



Shire President Brian Piesse addressing the Premier and the State Cabinet at the Community Lunch in Donnybrook

Late last month we welcomed the Hon. Mark McGowan and his State Cabinet to Donnybrook who had been visiting the area as part of the Community Cabinet being held in Collie. The Cabinet hosted a lunch at the recently refurbished Donnybrook Hotel with a capped number of community members in attendance. It was a great opportunity for State Ministers to see the region first hand and meet with several stakeholders in the community.

Council and Staff are currently preparing the 2020/2021 Budget for adoption at the next Ordinary Council Meeting. As announced earlier this year, there will be a 0% increase in overall rates collection and rates notices will be sent out in September.

We were also fortunate to have our local State Emergency Service and Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service recognised with a visit from the Minister for Emergency Services and Corrective Services the Hon. Fran (Francis) Logan and the State Fire Commissioner Darren Clem. Many of our local bushfire brigade volunteers are currently participating in training which has resumed following a break due to COVID restrictions. The Shire welcomed the recent announcement from the State Government that we will receive almost \$200,000 from the 2020-21 Mitigation Activity Fund (MAF) Grants Program. This assistance will help with preparations to reduce the bushfire risk in the Shire as the bushfire season approaches in the coming months.

The Shire's Works and Services team have been busy attending to fallen trees and the subsequent clean-up following a series of severe storms over the past month. Whilst we have embraced the much needed rain, we also welcome the recent grant approval from the Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management for the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup to receive \$1million under the Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme.

On 16 July, the Shire President participated in the first Conversation Café run by the Shire's Community Development Team. Joined by Councillor Jackie Massey, and a number of representatives from major Shire events and community groups, the workshop was an opportunity for those present to share ideas on how to work together more effectively and look at opportunities that exist within the Shire.

Sports and Recreation is a major part of our Shire and it is exciting to see many of our local sporting clubs have resumed competitions with COVID safety plans in place. The Shire is continuing to advocate for funding from the State Government, Federal Government and other funding bodies following consideration of the Donnybrook Community Sporting, Recreation and entertainment Precinct Master Plan at the May Council Meeting.

Our Shire has shown strength and resilience in response to the COVID pandemic over the past few months. In the recent Community Resilience Scorecard results by MARKYT, the majority of community members believe local government has demonstrated clear thinking and decision making, have confidence and trust in their local government and agree there are good health and safety practises in place at community facilities to manage COVID risks.

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

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS *Wednesday 23 July 2020*

The Shire will support an application for funding under the Department of Transport's Western Australian Bicycle Network Grant Program for design and construction of the Preston River Loop Path, and subject to the application for funding being successful, the Shire will allocate \$50,000 per annum in both the 2021-22 and 2022-23 budgets for detailed design and construction of the Preston River Loop Path. The upgrade of a section of trail on the eastern bank of the Preston River has been identified as a high priority based on the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup Pathways and Trails Expansion Strategy.

The 2020-21 review of the Asset Management Plans for the Shire was endorsed by Council.

Council resolved to defer the tendering on the expansion to Tuia Lodge until after responses to the Expression of Interest are received.

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

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

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

2020/2021 BUDGET

The 2020/2021 Budget will be adopted by Council at the August Ordinary Council Meeting. Keep an eye out for the Budget Briefing Breakfast to follow early in September. Details to be confirmed.

SHIRE FACILITIES UPDATE

BALINGUP AND DONNYBROOK LIBRARIES

Normal Opening Hours have resumed.

Check the website for current opening hours.

BALINGUP LIBRARY 9764 1037

DONNYBROOK LIBRARY 9731 0432

- The Writers' Group on Fridays at 2.30pm and the Seniors Bowls are operating again
- Computer and Printing Access available
- **Housebound delivery service** available for those who are unable to get to the library – call the library for more information.
- Storytime is on hold until Phase 5 easing of restrictions is in place
- Newspapers are available and returns are accepted.

DONNYBROOK RECREATION CENTRE

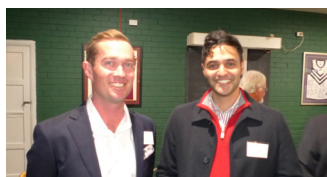
Term 3 Senior Timetable and Junior Timetable available via the the Shire website.

Open 6 Days a Week.

Visit the Shire website or call us on 9731 1822.

OUR COMMUNITY IN PICTURES

A number of community members joined Hon. Mark McGowan and the State Cabinet for lunch at the Donnybrook Hotel as part of the State's Community Cabinet on 29 June.



2020/2021 BIN CALENDARS

Caleendars are available online and at the Shire Administration Building.

Hard copies of the calendars will be distributed with the Rates Notices in September.

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