

## Shire Shorts

### Synthetic Bowling Greens

Perth-based Ever Green Synthetic Grass has been awarded the tender to construct a four-rink synthetic bowling green at the Wandering Community Centre using the *Ultra Plus* surface at a cost of \$203,937. Lighting will be an additional \$43,700, a total cash outlay of \$247,637.

Council staff will undertake site works on the western bank location for this project after the completion of its road construction program in April.

### Tennis/Multi-Use Courts Refurbishment

Ever Green Synthetic Grass has been awarded the tender to refurbish the existing tennis courts using the *Rebound Synpave* surface at a cost of \$108,232.

The above two projects will be undertaken concurrently with completion by the end of June 2014. Funding will be via the State Government's *Country Local Government Fund* (\$187,795) and *Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund* (\$147,429) and the Shire of Wandering (\$20,645). In addition "in-kind" Shire labour and plant will see the cost of the combined projects total around \$400,000.

### Recreation Park

Perth-based Rampage Design has been awarded the contract to construct seven pieces of skate equipment as part of stage one of the recreation park development in Gnowing Street.

Site works using fill from the bowling club will commence in April with the cost of equipment and installation, (\$40,000), concrete and "in-kind" site works (\$22,795) being met from the State Government's *Country Local Government Fund*.

Stage two including a nature playground, fitness trail, half-basketball court and mini golf will be undertaken in 2014/15 subject to a LotteryWest grant.

### Waste Transfer Facility

Quotations for the construction of a waste transfer facility at the existing Wandering refuse site are being sought to enable this project to proceed in conjunction with the skate park concrete pad.

Once complete, non-recyclable waste will be stored and transported to nearby municipal tips rather than buried on-site. The existing tip will then be extensively rehabilitated.

Funding for this project will be via the State Government's *Country Local Government Fund* (\$172,795)

### ADSL2

Telstra was recently contracted by the Shire of Wandering to install ADSL2 broadband internet services equipment in the Wandering Telephone Exchange.

Installation was completed on 24th February 2014 following which Telstra will undertake Australian Communications and Media Authority requirements prior to services being able to be offered to the public.

Once completed, subscribers should be able to attain maximum data download speeds of up to 25Mbps and upload speeds of 1Mbps within a maximum radius of 30 - 50 kms of the exchange.

Funding for this project was through the State Government's *Country Local Government Fund* (\$90,000) and the Shire of Wandering (\$7,000).

### Roadworks

Widening and re-sealing of a 2,500 metre section of the Crossman - Dwarda Road was recently completed at a cost slightly under its \$300,000 budget. The remaining 1,600 metre section to the

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### Next Council Meeting

Thursday  
20th March  
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Boddington Shire boundary will be completed in 2014/15.

Drainage works have commenced on Watts Street in preparation for re-constructing the road approximately 200mm higher than present. All works are proposed to be completed by the end of March and Council appreciates the inconvenience motorists will experience over the next four weeks. However the finished road will greatly enhance the town's appearance as well as being sturdier due to the cement stabilisation of the base course.

Gravel carting to prepare shoulders along Popanyinning West Road for sealing has commenced. The shoulders will be sealed in conjunction with flood damage repairs on North Wandering Road and Sheoak Road braking strip in the coming weeks.

### New Shire Website

Council's new website is up and running and staff are uploading documents and information as time allows.

The new site complies with the W3C priority standard for accessibility in accordance with the draft Shire of Wandering Access and Inclusion Plan 2014-2018.

The address remains unchanged, being [www.wandering.wa.gov.au](http://www.wandering.wa.gov.au)

### Community Summer BBQ

A community barbeque will be held on Thursday 6th March at the Wandering Community Centre commencing at 6pm .

Supper and some drinks will be provided

The event is provided free of charge and all residents within the community are welcome to attend.

Kindly RSVP to the Wandering CRC by telephoning 9884 1561 or email to [wandering@crc.net.au](mailto:wandering@crc.net.au)

### Local Government Reform

Council has submitted comment to the Local Government Advisory Board objecting to a proposal by the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale to annex a portion of state forest west of Albany Hwy adjacent to that local government as it does not wish to see the Wandering district split.

In addition Council has resolved to support a motion to be forwarded to the WA Local Government Association via the Central Country Zone by the Shire of Wagin as follows:

- That WALGA reject any non-voluntary local government amalgamations;
- That WALGA only support reform where all impacted local government are in agreeance; and
- Each local government be entitle to hold a poll of electors if structural change is proposed.

### Shire Series Plate Fees

Council has increased the fee for Wandering Shire car registration plates from \$210 to \$230 effective from 1st March 2014 due to an increase in state government application fees.

### Fire Season

A reminder that the burning period is **RESTRICTED** in the Shire of Wandering from **22 February 2014 to 19 April 2014 inclusive**.

### Shire Distribution List

If you would like the Shire Notes emailed directly to you please contact the Shire Office on 9884 1056 or email the Shire at [reception@wandering.wa.gov.au](mailto:reception@wandering.wa.gov.au) to have your name added to our distribution list.

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