



Shire Connect

Latest News and Updates from the Shire

As we approach the Summer, two key issues that are at the forefront of our community are bush fire preparedness and drought. Whilst the Fire Break Order is a requirement that landowners must follow, we are reminded that it is everyone's responsibility to prepare their home and property by reducing fuel loads and ensuring sufficient water supply. The Restricted Burning Period has commenced and landowners are reminded they cannot burn without a permit.

Funding from both the Federal and State Governments have paved the way for several water infrastructure projects to take place. These projects will ensure our community has sufficient water supply for the future, including the most recent State Government announcement relating to the Greenbushes to Kirup pipeline, and the installation of two public access bores (down pipes) in Donnybrook and Balingup, funded under the Federal Government's Drought Community Program.

The Shire welcomed the announcement by Hon. Rita Saffioti, Minister for Transport; Planning on October 16 that the speed limit through the towns of Donnybrook and Balingup will be permanently reduced to 40km/hour following an extensive trial that commenced earlier in the year, as a result of advocacy by the Shire based on a significant community petition relating thereto. We thank the community for their involvement and ongoing support for the modified speed limits that will improve driver and pedestrian safety, given the prediction over the next 3 years that vehicular movements through Donnybrook, and to a lesser extent through Balingup, are predicted to increase by some 40% to 11,000 a day. Community members will note that the Donnybrook Town Centre Revitalisation Project is starting to take shape with the removal of the shed cladding, that will be taken away, cleaned, and reinstalled as part of the Good Shed refurbishment. The public can log into Blackbox webcam (details enclosed)..

This project sees the beginning of the biggest and most extensive capital works and projects commitment ever contemplated by the Shire. For the latest project updates, visit our Shire website or subscribe to our e-newsletter.

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



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Password: [Camera6239#Public](#)

RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES 1 NOVEMBER TO 14 DECEMBER 2020

Restricted Burning. Permits Required. Dates are subject to change according to seasonal conditions.
Check the Shire website for updates.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ADMINISTRATION OFFICE FOR MAINTENANCE

Please be advised the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup Administration Building will be closed for maintenance works from Monday 16 November to Friday 27 November, re-opening at 8.30am Monday 30 November.

Payment Options

In Person – 9am to 4pm - Donnybrook Community Library, cnr Bentley and Emerald Streets
Phone 9780 4200 or pay online via www.donnybrook-balingup.wa.gov.au

Appointments

Please phone 9780 4200 to arrange an appointment with the relevant staff member

General Enquiries

Please phone 9780 4200 or email shire@donnybrook.wa.gov.au

Deliveries

Please phone 9780 4200 and we can accept the delivery at the back entrance

We thank you for your co-operation and apologise for the inconvenience.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS *Wednesday 28 October 2020*

- The Shire of Donnybrook Balingup will partner with other South West Councils to enter into a MOU for a feasibility study and implementation plan for a South West Designated Area Migration Agreement. The purpose of the feasibility study is to identify regional workforce needs in each location and overall, as a region. The study will focus on the south-west regions high growth industries including agribusiness, forestry, health and social services, tourism and hospitality, construction, and mining.
- Council approved the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and lodge an application for up to \$3.8 million funding from the soon to be advertised Australian Government's Building Better Region Fund for leveraged funding for the Donnybrook and Districts Sporting, Recreation and Entertainment Precinct Project that will complement the State Government's \$6 million commitment and the Shire's \$3 million in-principle commitment to the Project.
- The Community Grants Funding Scheme Policy and guidelines have been reviewed with refinements and repurposing of some elements being undertaken to ensure they reflect the needs of the community.

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

NEXT AGENDA BRIEFING SESSION: Wednesday 18 November, 2pm, Donnybrook Council Chambers

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday 25 November, 5pm, Donnybrook Council Chambers

LIBRARY LATEST NEWS

DONNYBROOK LIBRARY

STORYTIME is back! It's on at the Donnybrook Library every Thursday and Friday at 10.15am

Come along to **SPEECHIE** Library Talk on Thursday 12 November at 10am. Meet your local speech pathologist and find out more about how you can support your child's language and literacy development.

FOR THE LATEST UPDATES VISIT THE SHIRE WEBSITE

DOG AND CAT REGISTRATIONS DUE 1 NOVEMBER 2020

Payments can be made in person at the Shire office or posted to PO Box 94 Donnybrook WA 6239.

Visit the Shire website for registration fees and further information.



2020 SHOWERHEAD SWAP PROGRAM

From 1 October 2020, customers in the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup will be able to swap up to two, old, inefficient showerheads for new water efficient models for free at the following locations:

Shire Administration Office

Cnr Bentley and Collins Street, Donnybrook

Donnybrook Community Library

Cnr Bentley and Emerald Street, Donnybrook

Balingup Library

Jayes Road, Balingup

Conditions apply visit

<https://www.watercorporation.com.au/waterwiseoffers> for more information.



ADVICE OF SHIRE WORKS November 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 and other conditions, therefore dates may change.

SOUTHAMPTON ROAD – Upgrade and seal section of road from SLK 6.5 to 7.8. Works commenced in October and will continue into November.

BROOKHAMPTON ROAD – Reconditioning of shoulders, roadside delineation and re-establish seal width of section of road from the SW Highway to Kirup Grimwade Road.

SANDHILLS ROAD – Recondition of shoulders and drains, asphaltting Sandhills Road Bridge and resealing of identified sections of road.

NEWLANDS ROAD – Extending seal from the end of the existing seal for approximately 1km. Works will commence in mid to late November.

JAYES ROAD – Pruning of road-side vegetation will be completed in early November

Hours of operation are normally between 7.00am and 5.00pm, 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.



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

Office Hours Monday - Friday, 8.30am - 4.00pm

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