

Council Corner

Wandering Shire monthly newsletter



Amanda's Update

Well this week marks eight (8) weeks living in Wandering – Wow how time fly's. I have met many of you and a number have taken up my invitation to pop in and say hi – so thank you. Please don't mind me if I have forgotten your name when we meet I am doing my best to remember, but it does get a bit overwhelming some days.

I have been finding my feet more and more, and gaining greater understanding for how things work in Wandering. I have even found that navigating around the Shire is

getting easier each day!

The management and planning of the Wandering Transfer Station has been keeping us busy the last few weeks, many of you would have received flyers by now and would be aware that the tip has closed. This action as expected has been met with concern by a number of the public and as I have said previously please don't hesitate to come down to the Office I would be very happy to work through the process and fees with you.

I am heading off for 2.5 weeks on the 12 March. Family wedding in

the US, been planned for months and months, not great timing unfortunately, at least I will remain fresh and focused with regular holidays..... Mark Dacombe will be relieving CEO in my absence and on site to help out where needed.

The Shire is excited to be collaborating with the CWA on the ANZAC Services this year. We are looking forward to the commemoration of 100 years of Gallipoli and Wandering's first Dawn Service in a while.

The Annual Electors Meeting is being held on Tuesday 10 March so hope to see more of you all then.

Council supports fox shoot

Council was pleased to be able to support the annual Fox Shoot in February. This year the Fox Shoot organising team changed things around a bit and the event was run out of the Fire Shed and the Geoff Marsh Pavilion.

Council donated the use of the Pavilion, chairs and tip area for the carcasses. The organisers did a fantastic job and it was great to be involved and see how it works. Council is pleased to be able to support events such as these.

of Finance and Administration Officer over the last couple of weeks. We received a great number of applications and will be interviewing next week. I thank everyone very much for your patience and support of the remaining staff during this time.

Hopefully we will have a positive announcement late next week.

Shire Works Update

The Shire crew have been busy as usual with the following larger works on the schedule:

Finalised Crossman Dwarda road works. Guideposts will be going in over the next few

weeks.

Bridge repairs have commenced at Wandering Brook Bridge. We have had to clear under the bridge, widen the creek line and pump out remaining water for the contractor to be able to come in and commence the reinforcing and stabilising tasks. The Shire team and Local (Narrogin) contractors are completing the works.

Summer maintenance Grading continues.

Works on the Southern Section of York- Williams road will be commencing next week.

Staff Changes at the Shire

We have been recruiting for the role

COUNCIL MEETING ROUND UP

Extract of Council Meeting Minutes – For full document please head to Councils Website.

10.1.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – Schedule of meeting dates, times and location for March to December 2015.

Summary

It is a requirement for Council to adopt the schedule of meeting dates, times and locations for all Ordinary Council Meetings each year.

Council Decision

That Council:

Adopt the schedule of Ordinary Council meeting dates, times and locations for the period March 2015 to February 2016 as outlined below.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday, 19 March 2015	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 16 April 2015	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 21 May 2015	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 18 June 2015	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 16 July 2015	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 20 August 2015	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 17 September 2015	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 15 October 2015	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 19 November 2015	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 17 December 2015	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
No Meeting planned, January 2016	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm
Thursday, 18 February 2016	Shire Offices, 22 Watts Street, Wandering	1.30pm

Pursuant to the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* (Act s. 5.25(1)(g)), give local public notice of the Schedule of Ordinary Council Meeting dates, times and locations for the period March 2015 to February 2016.

Carried 6/0

10.1.2 Council Policy – Credit Card Policy

Summary

Shire Staff are commencing a review of the Shires' Council Policy Manual. Evidence of review in 2009 is evident however in many cases Department Guidelines or best practice initiatives have been issues or recommended to be applied. Policies will be presented by order of importance and significance for the Council.

Council Decision

That Council adopt policy C-FIN-5 Corporate Credit Cards

Carried 6/0

10.1.3 Codjatotine Parking Bay

Summary

At the 20 November Meeting Council instructed the CEO to write to the Codjatotine Hall Committee seeking a resolution from the Codjatotine Hall Committee clearly stating the scope of the project to allow Council to make an informed decision. Council were unsure if the project submitted at Item 10.1.4 at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on the 20 November 2015 was the general consensus of the full committee or only the views of a few of the committee members. The Codjatotine Hall Committee has resubmitted their proposal with a unanimous endorsement of the 9 members in attendance.

Council Decision

That Council:

Give approval in principle to the request from the Codjatotine Hall Committee to clear the area requested at the Codjatotine Rock parking bay and inform the Committee that any clearing of vegetation is not to commence until a permit is obtained from the Department of Environmental Regulation.

Give approval in principle to the installation of a long drop toilet at the Codjatotine Rock parking bay and inform the Committee that installation is not to occur until all necessary health Department approvals have been obtained by the Codjatotine Hall Committee.

Inform the Committee that Council requires the finalised Story Board Information to be submitted to Council for review and comment prior to publishing.

Delegate the CEO to negotiate on behalf of Council should any minor adjustments be required to the plan, in order to progress the project and meet statutory approvals.

Officer's recommendation was amended to include review of Story Board information prior to publishing and installation on Council Land.

Carried 6/0

10.1.4 SHIRE OF WANDERING TRANSFER STATION

Summary

Council approved the construction of the Wandering Refuse Site Transfer Station (WRSTS) at the 21 November 2014 Ordinary Meeting of Council. The site is nearing completion, with only minor works such as signage and installation of security Cameras to be completed. Council is required to determine the fees and charges for the transfer station and approve the budget amendments that are required to operate the WRSTS. The fees and charges are to be advertised for a period of 7 days under Local Government Act 1995, Section 1.7 in conjunction to Section 6.19. It is expected that the new fees and charges will become effective from the 3 March 2015.



Council Decision

That Council:

Approve the Wandering Refuse Site Transfer Station Fees as amended:

Fees 2014/15

Description	GL Code	GST incl	Fee
**Call out Fee to open the Transfer Station out of hrs		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

.Authorise the CEO to commence community consultations and negotiations with Blackboy Springs, Wandering Downs, Riverside Roadhouse and Three Ways Roadhouse ratepayers in regards to Kerbside Collection.

Approve the required budget variations to the Adopted Budget for 2013/14 as outlined below:

Transfer Station Budget Implications

\$420.00 per visit to clear the bins x 12 (fortnightly)

\$163.00 Transport to Perth Waste Site (fortnightly)

Further charges are applied for dumping of waste at Perth Waste facility:

\$80.00 per tonne (approximate estimate is 6-8 tonne per fortnight). Therefore total cost anticipated is \$640.00

Total new cost per fortnight estimated to be \$1223.00; \$31,798pa.

Kerbside Collection Town of Wandering

✦ \$ 163.00 Transport to Perth Waste Site (Weekly)

\$ 80.00 per tonne to dump waste – estimated weekly cost \$80.00

Total new costs per week estimated to be \$243.00; \$12,636pa.

Approve the provision of 4 free passes a year to all rate assessments within the Shire. These passes are to be used for household, recyclable and green waste only up to a 6x4 trailer per pass.

Approve the advertising of all fees and charges and budget variations as per Council recommendation.

Authorises the closure of the Wandering tip site from the 24 February 2015. New opening hours to apply from this time. Sunday 7.00am – 5.00pm and Monday 7.00am – 3.00pm. There will be a fee amnesty for two weeks, with fees to apply from the 8 March 2015.

Officers recommendation was amended to include new information provided regarding rates from Perth Waste. Council also included the immediate closure of the rubbish Tip and amnesty on fees for two weeks.

Carried 6/0

10.2.1 DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANELS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT NOMINATIONS

Summary

Under regulation 26 of the Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011, the Shire of Wandering is requested by the Director General, Development Assessment Panels, to nominate four (4) elected members of the Council, comprising two (2) local government members and two (2) alternate local government members to sit on the local Development Assessment Panel (DAP) as and when required. Nominations are required to be put forward by no later than 27 February 2015, using the prescribed DAP nomination Form.

That Council:

Nominates the following four (4) Councillors as its nominees for local government members on the Wheatbelt Joint Development Assessment Panel:

Cr Brendan Whitely (member);
Cr Wade Gowland (member);
Judith Price (alternative member); and
Chad Ferguson (alternative member).

Carried 6/0

10.4.1 2013/14 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

Summary

The Local Government Act requires that Council accept the Audited Financial Statements and Audit Report within two (2) months of the Auditors report becoming available.

Council is also requested to give consideration to determining the date, time and location of the Annual General Meeting.

That Council:

Accept the Auditors Report and the Audited Annual Financial Statements of the Shire of Wandering for the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

That Council hold an Annual General Meeting of Electors at Wandering Community Centre, Downs Street, Wandering commencing at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10 March 2015.

Carried 6/0

10.4.2 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TREASURY CORPORATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT MASTER LENDING AGREEMENT

Summary

WA Treasury has implemented a new Master Lending Agreement for Local Government (LGMLA), which has been developed to incorporate recent legislative requirements and introduces improvements to the current lending processes.

The purpose of the report is for Council to approve the Common Seal being affixed to the proposed Western Australian Treasury Corporation's Master Lending Agreement (LGMLA) which will streamline the loan process for this current and future loans consolidating all lending under one agreement.

The new LGMLA has been developed to incorporate the recently introduced Commonwealth Government's Personal Property Security Act 2009 (PPSA).

The LGMLA has been reviewed by the State Solicitor's Office and the Department of Local Government.

That Council:

1. That the Shire of Wandering enters in to Master Lending Agreement with Western Australian Treasury Corporation as per Attachment 5
2. To approve the Affixation of the Common Seal of the Shire of Wandering to Master Lending Agreement in the presence of the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer; and
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign scheduled documents under the Master Lending Agreement on behalf of the Shire of Wandering.

Carried 6/0

10.4.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED

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

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 \$293,530.86 for the period ending 31 January 2015

Receive the bank reconciliation for the period ended 31 January 2015

Receive the financial statements for the period ended 31 January 2015

Carried 6/0

12.1.1 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS

That Council:

Note Chief Executive Officer Amanda O'Halloran's leave arrangements from Thursday 12 March to Wednesday 1 April 2015 (inclusive).

Appoint Mr Mark Dacombe as Acting Chief Executive Officer and delegate all powers of the Chief Executive Officer for the period from Thursday 12 March to Wednesday 1 April 2015 (inclusive).

Carried 6/0



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:

April 3 Good Friday
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

Creating Age Friendly Communities Project

The Creating Age-Friendly Communities in Small Towns Project forms part of a holistic solution to address aged care issues across the region. The Creating Age-Friendly Communities in Small Towns Project aims to improve the level of age-friendly infrastructure, services and inclusion across 43 Local Governments in the Wheatbelt. The Project will assist local governments through audit of their services and amenities and in some cases provide funding to increase access and improve the quality of life of Aged residents.

We had a good turn out to the Seniors Morning tea and a number of Local Seniors have helped us out immensely with the local audit. It has been good to listen to the perspectives of others and help us formulate a plan to help make Wandering more seniors friendly.

Now that we have carried out the audit, Monica and I will work on the Grant application to apply for funds to carry out some of the requests and needs to help make Wandering a Seniors friendly place. We then submit the Grant to the Wheatbelt Development Commission for their assessment and ultimate approval or refusal. We will keep you posted on the goings on in this regard over the coming months.

As you are all aware Wandering is a lovely safe community and a perfect environment to retire!! We aim to increase the charm and ability to retire in this lovely place.



Important Dates Coming up

Community BBQ	5 March 2015
Annual Electors Meeting 2015	10 March
Council Meeting 2015	19 March

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