

## SHIRE PRESIDENT AND CEO MESSAGE

Earlier this month, the Hon. Nola Marino MP, Member for Forrest and Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories came to Donnybrook to officially recognize the commencement of the Federally funded Apple Fun Park Revitalisation Project. During the visit, the Minister took the opportunity to meet with the cofounder and CEO of Hall and Prior, Graeme Prior, who took over management of Tuia Lodge Residential Aged Care Facility on 1 July 2021. In 2019, with the assistance of the Australian Government, Tuia Lodge was awarded \$1.45million of grant money to develop a 10 bed wing for residents living with dementia.



Following the Special Council Meeting held on Monday 12 July, the design and construct tender for the Donnybrook Pump Track was awarded to South West based organisation Common Ground, who have been responsible for a number of pump tracks across the Shire. The purpose of the meeting was to also consider the Donnybrook Community, Sporting, Recreation and Events Precinct from which a number of Council resolutions were made.

This July has been one of the wettest in many years, both in terms of rainfall and consecutive wet days. Unfortunately, later in the month we were hit with severe weather which caused damage throughout the Shire. A large thanks to our Works and Services staff and the many volunteers from the local SES and Fire Brigades who provided assistance in the aftermath.

The Shire will hold a Public Information Forum on Tuesday 17 August at the Donnybrook Town Hall. Community members are encouraged to attend the forum which will present the latest updates on the Donnybrook Community, Sporting, Recreation and Events Precinct.

Commencing Wednesday 4 August, the Council run "Open Door Sessions" at the Council Chamber from 5pm – 6pm. The monthly sessions will provide community members with the opportunity to openly discuss their ideas, opinions or ask questions on anything related to the Shire.

Council and staff are currently preparing the 2021-2022 Budget for adoption at the next Ordinary Council meeting in August. All areas of the community will see the benefits flowing from the budget with many of the major projects that commenced in the previous year due for completion. Rates notices will be sent out early September, along with Bin Calendars and Tip Passes.

Whilst the impact of the COVID pandemic is still being felt across many industries in the South West, our Shire has shown strength and resilience in the past 12 months and will continue to do so in the new financial year.

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



**SAVE THE DATE**  
BUSINESS AFTERHOURS &  
21/22 BUDGET  
PRESENTATION  
—  
**WEDNESDAY  
8 SEPTEMBER**  
6PM @  
THE DONNYBROOK HOTEL

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Local government elections are held every two years, with the next round on **16 October 2021**.

Nominations open on 2 September 2021 and close at 4pm on 9 September 2021.

Anyone intending to nominate for election must first complete a free online induction course, provided by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC).

The course gives community members a basic understanding of what is required from a council member before nominations open in early September.

Prospective candidates are encouraged to regularly check the DLGSC website for updates about induction requirements and other matters related to local elections.

The Shire of Donnybrook Balingup will be hosting a **CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSION** for prospective candidates on Wednesday 1 September at 6pm at the Donnybrook Council Chamber.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT**  
[www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/local-governments/council-elections](http://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/local-governments/council-elections)



## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS *28 July 2021*

- Council at a Special Meeting held 12 July 2021 considered various aspects of the Donnybrook Sporting Precinct
- The Shire will move forward with restoration works at the Donnybrook Arboretum, allocating funding in the 2021-2022 Budget for picnic tables and other works.
- Council considered the closure of the unconstructed 'right of way' between SouthWestern Highway and Roberts Street, Balingup and authorised the CEO to advertise the proposed closure and upon no objections or significant issues arising, request the Minister for Lands to close the road.
- The annual review of the Shires Asset Management Plans for 2021-2022 were undertaken and presented to Council for endorsement.

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

**AGENDA BRIEFING: Wednesday 18 August, 2pm, Council Chamber**  
**COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday 25 August, 5pm, Council Chamber**

## 2021/2022 SHIRE BIN CALENDARS

Calendars will be available online and at the Shire Administration Building in July. Hard copies of the calendars will be distributed with the Rates Notices in September.

## COMING EVENTS

### OPEN DOOR SESSIONS

This is your opportunity to discuss your ideas and opinions directly with our Council/Staff.  
*Wednesday 4 August 2021, 5.00pm - 6.00pm*

### DONNYBROOK SPORTING, RECREATION AND EVENTS PRECINCT (VC MITCHELL PARK) PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUM

*Tuesday 17 August from 6pm, Donnybrook Memorial Hall*

### CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSION

*Wednesday 1 September at 6pm  
Donnybrook Council Chamber*

### BUDGET PRESENTATION

*Wednesday 8 September from 6pm at the Donnybrook Hotel.*

## SHIRE RANGER AFTER HOURS NUMBER 0419 935 600

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