

# Council Corner

## Wandering Shire Monthly Newsletter



### CEO's Update

Welcome to Spring! Wow lets hope that we get enough rain to keep our local industry going, but perhaps not too much that it impacts the Fair and our road works etc... Probably wishful thinking I know!

I am taking sick leave to have surgery for the month of September, the Council will be run and coordinated by Monica who will be Acting CEO during this time. I am confident that you are all in good hands and things will be business as usual.

Road conditions continue to be the biggest issue we are dealing with at present, fingers crossed things get to dry out enough and that our Flood damage claim is approved ASAP and we will then be able to hit things in earnest.

We are in the process of setting up a road conditions page on our Shire Web Site. We hope that this will identify road closures, Roads that we are working on and areas that we recognise problems and that we will get to as soon as possible etc.

***We ask that you drive to the conditions of the road and if you don't need to be on a road that***

***isn't in good shape then take an alternative to lessen the breakdown of the road for those that have to use it as its their only access.***

Its Council Election time again, with four Council places up for grabs in the October Elections to be held on Saturday 21 October 2017. It is likely that we will require two new Councillors to be elected, with a couple considering retirement. Anyone out there that has ever considered being a Councillor now is your time. It is incredibly important that we fill our compliment of Councillors to ensure good governance in the Shire. There is loads of information available if anyone would like to know more, or Monica will be available to discuss at anytime if you would like to have a chat! ***Nominations open at 8.30am on the 7 September and close at 4pm sharp on the 14 September 2017. Monica will be available during this time to manage all your enquires.***

Many thanks to everyone who came out to our Bush Fire Notice

Workshops, there was a good turn out from both the community and the Fire Brigades which gave residents the opportunity to discuss their issues and hear relevant information from our Volunteers direct. Narrogin Pumps came along with some of their fire fighting gear and we thanks them for the time and effort. Please remember that you should have a plan in place to be fire ready, if you havent taken action then now is the time to consider reducing fuel loads and spraying or implementing your fire breaks. The Shire is hoping for an infringement free year, where all our land owners take on the responsibility and undertake the actions required in the annual fire notice. If you didn't get a notice this year please the Shire website or pop into the Office to pick one up. Special thanks to Ian Turton and all our Volunteers for giving up their time so freely.

Thanks to the Community for their patience with the Fuel Facility, We have been experiencing systems faults that have been difficult to get to the bottom of, we are working on it and are hopeful of having a resolution soon.

## Equipment for Sale

- ◆ Fly Trap Inflatable \$150.00 ono  
For more details contact Amanda on 0418 913 078



# Flood Damage Update 2017

We received official notification that the rain event that occurred on the 22 June 2017, has now been declared an Eligible Disaster which gives local business and Local Government the opportunity to apply for funding for the reinstatement of essential infrastructure..

Whilst this is good news it has meant that we need to restructure our rain damage claims and work through with the relevant departments the extent of the damage and understand how they would like roads damaged in both events to be treated. We have spent the last 4 weeks working to get this sorted and have submitted revised final claims.

We are hopeful that Main Roads and the Office of Emergency Management sign off on our estimates ASAP as weather conditions ease and conditions improve for works to be able to start.

The Estimates are currently valued at around \$2M. \$300,000 of which Council will need to contribute towards the works, so we are hopeful of funding to be received in the vicinity of \$1.7M. Once the Estimates are finalised we will post the detailed works program and funding per road on the Shires Website for the Community to be able to access.

If anyone has any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Amanda O'Halloran on 9884 1056 to discuss further.

## Are you ready to Volunteer.....

Council is seeking volunteers to help with programs that add value in our community, there are a number of programs from tree planting, library activities, litter and natural resource management and helping out at events and programs which are often not funded to cover the cost of wages.

We know that many of you are in groups and provide valuable services to the community, however if you have room for more or are currently not actively involved how about putting your name down at the Shire. We will be running an induction program in October and will interview those interested to ensure that we engage you in your passions and areas of enjoyment EG:

- If you love books then perhaps you would love to be involved in the Library,
- if gardening is more your scene then I'm sure there is a garden you can adopt to help the Shire keep costs down and continue to provide a lovely amenity.
- Be a Litter Hero! Litter management along some of our roads is of concern and this can sometimes be an area that people care enough to help out in!

If we've missed an area that you think you could offer a service or support in, then please let us know!! Please don't hesitate to put your name down with the Ladies at the Front Desk and we will be in touch.



## Catering for Council Meeting

The Shire is seeking expressions of interest from Community Groups, Clubs or Local Businesses keen to cater and provide function services to the Council. The Council requires lunch most months, and adhoc catering for Meetings and functions.

If you are interested then please call Amanda or Monica on 9884 1056 for More Information, regarding numbers and meal requirements. Council is keen to help fundraising efforts or the local economy through this initiatives so will definitely consider multiple applicants and devise a roster of services to be fair and equitable.



## Webinar or Prospective Elected Members

Ever thought about nominating to become a Councillor, but you aren't sure if the role is for you?

Then be sure to register for this free webinar to have all your questions answered.

Topics will include:

- An overview of Local Government
- The roles & responsibilities of Council and Council Members
- Behavioural expectations of Elected Members
- An overview of the skills required to be a successful Councillor, and
- Impacts on home life

The target audience is anyone thinking of nominating in the upcoming Local Government Elections

The Webinar is available on The WALGA Website.

WALGA.asn.au

If you would like more information about becoming a Councillor call CEO

Amanda O'Halloran on 9884

1056 or Shire President Brendan

Whitely on 0427 988 400.



### DON'T FORGET NOMINATIONS

### ARE OPEN FROM 8.30 am 7 September 2017 WANDERING SHIRE OFFICE Until 4pm 14 September 2017

### Wandering Bush Fire Advisory Meeting

4 October 2017

Wandering Shire Council Chambers 7.30pm

All Bush Fire Captains and Fire Control Officers are invited to attend

Please submit Items to be discussed to Helen Mark by Monday the 2 October 2017.

## New Financial Year Tip Passes for Sale

12 Months \$ 143.00 52 Week Pass

6 Months \$ 88.00 26 Week Pass

Pop in to the Shire Office to get yours Now....





# Wandering Road Works Program

- Rod Evenis our Works Manager is on leave, Brad Hunt our Leading Hand is relieving and is accessible on Rods Phone 0429 684 217.
- The Shire Crew are currently working on bitumen edges along Wandering Narrogin and Wandering Pingelly, Traffic Control will be in place so please proceed with caution.
- Tree Pruning will commence on Wandering Pingelly Road on the 4 September, this is the last phase of our three year program to prune along the Wandering Narrogin Road. Traffic Control will be in place so please proceed with caution.
- *Flood Damage works will commence as soon as funding is finalised and secured. Bannister Road, Moramocking and Noombling Norrine Roads will be our first priority when works are able to commence. Council will be running two works crews this financial year to ensure that works can be carried out in a timely manner. We are still waiting on approval of our Estimated costs before we can proceed.*
- *Minor grading of flood affected roads will be undertaken when required.*

## Dual Fire Officers—Shire of Brookton

The Shire of Wandering and The Shire of Wandering have appointed the following Dual Fire Control Officers for the 2017—18 Fire Season

- Mr Ross Evans
- Tim Evans
- Len Simmons

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## 2016/17 WANDRRA ELIGIBLE DISASTER PROCLAMATION NOTIFICATION

***“AGRN767 Flooding in the Shire of Wandering (22 June 2017)”***

The above event has been proclaimed an *eligible disaster* under the Western Australia Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA) on 2 August 2017, pursuant to clause 4.2 of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) *Determination 2012 Version 2.0* (the *determination*), issued by the Commonwealth Government Attorney-General's Department. The State Government will provide immediate financial assistance to those people who have been affected through joint State and Commonwealth disaster relief and recovery arrangements.

On the 22 June a low crossed the coast just south of Mandurah before continuing to move slowly east and causing heavy rainfall mainly near the southeast and southern flanks during the afternoon and evening. The low pressure system produced heavy rainfall through parts of the Lower West and Great Southern districts during the event, mainly on the 22 June.

A severe weather warning for heavy rainfall with the possibility of causing flash flooding was issued on 22 June 2017 for the afternoon and evening for people in parts of the Lower West and Great Southern districts. During the afternoon and evening there was extensive rainfall over the warning area including the weather station at Wandering. The 24 hour rainfall to 9am WST recorded on 23 June at Wandering of 130.8mm, which is its highest daily rainfall for June as well as being the highest rainfall year-to-date and a new annual highest daily rainfall for the station.

Pursuant to subclause 1.1.1 of the NDRRA *determination*, 'flood' is deemed to be an eligible *natural disaster* event.

For the purposes of WANDRRA this event will be referred to as ***“AGRN767 Flooding in the Shire of Wandering (22 June 2017)”***.

WANDRRA is jointly funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments and administered by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), with assistance from other agencies. Through WANDRRA, the Western Australian and Commonwealth Governments provide help to people who have suffered the direct impact of a proclaimed natural disaster event.

The local government authorities subject to this proclamation are as follows:

Shire of Wandering

If information becomes available that identifies other local government authorities as potentially having been directly impacted by this natural disaster event, subject to further assessment these local government authorities may, at a later date, be included in the affected area.

The eligible costs for this event are anticipated to be largely associated with the restoration and replacement of essential public assets, mainly the local and state road network infrastructure.

Assistance may be available under the following measures (*where appropriate*) covered by WANDRRA:

- **For individuals and families** – Personal Hardship and Distress grants which are administered by the Department of Communities, Child Protection and Family Support section. Potential measures include emergency food, accommodation, clothing, temporary living expenses, replacement of essential household contents and housing repairs to return housing to a habitable, safe and secure condition. **Note – some of these measures are subject to income and/or assets testing.**



- **For small businesses** – interest rate subsidies on ‘new’ loans approved by Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions.
- **For primary producers** – Assistance may be available toward freight costs, materials for boundary fences (***only where it is demonstrated that public safety is at risk***), professional advice grants and interest rate subsidies on ‘new’ loans approved by Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions. These *eligible measures* are administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Rural Business Development Unit. **Note – Primary producer claims should be lodged before 2 February 2018**
- **For Local Governments & State Government Agencies** – Clean-up costs and the restoration or replacement (to pre-disaster standard) of *essential public assets* including local road damage. State road damage is also included through Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA). Only costs incurred that are ‘additional’ costs, and are directly related to the event, will be eligible for reimbursement. **Note - The allowable time limit for eligible claims expires on 30 June 2019.**

Claims in respect of any other *eligible measures* may also be considered.

***It should be noted that assistance under WANDRRA is not designed to supplant or operate as a disincentive for self-help by way of commercial insurance.***

### **Primary Contacts**

Primary contacts for assistance/advice are:

Department of Communities (Child Protection and Family Support), by phone on 1800 032 965, or via website [here](#);

Local Government – Main Roads Western Australia regional offices for road infrastructure via website [here](#);

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (Rural Business Development Unit) by phone on 1800 198 231 or via website [here](#); and

Other enquiries may be directed to the Office of Emergency Management - contact (WANDRRA Administrator) by phone on 6551 4034 or 65514041, or by email to – [WANDRRA@oem.wa.gov.au](mailto:WANDRRA@oem.wa.gov.au)

## **Notice of Wandering Bowling Club AGM**

**25 October 2017 7.30 pm**

**Wandering Community Centre**



## **All Welcome, New Committee Members Encouraged**

Contact Rob Curtis for more details or to submit Items to be discussed if required on  
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