

# Katanning Shire Matters

September 2020



## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Spring is in the air and it's wonderful to see the planning of our Townscape Committee and the good work of our Parks and Gardens crew blooming in our Main Street - the colour certainly brightens up Katanning.

Meetings last month included wrap up for the Katanning/Woodanilling February fires, all agencies came together to map the learnings of the fire; what we did well, where improvements could be beneficial, both on an agency and community level.

Spring is the perfect time to get into tidying up the surroundings of your home or block. We have seen first hand the devastation. Please ensure that all firebreaks have been cleared and all grass mowed/slashed and rubbish removed from blocks and surrounding houses.

The Citizen of the Year Awards nominations are now open, please consider nominating our worthy community members. Our town thrives on volunteers contributing their time and energy to organisations and clubs to build vibrancy and a wonderful way of life.

Shire President,  
Liz Guidera



## SHIRE NOTICES

**DFES Bushfire Reminder: Building Protection Zones**  
We all have a responsibility to reduce the risk of bushfire. By preparing your home or business, you increase the chance that it will survive a bushfire.

One way you can help protect your property is to create a circle of safety (building protection zone) around the building.

DFES has the following tips when creating a circle of safety:

- Create a 20 metre circle of safety around your home and other buildings by clearing all rubbish, long dry grass, bark and material that may catch fire.
- Prune lower branches (up to two metres off the ground) to stop a ground fire spreading into the canopy of the trees.
- Clear vegetation along the boundary of your property to create a firebreak. Make sure you meet your local government's firebreak requirements.
- Cut long grass and dense scrub.

There are lots of other things you can do to reduce the risk of bushfire to your home or property. Check out DFES' Homeowner's Bushfire Survival Manual on the DFES website [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)

## Recycling Bin Collection (2020/2021 Waste Calendar Amendment)

In the waste collection calendar that was sent out to Katanning ratepayers recently, there was a print error on the Recycling and Waste Composting Bins Collection Map page.

Recycling bins (yellow topped) are collected **fortnightly** and not weekly.

## Firewood Collection from Reserves Prohibited

The Shire of Katanning have received reports of illegal firewood collection from reserves in the area. Whilst the vast majority of people do the right thing, it's important to remind the public that collection of firewood from reserves is prohibited, patrols are being done in the area and those found taking firewood could receive a heavy penalty.

Additionally, the illegal collection of firewood from our reserves impacts on native wildlife and birds as it destroys natural habitat. Anyone requiring further information regarding this matter are encouraged to contact the Department of Parks and Wildlife Services on 9219 9000.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At the August Ordinary Council Meeting for the Shire of Katanning, held on Tuesday 25 August 2020, the following

## CALL FOR KATANNING NOMINATIONS FOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR & COMMUNITY LONG SERVICE AWARD 2021

Do you know someone who makes your community a better place?

Nominations are now open for the following Citizen of the Year Award categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Citizen of the Year (Senior)
- Citizen of the Year (Youth)
- Active Citizenship (Group/Event)

Nominations are also open for the Shire of Katanning's Community Long Service Award. All award winners will be announced at the Australia Day Breakfast on 26 January 2021

## NOMINATE NOW

Nomination forms are available at the Shire of Katanning Administration and Civic Centre or online at [katanning.wa.gov.au/community-awards.aspx](http://katanning.wa.gov.au/community-awards.aspx)

**CLOSING DATE SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2020**



items were approved:

### Adoption of the 2020/2021 Budget

Council adopted the 2020/2021 Annual Budget for the Shire of Katanning.

### Shire of Katanning Workforce Plan

Council received the Shire of Katanning Workforce Plan 2020. Workforce planning is undertaken to ensure that the Shire workforce is able to deliver Council's current and future objectives.

The full minutes of the Shire of Katanning's Ordinary Council Meetings can be found on the Shire's website.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday 22 September 2020**  
**Katanning Public Ordinary Council Meeting**  
Held in Council Chambers in the Shire of Katanning Administration and Civic Centre, located at 52 Austral Terrace, Katanning, commencing at 6:00pm.

## KATANNING HIGHLIGHTS



**FAREWELL SENIOR SERGEANT BRETT PINGILLY**  
(Pictured: Departing Senior Sergeant Brett Pingilly, Shire of Katanning CEO Julian Murphy, Shire President Liz Guidera and the incoming Senior Sergeant Carlos Correia).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 11 September 2020**  
Katanning Dramatic Society  
Drinking Habits by Tom Smith  
7:30pm (Doors Open 7:00pm)  
Katanning Town Hall

**Saturday 12 September 2020**  
Katanning Dramatic Society  
Drinking Habits by Tom Smith  
7:30pm (Doors Open 7:00pm)  
Katanning Town Hall

**Friday 18 September 2020**  
Friday Night Rollerblading  
6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Katanning Leisure Centre  
Rollerblades available for hire

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7:30pm (Doors Open 7:00pm)  
Katanning Town Hall

**Saturday 19 September 2020**  
Katanning Dramatic Society  
Drinking Habits by Tom Smith  
7:30pm (Doors Open 7:00pm)  
Katanning Town Hall

**Saturday 19 September 2020**  
Katanning Farmers Markets  
8:00am - 12:00pm (noon)  
Shearing Shed, Katanning  
Leisure Centre

**Saturday 24 October 2020**  
WAMMCO International 129th  
Katanning Agricultural Show

Presented by the Katanning Agricultural Society Inc. and held at the Katanning Leisure Centre and grounds on Pemble Street, Katanning.

Free entry, gates open from 8:30am onwards.

More information at [www.katanningshow.org.au](http://www.katanningshow.org.au)

