

# Katanning Shire Matters

February 2021



## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

As most of you remember, just over a year ago on Friday 7 February 2020, Katanning faced a large bushfire that has now become a part of the town's history.

The fire had started about 11.25am on the South West corner of the Woodanilling Shire and quickly escalated to a Level Two fire, spreading into the Katanning Shire. By Saturday, it was upgraded to Level Three and the fire was out of control and headed towards town.

There were over 300 volunteer firefighters on the fire ground throughout the week, including all of the surrounding districts to Katanning and Woodanilling, and many of our locals continued the clean up afterward, ensuring safety for all. These local hero's, together with the support from DFES, Water Bombers and many of our neighbours, saved our town.

Katanning continuously showcases that we are a cohesive community, whether it's supporting each other through the bad times or getting together and celebrating the good.

There is no better way to celebrate our town's diversity than at the annual Katanning Harmony Festival on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 March which will look a little different this year to align with COVID-19 restrictions but still set to be a memorable weekend of

colour, culture and delicious food. Make sure to keep an eye on the Katanning Harmony Festival Facebook page for updates leading up to the event.

On Saturday 27 March 2021, the West Australian Opera will be coming to Katanning to perform on the new stage at the Piesse Park Amphitheatre as part of Taste Great Southern.

Immerse yourself under the starry sky and sing along to showstopping arias in a concert of well-known operatic hits. This will be an event experience for the entire family to enjoy.

We have some wonderful events coming to town over the next few months and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Shire President, Liz Guidera



## SHIRE NOTICES

### Shire of Katanning Employment Opportunities

The Shire of Katanning invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced people for the following positions:

- Gardener/Mixed Duties
- Labourer/Mixed Duties

- Library Coordinator
- Customer Service/Administration Officer - Casual
- Administration and Programs Officer - Recreation

To request application packages or discuss these roles further please contact Moh Aeson on (08) 9821 9999 or for more information please head to the Shire of Katanning website [www.katanning.wa.gov.au](http://www.katanning.wa.gov.au) Applications close 4pm on Wednesday 24 February 2021.

### Extension of the Prohibited Burning Period

A reminder that the Prohibited Burning period has been extended for the area within the Katanning town site boundary by 14 days from midnight 14 February 2021 until midnight on 28 February 2021 inclusive. The rural farming area will commence the Restricted Burning Period from 15 February 2021 until 30 April 2021.

### Flag Bearers for Katanning Harmony Festival Wanted

The Katanning Harmony Festival team are wanting flag bearers for the procession at the 2021 Katanning Harmony Festival. Please contact James to register your interest at [gallery@katanning.wa.gov.au](mailto:gallery@katanning.wa.gov.au)

### Katanning Harmony Festival Volunteer Call Out

Volunteers are needed for the 2021 Katanning Harmony Festival for both Friday 12 March and Saturday 13 March

2021. To register your availability please email the team at [harmonyfestival@katanning.wa.gov.au](mailto:harmonyfestival@katanning.wa.gov.au) and head to the Katanning Harmony Festival Facebook Page to keep updated.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Saturday 20 February 2021**  
**Splash Test Dummies: Circus Workshop for Kids**  
Come and attend a basic circus skills workshop before

the show! For ages 6+, parents and guardians are welcome to watch.

From 11:00am at Katanning Town Hall. Tickets \$5 available online at: [www.trybooking.com/BOUQP](http://www.trybooking.com/BOUQP)

### Tuesday 23 February 2021 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



### AUSTRALIA DAY IN KATANNING

The Katanning community came together for a barbeque breakfast on Tuesday 26 January 2021. The formal proceedings were hosted by Shire President Liz Guidera. Photos from left to right: Two new Australian Citizens, Judith Tapao and Noor Sahak; Australia Day Awards with Gail Butterworth, Tania Edwards, Kenny Quartermaine, Shire President Liz Guidera, Georgia Kowald, Lesley Balinski, Jill Kowald and Rosalie Baxter (for the Katanning Agricultural Society); Guest Speaker was Australia Day Ambassador, Grace Mugabe.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 19 February 2021**  
Froza Friday - Katanning Rural Women's Network  
6:00pm, Katanning Club  
Tickets \$25.00

**Saturday 20 February 2021**  
Splash Test Dummies  
2:00pm - 3:00pm  
Katanning Town Hall  
Tickets \$16.00

**Saturday 20 February 2021**  
Katanning Farmers Markets  
8:00am - 12:00noon  
Shearing Shed, Katanning Leisure Centre Grounds

**8 February - 6 March 2021**  
Katanning Gallery Exhibition: Hammered. 16 Austral Terrace, Katanning

**Saturday 20 February 2021**  
Circus Workshop  
11:00am - 3:00pm  
Katanning Town Hall  
Tickets \$5.00

**Friday 12 March - Saturday 13 March 2021**  
Katanning Harmony Festival  
Save the date!  
More information at [www.facebook.com/KatanningHarmonyFestival](http://www.facebook.com/KatanningHarmonyFestival)

