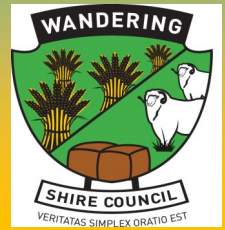


Council Corner

Wandering Shire monthly newsletter



Amanda's Update

I wouldn't want to disappoint anyone by not mentioning the weather in my monthly chat so ... How fabulous is the warmer weather!!! Now I do recognise it isn't all good news for our community and so I will be quiet after today's little jump for joy!

September was a busy month with a number of events and visitors to Wandering. How great was the Fair!! Wow the Committee do such a wonderful job. I really enjoyed the day, it was lovely to meet lots of residents and visitors and share what we are working on and do at the Shire.

We had a fantastic turn out for Micro Chipping, and congratulate Tom Price on winning our little competition—reimbursement of one of his dogs micro chipping costs—Remember it is law for all

dogs to be micro chipped by 1 Nov!

Thankyou to all the fair committee, volunteers, family and helpers, you do a wonderful job and the event is a fantastic community asset.

We are now in full swing of the Council Elections and early voting is open. So if you are unsure if you will be in town on the 17 October 2015 pop in anytime to vote now....

Council approved the date of the Annual Electors Meeting at last Thursday Council Meeting— Wednesday 4 November 2015 7.30pm at the Community Centre.

I am looking forward to sharing the Council's success's, plans and challenges with the community at the meeting, so please be sure that you save the date!

Rubbish is still a concern for a number of residents, please come into the Shire to discuss your issues, we can't consider your issues if you don't give us an opportunity. Season Passes are fantastic value and provide residents not receiving a service with a very viable alternative.

A number of residents on Nth Wandering and Nth Bannister Road have asked why they can't have their rubbish collected. Please note that we have to pay Km's of travel from the first to last pick up. To extend pickups at this stage isn't viable, unless the user would like to pay the full price. I am very happy to explain in more detail if anyone would like more information.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Electors Meeting!!



Road Works Planned 30 September — 16 October 2015

The Shire works crew will be undertaking road works and tree pruning and mulching on the following roads over the next few weeks.

- ** Nth Bannister Wandering Road, Albany Hwy—Town
- ** Moramocking Road

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience. There will be delays.

STAFFING

We are excited to welcome Stephen Bullock to the team as Casual Gardener. Stephen will be busy pulling the town back into shape over the next month, with the cricket oval a huge priority over the next couple of weeks. Ian Price from Spiffy Garden Services will also be providing expert advice and support to our gardening team.

We will still be looking for some casual plant operators/ labours over the coming months, with plenty of road works and town maintenance planned. Please note that work will be adhoc and on a job by job basis. This work will not be ongoing, but may be an opportunity for those out there that just want a few hours here and there. Please drop your resume in to the office to be considered.

If you have already dropped your resume in—we will be contacting people over the coming weeks to get you on the system and set up.

Change in Date of Council Meeting

The Shire would like to inform Residents and interested parties, that the date of the Shire Council Meeting has changed to the 22 October 2015. The meeting will be open to the public from 1.30pm as usual.

We would like to apologise for any inconvenience, the change is to accommodate the outcome of the Council Elections on the 17 October 2015. New Councillors will be sworn in and positions of Shire President and Deputy will be elected on this date.

Annual Electors Meeting

Wednesday

4 November 2015

**Wandering Community
Centre**

7.30pm

Light refreshments will be available

*Annual Reports will be available from the
Shire Office from the 5 October 2015*

Council Elections—17 October 2015

The Polling Place for Wandering is the Shire Offices at 22 Watts Street, Wandering 2015. The Polling Booth will be open from 8am—6pm.

Early voting is available at the Office from now on....

8.30am —4.30pm daily.

COUNCIL MEETING ROUND UP

*** Please note that this is a summary of events only – for more information please go to the Shires website and review the minutes. www.wandering.wa.gov.au

10.1.1 USE OF COMMON SEAL AND ACTIONS PERFORMED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2015

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this agenda item is to report to Council for information, Use of the Common Seal and actions performed under delegated authority requiring referral to Council, for the month of August 2015.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.1

MOVED: Cr W Gowland

SECONDED: Cr B Whitely

That Council accept the report “Use of Common Seal and Actions Performed under Delegated Authority for the Month of August 2015”.

CARRIED 5/0

10.1.2 COUNCIL POLICY REVIEW

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The Shire Administration has been undertaking a review of Council Policies as per the findings of the 2014 Department of Local Government and Communities Probity Audit. The Department proposed as per its final findings, *Recommendation 13 - That Council gives priority to developing effective policies and instructs the CEO to review its policy manual by improving, and updating all policies for Council's adoption.* The Shire has engaged the services of a local contractor to assist with the implementation of the above recommendation. This work is currently well ahead to the delivery schedule agreed with the Department.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.2

MOVED: Cr J Price

SECONDED: B Whitely

That Council adopts the following reviewed and new policies as finalised formal policies of Council as included as **ATTACHMENT 10.1.2** of this agenda and minutes:

COUNCIL POLICIES

Records Management	CP020
Home Businesses	CP022
Purchasing and Tenders	CP023
Signage	CP026
Integrated Planning	CP027
Workforce Planning and Management	CP028
Community Consultation and Engagement	CP029
Councillors Representing Council as Delegates	CP030
Private Works	CP031
Emergency Management Response Leave for Employees	CP032
Asset Management	CP033
Significant Accounting Policies	CP035
Transportable Dwellings	CP037

CARRIED 5/0

COUNCIL MEETING ROUND UP CONT....

10.1.3 SHIRE OPERATIONS OVER FESTIVE SEASON

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Council traditionally significantly reduces its operations over the Festive Season. This year it is proposed to close Shire Depot Operations from Friday 18 December 2015, and Office Administrations from Wednesday 23 December 2015 until Monday 4 January 2016. Postal services and emergency support will be provided during this time and Staff will be allocated accordingly.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.2

MOVED: Cr B Dowsett

SECONDED: Cr J Price

1. That Council endorse the proposed reduction in Shire Operations for the Festive Season 2016 as follows:
 - Shire administration services being closed at 2.00pm on Wednesday 23 December 2015 to Sunday 3 January 2016 inclusive and reopen 8:30am on Monday 4 January 2016.
 - Australia Post services reduced to 10.00am – 2.00 pm on the 24, 29, 30 & 31 December 2015
 - Works services be reduced from 4.30 pm 18 December 2016 to Tuesday 5 January 2016
2. That staffing requirements and contact details are put into place for the closure period to deal with any emergency issues that may arise.

CARRIED 5/0

10.1.4 ALLOCATION OF ROADS TO RECOVERY FUNDING

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To formalise the allocation of increased Roads to Recovery funding for the 2015/16 financial year.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.2

MOVED: Cr B Dowsett

SECONDED: Cr B Whitely

That Council:

1. That Council approves the required budget variation to the Current Budget for 2015/2016 as increased road maintenance/construction expenditure by \$192,688
2. Authorise the increased expenditure to be distributed as follows:
 - Resheet, clear and improve drainage on last 4 - 5kms of North /Wandering Road
 - Resheet, clear and improve drainage on Ricks Road – focussing on long term problem areas (approximately 5kms of resheet to be attended to)
 - Any remaining funds to be spent on Youngs Road.

CARRIED 5/0

10.1.5 CHANGE OF MEETING DATE TO SUPPORT SWEARING IN OF COUNCILLORS AND ELECTION OF SHIRE PRESIDENT POST COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON THE 17 OCTOBER 2015

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Council is scheduled to conduct a Council meeting on the 15 October 2015. The Council Elections are due to be held on the 17 October 2015 this will result in the requirement to elect a new Shire president and the swearing in of new Councillors. Rather than holding a special meeting the Shire administration is proposing to postpone the October Council Meeting until the 22 October 2015 rather than call a special meeting of Council.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.2

MOVED: Cr B Whitely

SECONDED: Cr B Dowsett

That Council:

Authorise the postponement of the 15 October 2015 Council Meeting until the 22 October 2015 and authorise the CEO to advertise the change within the community.

CARRIED 5/0

COUNCIL MEETING ROUND UP CONT....

10.3.1 WANDERING COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT 2014/2015

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

In accordance with the Community Service agreement between the Department of Regional Development and the Shire of Wandering an annual report for the 2014/2015 year is to be received by the Department of Regional Development by the 30th September 2015.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.2

MOVED: Cr J Price

SECONDED: Cr W Gowland

That Council:

1. Accept the report and endorse the Wandering CRC Annual Report for 2014/2015 as presented at **ATTACHMENT 10.3.1** of this agenda and minutes.
2. Authorise the circulation of the report to the Department of Regional Development and the Community.

CARRIED 5/0

10.4.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY & 31 AUGUST 2015

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

In accordance with Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, the Shire is to prepare a monthly Statement of Financial Activity for consideration by Council.

The monthly financials for the months of July and August 2015 are presented for Councils consideration.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.4.1

MOVED: Cr B Dowsett

SECONDED: Cr B Whitely

That Council

1. Endorse all Cheque, EFT, BPay, salary & wages, transport payments, transfers to investments, credit card payments and other direct debits and transfers as listed from the Municipal and Trust Fund totalling \$319,046.86 and \$140,142.09 for the period ending 31 July and 31 August 2015 respectively.
2. Receive the bank reconciliations & bank statements for the period ended 31 July 2015
3. Receive the bank reconciliations & bank statements for the period ended 31 August 2015
4. Receive the financial statements for the period ended 31 July 2015
5. Receive the financial statements for the period ended 31 August 2015

CARRIED 5/0

10.4.2 2014/15 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

Purpose of the report

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.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.4.1

MOVED: Cr B Dowsett

SECONDED: Cr J Price

That Council:

1. Accept the Auditors Report and the Audited Annual Financial Statements of the Shire of Wandering for the financial year ended 30 June 2015 as per **ATTACHMENT 10.4.17** of this agenda and minutes.
2. Accept the prepared draft Annual Report as per **ATTACHMENT 10.4.18** of this agenda and minutes.
3. Hold an Annual General Meeting of Electors at Wandering Community Centre, Downs Street, Wandering commencing at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4 November 2015 and authorise the CEO Amanda O'Halloran to advertise accordingly.

CARRIED 5/0

COUNCIL MEETING ROUND UP CONT....

10.4.3 COUNCIL'S MUNICIPAL FUND INVESTMENT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this agenda is to give the CEO, Amanda O'Halloran, and the Manger of Finance and Administration, Durga Ojha, authority to transfer the Shire of Wandering municipal funds between Municipal and Investment accounts as required to meet the Council's cash flow requirement and to increase investment earning opportunities.

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.4.1

MOVED: Cr B Dowsett

SECONDED: Cr J Price

That Council:

1. Authorise the CEO, Amanda O'Halloran and the Manager of Finance and Administration Durga Ojha to move municipal funds between the Councils investment account and municipal account as required.
2. Authorise the CEO to review banking options for the Shire, present to council at the November meeting. Outlining investment opportunities, cost of banking etc.

CARRIED 5/0

WORKS CREW UPDATE

We have finished the winter grade and got through as much as we could of road edges until we lost all the moisture in the ground. We will be trying to opportunistically get a bit more done over the next few weeks post any rain. Patching is keeping us busy and we very much appreciate the community informing us of issues out there, please don't assume we know, often we don't.

Significant road works will commence this week.

- Nth Bannister Wandering Road— We will be commencing our annual tree pruning and mulching program from the 30 September to approximately the 16 October 2015. We have received reports and feedback by our regular users and truck operators regarding trouble spots and will target these areas first. We unfortunately were not able to close the road for these works as we had hoped to reduce the overheads of the operation. Traffic Management will there for need to be in place and unfortunately comes at a significant cost, we hope however to get through a fair bit of the road works prior to our money running out.
- We will also commence our reconstruction program, with concrete stabilisation occurring down towards Albany Hwy on Nth Bannister Road.
- Moramocking Road will also be undergoing concrete stabilisation and will be closed from the 5—9 October 2015.

Gardening will have an increased focus over the next few months now that we have employed our Stephen Bullock and we look forward to getting the gardens back on track.

Other projects due to start over the next month include—

- Finalisation of brick paving at community centre
- Caravan Park renovations



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Services that can be carried out include—deposits, withdrawals, account balance and credit card payments. We are excited that we are able to offer these services to the Wandering Community and encourage the community to take advantage.

We encourage you to look into MY POST services as well, MY POST accounts can support better Parcel Tracking, Mail redirections and discounts for Pensioners and Concession Card holders, with discounts on stamps and other services available. Previously we weren't able to support this service from Wandering, but now that we are live nearly anything goes!! *We wont be providing passport services etc....

Dog microchips compulsory from 1 November

All domestic dogs in Western Australia must be microchipped from 1 November 2015 as part of changes to the *Dog Act 1976*.

Amendments to the legislation, made in 2013, require dog owners to ensure that, from November, their dog is microchipped once it has reached three months of age.

Owners will need to show proof that the dog has been microchipped by providing their local government with the microchip number when their pet is registered.

A penalty of \$200 may apply if a dog is not microchipped. However, a dog may be exempt if

the owner has a vet's certificate stating the animal's health and welfare may be at risk if chip implantation takes place.

Amendments to the Dog Act include a range of measures to improve community safety and encourage responsible dog ownership, including allowing for nuisance behaviour to be more effectively dealt with and the recognition of assistance dogs.

Local governments are urged to remind dog owners of their microchipping responsibilities in the lead up to the November deadline.

Visit [Responsible Dog Ownership – www.dlg.wa.gov.au](http://www.dlg.wa.gov.au) for more information.

Our Ranger Services do offer Microchipping—call Matt on 0459 678 154

Restricted Burning From

1 October 2015

Fire notices have gone out this week, please note that restricted burning commences from the 1 October and permits will be required from your local Bush Fire Control Officers if you wish to burn.

Rangers will be conducting preliminary assessments of fire breaks over the coming weeks and may discuss actions you need to take to comply to regulations. We are working to ensure the communities safety over this coming

Abandoned Vehicles

**Council will be disposing of unclaimed and abandoned vehicles over the coming weeks. Some cars will be sent to the wreckers and others will be sold for parts, if any residents would like to discuss opportunities with Council please contact Amanda O'Halloran at the Shire Office.

2015/16 Tip Passes

***Tip Passes have been sent out this week, due to the high cost of waste management in the Wandering Shire each assessment will receive one pass, the equivalent to a bulk pick up in some shires. If you have any queries or concerns please respect the Office Staff and Tip Attended and direct your enquiries to Amanda O'Halloran or Local Councillor.*

Transfer Station Seasons Pass

The Wandering Shire is offering a seasons pass for remote and rural users of the Wandering Transfer Station. Please note that fees have been calculated to take into consideration the cost of travel to and from the tip. By purchasing the pass weekly users will save up to \$700 per annum, Fortnightly users will save approx \$530 per annum.

We are keen to support users where possible, recognising the logistical intricacies of waste management in the Wandering Shire. Please don't hesitate to call us or pop into the Office to find out more.

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