



SHIRE OF CUNDERDIN

NEWSLETTER

A Message From The Shire President

"CHANGES"

The late David Bowie sang about it, the seasons do it, and we either choose to reject or accept it.

Since my last news letter in June, many changes have occurred within our shire and I mention the weather. What a turn around there has been in the last three months. What was then looking like a disastrous cropping season has turned to one that has brought a smile back to all our faces, whether you're in the farming industry or not. On present indications of crop growth, at least the headers will be used this harvest.

Aged Appropriate Accommodation

Many of you would have noticed the demolition of the old sporting venues and club, front section, in preparedness for the new AAA units with two units currently sitting on site just waiting for the area to dry out so they can be sat in position. These are the first two of a total of ten to be delivered prior to Christmas. Eight of these units will be available for accommodation sometime in the new year. Details of how they will be allocated are still being discussed with the Shire and WACHS. The other two units are set aside for respite and palliative care. Details still to be discussed.



Once the units are fully operational, the Shire plans to hold an Expo or Open Day at the units for all people who are interested. These units have been planned with the latest design in technology, both in the building standards and electronics. These are changes that will enhance the quality of our elderly life.

WALGA—Local Government Week Convention

Five councillors plus the CEO spent three days in Perth attending the WALGA Conference at the Convention Centre. We enjoyed a variety of high profile guest speakers and daily concurrent session speakers mostly dealing with changes with the local government act and practise of.

Drones, IT and autonomous cars seemed to be the main theme for the three days, which

will be a huge change for all of us.

As part of the Conference, I had the privilege of a two hour guided tour of the Perth Stadium. A seating capacity of up to seventy thousand spectators, sitting on five levels with all seats having an uninterrupted view of the playing area. No parking will be available for public use, relying entirely on public transport.

RESIGNATION

A major change for us as a council will be the advertising and selection of another CEO in the near future. Mr Peter Naylor, has resigned from the Cunderdin Shire Council and will take up employment at Laverton Shire in early December, this year. Peter has spent five years as CEO and his departure will be our loss. His "open door" policy indicates his willingness to listen to all people, and combined with his friendly and sometimes wicked disposition, his qualities will be hard to duplicate. I regard Peter and Heather amongst our friends but also realizing there is a professionalism that needs to be adhered to. A fine line that needs to be negotiated delicately. We wish Peter and Heather all the best in their new adventure and look forward to a "drink or two on the way to Uluru"

EAST AVON CROSS COUNTRY

I attended and worked at this event organised by the Meckering Primary School last Friday held on the golf course. Years PP to year twelve comprising of seven East Avon schools and another eight independent and government schools. Competitors amounted to approx. three hundred. Congratulations to Meckering School, P & C and the many volunteers from the Meckering community who helped prior to and on the day to continually make this annual event one to look forward to. The weather on the day was perfect.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Here's your chance to have your say or implement change by nominating for the forthcoming Local Government elections held on the 21st October 2017. Ring the shire for further details.

To change, is to accept what is in front of us, and go with it. The past is gone and is just a memory. Learn by previous mistakes, put them aside, and move on.

Dennis Whisson



In August we farewelled Governance and Compliance Officer, Meredith Lee-Curtis.

Meredith has been a warm, bubbly addition to our office and will be missed.

We wish her all the best in her endeavours at the City of Canning.



Welcome Sergeant Ray Hillier who commenced in Cunderdin on the 17th July.

Ray who has had 35 years on the job, joins us from Perth where he previously worked for Regional Operations Group for 2.5 years and prior to that was a shift Sergeant in Belmont.

He is married, with two girls, a doctor in Townsville and police officer in Lancelin.

Unfortunately Ray's wife works in Perth so isn't here frequently.

Ray looks forward to working in Cunderdin, getting to know the town and meeting the people, those who have not already met.

Local Government Elections

Dates to highlight!

7th September 2017: Council nominations Open

14th September 2017: Close of council nominations—4.00pm

21st October 2017: Election Day (Polls Close at 6.00pm)

For more information, please contact Shire Chief Executive Officer Peter Naylor on (08) 9635 2700 or 0458 351 008.



**Australian Government
Mobile Service Centre**



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The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to Australian Government payments and services. This specialised vehicle offers a wide range of face to face and self service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

You can visit the Mobile Service Centre at:

- Near the Community Resource Centre, Main Street
- CUNDERDIN
- Tuesday, 26 September 2017
- 9.30 am to 4 pm

Alcohol and Other Drugs Management Plan

The Shire of Cunderdin will be working with key organisations to develop an Alcohol and Other Drugs Management Plan (AODMP).

This plan will allow us to focus on key areas our community.

If you would like to be apart of this, please contact Kayla; cdo@cunderdin.wa.gov.au

Experienced staff travel with the Mobile Service Centre and provide friendly, face-to-face service, information and support. Staff can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au and search for Mobile Service Centre or call 132 316.

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Australian Government

Department of Human Services

Aged Friendly Community Plan

After receiving funding from the Department of Communities (Formally Department of Local Government and Communities) The Shire of Cunderdin and Tammin will be working with Heartlands WA and community members to develop an Aged Friendly Community Plan for the Towns of Meckering, Cunderdin and Tammin.

This plan will be used by council to define priority areas for budget.

Aged Appropriate Accommodation

All units should be onsite by the end of September 2017. Roadways, landscaping, public open spaces and gardens works will commence there-after.

- Council is hopeful that the Independent Living Units will be available for occupation in early 2018.
- Names to be placed with the Cunderdin Meckering Cottage Homes Committee.
- Envisaged Cunderdin Meckering Cottage Homes Committee will manage the units with support from the Shire and WACHS.
- Cunderdin Meckering Cottage Homes Committee and the Shire of Cunderdin will be responsible for the accommodation, including and rental arrangements for the new accommodation, the Respite and Palliative units, however the Community Care Co-ordinator will assist the Shire, Department of Health, Cunderdin Meckering Cottage Homes Committee and private providers to identify people who require placement into the Respite and Palliative care accommodation.
- The final management structure, plans and fees/charges are still being developed.



First unit arriving in Cunderdin - 21st August 2017



First unit placed - 29th August 2017

Primary Health Care Demonstration Site (PHCDS)

Great News!

The tender for the new PHCDS has now been awarded and it is anticipated that construction will commence towards the end of September 2017.

For more information about this project, please contact the Chief Executive Officer (08) 9635 2700 or 0458 351 008.

2017/2018 Budget

Council adopted the Budget at a Special Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th August 2017.

Council, being very mindful of the slow start to the season which was very concerning for the whole of the district, endeavoured to be as conservative as possible when adopting the budget and keeping any rate increase to an absolute minimum of 4.5%.

Whilst this amount may still appear to be reasonably high considering that many other local governments have adopted a lesser amount, Council was also mindful that the annual rate increase to meet the Long Term Financial Plan is 5% and to reduce this amount any greater will result in a future backlog of works and services.

In addition to the above, many community members may be aware that the State Government was moving to remove the vehicle licensing exemption that has historically been afforded to Local and other tiers of Government. It was estimated that this would have cost the Shire in the vicinity of \$15,000. However a Disallowance Motion was moved in Parliament which effectively ended this process. Whilst this may appear positive for us in the first instance the State Government in response reduced the Direct Road Grant payments to local governments by 42% which has resulted in a net loss of \$60,000 so in effect we are \$45,000 worse off.

Subsequent to adopting the budget the 2016 Census figures have been released which has shown a population decline in Western Australia. This unfortunately has negatively impacted the payment of the Commonwealth Government Financial Assistance Grants (FAG) to Western Australia and as a consequence reduced the Shires annual FAG payment by almost \$96,000.

The above amounts severely impact the 2017/18 Budget and has resulted in Council entering into largely a maintenance phase for works and services other than capital road projects funded under the Regional Road Group and Roads to Recovery programmes.

Council is also very mindful that the State Government Budget, which is usually handed down in May of each year has been delayed until September this year and concerned about other potential funding cuts and / or cost shifting initiatives that will impact our operations and general functions.

Whilst this may seem to be doom and gloom Council is still very positive with the projects, Shire and others, that are progressing within the district and looking forward to a bright future.

Should you have any questions on the above please contact the Chief Executive Officer, Peter, at the Shire Administration Office on (08) 9635 2700 or 0458 351 008.

Works and Services

As of July 1st, we welcome Greg Stephens into the role of Shared Manager of Works and Services for the Shires of Cunderdin and Tammin. Ian Bartlett is still the Foreman of the Cunderdin Depot.

The budget for the 2017/2018 was adopted at a special council meeting held on the 10th August 2017. Despite the scarcity of grant funding, and the surprise reduction of road maintenance funds by the State Government, the Shire will progress a number of capital projects including

Projects

- Footpath repairs and upgrades in Meckering and Cunderdin
- Cunderdin Wyalkatchem Road (Shoulder Upgrade and sealing)
- Meckering Goomalling Road (Pavement repairs, Shoulder works and vegetation management)
- Vanzetti Road - Bitumen Re-Sealing
- Johnston Street - Bitumen Re-Sealing
- Gravel Re-Sheeting
 - ◇ Southern Brook Road
 - ◇ Hagbroom Road
 - ◇ Stewart Road
 - ◇ Snooke Road
 - ◇ Burges Road
 - ◇ Tomalockin Road
 - ◇ Mussared Road

Completed Works

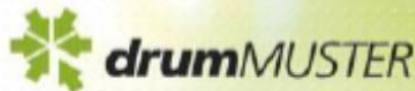
Gravel re-sheeting of failed sections on the following roads

- Wyola North Road
- Fleay Road
- Green Road

Maintenance grading in the south west of the Shire.

Greg Stephens

Manager Works and Services
Shires of Cunderdin & Tammin



2017 SHIRE OF CUNDERDIN DRUM MUSTER

Friday SEPTEMBER 22nd 8.45am onwards

Pre-booked appointments only

All farm and chemical users within the Cunderdin Shire are encouraged to bring their empty, properly cleaned, steel and plastic farm chemical containers to the facility for inspection and collection.

Remember all drums must be cleaned correctly via triple rinsing, mechanical rinsing, pressure rinsing or flushing (in line with the Avcare Standard for Effective Rinsing of Farm Chemical Containers displayed at all chemical retail outlets).

Unclean or partly filled containers will not be accepted and will remain the property of the chemical user.

DrumMUSTER will operate from 08:45am onwards at the Shire Depot.

CALL THE SHIRE OFFICE TO MAKE YOUR BOOKING - 9635 2700

Council looks forward to your support in rinsing out, rounding up and running all your empty, properly cleaned, non-returnable farm chemical containers.

Only drums with the DrumMUSTER symbol will be received, with one exception only.

drumMUSTER advises that the blue 20 litre Gramoxone containers without the **drumMUSTER** eligible container logo can be accepted at collection sites.



SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL RESPONSE TO FOUR CORNERS INVESTIGATION INTO WASTE MANAGEMENT

In light of the allegations presented in a recent ABC Four Corners programme into waste management practices in NSW and QLD, the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) would like to reemphasize that recyclables collected in the yellow-topped bins processed by the SMRC are recovered to the fullest extent possible with 85% of recyclables recovered and made into new products.

This includes glass which is recovered, ground and used in road base, as well as plastics, paper, cardboard, steel and aluminum which command a high value when sold to domestic and international markets.

The organic fraction of the green-topped general waste bins processed by the SMRC is recovered and processed into compost which is used in agriculture.

The SMRC is a transparent, local government organisation, committed to working with its member councils and the community to ensure environmentally sustainable outcomes.

The SMRC plays an important role in working towards increased recycling rates and encourages the community to assist our efforts by ensuring they continue to put the right thing in the right bin.

Residents of member Councils and members of the public can attend free tours of the Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) in Canning Vale to see firsthand what happens to their waste and virtual tours are also available on the Recycle Right website www.recycleright.wa.gov.au.

FACTS AND FAQ'S

About the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) is one of five regional councils in the Perth metropolitan area and is a local government entity. The SMRC region currently spans 340km², servicing 110,000 households with a combined population of over 290,000 people. The SMRC was established in 1991.

Member councils include the City of Cockburn, City of Fremantle, City of Melville, City of Kwinana and Town of East Fremantle. These member councils are committed to diverting waste from landfill.

About the Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC)

The SMRC operates the Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) in Canning Vale, processing recyclables, general waste and green waste collected from household bins and verge collections. Overall the RRRC has achieved more than a 65% waste diversion from landfill for each of the past five years, achieving State Waste Strategy targets of 65% diversion from landfill by 2020.

Materials Recovery Facility

The SMRC operates a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at the RRRC in Canning Vale. This facility processes the contents of the Recycling bins from the following local councils and shires:

City of Fremantle	Shire of Dandaragan	Shire of Tammin
City of Melville	Shire of Dowerin	Shire of Toodyay
City of Kwinana	Shire of Kellerberrin	Shire of Trayning
Town of Cottesloe	Shire of Kondinin	Shire of Victoria Plains
Town of East Fremantle	Shire of Koorda	Shire of Wandering
Shire of Beverley	Shire of Kulin	Shire of Westonia
Shire of Boddington	Shire of Merredin	Shire of Williams
Shire of Bruce Rock	Shire of Mt Marshall	Shire of Wongan-Ballidu
Shire of Chittering	Shire of Mukinbudin	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Shire of Coorow	Shire of Narembeen	Shire of Yilgarn
Shire of Corrigin	Shire of Northam	Shire of York
Shire of Cunderdin	Shire of Nungarin	
Shire of Dalwallinu	Shire of Quairading	

The MRF utilizes state of the art technology to separate and sort the following materials:

Glass – sorted, crushed and transported to a local contractor where it is processed for use in road base

Paper and cardboard – sorted into different categories, baled and sent to international markets to be processed into new products

Plastics - sorted into different categories, baled and sent to domestic and international markets to be processed into new products

Steel and aluminum cans – sorted into different categories, baled and sent to domestic and international markets to be processed into new products.

The **Materials Recovery Facility** processes 140 tonnes per day or 24,000 tonnes per annum of recyclable materials from the yellow-topped bin. It currently recovers 85% of materials.

Waste Composting Facility

The SMRC operates a Waste Composting Facility (WCF) at the RRRC in Canning Vale. The WCF processes the contents of household general waste bins from the following local councils:

City of Cockburn
City of Fremantle
City of Melville
Town of East Fremantle

Located at the RRRC, the **Waste Composting Facility (WCF)** turns residents' green-topped general waste bins into compost. The WCF currently processes 80,000 tonnes per year. The WCF produces more than 20,000 tonnes of compost and diverts 40,000 tonnes of waste from landfill each year, which represents a 50% diversion rate. The WCF prevents 32,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere each year. This is the equivalent of taking 7,000 cars off the road.

The WCF composts organic materials that may otherwise be sent to landfill, helping to prevent the creation of harmful greenhouse gases and producing a valuable product which can help to enrich otherwise poor soils.

The SMRC is currently working with the City of Melville, City of Fremantle and Town of East Fremantle to investigate the implementation of a Food Organic Garden Organic collection system. The system will be trialed to around 7000 households in the City of Melville, from October 2017, with the aim to of producing a cleaner, higher quality compost than is currently created through the WCF process.

Green Waste Facility

The Green Waste Facility processes green waste delivered to the RRRC from verge collections and private businesses and contractors. The materials are processed on site and turned into mulch, before being distributed to a local contractor for further processing and distribution to local markets.

The **Green Waste Facility** creates mulch from green waste and processes 13,000 tonnes per annum. It recovers 100% of these materials.

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SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Emergency Information

Personal Protective Clothing / Equipment

The Fire Season is almost upon us and with a potentially large fuel load we would like to ask volunteers to be ready at any time to assist with a bushfire. This means the storing of PPE/PPC in your fire units or fire sheds. Fighting fire is like any other job you are required to do with safety standards; like high visibility clothing; attached to it. The Shire and the Shire of Cunderdin Bush Fire Advisory Committee would ask that Personal Protective Clothing is carried and worn at every fire, this includes:



- Long (Cotton) Pants such as jeans or work trousers or Turn Out pants (Orange Proban)
- Long Sleeve (Cotton) Shirt such as a flannelette Shirt or Turn Out Coat (Orange Proban)
- Boots (Leather)
- Gloves (Riggers)
- Headgear – our standards state that a helmet should be worn however a hat can be substituted if you are working in a broad/open area with no tree limbs above
- Eye Protection and Dust masks are also recommended

If you don't have Personal Protective Clothing or Equipment and require it as a Brigade Member please contact the Community Emergency Services Manager for an allocation. Please note Eye and Dust Protection is located in the fire appliance along with gloves.

Permits

During the post season the meeting of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee considered the restrictions on Burning Permits throughout the Restricted Burning Period. It was recommended by the BFAC and endorsed by Council that a Two Person minimum standard would be applied to burns throughout this period.

As this is an amendment to Permits under the Bush Fires Act 1954 using S18 (7) (b)

(7) The person issuing a permit to burn under this section may, by endorsement on the permit —
(b) modify or dispense with any of the conditions prescribed for the purposes of this section in so far as those conditions are applicable to the burning.

It should be noted that this is at the direct discretion of the FCO issuing the permit. Justification for the application of this amendment may be required when presenting for a permit and the amendment may or may not be issued due to insurance and indemnity reasons.

If you have any questions about this or any other amendments to the Permits please feel free to contact the Community Emergency Services Manager.

Issuing Permits

Shire staff will attempt to help with all permit enquires and do so to the utmost of their abilities keeping the application process to a minimum. There are however several items within the permit that are legislated and are unavoidable these include items such as:

- Location numbers, addresses or names of properties
- Signatures of nominated FCO (Please note three staff members only)
- Contact Numbers of the nominated permit holder



These items seem to cause the most angst throughout the community. The application process for the issuing of a permit can be shortened if the following is thought about before coming in:

- Have a list of location numbers and addresses to be burnt available to hand over to the staff. This can then be stapled to the Shire copy
- Phone before attending the Shire Office to ensure FCO's are available to sign the Permit
- Think about burning early and apply early, most permits can be issued for a one or two week period; subject to weather conditions. Do not be surprised if a burning permit cannot issued on a Friday afternoon.
- A physical location that can be identified on a map. This can be an area in the middle of the burn area or your house address.

It is noted that sometimes applying for a permit can be a frustrating task however taking this frustration out on the Shire Administration Staff is not acceptable. Due to several incidents throughout the last Restricted Burning Period a new policy has been put into place in regards to this. The following applies from the upcoming Restricted Burning Period.

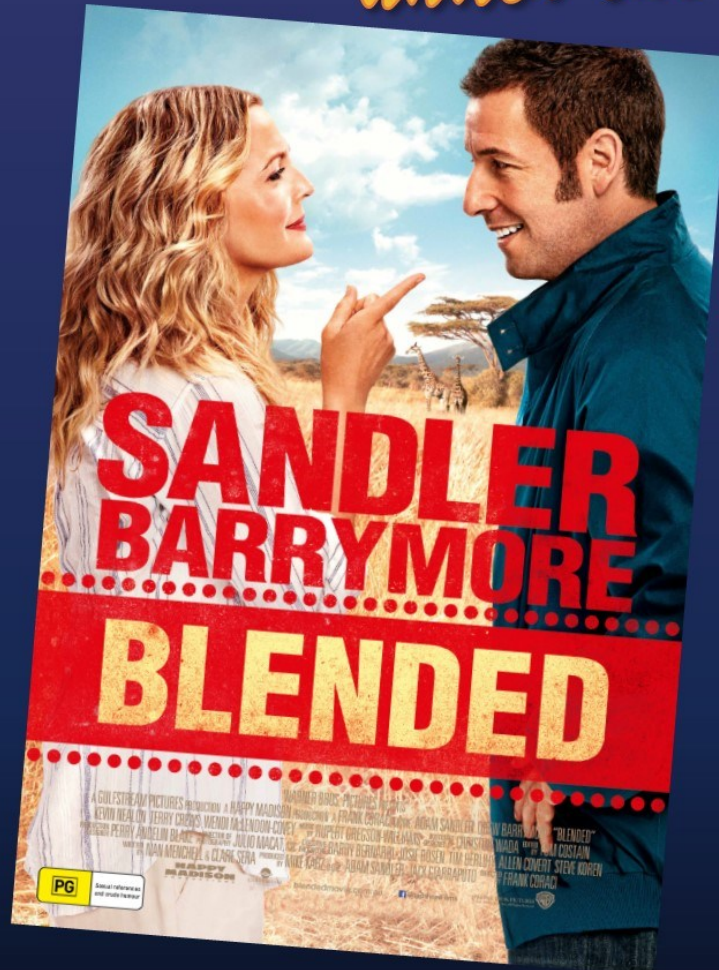
1. Inappropriate interactions; as decided by the staff member; in regards to permit issuing will result in you being referred to the Community Emergency Services Manager for all further permit matters and applications. Furthermore a permit will not be issued to you on that day.
2. Any further inappropriate interactions with the CESM or Staff will result in a suspension of permits for the entirety of that Restricted Burning Period. (Please note this decision will be made by a panel of CESM, CBFCO and CEO)

If there any enquiries or questions in regards to the issuing of Permits please contact the Community Emergency Services Manager.

Daniel Birleson
Community Emergency Services Manager

MOVIE NIGHT

under the stars



Friday October 20th 2017

6.30pm for a 7pm start!

'The Kep' Tammin

Popcorn and cool drinks available to purchase on the night
BYO Chairs, Mattresses, Bedding and Blankets (and snacks!)

Cunderdin
Community
Resource
Centre
Your local connection





Community Christmas in the Park

*December 10th 2017
from 5pm*

O'Connor Park, Forrest St, Cunderdin.

*Fairy Floss, Drink, Popcorn, Bouncy Castles, Food
& a visit from Santa*

**Celebrate Christmas as
a community!**

*A Carols Service will be held at the
Cunderdin Uniting Church on
Sunday December 17th 2017.*

Anyone is Welcome to join.



What's on in OUR community?

21st September 2017

Ordinary Council Meeting

5pm, Council Chambers
Lundy Avenue, Cunderdin

22nd September 2017

Drum Muster

Cunderdin Depot
By appointment only

5th October 2017

Sand Art Activity

Bookings essential
10.00am @ Cunderdin CRC

14th October 2017

Cunderdin Art and Craft Markets

Cunderdin Town Hall
9am - 12pm

19th October 2017

Ordinary Council Meeting

5pm, Council Chambers
Lundy Avenue, Cunderdin

20th October 2017

Tammin Movie Night

6.30 pm @ 'The Kep'
Family Friendly FREE event

16th November 2017

Ordinary Council Meeting

5pm, Council Chambers
Lundy Avenue, Cunderdin

10th December 2017

Community Christmas in the Park

5pm @ O'Connor Park
Family Friendly Community Event



Have a **FREE** screening mammogram every two years. **Once is not enough.**



If you're a woman aged 50-74 years, make your appointment now for a **FREE** screening mammogram.

The BreastScreen WA mobile will be at:

Cunderdin

Swimming Pool carpark,
Lundy Avenue

13 - 18 September 2017

Dates are approximate and may be subject to change.

The service will then move to Kellerberrin and Northam.

Book online

www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au
or call 13 20 50



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