

# Council Corner

Wandering Shire monthly newsletter



## Monica Treasure, the Acting CEO's Update

April has flown past and whilst our CEO enjoys a well earned holiday (with a bit of warmth), we are all starting to rug up as the cold sets in.

With the start of May, winter sports have started as well as seeding. Please drive carefully on our roads with the increase in farm machinery moving around.

The renovations of the ablutions will start this week and it is anticipated that they will be completed early in the new financial year. This will be a welcomed addition to our facilities within the community. We will keep you informed if and when the ablutions close over this period.

School holidays was a busy time for the children within our community with an excursion to Circus WA in Fremantle and a Movie Morning.

Annual fees for Australia Post Boxes are now overdue. These fees are stipulated by Australia Post and are a

requirement to have your mail delivered into your box. Please note Australia Post has now directed that all unpaid boxes now need to be reactivated and will incur an establishment fee plus an annual rental fee. We apologise for the inconvenience this has caused.

Some sections of the footpaths around town have been upgraded as part of our Age Friendly Grant with new benches to arrive shortly.

With a few events coming up in May, it's time to make your calendars. The Wandering CWA's Annual Cuppa for Cancer is on Wednesday 25th May, this year it will be at Linda Wilkin's home at Blackboy Springs. If you are

heading out to Blackboy Springs you will notice the new sealed road that was completed at the end of last month. Well done to the Work's Crew on a great job!

It is always wonderful to hear of achievements from our community residents and congratulations goes to Tom Price from Wandering Primary School on being awarded the Academic Scholarship at Guildford Grammar School. Well done Tom and Mum, Judith we are sure you will enjoy all the opportunities and challenges at Guildford in 2017.



## **COUNCIL MEETING ROUND UP**

### **10.1.1 USE OF COMMON SEAL AND ACTIONS PERFORMED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH 2016**

#### **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 31 March 2016.

#### **COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.1**

MOVED: Cr B Dowsett

SECONDED: Cr W Gowland

That Council **ACCEPT** the report “Use of Common Seal and Actions Performed under Delegated Authority” for the month of 31 March 2016.

**CARRIED 5/0**

### **10.1.2 OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT – CROSSMAN NATURAL FERTILISER PROJECT – SHIRE OF BODDINGTON**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The Shire of Wandering has been offered the opportunity to comment on the Crossman Natural Fertiliser Project – Lot 9 ON P4850 (N). 9902) Albany Highway, Crossman development application.

#### **COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.2**

MOVED: Cr Dowsett

SECONDED: Cr Ferguson

That Council:

1. Note the application.
2. Decline to comment on the project development specifically, due to previous decisions of Council and concerns held by the Councillors when the project was before the Shire of Wandering.

**CARRIED 5/0**

### **10.1.3 BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

Council is requested to consider the minutes of the meeting of the Wandering Bush Fire Advisory Committee held on the 6 April 2015.

#### **COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.3**

MOVED: Cr W Gowland

SECONDED: Cr C Ferguson

That Council receives the minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Held on the 6 April 2016, and adopts the committee’s recommendations.

1. It be recommended to Council that the following minutes be received and their comments noted:

## **COUNCIL MEETING ROUND UP CONT....**

- a. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Wandering Town and Wandering Bush Fire Brigade
  - b. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Hastings Bush Fire Brigade
  - c. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Codjatotine Bush Fire Brigade
2. That it be recommended to Council that the following items be noted and investigated by the CEO
- a. Item 10.4 – Prescribed burn
  - b. Item 10.6 – Motion by Hastings Brigade regarding road reserves.
  - c. Item 10.9 – Request to Council to Lobby Office of Energy Safety regarding Horizon Power management and inspection of lines.

CARRIED 5/0

### 10.1.4 APPOINTMENT OF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS FOR THE SHIRE OF WANDERING

#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The Bush Fire Advisory Committee have recommended to Council that the Officers recommended within this report be appointed to the respective Bush Fire Control Positions.

#### **COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.4**

MOVED:Cr B Dowsett

SECONDED: Cr C Ferguson

That Council authorise the recommendations from the Shire of Wandering Bush Fire Advisory Committee to appoint the following officers to the nominated positions and direct the CEO to advertise in accordance with the Act:

<b>Chief Fire Control Officer</b> P Monk	<b>Clover Burning Permit Officers</b> P Monk A Turton	<b>Wandering Town</b> G Treasure W Brand S Brand B Whitely
<b>Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer</b> M Schorer	<b>Fire Control Officers Hastings</b> GR Parsons A Watts C Ferguson R Bostock A Turton	<b>Dual Appointments</b> <b>Brookton</b> GR Parsons <b>Brookton</b> P Monk <b>Pingelly</b> R Bostock <b>Pingelly</b> P Monk <b>Cuballing</b> P Monk <b>Boddington</b> T Hardie <b>Boddington</b> P Monk <b>Williams</b> T Hardie <b>Williams</b> P Monk
<b>Chief Fire Weather Officers</b> P Monk GR Parsons T Treasure	<b>Wandering</b> T Hardie T Treasure G White S Watts	
<b>Deputy Fire Weather Officers</b> B Dowsett A O'Halloran A Watts	<b>Codjatotine</b> P Monk M Schorer D Warburton B Hardie	
<b>Vehicle Movement Ban Officers</b> P Monk GR Parsons T Treasure B Dowsett A Watts A O'Halloran		

CARRIED 5/0

## **COUNCIL MEETING ROUND UP CONT....**

### **10.1.5 DONATION TO THE BODDINGTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

Council has been requested to continue it's ongoing financial support of the Boddington Junior Football Club. The Club have requested a donation of \$500.00 in return for a litter pick up in the Shire.

#### **COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.5**

MOVED: Cr J Price

SECONDED: Cr Ferguson

That Council authorises the donation of \$500.00 to the Boddington Junior Football Club and requests that in return the club conducts a litter drive/ pickup of the Albany Highway North Bannister Wandering Road intersection and back along North Bannister Wandering for 2 kilometres.

CARRIED 5/0

### **10.4.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2016**

#### **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.

The monthly financials for the month of March 2016 are presented for Council's consideration.

#### **COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.4.1**

MOVED: Cr Ferguson

SECONDED: Cr Price

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 \$220,237.23 for the period ending 31 March 2016.
2. Receive the bank reconciliations & bank statements for the period ended 31 March 2016.
3. Receive the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2016.

CARRIED 5/0

### **12.1.1 DONATION TO THE WANDERING PRIMARY SCHOOL CAMP COMMITTEE**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

Council has been requested support the Wandering Primary School Camp Committee in sponsoring the use of the Community Centre one day per week for second term.

#### **COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 12.1.1**

MOVED: Cr B Dowsett

SECONDED: Cr W Gowland

That Council authorises the donation of the day hire of the Wandering Community Centre Kitchen to the Wandering Primary School Camp Committee and requests in return the committee maintains the Centre and the Kitchen to a clean standard.

CARRIED 5/0

## **Caravan Park Update**

Renovations are due to commence during May and we will try to minimise the disruption to our guests during this time. We will keep you informed if and when any closures of the ablutions at the Caravan Park as they happen.

## **Council Meeting Catering**

Community Groups are invited to cater for the monthly Council Meetings, if your group is interested please contact Monica Treasure to place your groups name on the roster. Generally it involves a morning tea and lunch but it can change from month to month. The Shire is committed to supporting our community groups and this is one initiative that we are keen to support with their fundraising efforts.

## **NBN update**

In the Echo is a media release regarding the availability of satellite NBN, please contact your service provider if you are interested in signing up. We look forward to our community having a better, quicker and more reliable internet service with the new Skymuster launch. There will be a wait to connect to the service as service providers roll out the new equipment and installations at premises.

## **Prescribed Burn**

Residents would have received recently a letter regarding the prescribed burn to take place near Westwood Road. DFES and the Local Volunteer Fire Brigade will assess the weather conditions and will inform us when it will commence. It will be dependant upon weather conditions, fuel moisture levels and fuel loads. Once completed the prescribed burn will provide increased protection for properties and community assets. If you have any queries regarding the burn please contact Paul Blechynden from DFES, on 9881 1693.

## **7 Gnowing Street, Tender**

The Shire of Wandering will be tendering the house at 7 Gnowing Street, Wandering, please contact Helen Mark if you would like a copy of the tender documentation on 9884 1056 or if you have any enquires please direct them to Monica Treasure. The tender will close on Monday 23 May @ 3.30pm. If you would like to view the home please contact the Shire to arrange a viewing time.



## **Have Your Say**

On our web page, [www.wandering.wa.gov.au](http://www.wandering.wa.gov.au) you can now register your compliment or complaint. We are committed to providing high quality services and operations endeavouring to meet the needs of the community. We value your feedback—including complaints. Please let us know what we do well and where we can improve our services.

## **Endurance Ride**

On the Weekend of the 21 May, the WA Endurance Association will be staying at the Wandering Caravan Park and hosting a ride from Wandering and through our Conservation Parks, we wish the event well and welcome them again to Wandering.

## WORKS CREW UPDATE

The works crew are busy doing the following roads construction works.

- **Moramocking Road**— The new sealing is now completed.
- **Winter Grading** — it has been a great start to the Winter Grading program, the grader has completed a number of roads and is now out towards Ricks Road
- **North Wandering Road** — This is now completed and has been re-sheeted during April.



Sealing of Moramocking Road, March / April 2016



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