



Shire Connect

Latest News & Updates from the Shire



MAY 2021

April saw us commemorate ANZAC Day, a national day of reflection for the sacrifices made by young Australian men and women to protect our remarkable country. We would like to acknowledge the Donnybrook RSL, as well as Kirup, Mullalyup and Balingup townships on their beautiful services held to remember these brave Australians. Lest We Forget.

It is all happening in Donnybrook Balingup over the next few months. As this edition of the Preston Press is being delivered across our beautiful Shire, judging and announcement of the 2021 GWN7 Top Tourism Town Awards will occur, and all fingers are crossed for Balingup to take the title this year. Keep an eye on the Shire's Facebook page where we will announce the result as soon as it comes through.

The Apple Fun Park has temporarily closed to undergo a complete transformation of the play equipment and furniture in time for the warmer weather to return. All playground equipment has a total life span under the Australian Standards and our Apple Fun Park is due for renewal to not only keep our children safe but provide an interesting and engaging space for children and families to enjoy. The designs will be released shortly, but rest assured, the Apple Fun Park will retain its iconic apple theme and bright, colourful character.

Many of you will have been watching the works at the Goods Shed progressing over the last few months. This project is due for completion in June 2021, and the newly named Station Square will be officially opened. Station Square will provide the much-needed link between the Apple Fun Park and the main street of Donnybrook, allowing families and visitors a place to relax, have a picnic, or view the interpretive display inside the Goods Shed.

There are two weeks left to 'Have Your Say' on the Shire's Strategic Community Plan which, as part of the Council's ongoing commitment to our Shire and the towns contained within it, is undergoing a major review. Shire officers have been working with community groups and are seeking feedback throughout the whole community via a survey which can be accessed on the Shire's website, Facebook or in hard format at the Shire Administration Building. Do not miss your opportunity to 'Have Your Say'.

Shire President Cr Brian Piesse and Chief Executive Officer Benjamin (Ben) Rose

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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS *Wednesday 28 April*

- Council adopted the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup Local Recovery Plan 2021. The Plan is a comprehensive document that has involved the review and update of relevant and new Local Emergency Management Arrangements.
- Council resolved to acknowledge and support the formal commencement of the South West Native Title Settlement including the transfer of land deemed appropriate by the State and as agreed by the Noongar People.
- Development of a new Local Planning Scheme and Local Planning Strategy was agreed to be commenced.
- Council Policy – Townscape Activities was formally adopted by Council and expressed its gratitude to the Balingup Townscape Committee and Kirup Progress Association for their contribution and collaborative approach during the development of the Policy.
- Pursuant to new legislation, Council adopted the Model Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates as well as the Model Standards for CEO employment.
- Council agreed to continue membership on the Warren Blackwood Alliance of Councils.

Council Meeting Minutes are available on the Shire Website www.donnybrook-balingup.wa.gov.au

NEXT AGENDA BRIEFING SESSION: Wednesday 19 May, 2pm, Donnybrook Council Chambers

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday 26 May, 5pm, Donnybrook Council Chambers

ADVICE OF SHIRE WORKS *May 2021*

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.

JAYES ROAD Reconditioning of shoulders, roadside delineation works and installation of advisory signs.

SANDHILLS ROAD Reconditioning of shoulders and drains will be commencing in late May 2021.

KIRUP MILL PARK PATHWAY Construction works for a pathway in Mill Park will commence in mid-May.

STANDPIPE INSTALLATION (BALINGUP AND DONNYBROOK) Installation works for a fully automated standpipe in Donnybrook and Balingup will continue to be progressed.

VC MITCHELL PARK BORE Works for installation of a bore to water VC Mitchell Park is scheduled to commence in May 2021.

BIANNUAL ROAD-SIDE VEGETATION & WEED CONTROL The Biannual Road-side Vegetation & Weed Control Program is scheduled to commence in mid May 2021 (weather permitting). A contractor will be engaged to undertake works on rural roads whilst the Shire's Parks and Gardens staff will be managing urban roads.

If landowners do not wish for the roadside adjacent to their property to be sprayed, please contact the Works and Services Department via email at records@donnybrook.wa.gov.au prior to 4.00pm Monday 10th May 2021. By opting out of the program, landowners will accept responsibility for vegetation & weed control adjacent to their property.

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 and Services Department on 9780 4209.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Donnybrook Community, Sporting, Recreation and Events Precinct Survey

Complete the survey online via the Shire website www.donnybrook-balingup.wa.gov.au

Hard copies available from the Shire Administration Office, Balingup and Donnybrook Libraries and Donnybrook Recreation Centre. **Survey closes 21 May, 2021**



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