

Council Corner

Wandering Shire monthly newsletter



Amanda's Update

Last month Amanda advised that she was heading off to a family wedding in the USA so I have been acting as CEO in her absence. My name is Mark Dacombe and I occasionally help Councils out when their CEO is on leave or they are recruiting a new CEO.

Amanda has had a very busy time settling into her new role as your CEO and has worked extremely hard on a range of things since taking up her position including the establishment of the Wandering Transfer Station. I have been able,

with the assistance of the very capable Shire staff team, to keep things moving and to do a number of administrative tasks including the preparation of reports to various agencies providing grants and other assistance to the Shire.

During March the new transfer station opened. It has now been open for two Sunday/Monday sessions and while volumes of waste have not been high, the operation has gone smoothly. If you are bringing rubbish to the tip we do ask that you keep your green waste separate and that you sort your recyclables.

Also on the subject of waste for the last two weeks the kerbside collection has been taken to the Perth Waste North Bannister facility. This is another change that has taken place seamlessly. There is more on waste further on in the *Council Corner*.

Writing this column is almost the last task I have to do before I pick Amanda up from the airport so I would like to say thank you to the few Wandering folk I have met and to the President and Councillors, and the Shire staff team who have been very friendly and efficient during the short time I have been here.

ANZAC Day

This is a very important ANZAC anniversary as we commemorate 100 years since Gallipoli with Wandering's first dawn service in a number of years. The Shire along with its CWA partners are looking forward to a big turnout at 6.00 am on 25 April 2015.

Staff Matters

We would like to congratulate Katherine Prowse who is getting married in April. This is a very exciting time for Katherine and her fiancé, Cameron Hardie. We hope you both, along with your families and friends, have a truly wonderful day.

We are not happy however about

losing Katherine who has decided to leave the Shire to focus on her family and future married life. Katherine has given wonderful service to the Shire for which we sincerely thank her.

We are also sorry to be losing Christine Whitmore, our highly skilled gardener who is pursuing a new role in Pingelly. Our gardens look great thanks to Christine and we hope we keep up the high standard set.

We are pleased to announce that Tricia Brown has joined the Shire staff as Finance Officer. Welcome aboard Tricia we hope that you enjoy a long and happy association with the Shire.

Shire Works Update

It has been a busy month for the Shire crew. The work at the Wandering Brook Bridge has been completed as has the Moramocking Road Crossing. The Codjatotine Mooterdine Black Spot is in progress. This has entailed clearing and realignment of the road at a difficult bend and will make travelling on that stretch much safer.

Work is being undertaken on the southern section of the York Williams Road and a small safety improvement is to take place on George Road. In addition normal maintenance continues around the Shire.

COUNCIL MEETING ROUND UP

The Annual Electors' meeting was held on 10 March. 28 interested residents and ratepayers attended.

The Shire's 2013/14 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements were presented and received by the meeting. A lively question and answer session then took place with a range of subjects being raised. A selection of issues raised included:

Maintenance of trees overhanging the roads – an ongoing matter that council staff are working on road by road

Reporting process within the Shire – discussion on how residents and ratepayers can raise issues that need attention with it being suggested that the best way is to write to the CEO by email or traditional mail

Report on the recent inspection of the roads by President, Councillors and staff with issues identified including:

- North Bannister Wandering Road and Bannister intersection potholes to be investigated
- Codjatotine Bridge surface to be planned
- George Road – safety improvement on bend
- Potts Road, culverts, head walls and better drainage will be looked at in the 2015/2016 road plan.
- Wandering – Narrogin Road, improvements to last bend before Shire of Cuballing boundary
- York – Williams Road improvements is in the 2014/2015 plan – currently being undertaken
- Codjatotine – Mooterdine Road, the Shire has "Black Spot" funding and works have started
- Fourteen Mile Brook Road – the section near the river and the approaches to the one lane bridge has been identified as an issue and will be discussed with Main Roads WA

Waste Management facility – discussion on the proposed changes including fees

New sporting complex – discussion about how the new complex will be managed and funded in the future

Future development of Wandering – discussion about the availability of land in the town site and a long term plan for future development.

A number of other matters were discussed. The minutes of the meeting will shortly be available on the Shire website.

The monthly ordinary meeting of the Council was held on 19 March.

The agenda was dominated by statutory compliance matters.

10.1.1 Local Government Compliance Audit Return

All Councils are required to carry out a self-audit and prepare a Compliance Audit Return. The return must be adopted by the Council and submitted to the Department of Local Government and Communities by 31 March. This year there were 78 questions cover nine different governance areas. The audit indicated five areas where compliance was not achieved and the Chief Executive Officer presented advice on actions to be taken to achieve full compliance in the future.

The Council adopted the Compliance Audit return for the period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014 and submitted it as required.

10.4.1 2014/15 Annual Budget Review

Each year Councils are required to carry out a review of the current year's budget and to provide the review to the Department of Local Government and Communities within 30 days of adopting the review.

This year the review was carried out as at the end of January 2015. The review indicated that the Council was facing a potential deficit at the end of June. Each line item in the budget was reviewed by the CEO and staff. Strict financial controls are in place to ensure that savings are made wherever possible.

In addition to the statutory items the Council dealt with two contract matters:

10.1.2 Authorisation of Lease Agreement for 128 Dunmall Drive – Department of Housing

The Council agreed to lease the house for a period of five years at an initial rental of \$600 per week reviewable annually.

10.1.3 Waste Disposal Agreement – Perthwaste

This was the final step in the process of new arrangements for the disposal of the Shire of Wandering's putrescible (household) waste at the site on Albany Highway in Bannister.

The agreement, which is for three years, was formally approved by the Council.

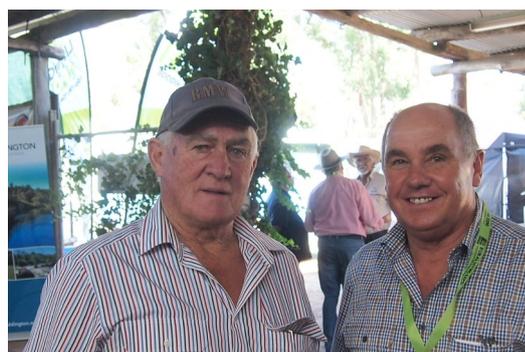
The draft minutes of the meeting are available on the Shire website.

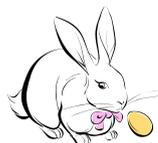
Wandering Transfer Station Fees:

Just a reminder of the fees that apply to dispose of waste at the transfer station which operates each Sunday 7.00 am – 5.00 pm and Monday 7.00 am – 3 pm: A copy of the fee schedule is on page 8.

Rural Living Expo

The Shire of Wandering hosted a stand at the recent Rural Living Expo in Boddington during March, it was also the official opening of the Boddington Mines Tours as well. Thanks to the councillors and local teacher, Juliet Young who came along on the day and gave a hand. The Expo was an opportunity to show case Wandering and what our community has on offer.





Easter Operating Hours

The Wandering Shire Councillors and Team would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter. Please note the following opening hours and service information -

The Wandering Shire offices will be closed for the following dates:

April 3 **Good Friday**
April 6 **Easter Monday**

The Wandering Office will be open for postal services - mail and parcel pick up only:

April 7 **Easter Tuesday 10.00 am – 2.00pm**

The Wandering CRC will be closed for the following dates:

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April 6 **Easter Monday**
April 7 **Easter Tuesday**

Wandering Transfer Station – hours will remain the same:

Sunday **7.00am – 5.00pm**
Monday **7.00am – 3.00pm**

Rubbish Collection will remain the unchanged – normal Tuesday pickup

Important dates Coming Up...

Youth Week Event 13 April 2015
Council meeting 16 April 2015
Anzac Service 25 April 2015

On behalf of the President, Councillors, CEO and staff of the Shire of Wandering we wish you a safe and relaxing Easter break

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Wandering Transfer Station

Opening Hours

Sunday 7.00am – 5.00pm
Monday 7.00am – 3.00pm

Description	GL Code	GST incl	Fee
**Call out Fee to open the Transfer Station out of Hours		Y	\$100.00
Household Waste per 240 lt bin		Y	\$ 10.00
Household Waste per cubic metre		Y	\$ 40.00
Household Waste per trailer 6x4		Y	\$ 40.00
Household Waste per Tonne		Y	\$ 120.00
Household Waste per 8x5 Trailer/Tray		Y	\$ 70.00
Commercial Waste per tonne		Y	\$300.00
Building Site Refuse Disposal per building licence issued		Y	\$500.00
Recycling 240 lt Bin		Y	\$5.00
Recycling per cubic metre		Y	\$25.00
Recycling per trailer 6x4		Y	\$25.00
Animal Carcasses – small domestic – per carcass		Y	\$7.50
Animal Carcasses – large, cattle, sheep, horse etc... – per carcass		Y	\$10.00
White goods – fridge, freezer, stoves, washing machine etc...		Y	\$20.00
Mattresses -		Y	\$35.00
Car Tyre		Y	\$10.00
4WD Tyre		Y	\$15.00
Car/4WD Tyre on Rim		Y	\$23.00
Car bodies – per vehicle with or without tyres		Y	\$100.00
10 Litre Waste Oil and units of 10 Litres thereafter		Y	\$3.00 per 10 Lts
Green Waste must be separated from all other waste			No Charge
Clean Fill - clean sand etc, where it can be used on site			No charge