

# Katanning Shire Matters

December 2023



## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Dear Katanning Residents,

As the Christmas season approaches, I am filled with joy and gratitude to extend warm wishes to our community as I begin my new role as your Shire President. It is my honour to share this final newsletter of 2023 with you, reflecting on the accomplishments and activity of our thriving community over the past year.

This year has brought many changes within our community, and also within the leadership of our Shire. In 2023 we have bid farewell to our long serving CEO, Mr Julian Murphy and our previous Shire President Liz Guidera has taken a new role on Council as Deputy Shire President. Under the direction and leadership of Liz and Julian we have seen a dynamic transformation within our community. Their unwavering dedication, visionary leadership and tireless work ethic have left an indelible mark on our Shire. I extend my thanks and gratitude to Liz and Julian for 8 years of hard work, they leave a legacy of a thriving, engaged and proud community. I wish them both the very best for their new roles.

This week we welcome newly appointed CEO, Mr Peter Klein to the Shire of Katanning. Peter brings an enthusiasm, fresh ideas and new vision to delivering the services of local government. I am confident that under Peter's leadership our Shire will continue to grow, innovate and achieve new heights. I look forward to introducing you to Peter in the new year.

This year's early harvest season and dry, hot conditions finds us in the midst of a very active fire

season. I would like to extend my thanks to Cindy Pearce – the Community Emergency Services Manager for her tireless efforts in co-ordinating the emergency services response to an unprecedented fire season. I also acknowledge the critical support we receive from DFES. Our Shire is blessed to have a very committed community of volunteer fire brigades, many who are dropping everything to attending very dangerous fires that have saved countless lives and properties this year. I extend my deepest gratitude and thanks for the unwavering commitment of our volunteer fire fighters.

As we head into December, I acknowledge that it can be a very busy time of the year for all in business. I wish those in the Agricultural sector all the best for a plentiful and safe harvest. This time of year is also a harvest season for small business. I urge you to make a positive impact this holiday season by choosing to shop local. Your support makes a difference, and it's an investment in the unique character and prosperity of our community.

Finally on behalf of the Council and Staff of the Shire of Katanning I wish your loved ones a Merry Christmas, a Happy and Safe New Year, and a holiday season filled with joy, peace, and goodwill.

Thank you for being an integral part of our wonderful Shire.

Kristy D'Aprile



## SHIRE NOTICES

### Shire of Katanning Facilities Christmas & New Year Opening Hours

Shire of Katanning Facilities (excluding the Refuse Site) will be closing on Friday 22 December 2023 from 12 noon and reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2024.

Transport licensing services are available online at [transport.wa.gov.au](http://transport.wa.gov.au) or phone 13 11 56.

For enquiries during the Christmas and New Year period, please call the Shire of Katanning 24 hour phone number 9821 9999 in an emergency call triple 000.

The Katanning Refuse Site will be closed on 25-26 December 2023 and 1-2 January 2024.

### Council Meeting Dates 2024

The Shire of Katanning will hold ordinary meetings for 2024 on the following dates:

- Wednesday 28 February 2024
- Wednesday 27 March 2024
- Wednesday 24 April 2024
- Wednesday 22 May 2024
- Wednesday 26 June 2024
- Wednesday 24 July 2024
- Wednesday 28 August 2024
- Wednesday 25 September 2024
- Wednesday 23 October 2024
- Wednesday 27 November 2024
- Wednesday 18 December 2024

Council Meetings are open to the public and commence at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers, 52 Austral Terrace, Katanning.

Further information is available by contacting the Shire Office on 9821 9999 or email [sophie.justins@katanning.wa.gov.au](mailto:sophie.justins@katanning.wa.gov.au)

## Remembrance Day in Katanning

On Saturday 11 November 2023, the Shire of Katanning held the Remembrance Day service at the RSL Memorial Garden. Thank you to everyone who was involved to make the service possible, people who attended and laid a wreath.



(Photo Left to Right: Cr Paul Totino, Cr Kristy D'Aprile, Cr Ian Hanna, Cr Liz Guidera & Cr John Goodheart).

## New Christmas Decorations

Have you noticed our new Christmas Decorations? The Shire of Katanning have purchased 13 new Illuminated Street Pole Christmas Decorations and a 5.6m Christmas Tree. These bright new additions can be seen along Clive Street and Town Square.

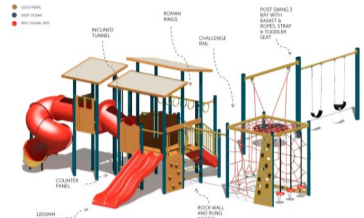


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## Prosser Park Play Equipment Update

The Shire of Katanning will dismantle and remove the remaining play equipment situated at Prosser Park child play area, shortly.



The playground will be closed from mid-December until the start of February 2024, for the installation of new play equipment.

## Katanning Harmony Festival Calling for Applications for Food & Market Stall Holders

Katanning Harmony Festival- to be held 22- 23 March 2024 is now calling for applications from food and market stall holders and performers. Please visit the Shire's website for more information, or email [harmonyfestival@katanning.wa.gov.au](mailto:harmonyfestival@katanning.wa.gov.au)

## Australia Day Breakfast in Katanning

Please join us for Breakfast on Australia Day, Friday 26 January 2024.  
7:30am Free BBQ Breakfast  
8:30am Ceremony, Awards, Guest Speaker and Raffle  
Lions Park, Katanning (Corner Albion Street & Blantyre Street)  
BYO Plate & Cutlery  
For more information, please call Doug from Lions Club of Katanning on 0448 007 099.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 4 December - Saturday 20 January

Together Exhibition  
Katanning Art Gallery

Monday - Saturday

(Closed from noon on 22 Dec 2023, reopen 2 Jan 2024.)

Thursday 14 December

Twilight Christmas Market  
5:00pm - 8:00pm, Free  
Town Square & Clive Street

More info contact: Katanning Hub  
CRC on 0477 493 141

Friday 15 December

Katanning Youth Program  
Outdoor Geocaching Adventures  
10:00am—12:00pm  
All Ages Playground

More info contact: KLC 9821 4399

Saturday 16 December

Katanning Farmers Markets  
8:00am - 12:00noon  
Shearing Shed, Katanning Leisure Centre Grounds  
4 Pemble St, Katanning

More events and activities can be found on our Events Calendar on the Shire website

[www.katanning.wa.gov.au/events/](http://www.katanning.wa.gov.au/events/)

