

14 FEBRUARY 2024

# Council Newsletter

## You're Invited

### Citizens of the Year and Welcome to Wylie Event 2024

5PM

Friday 15 march 2024

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**The Community Club**

Come celebrate our  
outstanding Community  
Members and Welcome  
our new residents to  
Wyalkatchem



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#### Council's Vision

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

#### Our Purpose

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



## **BUSINESS SUPPORT GRANT OPEN NOW, CLOSING 12 MARCH 2024**

### **PURPOSE**

Council's Annual Business Support Grants Program aims to support and encourage the sustainability of local small business and the adoption of business innovation.

Total funding of \$5000 is available to assist one or a number of local businesses to sustain their enterprise which in turn will improve local employment opportunities for residents and help achieve an interactive and inclusive community.

### **OBJECTIVE**

- a. Enhance local business capacity to invest to improve their streetscape presence.
- b. Encourage individual businesses to invest in online and e-commerce activities.
- c. Encourage local enterprises to invest in professional development and training.
- d. Assist local business in their ability to increase business opportunity and sustainability.
- e. Provide businesses with support for capital works projects to adapt to changes in business structure and/or conditions.
- f. Assist new enterprises that are establishing in Wyalkatchem.

### **Eligibility Conditions**

- a. Applicant must be based within the Shire of Wyalkatchem and hold an Australia Business Number.
- b. All successful projects are to be completed within 12 months of the funding being awarded.
- c. Verification by applicant that project request is not covered by Insurance.
- d. The program will not support organisations that are political or that have a political purpose, government departments or agencies, grant making bodies or which have a primary focus on fundraising.
- e. Requests for funding or support cannot be for a project / activity that has already occurred.
- f. The Grant will not fund operational costs such as marketing and wages or maintenance costs.
- g. The Grant will not fund the start-up of a business or service that will likely cause an adverse effect on an existing local business.
- h. The Applicant must have all insurances, permits and licences for business operation.

**Apply Now – contact Stephanie at the Shire on 9681 1166 or**

**[admin2@wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin2@wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au) or check our website**

**<https://www.wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au/community/community-grants.aspx>**

## Shire of Wyalkatchem Business Support Grants Process

### Step 1

Contact the Community Development Officer to discuss your project idea and confirm it is eligible for the Business Support Grants and request an application package 9681 1166 or [cdo@wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au)



### Step 2

Complete the Application Form between 9 February and 12 March 2024



### Step 3

Submit the application form to the Shire of Wyalkatchem



### Step 4

Grants Team to evaluate and score applications with recommendations forwarded to Council for consideration at the next Council Meeting



### Step 5

Successful applicants will be notified in writing of their success. Unsuccessful applications will also be notified and encouraged to seek feedback



### Step 6

Successful applicants must ensure they have acquitted their funds by way of completing the Business Support Grants Scheme Acquittal form and return it to the Shire of Wyalkatchem within 12 months of the funding being awarded



# A Big Wylie Welcome to Sabine Taylor, our new CEO.

## Sabine will commence at the Shire on Monday 19th February.

### A word from Sabine

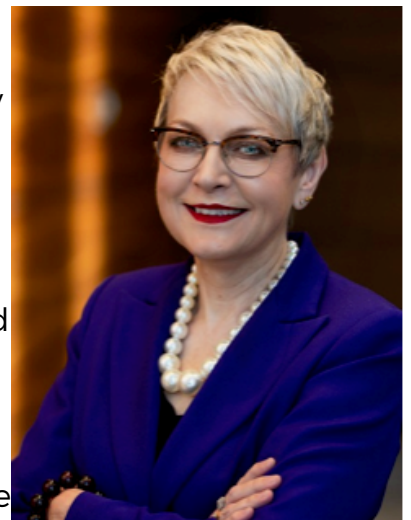
I am excited to be appointed as CEO of the Shire of Wyalkatchem and appreciate the opportunity that the Council has provided.

I am committed to working closely with our diverse community and businesses to build upon the success created by the President, Councillors, Acting CEO Stephen Tindale and all Council Staff.

I have a particular focus on project and risk management and effectively overseeing transformational change. I am very excited to be able to work within the Council to build on our success and make some significant and sustainable changes.

In my spare time, I like to keep fit, ride my motorbike and I believe in a healthy work-life balance for a happy and productive life.

My husband, Doug and I, are looking forward to living in Wyalkatchem and becoming a part of the community



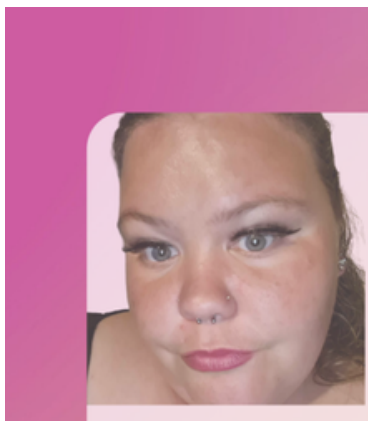
## Wyalkatchem Rodeo is set for 2024 on the 24th August

An Organising committee for the upcoming rodeo will need to begin planning in the New Year in order to prepare for a fantastic weekend in August 2024.

We will be actively seeking volunteers to be a part of the committee, to volunteer on the day and to volunteer with the setting up of the event. We will also be advertising for food vendors, stall holders, coffee vans, pop up stalls and other interested parties based in the Wheatbelt region to participate in the event. This presents a great income or fundraising opportunity for Wheatbelt businesses, sporting groups and clubs. Last year the rodeo attracted an estimated 3,000 people and we expect this year's event will be bigger and better!!

Interested parties can contact Stephanie at the Shire on 9681 1160

# Wyalkatchem Day Care Update



Hi guys, my name is Kaitlyn. I am a 35yr old single mother of two. I am in the process of taking on the Kulangar Daycare. Things are taking a little longer than originally anticipated, but I now have my WWC and Early Childhood First Aid completed and am just finalising a few details.

Kulangar Early Learning I have two more courses to complete and a final sign off, and then we are good to go.

regards

Kaitlyn Audrain

If you are interested in registering your child in Kulangar Early Learning Family Daycare, please email me at [kulangar.earlylearning@gmail.com](mailto:kulangar.earlylearning@gmail.com) and send me your child's name, birth date and contact information.



I will have the centre up and running as soon as possible and I am very sorry for any inconvenience in my delays.

## Restricted Burning Period:

**8 February 2024 to 22 March 2024**

Between these dates permits are required to burn, please contact the Shire if you are unsure about the regulations.

Requests can be accepted or refused on the day depending on particular safety criteria.

**NOTE: PERMIT OR NO PERMIT, YOU CAN NOT BURN WHEN A FIRE BAN IS IN PLACE.**

**Contact the Shire on (08) 9681 1166 for enquiries or to apply for a permit.**



Calling our Non  
Registered  
Bushfire  
Volunteers

We will be holding free Bushfire Safety Awareness Training again on the **20th** March, at the Wyalkatchem Rec Centre. A great opportunity to get yourselves up to date for the new Health and Safety legislation.

**In order to be covered by the Shire Insurance, you must have completed this training prior attending a fire.**

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

**The course will run from 0800 – 1600 (or earlier).**

Minimum PPE required is Jeans, Safety boots and a long sleeved shirt. For those who have been issued their full PPE please wear this.

*new volunteers welcome*

## **Australia Day Breakfast**

The Shire with The wyalkatchem Community Resource Centre put on a super breakfast for a communal gathering.

Thank you to all those that set up, cooked, served and tidied up.

A great morning.



Dear Resident of Wyalkatchem,

I hope this letter finds you happy and well.

I'm writing to you today to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the people that haven't met me.

My name is Nikki Towell and I'm the Shire of Wyalkatchem's new Community Development Officer. I live just out of the town on a small acreage that I purchased around two years ago with my eleven-year-old daughter. I'm currently on several committees and I've also been the Editor of the Wylie Weekly for the last six months. I'm very passionate about our town and plan on creating the best community I can in my role for the residents of Wyalkatchem. It's not only a job to me but an extremely important position that I feel very privileged to

hold. Part of my role is to create plans that usually span over four years. These plans are what the Shire of Wyalkatchem use to guide us and our focus moving into the future. These plans contain information gathered from the community in the form of suggestions, areas of town that need improvement, event ideas and ways we can keep people healthy, happy and active in our town. My current work focus is in the areas of Heritage conservation of Shire owned assets and in gathering information from community members that are over fifty-five for the creation of the Age Friendly Community Plan.

If you have seen a survey in a yellow envelope going around that's a survey I've created. If you have completed it I'd like to thank you very much- I appreciate you taking the time. If you haven't received one, my apologies. Next time I intend to do a letter drop via the post office and endeavour to make sure as many people get the opportunity to have a say as possible.

I would also like to offer you the open invitation to come into the Shire (you don't need an appointment) and meet me if you haven't already; give me a call or if you find you get lonely and would like me to call you on a regular basis I can add you to my weekly check in chats, just call me at the Shire Office 9681 1166 (and ask for Nikki). I'll get your name and number and will schedule a time and day that suits you weekly to call.

If you would like to receive a written invite to any Shire held upcoming events and activities please call and will pop down your address, name and phone number and make sure we keep you informed in writing or via phone call (I know not everyone has social media and Facebook).

I really look forward to being able to meet you and hopefully help create a better town for everyone in Wyalkatchem.

Kindest regards,

Nikki Towell

Community Development Officer

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# Asbestos is BAD

The unlawful dumping of demolition material, including asbestos, is an ongoing problem in some parts of Western Australia and the department is stepping up efforts to catch offenders, including demolition companies that occasionally do the wrong thing.

The partnership with Crime Stoppers WA means that members of the community do not need to remember which organisation to call if they observe demolition or asbestos waste being dumped or come across it – they can simply contact Crime Stoppers WA online or by phone.

We recommend that people ask their contracted demolition company about where their demolition waste is being disposed of, as well as requesting the contractor provide a receipt from the waste facility post disposal. Disposal fees are incorporated into the cost of demolition and a disposal receipt will ensure the correct procedure has been followed.

We are asking the WA community to be our eyes and ears and report any suspicious activity around unlawful dumping to Crime Stoppers WA. People reporting illegal dumping can remain anonymous as we are interested in their information, not their identity.

For further information, please visit: We've teamed up with Crime Stoppers WA to battle illegal dumping ([www.wa.gov.au](http://www.wa.gov.au))

**Keep  
our Tip  
and our  
Town  
safe**



Was your home built  
**before 1990?**

A calendar icon with a grid of 12 house icons. The houses in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th rows are white, while the houses in the 5th and 6th rows are red, indicating a date before 1990.

**THINK TWICE  
ABOUT ASBESTOS**

  
Australian Government





## **DFES Bushfire Fundamentals and**

## **Rural Fire Awareness online learning**

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Bushfire Centre of Excellence Training team is pleased to announce the release of Online Bushfire Fundamentals and Online Rural Fire Awareness to the public.

These two courses cater to individuals interested in learning more about bushfire. They are accessible via a public-facing portal to the DFES Learning and Development [e-Academy portal](#).

The Bushfire Fundamentals course offers an overview covering bushfire characteristics and behaviour, bushfire safety and survival, the Australasian Inter-Service Incident Management System (AIIIMS) and the role of WA fire agencies in bushfire response.

Primarily intended for government agency staff involved in bushfire response, DFES Corporate personnel supporting Incident Management Teams at bushfires, and those in State Operations Centre roles, this course delivers a basic awareness of bushfire to be better prepared for the bushfire season.

The Rural Fire Awareness course covers similar topics to the Bushfire Fundamentals course. However, its focus is directed more towards farmer response brigades and seasonal workers, delivering basic awareness of fireground safety, suppression strategies and ensuring personal safety during fireground operations.

The courses can be completed in 2-3 hours and allow for multiple sessions. Participants will receive an email as evidence of course completion.

Both courses offered online are accessible and compatible across multiple platforms, including PCs, tablets, and mobile phones.

For more information about the courses, you can find details in the information sheets attached for Bushfire Fundamentals and Rural Fire Awareness. They are also available [online](#).

These online courses represent a significant milestone in enhancing accessibility to bushfire training and aim to engage diverse groups of participants fostering greater preparedness in Western Australian communities.

For more information, please email [bcoetraining@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:bcoetraining@dfes.wa.gov.au)

[Course Information - Online Bushfire Fundamentals](#)  
[Course Information - Online Rural Fire Awareness](#)

# KNOW YOUR VOLUNTEER BUSHFIRE FIGHTER PROTECTIONS

## Personal property

Volunteers who are members of a local brigade may sustain accidental damage to or loss of their personal property whilst they are actively engaged in duties designated to them and deemed 'normal brigade activities'. Personal property is generally considered to be clothing and items normally worn or carried on or kept with the person

## Third party liability

There may be an occasion where damage to property or injury to third parties could occur and a volunteer may be considered personally responsible. Whilst there are immunities under relevant and appropriate legislation available, the Scheme will also provide cover for volunteers who are acting in accordance with the duties assigned to them and in accordance with the *Bush Fires Act 1954* (as amended).

## Claims procedure

- 1.If a volunteer is injured during the course of their duties, immediate medical treatment should be sourced.
- 2.Claimant completes relevant claim forms (found on LGIS website), and the local government's Fire Control Officer completes the Bushfire Declaration form.
- 3.All claim documentation (including above, as well as attending physician statement etc.) to be sent to LGIS.



**BE SAFE, BE COVERED**

**One Day Bush Fire Safety Awareness Course scheduled for  
Wednesday 20 March in Wyalkatchem.**

**RSVP Stephanie 9681 1166**

**[admin2@wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin2@wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au)**



## Expression of Interest

### Wyalkatchem Café - Reopening

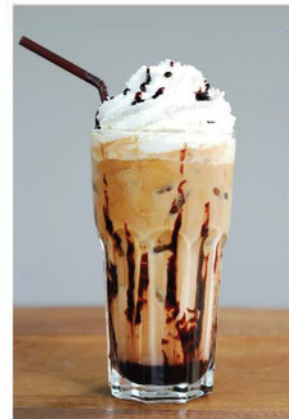
**The Shire of Wyalkatchem has negotiated a lease over the Wyalkatchem Café including, all the equipment necessary to successfully operate the business and is now seeking expressions of interest from individuals who are willing to reopen the Café.**

**The Café is located at Lot 17 Railway Terrace, Wyalkatchem.**



This equipment includes;

1. SAB coffee machine & grinder with counters
2. Sharp cash register
3. Roband Bain Marie with counter
4. Roband tough hot food glass cabinet
5. Various fridges & freezers
6. Dine in chairs x 10
7. Three round tables (for dining in)
8. One large wooden dine-in table
9. Microwave – Panasonic (double)
10. Kitchen use crockery
11. Security cameras



The Council is now seeking proposals from individuals looking to operate the café as a sole trader or from individuals or groups interesting in operating the café on a voluntary basis.

Proposals should include the day/s and hours that you intend to open the café, reference to any previous food handling experience and an indication of the range of services to be provided.

Please note, the successful responder will not be required to pay hire fees in respect to the café equipment but will be responsible for outgoings including water and power consumption and if operating as a sole trader, for the cost of taking out appropriate insurances (property & public liability insurance).

The initial term of this offer is 12 months, but includes options to extend.

Interested individuals or volunteer groups should contact Stephanie, at the Shire on 9681 1166 for further information.







## RAIN RECORD

**276.7mm for 2023 to 14 Feb '24**

Rain recorded 18th December - 14th of Feb 2024 10.6mm

## Shire of Wyalkatchem

If you have any queries, issues or require more information on any Shire of Wyalkatchem matters, please feel free to contact the Shire Staff:

**Phone:** (08) 9681 1166

**Fax:** (08) 9681 1003

**Email:** [general@wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au](mailto:general@wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au)

**Address:** 27 Flint Street, Wyalkatchem

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## Prohibited Burning Period

1 November 2023 - 7 February 2024