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Council Newsletter

SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM



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Council's Vision

That Wyalkatchem is an inclusive, dynamic community where all share in a thriving economy and a sustainable, safe and valued environment

Our Purpose

The Council of Wyalkatchem works with the community to protect and enhance the quality of life for current and future generations.

**Congratulations to Dr
Olumuyiwa, David, and
Esther on your citizenship!**

Medical Centre

Dr Jegede who has provided GP services from the Wyalkatchem Medical Centre over the last few years has announced he is leaving to take up a new position at Bruce Rock. Dr Jegede will continue in his current role in Wyalkatchem until mid-September.

On behalf of the Wyalkatchem community, the Shire would like to thank Dr Jegede for his commitment and service to our community and wish him and his family future success.

The Shire of Wyalkatchem has turned its attention to supporting the efforts of practice owner, Dr Emmanuel Awogun in his efforts to recruit a replacement doctor.

Recreation Centre

The collapse of a 15m light tower at the Recreation Centre triggered the decision to close the Reserve until the remaining three light towers are inspected and confirmed as being safe. The tower was blown over by the strong winds we experienced on 30 July. Although power to the remaining three towers has been isolated the site is still considered unsafe and we ask that the community stay clear of the site until the inspections are conducted.

The Shire has contacted its insurer and intends to reinstate the fallen tower at the earliest opportunity.



Stormwater Upgrade

The Gamble St upgrade is progressing with excavation works and machine activity around the Gamble and Flint St areas underway.

While we are attempting to avoid road closures it is inevitable that some traffic control will be required to facilitate the works.

Please stay vigilant, drive carefully and observe roads signs and any directions from the workers.

Caravan Park

Frustrated by the owner's refusal to open the Caravan Park, the Shire wrote to the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage in April 2021 requesting that action be taken against the owners for a breach of their obligation to make the caravan park available for use.

In its submission the Shire outlined the frustration felt by it and the community in response to the loss of economic activity, from the disregard that the owners are demonstrating for our wellbeing and by their refusal to set a firm date for when the caravan park will be reopened.

This struck a chord with the Department who, in early May, wrote letter to the owners asking for an explanation as to why the caravan park has been closed. Sometimes it is unfortunate that Government processes are abundantly fair and consequently the owners were given nearly two months to respond.

Predictably, the owner's response was provided on the due date and the Department subsequently advised the Shire that the owners claimed the park has not been operational due to flooding issues of 2017, 2018 & 2019 and due to COVID-19 related issues since June 2020.

The Shire responded to the Department with its observation that neither the flooding or COVID-19 claims were legitimate and that Department action against the owners should be stepped-up.

The matter continues to be pursued by the Department.

In the meantime, the owners have declined to provide any clarity at all about when the Park will reopen but have indicated an intention to offer the property for sale.

Road Grading

Maintenance grading is also well underway, albeit hampered by the very welcome rains.

Please continue to adhere to the road closure texts to protect the roads and your safety and please also watch out for the road plant and warning signs.

Works in the north east and south east quadrants and are steadily moving west.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 16 OCTOBER 2021

ENROLLING TO VOTE



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WORKING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

BE A VOCAL LOCAL

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the following in-person Local Government elections on 16 October 2021 if you live in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property in the district of the relevant Local Government.

Residents

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll as at 5.00pm 27 August 2021. If you are not already on the State Electoral Roll but meet the eligibility criteria for this Roll, you can enrol online at www.aec.gov.au. Alternatively, enrolment forms are available from Post Offices, Australian Electoral Commission offices or the West Australian Electoral Commission www.elections.wa.gov.au. Forms must be completed and received by a Divisional Returning Officer of the Australian Electoral Commission in Western Australia by 5.00pm Friday 27 August 2021.

Non-Resident Owners and Occupiers

If you are a non-resident owner or occupier of rateable property in your Local Government area and are on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, you are eligible to enrol to vote and should make an enrolment application to the Local Government. If you are not on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll and own or occupy rateable property in a particular Local Government, you may be eligible to enrol to vote if you were on the Local Government's last electoral roll prior to May 1996. Please contact the particular Local Government for details. Owners of land who were on the last roll of the Local Government continue to

retain that status until they cease to own the rateable property to which the enrolment relates. Occupiers do not have continuous enrolment and should contact their particular Local Government to confirm their enrolment status. To be eligible to enrol as an occupier, you will need to have a right of continuous occupation under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instrument for at least the next 3 months following the date of the application to enrol.

Joint Owners and Occupiers

If a rateable property is owned or occupied by more than two people, a majority of the owners/occupiers may nominate two persons from amongst themselves who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll, to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Corporations

A body corporate that owns or occupies rateable property may nominate two people who are on either the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll to enrol as owner/occupier electors.

Enrolment Forms

Enrolment claim forms can be obtained from Local Governments and should be lodged with the particular Chief Executive Officer by 5.00pm Friday 27 August 2021. If you registered for the 2019 elections or since that time you do not need to register.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

SHIRE OF BEVERLEY – 136 VINCENT STREET, BEVERLEY 6304
SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK – 55 ABEL STREET, BOYUP BROOK 6244
SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND – 2 MURRAY ROAD CHRISTMAS ISLAND 6798
SHIRE OF CORRIGIN – 9 LYNCH STREET, CORRIGIN 6375
SHIRE OF CUNDERDIN – 37 LUNDY AVENUE, CUNDERDIN 6407
SHIRE OF DALWALLINU – 58 JOHNSTON STREET, DALWALLINU 6609
SHIRE OF DUMBLEYUNG – 32 HARVEY STREET, DUMBLEYUNG 6350
SHIRE OF GOOMALLING – 32 QUINLAN STREET, GOOMALLING 6460
SHIRE OF KELLERBERRIN – 110 MASSINGHAM STREET, KELLERBERRIN 6410
SHIRE OF KOJONUP – 93 ALBANY HIGHWAY, KOJONUP 6395
SHIRE OF LAVERTON – 9 MACPHERSON PLACE, LAVERTON 6440
SHIRE OF LEONORA – LOT 16 TOWER STREET, LEONORA 6438
SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA – 75 MAIN STREET, MEEKATHARRA 6642
SHIRE OF MORAWA – 26 WINFIELD STREET, MORAWA 6623

SHIRE OF MOUNT MAGNET – 90 HEPBURN STREET, MOUNT MAGNET 6638
SHIRE OF MUKINBUDIN – 15 MADDOCK STREET, MUKINBUDIN 6479
SHIRE OF MURCHISON – LOT 3007 CARNARVON-MULLEWA RD, MURCHISON 6630
SHIRE OF NANNUP – 15 ADAM STREET, NANNUP 6275
SHIRE OF NAREMBEEN – 1 LONGHURST STREET, NAREMBEEN 6369
SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON – 199 HAMPTON ROAD, NORTHAMPTON 6535
SHIRE OF QUAIRADING – 10 JENNABERRING ROAD, QUAIRADING 6383
SHIRE OF SANDSTONE – HACK STREET, SANDSTONE 6639
SHIRE OF TAMMIN – 1 DONNAN STREET, TAMMIN 6409
SHIRE OF TRAYNING – LOT 66 RAILWAY STREET TRAYNING 6488
SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR – 31 BURROWES STREET, DARKAN 6392
SHIRE OF WICKEPIN – 77 WOGOLIN ROAD WICKEPIN 6370
SHIRE OF WOODANILLING – 3316 ROBINSON ROAD, WOODANILLING 6316
SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM – 27 FLINT STREET, WYALKATCHEM 6485



63.9mm for July

Rain recorded 01/07/21 to 30/07/21

247.1mm for 2021



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SAVE THE DATE

WYALKATCHEM

FAIR

9TH OCT 2021

GATES OPEN AT
2PM

RECREATION
CENTRE

WE ARE BACK BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER.

SOMETHING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

BAND, BAR AND FIREWORKS IN THE EVENING

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR A LIST OF ALL THE ATTRACTIONS