

# Katanning Shire Matters

February 2024



## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2024.

First up, the 2024 Australia Day breakfast and award ceremony proved to be a wonderful occasion, celebrating the remarkable contributions of individuals and groups that have greatly enriched our community over the past year. The Citizen of the Year Awards serve as a heartfelt recognition of the often unsung heroes whose dedicated efforts help to make Katanning a better place.

I had the distinct honour of presenting the 2024 awards to the following recipients.

Congratulations to:

**Citizen of the Year:**

Alan McFarland

**Senior Citizen:** Barb Groves

**Active Citizenship (group award):** Katanning Scout Group  
**Community Long Service Award:** Barry Kowald

A special thank you to the Lions Club of Katanning for providing a delectable breakfast, and heartfelt congratulations to all the well-deserving award winners.

If you know someone making a positive impact in our community, consider nominating them for the Community Citizen

of the Year Awards. These awards offer an opportunity for local governments to recognize and celebrate community engagement. Nominations for the 2025 Awards will open later this year, so stay tuned to the Shire's Facebook page, website, and this newsletter for the official call.

In mid-December, we welcomed Mr. Peter Klein as the Shire's new Chief Executive Officer. Peter has been actively familiarizing himself with the organization and the Council over the past month. As many in the community are eager to meet him, later this month, we will host several "meet and greets." Keep an eye on the Shire of Katanning's website and Facebook page for these details.

The new year for Council kicked off with a Special Council Meeting on 28 January to adopt the 2022/23 Shire of Katanning Annual Report and set the date for the Annual Electors Meeting. This meeting is scheduled for 28 February 2024, at 7pm in the Council Chambers. We extend a warm invitation to all ratepayers and community members to attend.

With the new year comes a fresh focus and renewed energy for providing strong accountable leadership to the Katanning community. As a Council, we eagerly look forward to collaborating with Peter on a plan that ensures we align with the community's vision for the future and continue to evolve our services.

Kindest regards,  
**Kristy D'Aprile**  
Shire President.

## Lotterywest Grant helps KAARL Yarning Place project become reality for Katanning.

Kristy D'Aprile Katanning Shire President is thrilled to announce a significant boost to the KAARL Yarning Place project, thanks to a generous grant of \$120,000 from Lotterywest. 'This funding will play a pivotal role in bringing to life a vital community space that has emerged as part of the Katanning Public Arts Trail Strategy and Reconciliation Action Plan.' *To read the full Media Release, visit the Shire's website—Latest News.*

## MEET ME IN KATANNING AT



FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2024  
FRIDAY FOOD NIGHT  
5-8PM TOWN SQUARE

SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2024  
STREET FESTIVAL  
12-5PM AUSTRAL TERRACE

## ROAD WORKS

Please be advised of road works taking place throughout the month of February:

~ Butterworth Rd between Ranford Rd – Katanning/Nyabing Rd for drainage works.

~ Butterworth Rd between Warren Rd – Katanning/Nyabing Rd for re-sheeting works.

Further information will be posted on the Shire's Facebook page as it becomes available, or please call the Shire on 9821 9999 for any queries.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Katanning Ordinary Council Meeting Wednesday**

**28 February 2024 at 6pm**

**Annual Electors Meeting 28**

**February 2024 at 7pm**

Held in the Council Chambers within the Shire of Katanning Administration & Civic Centre 52 Austral Terrace, Katanning. The meeting's agenda will be available on the Shire's website prior to commencing: [katanning.wa.gov.au](http://katanning.wa.gov.au)



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NOW OPEN

## 2023-24 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM ROUND 2 NOW OPEN

The Shire of Katanning's Community Grant Program is open to community groups and not-for-profit organisations in Katanning.

**Collaborative community wide projects are encouraged.**

**Application forms and Guidelines** can be downloaded via the Shire's website by scanning the below QR code or visiting: [katanning.wa.gov.au/community-grants.aspx](http://katanning.wa.gov.au/community-grants.aspx)



## APPLY NOW

**OPENS 1 FEBRUARY 2024**  
**CLOSES 31 MARCH 2024**

For more information please contact Carly on 9821 9999 or for assistance in reviewing your application prior to submission, please email [carly.watts@katanning.wa.gov.au](mailto:carly.watts@katanning.wa.gov.au)

## SHIRE VACANCIES

Looking for your next career journey? Why not work for your Shire and have an active role in the future of Katanning. We are currently calling for applications from suitable candidates for the below position:

**Executive Manager Infrastructure and Assets.**

For more information on this position and how to apply, visit the Shire's website, Employment page.

## FOR MORE OF WHAT'S ON IN KATANNING

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