

Shire Shorts

Council Elections

Council elections were held on Saturday 19 October where we saw a keenly contested election with 6 candidates standing for 4 positions. Congratulations to all of the successful candidates and commiserations to the unsuccessful candidates. In total we had 170 voters from a possible 347 electors representing a turnout of 49%.with the results of the election as follows;

Wade Gowland	132 votes
Joe Schorer	85 votes
Brendan Whitely	109 votes
Jim McNeil	92 votes
Phillip Wheatley	35 votes
Bruce Dowsett	129 votes

Meaning Wade Gowland, Brendan Whitely, Jim McNeil and Bruce Dowsett were all appointed for a 4 year term which will expire in October 2017.

The recent elections signal some new changes with Wade Gowland and Brendan Whitely replacing Ken Barge and Joe Schorer on Council. The contribution from Ken and Joe to Council should not be underestimated and on behalf of the Wandering Shire I would like to thank both Ken and Joe for their commitment and contribution to the Wandering community over the past 8 and 4 years respectively.

DOGS

A reminder to all dog owners that all dogs must be controlled by means of a chain, cord, leash or harness when in a public or exercise area. Failure to comply with the above requirements can result in fines of up to \$1,000 per offence.

FUEL FACILITY

Fuel prices are very competitively priced at the moment with ULP at \$1.499 and Diesel seeling for \$1.569. The facility continues to be well patronised with sales increasing monthly.

Fire Season

FIRE SEASON

A reminder that the burning period is **PROHIBITED** in the Shire of Wandering **from 1 November 2012 until 21 February 2013** inclusive.

HARVEST BAN LINE

The harvest ban line is up and running and the answering service will continually be updated throughout the summer. The number to call for harvest and fire updates is **9884 1042**.

SMS FIRE MESSAGING SERVICE

The SMS fire messaging service line will also be in operation and if you would like to have your mobile details added to the SMS messaging service please contact the Shire Office on 9884 1056.

HARVEST PERIOD

Are your vehicles licensed and ready for the busy harvest period ahead? Please take care to ensure all farm vehicles accessing public roads are licensed to avoid any possible dramas in the event of any potential mishaps. For more information on your licensing queries please contact the Community Resource Centre on 9884 1561.

CATS

Cat owners are reminded that the new Cat Legislation has been passed meaning that by 1 November 2013 all cats will need to be sterilised and micro chipped. For more information on your obligations as a cat owner please contact the Shire Office on 9884 1056.

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CHRISTMAS / NEW YEARS OFFICE HOURS

The Shire Office will close at 4.30pm on Tuesday 24 December 2013 and re-open at 8.30am on Thursday 2 January 2013. Mail will continue to operate during this period however licensing and other payments will not be processed during the period 24 December 2012 to 1 January 2013.

Office hours will be as follows:

Monday 23 December	8.30am to 4.30pm
Tuesday 24 December	8.30am to 4.30pm
Wednesday 25 December	Closed
Thursday 26 December	Closed
Friday 27 December	Closed
Saturday 28 December	Closed
Sunday 29 December	Closed
Monday 30 December	Closed
Tuesday 31 December	Closed
Wednesday 1 January	Closed
Thursday 2 January	8.30am to 4.30pm
Friday 3 January	8.30am to 4.30pm

SHIRE DISTRIBUTION LIST

If anyone would like a copy of the Shire notes emailed to them, please notify reception on either 9884 1056 or email reception@wandering.wa.gov.au to have your details added to our distribution list. The Shire notes are also available on the website at www.wandering.wa.gov.au

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