



Staff and Councillors supporting Road Ribbon Safety Campaign



Shire Photograph Competition Winner Matt Broadbent

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As we draw to a close on the year, we acknowledge the work done by many community volunteer organisations, our business owners and Shire personnel to ensure our Shire remains the most liveable, affordable and attractive place to live in throughout the South West. In recent times we have received several accolades of note in terms of how the Donnybrook main street has transformed into one the most attractive in rural and regional Western Australia. What a change from the criticism received some 16-20 years ago!

Even more is planned for 2020 with the Donnybrook Town Centre Revitalisation project embracing the heritage listed railway goods shed and the precinct joining the Apple Fun Park, with the Masterplan for this project being approved at the November Council Meeting. We thank the State and Federal Governments for their ongoing funding support which this year included the completion of the upgrade and refurbishment of the Balingup Town Hall.

This month we joined several members of the community in officially opening the Donnybrook Community Garden. The garden, located at Egan Park, has come a long way over the past year thanks to valued sponsors and an army of volunteers and who have helped produce an abundance of fruit and vegetables.

With the fire season now upon us we ask everyone to firstly be on high alert given we have already had a spate of arsonist activity, and thanks to our well prepared volunteer fire brigades, even in the middle of the night, the fires were extinguished before they became a major fire event. This is the time to have that 5 minute fire "are you ready" refresher plan chat with family and neighbours, and don't forget all firebreaks needed to be in place by the end of November.

The Road Ribbon for Road Safety campaign launched on November 17. The campaign provides an opportunity for everyone to directly contribute to road safety and work towards achieving zero deaths and serious injuries on our roads. Earlier this year, the Shire appealed to Main Road WA and the Minister for Police and Road Safety, the Hon Michelle Roberts MLA to reduce the speed limit through the town of Donnybrook. An announcement from Main Roads on the speed limit is expected in the coming months.

We ask that everyone stay safe over the festive season and trust all those who make up our communities throughout the wonderful Shire will have a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead.

**Shire President Brian Piese and Chief Executive Officer Benjamin (Ben) Rose**

**RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES 1 NOVEMBER 2019 - 14 DECEMBER 2019**

During this period you are not permitted to burn without a burning permit. You may request a permit from your local Fire Control Officer.

**PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES 15 DECEMBER 2019 - 31 MARCH 2020**

No Burning. Dates are subject to change according to seasonal conditions. Check the website for updates.

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## **COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS** *Wednesday 27 November 2019*

- Council endorsed the proposed building occupation arrangements at Egan Park between Donnybrook Mens' Shed Apple Festival Committee and Donnybrook Community Garden and acknowledged the important contribution the involved groups make to Donnybrook Balingup.
- Council determined to sell Lot 4 Bridge Street Donnybrook to Cardno (WA) Pty Ltd to enable a pump station to be installed and not gift the land as requested. The land is a community owned asset and Council has a responsibility to seek appropriate compensation when disposing of such assets. However, the land is not developable for residential purposes due to its low lying topography and proximity to the Preston River, installing a pump station is required for the approved development of Lot 108 Kelly Road and the has the capacity to increase land development opportunities on the eastern side of Preston River.
- Council adopted the Donnybrook Town Centre Revitalisation Project Master Plan to guide the future development of the precinct. A copy of the masterplan is available on the Shire website.
- A request from the Balingup Progress Association for Council to assist with installing a footpath at the Balingup Post Office was approved.
- Council endorsed the dedication of land being acquired for road widening by Main Roads WA, for the purposes as shown on Main Roads WA Deposited Plan drawings 417237, 417238, 417239 and 417240, pursuant to section 56 of the Land Administration Act 1997.
- A request from the City of Busselton for the Shire to partner (along with other SW Councils) in the Busselton –Margaret River Regional Airport Marketing Fund was approved by Council. The Council see the partnership as a logical next step in the strengthening the Shires economic and tourism future.

*Council Meeting Minutes are available on the Shire Website [www.donnybrook-balingup.wa.gov.au](http://www.donnybrook-balingup.wa.gov.au)*

**NEXT AGENDA BRIEFING SESSION: Wednesday 11 December, 2pm, Donnybrook Council Chambers**

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday 18 December, 5pm, Donnybrook Council Chambers**

*\*There is no Ordinary Council Meeting or Agenda Briefing Session in January 2020.*

## **ADVICE OF SHIRE WORKS** Dec 2019/Jan 2020

*The Shire of Donnybrook Balingup advises that the following works are in progress or programmed to commence in the near future. Please note all works are subject to weather conditions, therefore dates may change.*

**NEWLANDS ROAD, NEWLANDS** Sealing from end of existing seal for approximately 1 kilometre. Works have commenced and will continue into December.

**KING SPRING ROAD, THOMSON BROOK** Sealing 220m section of King Spring Road near 179 King Spring Road. Work is scheduled to take place in December.

**IRISHTOWN ROAD, DONNYBROOK** Pruning roadside vegetation and shoulder renewal works. Works have commenced and will continue into December.

**DONNYBROOK TOWNSITE** Installation of Christmas lights. Works to be completed by early December.

**UPPER CAPEL ROAD WORKS** Upgrading of the road to a 6.2m seal width. Works are scheduled to commence from early January 2020. A detour via Ryalls Road will be in place for part of the works.

**EGAN STREET, DONNYBROOK** Upgrade works between Allnutt and Marmion Street. Works are scheduled to commence in early January 2020.

*Hours of operation are normally between 7.00 am and 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday. Works will be clearly signed and you are requested to exercise due care when travelling near or through these areas. Delays are expected to be minimal.*

*Should you require further information, please contact the Shire Works & Services Department on 9780 4209.*

## **FIRE BREAK INFORMATION 2019/2020**

All properties will be inspected from the 1st of December 2019. Infringements will be issued along with a work order from the 1st of December 2019 for all non-compliant properties. Property owners will have 14 days from the date of the inspection to have all work completed to ensure the property is compliant. The Shire will then engage contractors to complete any outstanding work on the properties if the work order is not completed by the due date. This will be carried out at the property owner's expense.

## **WINNER SHIRE PHOTO COMP**

Congratulations to Matt Broadbent who was the winner of the Shire Photographic Competition. 2020 Calendars will not be mailed out to residents but can be collected via the following distribution points:

**Donnybrook Administration Office**  
**Donnybrook Community Library**  
**Donnybrook Visitor Centre**  
**Balingup Community Library**  
**Balingup Visitor Centre**

## **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OFFICE HOURS**

Friday 20 December	8.30AM - 3.00PM
Wednesday 25 December	OFFICE CLOSED
Thursday 26 December	OFFICE CLOSED
Friday 27 December	OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday 1 January	OFFICE CLOSED

Shire of Donnybrook Balingup (Administration Office) Cnr Bentley and Collins Street, Donnybrook

Office Hours Monday - Friday, 8.30am - 4.00pm Phone: (08) 9780 4200

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