

# Council Corner

## Wandering Shire monthly newsletter



### Amanda's Update

Hello everyone, amazing that today is the last day of Summer... The year is marching by already.... We are now into the Restricted Burning Period and permits may be granted by Fire Control Officers, dependent on weather conditions etc... Please see the list of Fire Control Officers later in the Echo, if you require a permit.

We have recovered from the storm damage received in January and are mostly back to normal now. Thanks to our Shire team and the community for your patience during the disruption.

Fuel has been running smoothly for the last month, which has been a huge relief and we are hopeful that other than servicing and power failures that we can continue to deliver an uninterrupted service to the community. Fuel prices will come back more into line with market pricing from this week onwards, as we are now able to buy more fuel. We are hopeful with reasonable turnover to stay more competitive from now on.

There has been some concern in the community regarding RAV Rating of roads. Council is working on RAV Road applications for those roads that currently have no RAV rating. The process is a little protracted as we need to apply to Main Roads to undertake the assessment and then issue the rating. It isn't likely that all outstanding roads will be rated this year in time for harvest, however we have prioritised and are working to ensure that minimal restriction is felt by most farmers in the Shire.

We will start to work on the next financial years budget over the coming months. Please be sure to let us know if you have any suggestions or express wishes. You can pop in to the Office and let me know direct or hop on to the website and put forward your ideas on the "HAVE YOUR SAY" page.

Upcoming projects for the remainder of the year include the following:

- Upgrade of the Caravan Park Ablutions and installation of disabled facilities
- Installation of more CCTV cameras around town, to improve community safety
- Conduct Valuations of Plant and Equipment and Roads to meet our Statutory requirements
- Footpath improvements, installation of rails and aged friendly infrastructure.
- Road Works continue
- Tender the Sale of Gnowing Street House.

So a busy few months coming up for the team.

Congratulations to the Fox Hunt Organisers on a great event. The venue of the Clay Target Club for breakfast was fantastic and breakfast was well cooked! The Shire is pleased to be able to support the event by providing breakfast, disposal of the foxes etc... and financial support. It was a great effort by all shooters.

Congratulations also to the Wandering Cricket Team on

securing a home Grand Final, unfortunately I will be in NZ on holidays so wont be here to share in the excitement on the big day, but hope that the Wandering Community gets behind the Club and comes out and shows their support on the 19 March 2016.

We are currently working on grant applications for regional funding through the Wheatbelt Development Commission. Council is applying for funds to support the establishment of infrastructure to build a general store and associated infrastructure next to the Fuel facility. Council is keen to see the Community have the opportunity to grow is economic capacity and perhaps attract more \$\$ into the local economy. We are also applying for a grant through the community chest to improve the fire facilities, provide a venue for Clubs storage and support the Wandering Fair in its endeavours. We are hopeful that we might be able to attract funding of this nature to improve the amenities for residents and groups.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Monica Treasure on her grant writing efforts this financial year.... Monica has successfully applied for over \$80,000 in funding for the Shire and community groups this financial year. This adds considerable value in a number of areas and has enabled clubs and services to increase what they do in the community.

## **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](http://www.wandering.wa.gov.au)

### **10.1.1 USE OF COMMON SEAL AND ACTIONS PERFORMED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER 2015 AND JANUARY 2016**

#### **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 months of December 2015 and January 2016.

#### **COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.1**

**MOVED:** Cr J McNeil

**SECONDED:** Cr B Dowsett

That Council **ACCEPT** the report “Use of Common Seal and Actions Performed under Delegated Authority” for the months of December 2015 and January 2016.

**CARRIED 7/0**

### **10.1.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPLIANCE AUDIT RETURN**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

It is a requirement that each local Government is to carry out a Compliance Audit Return annually. The Compliance Audit Return for the 2015 year is presented for Council’s endorsement.

#### **COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.2**

**MOVED:** Cr W Gowland

**SECONDED:** Cr B Dowsett

#### **That Council:**

1. Note the areas of noncompliance.
2. Endorse the 2015 Compliance Audit Return.
3. Authorise the CEO to send a Certified Copy of the Compliance Audit Return for the period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015 **ENDORSED** by Council and any additional information explaining or quantifying the compliance audit to the Director General of the Department of Local Government and Communities before 31 March 2016.

**CARRIED 7/0**

### **10.1.3 REQUEST FOR SPEED RESTRICTION ON NORTH BANNISTER WANDERING ROAD**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

Lisa Boddy (Wandering Resident and Rate Payer) and Daralyn Ebsary (Proprietor of Tanglefoot Winery and Café) have both requested that Council support them by undertaking a submission to Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) to reduce the current speed zone of 110kph to 90kph on the North Bannister Wandering Road from the CBH bins until the current 90km mark. The request is in the interests of public road safety.

#### **COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.3**

**MOVED:** Cr B Dowsett

**SECONDED:** Cr C Ferguson

#### **That Council**

1. Support the applicant’s request to reduce the speed zone from the CBH bin on North Bannister Wandering Road from 110kph to 90kph.
2. Authorise the CEO to make a submission to MRWA requesting a speed zone reduction from the CBH Bin 110kph to the existing 90kph on North Bannister Wandering Road in the interest of public safety.

**CARRIED 7/0**

## **COUNCIL MEETING ROUND UP CONT....**

### **10.1.4 REVIEW OF LEVEL OF SERVICE PROVIDED FOR RUBBISH COLLECTION BY MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To provide comment to Main Roads WA Wheatbelt Region regarding their proposed strategy to reduce rubbish collection and emptying of bins in parking bays. MRWA Wheatbelt Region has requested the Shire of Wandering's feedback by the 26 February 2016. The Shire Administration is concerned that the reduction in services by MRWA will result in costs being shifted to the Local Government and Local Business who are already struggling to cope with the impost of waste charges, with no support or compensation from the State Government. Further information is provided for Council's consideration.

#### **COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.4**

**MOVED:** Cr J Price

**SECONDED:** Cr J McNeil

That Council advise MRWA Wheatbelt Region that it strongly opposes the proposal to remove bins from the Albany Highway within the Shire of Wandering.

**CARRIED 7/0**

### **10.4.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015 & 31 JANUARY 2016**

#### **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 month December 2015 & January 2016 are presented for Council's consideration.

#### **COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.4.1**

**MOVED:** Cr McNeil

**SECONDED:** Cr Stripe

#### **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 \$314,421.74 & \$297,361.96 for the period ending 31 December 2015 and 31 January 2016 respectively.
2. Receive the bank reconciliations & bank statements for the period ended 31 December 2015 & 31 January 2016
3. Receive the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2015 & 31 January 2016.

### **12.1.2 COOPERTIVE BULK HANDLING (CBH) EQUITY ISSUES FOR GRAIN GROWER AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHIRES – SHIRE OF WANDERING**

#### **Item 12.1.2 - COUNCIL DECISION**

**MOVED:** Cr Price

**SECONDED:** Cr Ferguson

#### **That Council:**

1. That the Central Country Zone requests that if CBH closes a Receival Site, it not force grain growers farming on the western fringe of its network to cart "backward" against the freight price gradient. CBH is requested to allow these grain growers in the Kwinana Zone to deliver their grain direct to the port terminal at Kwinana (as is possible for grain growers at the Geraldton, Albany and Esperance Ports).
2. That when a CBH Receival Site is no longer available to accept grain deliveries from local growers:
  - a) CBH be obliged to pay commercial rates (rather than the current subsidised *ex gratia* rates) to the relevant Local Government; and
  - b) following the site being decommissioned CBH be requested to offer the Site to the relevant Local Government to purchase at an appropriate commercial value..

**CARRIED: 7/0**

# Restricted Burn Period

**22 February 2016—19 April 2016**

Please note that burning is prohibited unless you are in possession of an authorised permit. Please ensure that you contact your local Fire Control Officer if you require a permit to burn. ***Campfires and Bonfires are prohibited***



**Please check your Fire Notices for more information**

## WORKS CREW UPDATE

The works crew continues to be flat out.....

- Works continue on Moramocking Road. This job is progressing well, and we are on track for sealing late March early April. We were audited on our work last week (independent Black Spot Auditor) and received further confirmation that Rod and the team, are sound road builders and deliver quality work. This was very encouraging (although we have had confirmation on a number of occasions). \*\*\* Please note that we are needing people to respect that the road is closed. We will be installing CCTV cameras on the road and will impose fines over the coming weeks.
- 14 Mile Brook Road and Dwarda East road works are on track for completion by the end of the month/ mid April. We are hopeful that these two jobs will be finished in line with Moramocking Road and currently all signs are good. 14 Mile Brook is coming up really well and we are hopeful we may be able to take the works beyond the Bridge with some savings achieved. We will assess the opportunity for further works once we have reached the bridge.
- Once the above jobs are finished we will be moving to the other side of the Shire with re sheeting, clearing and drainage improvement works to be completed on Nth Wandering Road, Young's Road and Ricks Road, which will complete the 2015/16 program.
- Grading is occurring when required and deemed necessary.

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