

# Shire of Wandering

## February 2010

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### LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

Several Councillors and I attended the Local Government Reform Forum held in Perth during February where the key guest speakers Hon John Castrilli (Minister for Local Government), Paul Papalia (Opposition Spokesperson), Hon Brendon Grylls (Minister for Regional Development, Lands), Hon Robin Chapple (Greens Representative) and Bill Mitchell (WALGA President) discussed the current status on Local Government Reform. The Minister for Local Government reiterated that the current Amalgamation process would remain a voluntary process and there would not be any forced amalgamations under his regime. There was much discussion on the Ministers most recent proposal for Local Government Reform which is asking Councils to form Regional Transition Groups with the view to these Transition Groups forming a single entity by 2013. The Shire of Wandering was placed in an initial Transition Group with Boddington, Pingelly and Brookton and all four Shires met in Boddington on 16 February 2010 to discuss the proposal put forward by the Minister. In the immediate short term, Council has decided not to participate in the Regional Transition Group process and maintain the status quo.

### WANDERING REFUSE SITE

It is becoming of increasing concern to Council that the rules associated with the Wandering Refuse Site are not being adhered to. Specifically, the volume of steel and fencing wire being dumped in the general waste pit is resulting in significantly increased costs of maintaining the tip. There is a site allocated for steel, which can then be sold, raising additional finances for the Shire and the local Bush Fire Brigades. Fencing wire cannot be dumped at the Refuse Site under any circumstances. Your cooperation in adhering to these simple rules is appreciated and people are to be reminded that continued failure to adhere to these rules will ultimately result in the closure of the Refuse Site.

### ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

The Annual Electors Meeting was held in February and I would like to thank everyone for attending and providing their valuable input during the meeting.

### ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORKS

There will various road works taking place on the North Bannister Wandering Road starting in March and continuing through to June 2010 as part of the Shire's Regional Road Group program. The majority of the work will be conducted within the first 7 km section as you enter the North Bannister Wandering Road from the Albany Highway turnoff. It is anticipated there will be some traffic delays during this period and Council apologies for any inconvenience.

### BRIDGEWORKS – FOURTEEN MILE BROOK ROAD, DWARDA

Notification has been received from Main Roads that bridge maintenance and refurbishment works have commenced at the above location. The works will commence in March and are expected to be completed in May 2010. During this time the bridge will be closed along with the road on the Fourteen Mile Brook Rd between Crossman-Dwarda Rd and Dwarda East Rd, with a detour road provided during this period.

### DRUMMUSTER

The next DrumMuster will be held on Friday 26 March 2010. If you would like to utilise this service can you please call the Shire Office on 9880 1056 to book a time.

### COUNCIL OFFICE VACANCIES

There are currently two vacancies at the Shire of Wandering. The first is for a Works Supervisor and the second is for a senior Finance Officer. Interested persons can obtain an application package by contacting Martin Whitely on 9884 1056 or ceo@wandering.wa.gov.au. Applications for both positions close on Friday 5 March 2010

**Martin Whitely**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY AT 11.00am

#### *Your Councillors*

Cr Don White 9884 1034  
Cr Ken Barge 9884 1095

Cr Bruce Dowsett 9884 1031  
Cr Joe Schorer 9884 1018  
Cr Jim McNeil 9887 6010

Cr Graeme Kerr 9887 6018  
Cr Kelvin Price 9887 7061

