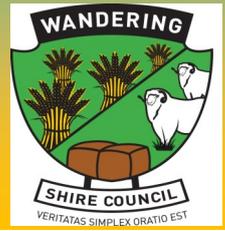


Council Corner

Wandering Shire Monthly Newsletter



CEO's Update

Yippee today is the first day of Spring and whilst my morning walk was chilly its sunny and spring like now... Cant wait for longer days and some real warmth to be in the air!!

The Caravan Park Project is nearing completion and is on track to be finished just in time for the Wandering Annual Fair! We are very excited about the improvements that have been made and can't wait to share the new facility with the community and visitors to our little town.

The up grade to the ablutions includes a dump point for RV and Caravans equipped with grey and black water systems. We are very excited about what this will mean to passing traffic and hope that it will attract more people to Wandering in the future. The Shire is keen to

expand the park and have just applied for a grant to equip 8 bays with full power and water facilities. This will also change the face of Caravanning in Wandering and we hope with an intensive advertising program that we can bring more visitors to our town to help business's such as the Wandering Tavern, Wineries etc thrive with increased custom!

Economic Development is our focus at present and we are keen to help all local business, clubs and events expand their reach further into the State.—Over 5000 cars a week are passing through Wandering and we harness very little from them. Council is working with the Hotham Williams Economic Development Alliance to establish self drive trails for people to follow put of Perth, that bring them to Wandering, Williams and Boddington, we have also been working with the Gun Club

supporting them to apply for grants to expand their facilities and again hopefully bring more visitors to our town.

Council is keen to provide an environment for local business to flourish and capture the opportunities that are out there....

Please do not hesitate to come into the Shire and give us your thoughts or ideas in this area!

Council is updating it Dog Local Law over the next few months and would like to invite any interested parties to view the proposed local Law on its website. We would appreciate your feedback.

Tree Pruning will start again on the Bannister Wandering Road, please be patient it is a very important job to be undertaken each year.



Calling for Nominations for the Shire of Wandering Citizen of the Year Award

This is your opportunity to recognise those outstanding people in your club or community who make such a difference. It's a simple way to say thank you from us all and we're happy to help you complete the nomination. Just give us a call! Each nominee will be recognised at the Australia Day Breakfast 2017.

Nominations close on the 31 October 2016, please see nomination form at the back of the ECHO.

Wheatbelt Development Commission Grant makes Wandering more Aged Friendly.....

Many of you will have noticed that there has been a fair bit of work going on to improve our footpath network over the last few months. The Shire was successful in receiving funding through the Wheatbelt Development Commission and Royalties for Regions Aged Friendly Communities Grants, The Grant provided for disabled access into the CRC, Disabled Toilet to be installed at the Caravan Park, upgrades to footpaths and seating to be installed along the footpaths to support our aged residents to get out and about more.

The majority of the project is complete and we would like to share some of this wonderful program with you! Special thanks Clarkey's Carpentry, Adrienne Yzerman and the Shire team for all their hard work.



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New Councillors Sworn in at August 2016 Council Meeting

JP Ian Turton conducted the formal swearing in of the new Councillors Cr Graeme Parsons and Cr Max Watts at the 18 August Ordinary Meeting of Council, held at the Wandering Council Chambers in Watts Street.

The Councillors were formally sworn in and declared to carry out the duties of a Councillor to the best of their ability as honestly as they can.

The Shire looks forward to working with Cr's Parsons and Watts and having new fresh ideas brought to the Chamber.



Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day

2016 is the dedicated year of commemoration for the Vietnam War, during the Centenary of ANZAC period. The 18th of August 2016 also commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, in Phuoc Tuy Province, South Vietnam, in 1966.

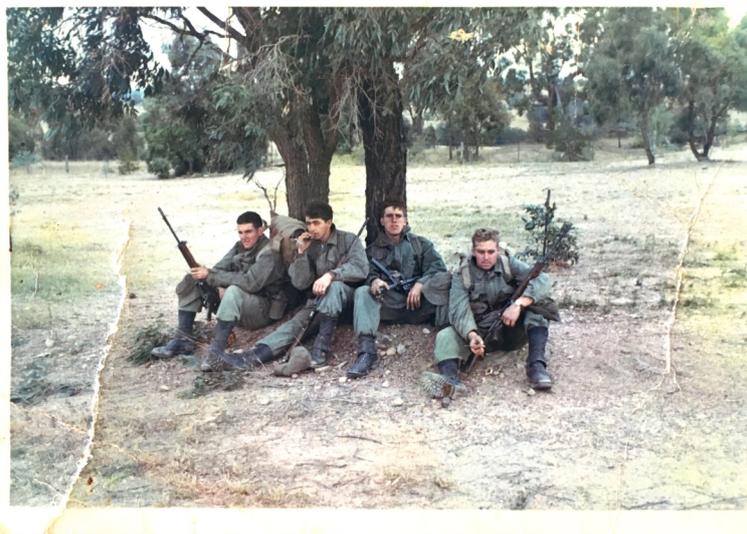
In this commemorative year, to honour all 61 Western Australian soldiers killed in action in the Vietnam War, the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Western Australian Branch, are planning Grave Site Wreath Laying services, to acknowledge these soldiers who paid the supreme sacrifice, in service to their country.

The VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA W. A. Branch Incorporated, the Pingelly RSL and the Shire of Wandering joined together to hold a service 2.00pm, on the 12th August, 2016 at the Wandering Cemetery for Private Ian James Gibbs, killed in action, serving with the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, South Vietnam, on the 18th of November 1968. Private Gibbs was known to many residents in Wandering and there was a lovely turn out to the Service, carried out by Andrew Marshall the President of the Pingelly RSL Branch. The Senior Student from Wandering School attended and afternoon tea followed the Service at the Wandering Shire Chambers.

Other services to be held around the state on the same day included, Albany, Bunbury, Carnarvon, Collie, Geraldton, Gnowangerup, Kalgoorlie, Katanning, Moora, Mukinbudin, Nannup, Tambellup, also at the Perth War Cemetery and Karrakatta Cemetery. In all, these services were held at 14 locations across Western Australia.

These services were one of many other events and Memorial Services to be held state wide, in the lead up to and on Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day, the 18th of August.

Shire President Brendan Whitely, Pingelly Branch RSL President Andrew Marshall, Local Veteran's and Malcolm Treasure Wandering Veteran



Private Ian James Gibbs (second from the left and fellow) soldiers 1968 prior to deployment to Vietnam

Shire secures funding to help sterilise and manage Cats in Community

The Shire of Wandering has been working closely with DPAW and the Department of Local Government to be able support the development of the Dryandra Woodlands by better managing Cat populations in the Shire. The Shire has been successful in securing funding to purchase cat traps and recently purchased a number to be able to loan out to residents and farms to help capture feral cats. DPAW has a cat identification program underway and are having some success. The Shire is hopeful that the new cat traps available for loan will assist to reduce cat numbers in the area.

The second part of the initiative is to offer subsidies to residents for the sterilisation of domestic cats. Council has some 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!



Council gives formal public notice of the Shire of Wandering Draft Dog Local Law.

Purpose: To extend to Council the controls over dogs which exist under the Dog Act 1976.

Effect: To provide Council with controls and regulatory measures in relation to impounding of dogs, the number of dogs that can be kept, establishment of approved kennels and the manner in which dogs are to be confined by the occupier of a premises. Offences are created for allowing a dog to excrete on specified areas (unless the excreta are removed) and for non-compliance with certain other provisions of the local law.

The Draft Local Law will be available on the Shires Website and by request at the Shire Offices from **Monday 5 September 2016**. The public notice period will extend until the 17 October 2016. Please do not hesitate to contact the CEO Amanda O'Halloran at the Shire of Wandering 9884 1056 if you require any further information.

In accordance with s3.12(3)(c) of the Act, a copy of the proposed local law be supplied to any person requesting it; and the results be presented to Council for consideration of any submissions received.

Amanda O'Halloran
Chief Executive Officer
Shire Of Wandering

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	10.00am – 2.00pm (mail and postal services only)
Friday	30 January	10.00am – 2.00pm (mail and postal services only)
Saturday	31 January	Weekend
Sunday	1 January	Weekend
Monday	2 January	Public Holiday
Tuesday	3 January	10.00am – 2.00pm (mail and postal services only)
Wednesday	4 January	10.00am – 2.00pm (mail and postal services only)
Thursday	5 January	10.00am – 2.00pm (mail and postal services only)
Friday	6 January	10.00am – 2.00pm (mail and postal services only)
Saturday	7 January	Weekend
Sunday	8 January	Weekend
Monday	9 January	Normal Services for all Departments

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

Transfer Station Seasons Pass

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...

\$130.00

A year

WA faces high—risk bush fire season

IT may have felt like a wet winter but the outskirts of Perth and large parts of WA still face a higher than average risk of bushfires this summer.



Below-average rainfall is predicted for spring in south-west Australia, which would exacerbate the bushfire potential, the nation's fire authorities suggested on Wednesday in the Seasonal Bushfire Outlook for Southern Australia. The bushfire season, which begins in October, is predicted to be delayed across most of the country.

The report noted that WA's south west has experienced another winter of below average rainfall, meaning that 15 of the past 16 winters have been below average. It stated: "In this region the long-term drying of vegetation and the landscape continues in a pattern that became established in the 1970s."

"The outlook for both maximum and minimum temperatures strongly favours above average temperatures across most of Australia (this summer)," the report said. The outlook will be updated in November to take into account the impacts of actual temperatures and rainfall during spring.

DFES Deputy Commissioner Steve Fewster said the bushfire outlook was a warning for individuals, families and businesses to get prepared.

"The catastrophic devastation caused by bushfires last summer is a stark reminder of the dangers of living in Western Australia," he said. "The Esperance and Yarloop communities are recovering from the tragic bushfires that impacted them last summer.

"The upcoming season has the potential to bring devastating and dangerous bushfires."

Media Statement from DFES Operations and PERTH NOW

Mowed Fire Breaks are not accepted



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