

27 FEBRUARY 2024

# Council Newsletter

## You're Invited

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

**5:30pm, Awards at 6pm  
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 31 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

# Welcome to Wyalkatchem

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Inspiring  
Australians



Shire of  
**Wyalkatchem**

Calling all Community  
Residents, Past, Present and  
Future.

Time to recognise our Citizens  
of the Year 2023 and Welcome  
our New Wyalkatchem  
Residents

**FRIDAY**

15 MARCH 2024



**OPEN AT**

5:30PM -

AWARDS AT 6PM



**WYALKATCHEM**

**COMMUNITY**

**CLUB**

GRACE STREET, WYALKATCHEM

For More Information



**CONTACT THE SHIRE - 9681 1166**

**Live Local  
Music - Ash  
and Ben**

*Yvette's*  
cakes & grazing tables

## Citizens Awards



# Seeking Volunteers

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

An organising committee for the upcoming rodeo has begun planning in order to prepare for a fantastic weekend in August 2024.

We are actively seeking volunteers to help on the day and with the setting up of the event.

We will 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.

Interested parties can contact Stephanie at the Shire on 9681 1160



# Calling all untrained fire fighters



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 ☺*

## Restricted Burning Period:

**8 February 2024 to 22 March 2024**

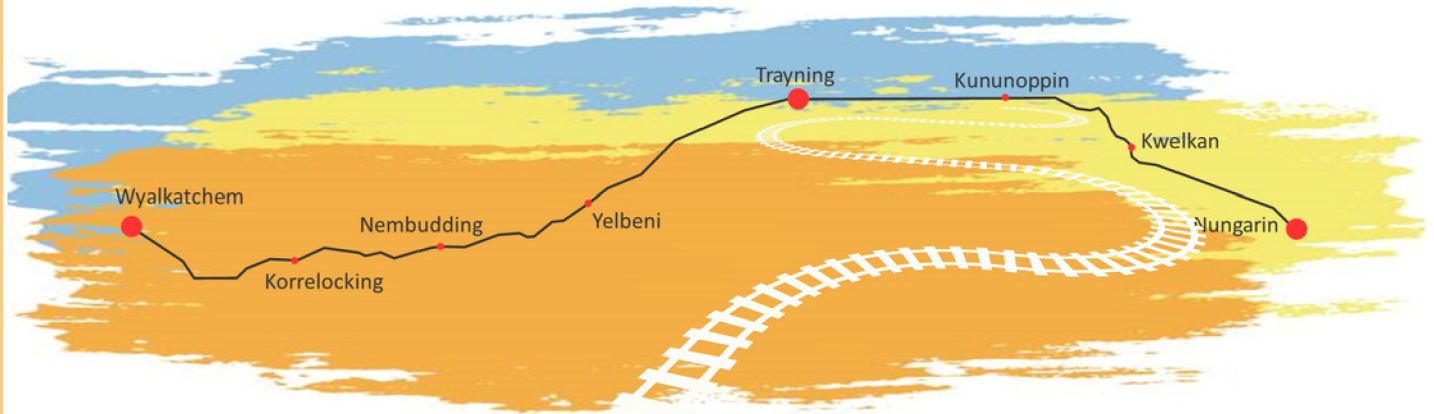
Between these dates permits are required to burn, please contact the Shire if you are unsure about the regulations.

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.**





Wheatbelt Way

## RAIL TRAIL

# Have your say!

The Shires of Nungarin, Trayning and Wyalkatchem have been working with ARHJAY Consultancy to develop a feasibility on the development of a dual use trail between Wyalkatchem and Nungarin using the Railway Corridor.

We encourage individuals, local businesses and community groups to let us know what you think of the plan.

Please contact the Shire of Nungarin, Trayning or Wyalkatchem for a copy of the plan and to provide your feedback.

We have included a page that we encourage locals to complete and return to the Shire of Nungarin, Trayning or Wyalkatchem.



**Feedback required by Thursday 7th  
March 2024**



## Wheatbelt Way Rail Trail – Have your say – Return to Shire by 7 March 2024

The Shires of Wyalkatchem, Trayning and Nungarin have received funds through the WA Bicycle Network Grants Program to develop a business case for the development of a dual use trail across the three Shire. We are currently exploring the possibility of using the existing maintenance tracks along the unused tier 3 rail network that link each of the shires.

### The purpose of the trail is to

- To develop a dual use trail that will provide an opportunity for recreation for locals as well as attract visitors to the North Eastern Wheatbelt
- Provide opportunities for new local events in the region and build on existing events
- Share the history of the communities, the industries and the people of the region.
- Showcase the regions environmental and cultural heritage

**We want your feedback, input and ideas to develop a plan that will attract future funding to be able to implement the project. Although the trail location has not yet been approved, we want your input into the concept of the proposal so that we can develop a trail that will benefit the community.**

### Would you use a trail for recreation if developed?

YES/NO

### How would you use the trail?

- Walking
- Cycling
- E-riding
- Other (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

### Do you see that the trail could be used to run local events such as fun runs, walks, triathlons etc.

YES/NO

Do you have any event ideas that you would like to suggest? (please list)

\_\_\_\_\_

### What do you think the trail needs to incorporate?

- Camping options
- Picnic facilities
- Water outlets
- Toilets
- Interpretive signage
- Other (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any other ideas on how we could make the trail attractive to locals and visitors?

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Name and contact details are optional. \_\_\_\_\_





# **CLEAN UP WYLIE DAY**

**SUNDAY 10TH MARCH 2024  
10 AM – 12 NOON**

**THE TOWN ENTRY REST STOP  
(ACROSS FROM THE ROADHOUSE)**

**BBQ LUNCH PROVIDED FOR VOLUNTEERS AFTER CLEAN UP  
COOKED BY THE WYALKATCHEM MEN'S SHED**

**TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST  
PLEASE CALL NIKKI TOWELL ON  
9681 1166 OR POP INTO THE SHIRE  
AND REGISTER AT COUNTER**



# Asbestos is BAD

Keep  
our tip  
and our  
town  
safe

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.

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))

## TELSTRA 3G AND 5G UPGRADE

***This information is from the Telstra Website***

Telstra is switching off 3G from 30 June 2024 and repurposing it to expand the faster 5G network.

If you have a device that's only able to connect to 3G, you will not be able to connect to Telstra's network after 30 June 2024.

If your mobile device doesn't have Voice over LTE (VoLTE) technology, even if it uses 4G, it will not be able to make voice calls on our network after 30 June 2024.

If your device doesn't support VoLTE emergency calling, you will not be able to make an emergency call to 000 on the Telstra Mobile Network.

***Contact the Shire or the CRC for further support or information***







## **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

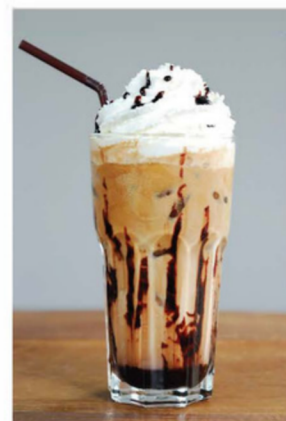
**The Shire of Wyalkatchem has negotiated a lease over the Wyalkatchem Café including, all the equipment necessary to successfully operate the business and is now seeking expressions of interest from individuals who are willing to reopen the Café.**

**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

# 291.7mm for 2023 to 26 Feb '24

Rain recorded 14th of Feb - 26th Feb 2024 15mm

## 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:

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