Council Corner

Wandering Shire monthly newsletter

Amanda's Update

Wow, Wandering really is cold!!! The media obviously haven't sensationalised in that department over the years! The last few days have certainly been chilly and I have had to dig out every woolly I own to cope… There is something kind of magical about the misty, frosty mornings though and I'm sure after a few seasons I will grow to appreciate this time of the year…

Budget planning is underway and the proposed rates to be levied have been advertised for public comment. We at the Shire are incredibly excited about the coming budget and opportunities that it provides for the Wandering Community.

The Councillors have been proactive, fair and have demonstrated a commitment to service delivery and community outcomes in the planning for the 2015/16 Annual Budget. The draft 2015/16 budget delivers a solid road program, eventful community development calendar, resourcing to support compliance and good governance and initiatives to support local business and economic development.

The Annual Budget will be presented to Council at the 16 July 2015 Council Meeting for adoption and Rates will be levied shortly after that.

There were questions asked by the public regarding what was the appropriate time to levy rates – the answer to that is that they can be levied anytime between the 1 July and September as long as they have been formally adopted by Council.

We are working to have our Rates levied as early as possible to support the cash flow of the shire and enable our projects to start as early as possible in the financial year.

WORKS CREW UPDATE

We have started Grading!!!!!! The rain experienced last week and over the weekend has enabled the grading program to kick off, we will need to chase the rain a bit till there is loads of moisture in the ground, but hope from now on that we can keep going most days of the week.

Hope fully the rain forecast for mid next week will enable us to keep going for a while. So far they have been out on Nth Wandering and Bannister Roads. The plan is to work our way around through the south east and then back up the North West of the Shire.

The Skate Park has been finished and doesn't it look fantastic!! We will do some tree planting over the next couple of weeks and I will need to source some funding for seating as the turf installation utilised all our remaining funds. We will get onto this ASAP so that parents and visitors have somewhere to sit whilst watching the boarding prowess of our youth.

All major capital works have finished for the 2014/15 year and I would like to thank the Works Crew very much for their efforts. York Williams, Codjatotine Mooterdine, Crossman Dwarda and Wandering Bridge have been completed on time and on budget to a high standard. Well done Team.

STAFFING

We haven't to date been able to find a suitable candidate with the skill set required to lead our Administration functions in the Office. We will continue to actively recruit over the coming weeks and hope to be successful soon.

COMMUNITY SPORTING AND RECREATION FACILITIES FUND (CSRFF)

The Department of Sport and Recreation run the CSRFF funding program each year. Incorporated, not for Profit Community Groups and Local Governments can apply to the fund. The Shire of Wandering will not be applying to the Fund this year. We are however keen to support any groups or clubs in the community interested in applying.

The 2016/17 funding round has $7 Million dollars available. The maximum grant request is $1 Million.

There are also smaller grant rounds with a maximum of $750,000 dollars available.

All applications are to be submitted to the Shire for presentation to the Council as they must have Council endorsement prior to being lodged with the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Please don't hesitate to call or contact Monica Treasure on 9884 1561 if you require more information.

Dog microchips compulsory from 1 November

All domestic dogs in Western Australia must be microchipped from 1 November 2015 as part of changes to the *Dog Act 1976*.

Amendments to the legislation, made in 2013, require dog owners to ensure that, from November, their dog is microchipped once it has reached three months of age.

Owners will need to show proof that the dog has been microchipped by providing their local government with the microchip number when their pet is registered.

A penalty of $200 may apply if a dog is not microchipped. However, a dog may be exempt if the owner has a vet's certificate stating the animal's health and welfare may be at risk if chip implantation takes place.

Amendments to the Dog Act include a range of measures to improve community safety and encourage responsible dog ownership, including allowing for nuisance behaviour to be more effectively dealt with and the recognition of assistance dogs.

Local governments are urged to remind dog owners of their microchipping responsibilities in the lead up to the November deadline.

Visit Responsible Dog Ownership – www.dlg.wa.gov.au for more information.

COUNCIL MEETING ROUND UP

**** Please note that this is a summary of events only – for more information please go to the Shires website and review the minutes.* ***www.wandering.wa.gov.au***

10.1.1 AUTHORISATION OF DELEGATIONS REGISTER AND COUNCIL APPROVAL AUTHORISATIONS 2015

SUMMARY

Council is required to review and endorse the Delegations and Council Approval Authorisations Registers of the Council annually. The 2014 Department of Local Government and Communities Probity Audit highlighted that this had not occurred since 2013. The latest delegations register of Council is presented for adoption.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.1

MOVED: Cr B Dowsett **SECONDED: Cr J McNeil**

That Council adopt the Delegations Register as per **ATTACHMENT 3** and the Council Approval Authorisations Register as per **ATTACHMENT 3.1.** **CARRIED 7/0**

10.1.2 AFFIXING OF THE SHIRE OF WANDERING COMMON SEAL – POLICY

SUMMARY

The Affixing of the Shire of Wandering Common Seal is established to address the circumstances under which the official Common Seal may be affixed to documents.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.2

MOVED: Cr W Gowland **SECONDED: Cr B Whitely**

That Council adopts Policy – Affixing of the Shire of Wandering Common Seal as per **ATTACHMENT 4**.

CARRIED 7/0

10.2.1 NEW OUTBUILDING ON LOT 14 CHARLTON WAY - WANDERING

SUMMARY

After reviewing the additional information from the applicants and revising the previous report to council, this report recommendation remains unchanged and that the planning application submitted by Carol and Warwick Bailey to construct a new outbuilding (shed) and water tank on Lot 14 Charlton Road, Wandering to be approved subject to conditions.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.2.1

MOVED: Cr J McNeil **SECONDED: Cr B Dowsett**

That Council:

APPROVE the application for planning approval submitted by the applicant and owners Carol and Warwick Bailey to construct a new outbuilding (shed) and water tank on Lot 14 Charlton Road, Wandering in accordance with the information and plans submitted in support of the application subject to compliance with the following conditions and advice notes:

CARRIED 7/0

10.4.1DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES 2015/16

SUMMARY
That Council consider the level of Rates to be imposed on the Wandering ratepayers for the 2015/16 financial year.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.4.1

MOVED: Cr B Whitely **SECONDED: Cr C Ferguson**

That Council:

The Council adopt the differential general rates based on following rates in a dollar and minimum rates proposed.

Rating Category	Rates in a Dollar	Minimum Rate Payments
GRV - Special Use	$0.0952	$952
GRV- Residential	$0.0790	$780
UV- Rural Residential	$0.00784	$952
UV- Rural Mining	$0.00588	$952
UV - Rural	$0.00588	$952

Endorse the Chief Executive Officer to advertise and call for public submissions by 4:30 PM Monday, the 13 July 2015.
ATTACHMENT 6.1

Should no comment be received in response to the public advertisement of the proposed differential rates, delegate authority to the CEO to proceed with formulation of the annual budget.

CARRIED 5/2

10.4.2FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2015

SUMMARY
In accordance with Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, the Shire is to prepare a monthly Statement of Financial Activity for consideration by Council.

The monthly Financials for the month of May 2015 are presented for Councils consideration.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.4.2

MOVED: Cr B Whitely **SECONDED: Cr C Ferguson**

That Council:

Endorse all Cheque, EFT, BPay, wages, transport payments, transfers to investments, credit card payments and other direct debits and transfers as listed from the Municipal and Trust Fund totalling $211263.47 for the period ending 31 May 2015
Receive the bank reconciliations for the period ended 31 May 2015
Receive the financial statements for the period ended 31 May 2015

CARRIED 7/0

Mobile Black Spot Programme – Australian Federal Government

Round 1 has just now been funded - with $32 Million received by WA, resulting in 130 new or upgraded base stations across the state! Great news to see that 75% of WA - Southwest registered mobile black spot areas have been funded for remediation measures.

The base stations will be rolled out over the next 3 years.

Round 2 will be available for programmes from July 2016. The programme will offer further opportunities to meet unmet demand and provide coverage to more locations around regional and remote Australia

Members of the public are encouraged to nominate further sites prior to the selection of sites process.

To nominate a regional mobile black spot location please email:
mobilecoverage@communications.gov.au

The Shire requests that you forward us a copy of your email. We intend to back up local submissions by providing a detailed list and further copy of your submissions to the Federal Department of Communications and we will lobby on your behalf with our local member Rick Wilson. Let's get together and try to get some local gains in this area.

We will publish our submission in the next few months.

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Wandering CRC

Wandering Community Resource Centre
Your local connection

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July 2015

Coming Up

Teddy Bear's Picnic Tuesday 7 July

BattleZone Excursion Thursday 16 July

Afterschool Sports start Tuesday 21 July

Punch Fit starts Tuesday 4 Aug

Department of Transport

The Wandering CRC is an agent for the Department of Transport services, we can process your license renewals, take license photographs, transfer vehicles and register new vehicles and machinery to name a few services. Every time the community process a payment the Department of Transport pay the CRC a commission. These commission go back into our community for events, activities and sponsorship to local community groups. Next time you have a licensing query, why not give the CRC a call and we can process it for you, we accept cheque, cash and eftpos payments.

Committees Rule Workshops

The Wandering CRC in conjunction with the CRC's from Wagin, Williams and Darkan have been successful in applying for funding to run governance workshops across the four shires. These workshops will each have a different theme and will be an excellent opportunity for community members to upskill and become confident and enthusiastic about committee and club roles. The workshops are tailored to small town committees and clubs with streamlined topics that cover relevant issues in a time efficient manner.

Committees Rule Workshops

- "What makes a Good Committee?" (the Readers Digest version of all you need to know about having a brilliant committee) – governance, roles etc
- "How to be a Chair/Secretary/Treasurer"
- "'Constitution' isn't a Dirty Word " – how to review your organisations Constitution and plan for succession
- "Cheap and easy Cashbook Software for Treasurers" – Keep continuity in your organisation
- "How to Save Thousands for Your Organisation" – Find out about free software you can access
- "Grants and How to Get Them"
- "Conflict Resolution Within Committees"

NEW PHOTOCOPIER

The CRC has a new photocopier and fax machine for all your printing needs!