of calls to deal with straying stock recently, which is no surprise of course, given the recent weather events however it has raised the issue of our Office teams lack of knowledge as to who runs what stock in the Shire. We would like to better understand this and create a register so we can easily contact owners and prevent accident or injury to the stock! Please could you take 5 mins to pop into the Office or phone us and let us know, where your property is and what if any stock you run. We will create our data base and hopefully be able to provide a better service in this regard to local stock owners.

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