

Katanning Shire Matters

October 2023



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Dear community members,
I would like to address a concern that has been brought to my attention regarding the tidiness of our town, specifically the excessive growth of weeds. We understand that this issue has caused some inconvenience and unease among the community, especially as we approach the bushfire season. Please rest assured that we are actively working to tackle this issue and ensure that our town is well presented and safe. Our team is putting in significant efforts to address the excess of weeds and maintain a tidy environment for all residents. However, please bear in mind that we have limited resources and it may take some time to reach all areas in need of attention. Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated as we work diligently to address this concern.

If you notice any specific areas that require immediate attention, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Your feedback and assistance in identifying priority areas are invaluable in helping us

effectively allocate our resources.

Together, we can ensure that our town remains beautiful, well-maintained, and safe for everyone.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the individuals currently holding executive positions at The Shire. Dale Putland, Mark Taylor, and Grace French have brought new ideas to their roles, and their contributions to the leadership of our organisation are worth recognizing. Furthermore, I am pleased to inform you that the new CEO has signed the contract, and we can expect a formal announcement later this week.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Cr Serena Sandwell, who is retiring from the Council after eight years of dedicated service. Serena has been an exceptional Councillor, and on behalf of the community, I extend my heartfelt thanks for her valuable contributions. We wish Serena all the best for her future endeavours.

Additionally, I wanted to inform you that this will be my final newsletter as the President of the Shire of Katanning. It has been an absolute privilege to serve in this role for the past eight years. With a lack of nominations, I have decided to renominate and fill the Council to support and assist the new President and CEO. We

welcome two new Councillors, Ian Hannah and Paul Totino, and their appointments will officially begin at a special meeting on the 25th of October.

Thankyou for your continuous support, Together, we can ensure that our town thrives and continues to be a wonderful place to live.

Warm regards,
Liz

APPLICATION TO PERMANENTLY VARY RETAIL TRADING HOURS IN THE SHIRE OF KATANNING

Hon. Sue Ellery MLC, Minister for Finance; Commerce; Womens Interests, has approved the application for a permanent variation of trading hours in the Shire of Katanning to allow additional trading on public holidays.

The order, which has been published in the Government Gazette, allows for general retail shops in the Shire of Katanning to open on each public holiday or public half-holiday from 10.00am until 5.00pm, excluding Christmas Day, Good Friday and until 12.00pm on ANZAC Day.

2024 KATANNING HARMONY FESTIVAL

This year will introduce the new storytelling exhibit showcased in glass boxes within a curated exhibition during March 2024.

For those interested in sharing their stories, the Katanning Library are hosting workshops to assist you in crafting your story and designing the perfect glass box.

This is an open invitation for the Katanning community to participate. For more information, please call the Katanning Library on 9821 4300 or email harmonyfestival@katanning.wa.gov.au

APPLICATIONS OPEN

Katanning Harmony Festival- to be held 22- 23 March 2024 is now calling for applications from food and market stall holders and performers.

Please scan the QR code to complete the online applications. For further information please email

harmonyfestival@katanning.wa.gov.au



NOTICE OF RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

Please be advised that we have now entered a restricted burning period which will continue until 31 October 2023.

Permits are now required for ALL fires. Contact details for your local Bushfire Control Officer can be found on the Shire's Website.

2024 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS NOMINATE NOW

AWARD CATEGORIES

- Community Citizen of the Year
- Senior Community Citizen of the Year
- Young Community Citizen of the Year
- Active Citizenship
- Community Long Service Award



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NOMINATIONS CLOSE
31 OCTOBER 2023



BLOOM FESTIVAL LAUNCH 23/09/23

Piesse Park—Family Festival

