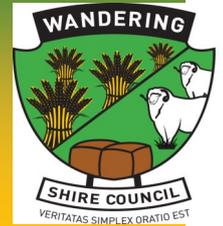


# Council Corner



## Wandering Shire Monthly Newsletter

### CEO's Update

Wow what a busy month April was... The short weeks Easter, ANZAC Day and the visit by the Land cruiser club on top of our current work load have kept us all very busy at the Shire. North Bannister Wandering Road intersection with Ricks Road continues to have the majority of our focus, and we are hopeful we will be sealing this road in the next couple of weeks. This section of the road will be significantly improved allowing trucks to enter and exit Ricks road much more safely.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful volunteers and helpers that supported the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. It was a wonderful event and the efforts of the CWA and the Lions created a wonderful

the risk of missing anyone out I would like to especially that Jacquie Cornish for her lovely wreaths, Jacquie has created these for many years and they are a lovely local way of showing our respect. A number of people helped with set up and clean up on top of the efforts on the day and we thank you very much.

The Day ended on a particularly sad note as we had our lovely NZ and Aussie Flags stolen from the 2 flag poles near the wreaths, this is incredibly disappointing and a real shame. If anyone has any information or has seen them the Shire would be grateful for your information.

The ANZAC Weekend was a hive of activity in Wandering with activities happening in many dimensions of the Community.

The WA Toyota Land Cruiser Club came to town with near on 100 members and tasted and experienced many delights in and around Wandering. We are very

grateful for their

association and keen to continue to develop a long lasting relationship with the Club into the future. The Club was quick to

interact with the community and a number of new associations have been forged. The Club have an article in the Echo so be sure to take a look...

The opening of the Wandering Fair Committee's "Wander In Take Away" .... Was a fantastic initiative that has added to the goings on in Wandering wonderfully! The Fair Committee and Wade did an awesome job decorating and

setting up our first Pop up Bar! The atmosphere was



great and it was fantastic to have

an opportunity to catch up with everyone in such a fantastic setting—we wish them all well in their endeavour!

Happy Happy Mothers Day to all our lovely Mums out there... I hope you all have a lovely day and get a chance to get out and support our local business through out the day.

We will sadly be saying goodbye to our trainee Lily Frawley this month. Lily has worked with the Shire for the last 3 months and has given Local Govt in Wandering a go, unfortunately things haven't worked out and Lily will be leaving us in the next 2 week, we wish Lily all the very best for the future and has a big and bright future.



service and lovely breakfast. The Dawn Service has attracted many locals and this year we had over 50 members of the Toyota Land Cruiser Club attend. There are many people to thank with events such as these and at



# WA 4WD LAND CRUISER CLUB TAKES ON WANDERING



Unveiling the Bench



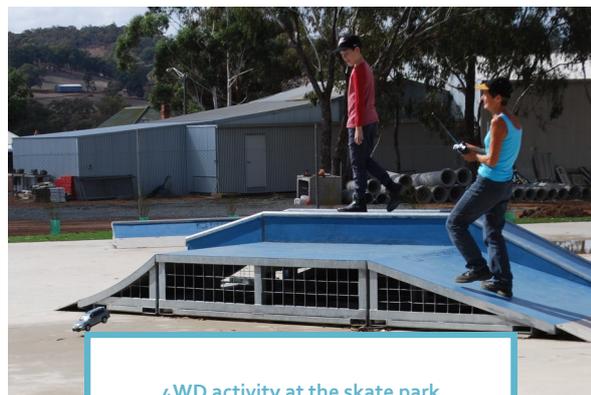
Lovely afternoon for a party...



All hands on deck at JAGS—Moro and Julie on dishes duty...



Enjoying the view at the Golf Club



4WD activity at the skate park

# New business opportunity!!

## Calling for Expressions of interest....

Council is considering offering a number of their properties as rental opportunities for short stay to help bolster tourism opportunities in the area. Council is keen to understand if anyone out there is interested in managing the Shire properties as an Air BnB type arrangement. Expressions of interest outlining terms and conditions, proposed returns required etc... are invited from interested parties. Please do not hesitate to contact Amanda for more information on 0418 913 078.

## Review of the Shires Community Strategic Plan kicks off in May...

Council is required by the Department of Local Government and Communities to review their Strategic Community Plan and engage with members of the Public to ensure that the Strategic Vision and Direction for Wandering is a reflection of rate payers and residents alike. We have engaged the services of Caroline Robinson from the Wheatbelt Business Network to conduct our community consultation and engagement sessions. Caroline is from Narembeen and understands the challenges that small communities face. Caroline will be working with a number of Wheatbelt Councils in this regard.

Caroline will be getting in contact with local groups and conducting some one on one phone sessions to ascertain how the residents and key stakeholders of Wandering rate the Shire's service delivery and to understand what's important to residents and rate payers over the next 5—10 years. This

year we are not conducting big dream sessions asking for you to think about whether an airport or swimming pool is best for Wandering. We are being more focussed on maintaining the fabric of our community and understanding what services are essential and what are nice to have. Local Governments like State Government at present are working in a fiscally challenged environment where the only capacity to raise money, when the State and Federal Government are slashing grants is through your rates. We are mindful of the impact of this and we would like to understand what you think makes Wandering unique and special and why its important to you. We are also keen to understand what you think Councils role is in

business and job development for Wandering and how do we perhaps help keep the school alive. Input can be provided via an online survey, which can be accessed via: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BYGN5FM> .

A hard copy version can also be completed at the Shire Office or Wandering CRC. It is very short and should only take 5 minutes to complete. Caroline Robinson will be available via phone to discuss your thoughts anytime, in person at the CRC for resident meetings on 9 May and will be meeting with a number of local community, sporting, business and service groups over May and June. Please contact Caroline on 0403 225 900 and 9880 8035.

We look forward to hearing from you. We value our community's input, as it plays an important part in shaping Council's strategic direction over the next 5-10 years. We want to know what you see as important and what you value in our community

Amanda is contactable if any one would like to discuss process etc... call her on 98841056

## Water tank disaster at the bowling green...

On another very disappointing note the water tank sensor at the bowling green was tampered with on Saturday Night 29/4/2017, which resulted in the tank loosing thousands of litres of water out into Down Street, the Bowling Green Carpark, over the Basketball Courts and out in Michibin Street—thanks to the quick efforts of our Shire worker Tom Martin who raced out in the night to shut off the water, which decreased the loss significantly. Again if anyone saw anything or has any information regarding this incident please contact Amanda or Rod at the Shire we would be very grateful for any information.





# Huge Home for Sale— Bargain Price!

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 ono—Please contact Lisa Carrots 0428 838 054 for more information or to view the house.





## Works Program Update

Council has been continuing works on the intersection of North Bannister Wandering Road and Ricks Road. These works are Black Spot funded road improvements that will significantly improve the safety of all users of the road. Work has progressed well and we are on time and budget. We should be sealing in the next few days, which will see the job close to completion. This job involves a lot of road marking (painting) and we hope this will occur over the next couple of weeks.

Once we have finished we will move back to finishing off Carbine Road and Ferguson Way. Once the rain starts will head into our Winter Grading program.

Council is still working on finalisation of the Flood damage Claim and hopes to have that finalised by the end of next week for approval by Main Roads. We will continue to keep you posted.

See below pictures taken today prior to seal.



Looking back towards Albany Hwy from the intersection



Demonstrating the new width of the road to accommodate slip lane



Looking towards Wandering from the Albany Hwy end of the Works



Coming up to the intersection from Ricks Road

# Relief Administration Staff Wanted

The Shire team is looking for anyone interested in providing administration relief on an ongoing basis. We have the capacity to support school hours and hope to find someone who will perhaps grow with us over the next few years... Work will be adhoc and will mostly be holiday and sick leave relief.

We will provide on the job training in

- Reception, Australia Post and Library skills,
- We would like preferred candidates to be able to attend Vehicle Licensing training in Perth (1 week course) when suitable .
- Candidates will work at both the Shire and the CRC.

*If this is of interest to you please submit your CV and a cover letter outlining your availability and relevant experience if any and address it to—*

*CEO Shire of Wandering.*

*Applications need to be submitted by 4.00pm 22 April 2017.*

## Vandalism Alert

We need your help—Council has been experiencing a serious level of vandalism again. We have had damage occur to the toilets, shade sails and water tank—this comes at a cost to the rate payer in a very tight fiscal environment. We need your eyes and ears to help us prevent further damage from happening—please report suspicious activity to the Police, and then let us know. Many thanks for your help to keep our community beautiful and vandal free....

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