

# Council Corner

## Wandering Shire Monthly Newsletter



### CEO's Update

Busy Busy Week this week with the Caravan Park Opening 6.00pm and the Annual Electors Meeting 7.30pm both on the 2 November 2016. The Lions Club have kindly offered to cater for the Sausage Sizzle at the Caravan Park Opening so please all come down and check out our latest project.

On the topic of the Caravan Park—I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Murray Cornish and Family for the donation of the Dump



Truck Tyre Rim, that we have turned into the Parks fire and cooking pit.



The Shire Team have fashioned a fantastic fire pit that can act as a fire pit and a fire place. We are very thankful for Murrays support which has lifted the quality of the amenity considerably.

This month is Asbestos Awareness Month! Given the age of many of the buildings in and around Wandering this is a very real issue for many of us. The Shire has struggled with the requirements and regulations of monitoring and undertaking work on a number of occasions, we have learnt a number of lessons and understand your frustrations but do urge anyone who thinks they may have asbestos in their buildings to please consult a specialist or seek advice from the Shire before proceeding, we very much want to help you keep your family and loved ones safe. Please see the advertisement further in the Shires News for more information.

The Shire has been dealing with a number of land owners and occupiers regarding the requirement to have fire breaks in place. It appears many people have been

having trouble accessing a contractor to undertake the work. Please note that the Shire is not resourced to provide this service. We have been cutting staff numbers over the last 12 months and are not able to provide this service. However we have been concerned that many owners and occupiers are only thinking of doing something about their breaks a few weeks out from the deadline. If people undertake a program of clearing and spraying it reduces the impost on individuals considerably. In the interests of community safety there will not be any concessions provided for the 2016/17 Fire Season.

Council currently has 2 surplus properties that are for rent or sale. 7 Gnowing Street and 1 Michibin Street are two properties that Council is considering for rent or sale and would be keen to talk to any interested parties, considering a move to town or upgrading. Please don't hesitate to contact Amanda on 98841056 for a chat on this matter.

## Last and Final Call for Nominations Shire of Wandering

### Citizen of the Year Award

We haven't had any nominations for Citizen of the Year. Please have a think about who you know that has made a significant contribution to the Wandering community and fill in the nomination form on the back of the ECHO. We are keen for the communities input. Call Amanda for more information 9884 1056

# We Welcome New Health Inspector Gordon Tester

Gordon Tester is our new Environmental Health Inspector contracted to us in a joint scheme with the Shires of Wagin and Williams. He has many years' experience in a number of Country Local Authorities (including but not limited to York, Esperance, Shark Bay) administering legislation such as the Health Act 1911 and more recently the Food Act 2008.

Gordon will be responsible for a diverse range of issues such as -

- Food premises and food handling procedures,
- Sewerage and septic tank inspections,
- Investigation of food complaints,
- Water quality,
- Infectious disease monitoring and control,
- Accommodation building and caravan parks,
- Public Buildings,
- Pesticides and Pest Control,
- Offensive trades,
- Noise complaints.



We have branched out to holding Gift Cards for purchase at the Shire Office as part of our Australia Post Services. Please pop in and chat to the Staff, if we don't have what your after we can get it and we get a small commission that all adds up if you purchase items such as these from the Shire.

## Caravan Park Opening

Council invites the Wandering Community to a sausage sizzle to celebrate the completion of the Caravan Park Ablution Upgrade. The Project was funded by the Wandering Shire, Country Local Government Fund and the Wheatbelt Development Commission Age Friendly Communities fund.

6.00pm—2 November 2016

Wandering Caravan Park

Sausage Sizzle and cool drinks available

We look forward to sharing the outcomes of this great project with the Community.



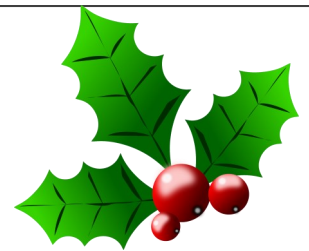
## Shire Cat Sterilisation Program Continues...

Please be sure to register your cat with the Shire to be eligible for the Cat sterilisation program. Council has funding available that can support some or all of the costs of sterilisation for either your male or female cat.

Please phone Tricia at the Shire on 9884 10546 to register your cat for the programs and dependant on numbers we will work out what the subsidy will be... Act quickly though once the money is used the program will be over for the year!

### Shire of Wandering Christmas Closing

The Shire would like to inform all residents of their opening hours over the Christmas break... The Shire Offices will be closed on the following days:



Thursday	22 December	8.30am to 2.00pm Official Closing
Friday	23 December	10.00am – 2.00pm (mail and postal services only)
Saturday	24 December	Weekend
Sunday	25 December	Weekend
Monday	26 December	Public Holiday
Tuesday	27 December	Public Holiday
Wednesday	28 December	Australia Post Public Holiday
Thursday	29 January	<b>10.00am – 2.00pm</b> (mail and postal services only)
Friday	30 January	<b>10.00am – 2.00pm</b> (mail and postal services only)
Saturday	31 January	Weekend
Sunday	1 January	Weekend
Monday	2 January	Public Holiday
Tuesday	3 January	<b>10.00am – 2.00pm</b> (mail and postal services only)
Wednesday	4 January	<b>10.00am – 2.00pm</b> (mail and postal services only)
Thursday	5 January	<b>10.00am – 2.00pm</b> (mail and postal services only)
Friday	6 January	<b>10.00am – 2.00pm</b> (mail and postal services only)
Saturday	7 January	Weekend
Sunday	8 January	Weekend
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9 January</b>	<b>Normal Services for all Departments</b>

*No Licensing or Shire Services will be available over the Christmas break, only postal services will be offered.*

**Emergency Contacts will be available at all times—please call:**

All Shire related matters—0428 874 224 and 0429 684 217

Ranger Services—0459 678 154

# Wandering Transfer Station Christmas Opening Hours



The Wandering Transfer Station opening hours will be altered over the Christmas period to ensure that our trusty Site attendant Rob can enjoy time with his family over the holidays.

New transfer station opening hours will be—

- Wednesday 28 December 2016 8—4pm
- Thursday 29 December 2016 8—3pm
- Tuesday 3 January 2017 8—4pm
- Wednesday 4 January 2017 8—3pm

Services return to Normal after that date

- Sunday 7 January 2017 8—4pm
- Monday 8 January 2017 8—3pm

***Please note that Town Rubbish Pickup is not affected and rubbish will be collected as usual.***

# Transfer Station Seasons Pass

**\$130.00**

**A year**

Get into the Shire now for your annual tip pass \$130.00 pa for one Bin (household waste or recycling) which can be emptied weekly, fortnightly when ever you like... If you bring 3 bins at once you will use up three weeks of your seasons pass, choose to use it as you wish...

# Works Program

- Tree Pruning has finished for the year, we made reasonable progress with the work undertaken making it further out the Wandering Pingelly road that we had thought we would get this year. Which is a great outcome and we look forward to completing the program in the next financial year.
- Our bridges will keep us busy this year, as soon as they dry out a bit. Rod has recently attended a level 1 Timber Bridge Maintenance, Restoration and Inspection Technician Course at the City of Canning during October, we are keen to get moving on our Bridge Program this year having been successful in receiving grants for Codjatonine Bridge restoration works, Mooterdine Loop Bridge removal and replacement with culverts and resealing with Ashpalt a number of the Wandering Pingelly Bridges .
- The Town Crew have been busy tidying up the town, helping get the Caravan Park ready for the opening , installing new bins and seats at the Skate Park, tidying up the medium strip in front of the Tavern and replacing the bin, putting up shade sails and mowing and whipping where it needs it!

## Vandalism on the increase in and around Wandering

Please note that we have been experiencing some senseless vandalism in and around town, this unfortunately comes at a great cost to the rate payer and may put pressure on next years rates that is very unnecessary. We need the communities help—your eyes and ears may be able to prevent Council experiencing increased costs and prevent the inconvenience of services or equipment not being available. The Community Centre Shade sails have been vandalised on two occasions of late and this costs Council considerably as they have to be taken down, which takes time, they are then driven to Perth for repairs at a cost to council and then they are repaired, picked up from Perth and then have to be reinstalled. This exercise can cost Council up to \$2000.00 per episode plus the added inconvenience of no shade at the Community Centre and playground. We would very much like to spend your hard earned rates on roads, tree pruning and other services that are appreciated by the community. So please help us out—report anything you see that may be suspicious to the Police or the Shire Office so we can reduce the costs in this area.

## Dog and Cat Registration Renewals

Cat and Dog Registration Renewals have been posted out. It is a State Legislative requirement that they be paid and sorted by the 31 October 2016. If you have not attended to this please do so at your earliest convenience as fines may be issued.

If you did not receive a renewal please contact the Office ASAP, so a renewal form can be sent out to you. Please note we have many lost dogs in and around Wandering and registrations help us get your beloved pets or trusty work assistants back to you in a timely and cost effective manner.

There has been some confusion in the community regarding the requirement to micro chip and register your dog, please note that this is not a requirement put in place by the Local Government . The Shire of Wandering is required under its roles and responsibilities to enforce the State Governments Dog and Cat Acts. These Acts prescribe things like the need for Registration, fees, Micro chipping etc... The Dog Act is 40 years old coming into force in 1976. The Cat Act came into force in 2011. We are therefore not in a position to change the requirements locally and suggest interested parties take there issues up with the appropriate Local State Government Parliamentarians.







**DON'T PLAY  
RENOVATION ROULETTE!**

**GET TO  
KNOW  
ASBESTOS  
THIS NOVEMBER**

**NOvember is national Asbestos Awareness Month** aims to educate Australian's about the dangers of asbestos in and around homes because Australia has one of the highest rates of asbestos-related diseases in the world. In the lead-up to Asbestos Awareness Day (Friday 23 NOvember) all Australians especially homeowners, renovators, tradies and handymen need to '*Get to kNOW Asbestos this NOvember*' by visiting [asbestosawareness.com.au](http://asbestosawareness.com.au) to learn how to protect themselves and families from exposure to dangerous asbestos fibres.

**With asbestos-related diseases continuing to increase among Australians as a direct result** of exposure to asbestos fibres during home renovations and maintenance, the importance of raising awareness about the dangers of asbestos and how best to manage it in and around homes, cannot be overstated!

**During NOvember, Asbestos Awareness Month**, we aim to educate as many Australian's as possible about the dangers of asbestos and how best to manage it.

**Many wrongly believe that ONLY fibro homes contain asbestos.** Asbestos products can most likely be found in ANY Australian home built or renovated before 1987 even brick, weatherboard, fibro and clad homes.

**Most people can't tell whether building materials contain asbestos** just by looking at them. Asbestos can be under floor coverings such as carpets, linoleum and vinyl tiles, behind wall and floor tiles, in cement floors, internal and external walls, ceilings and ceiling space (insulation), eaves, garages, around hot water pipes, fences, extensions to homes, outdoor toilets and backyard sheds – it could be anywhere!

**It's vital that Australians take the warnings seriously**, that they stop playing 'renovation roulette' and protect themselves and their families from exposure to asbestos fibres during renovations and maintenance.

**Before renovating**, visit [www.asbestosawareness.com.au](http://www.asbestosawareness.com.au) to learn where asbestos might be found in their home, the dangers of disturbing it and how best to manage it.

**During Asbestos Awareness Month** Australians can also host a 'Blue Lamington Drive' to raise awareness of asbestos in homes and help raise vital funds for asbestos diseases research and support by visiting [www.bluelamington.com](http://www.bluelamington.com).

**Don't play renovation roulette! Get to kNOW asbestos this NOvember**, visit [asbestosawareness.com.au](http://asbestosawareness.com.au). **It's not worth the risk!**

# EXTENSION OF RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

Please be advised that the Shire of Wandering on the advice of the local Chief Fire Control Officer has amended its official 2016 Restricted Burning Period. The new dates will be:

Restricted Burning Period: 31 October 2016 – 14 November 2016

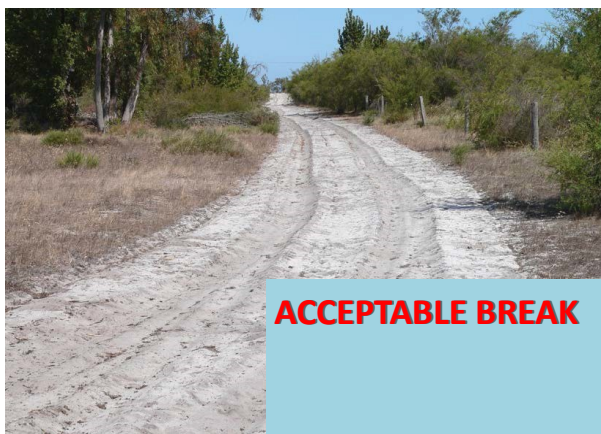
Prohibited Burning Period: 15 November 2016 – 21 February 2017

Please note that permits are still essential and you must contact your local Bush Fire Control Officer to obtain a permit. The permit is issued at no charge and the Shire must be notified of your intention to burn to reduce concerns or false emergencies.

## Fire Break Compliance

Please note that the Shire Ranger Matt and the responsible Fire Brigade Captains will be out inspecting Fire Breaks on the 1 November for compliance to the Shires Bush Fire Notice. Infringements will be sent out after that date for properties that have not complied. Please do not hesitate to contact the Shire for a copy of the Notice or head to the Shires Website to access it electronically. **Council has copies of the DFES Prepare. Act. Survive. booklet which is filled with important survival information free of charge is any community members would like to access the resource**

### Mowed Fire Breaks are not accepted



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