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Council Newsletter

SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM



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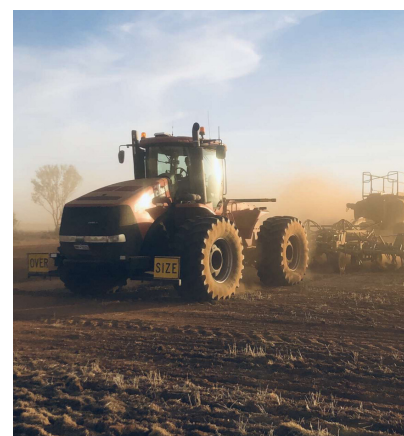
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Council's Vision

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.



Wyalkatchem's Acting CEO

Whilst Chief Executive Officer Taryn Dayman is on leave, we welcome Stephen Tindale as Acting CEO.

Stephen comes with a wealth of Local Government experience and is overseeing the Shires operations.

Any questions can be directed to Stephen and we invite you to the Shire Office to say hello!



Hon Mia Davies MLA

Member for Central Wheatbelt

MEDIA RELEASE

30 June 2020

MIA'S LOCAL HERO GRANTS HELPING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Forty Four community groups across the Central Wheatbelt electorate are set to benefit from grants awarded under *Mia's Local Hero Grants*.

Local Member for Central Wheatbelt Mia Davies MLA recently launched the 'Local Hero Grants' to help support local community groups based across her electorate.

Ms Davies said that in her role as the local State Member she was always pleased to support groups and the new program would offer small but meaningful grants to the community.

"I am always keen to support community groups throughout the Central Wheatbelt, especially those who support and enrich our local communities," Ms Davies said.

"My new *Mia's Local Hero Grants* program provided \$250 grants and we received some fantastic applications."

"The impacts of COVID-19 have been felt throughout the electorate and this was a way for me to acknowledge and support the many groups that do great work in my electorate."

Ms Davies said the grants provided an opportunity to show her support, thanks and appreciation for the hardworking volunteer and not-for-profit organisations that make such a difference in our community.

"There will be another round announced later in the year, so if you missed this round I'd encourage you to apply when we re-open another down the track."

"The process isn't onerous, but it is competitive so make sure you explain clearly how the money will be used and why it will benefit the community or people you support," she said.

Funding can be used to support or sponsor a local event, contribute toward the purchase of new equipment or materials, or to assist a group to better support their members or community.

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Telstra Update

The Shire of Wyalkatchem has received correspondence from both Telstra and The Minister for Emergency Services, Hon Francis Logan MLA, regarding the mobile telecommunications supply and reception issues.

Telstra has advised that an additional two backup generators have been installed for the current on-site generator at the Wyalkatchem exchange in response to the recent outages during severe storms. They have also advised they will continue to work with the Shire of Wyalkatchem on communication matters, including the poor reception.

The Shire of Wyalkatchem hopes to see action shortly, and understand the frustration these issues cause, which is why both Council and Staff are actively communicating with Telstra to push the emergency of these matters.



NEWROC Welcomes New Member

The North Eastern Wheatbelt Regional Organisation of Councils (NEWROC) has welcomed a new local government member. The NEWROC Council has resolved to accept the Shire of Dowerin's membership application, beginning on July 1 2020.

"The Shire of Dowerin becomes the seventh local government member of the NEWROC" said Cr Jannah Stratford, NEWROC Chair and President, Shire of Koorda. *"We warmly welcome the Shire of Dowerin. They bring many benefits to the NEWROC and their community and businesses are well aligned to us"* she said.

The Shire of Dowerin borders the Shires of Wyalkatchem and Koorda, members of the NEWROC and will have the largest population and business base of the group.

"Council believes there are natural synergies between the NEWROC member Councils and the Shire of Dowerin such as similar sized communities and challenges, which presents more opportunity for regional collaboration" said Cr Darrel Hudson, Shire of Dowerin President. *"Additionally the NEWROC Strategic Plan identifies focus areas which align with a number of objectives outlined in Dowerin's Strategic Community Plan. This membership provides an exciting opportunity for Dowerin to be a part of a proactive group of councils and we look forward to working with the NEWROC Member Councils to achieve some great benefits for our communities and the region."*

Previously a member of the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils (AROC), the Shire of Dowerin was the only Council in AROC which was also a member of the Great Eastern Country Zone. Members of the NEWROC are all members of Great Eastern Country Zone.

The NEWROC has been in operation for over 20yrs and includes the Shires of Koorda, Mt Marshall, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Trayning and Wyalkatchem.

The NEWROC has been responsible for a number of significant projects including most recently the installation of repeater towers and a data centre for a point to point internet system across seven Shires, in conjunction with Crisp Wireless, a Western Australian telecommunications company.



Shire of Wyalkatchem

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