

# Katanning Shire Matters

December 2022



## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

We are racing down to the end of the year and have certainly had plenty thrown at us this year, including more COVID-19 and some challenging weather. These things continue to impact normal operations for everyone, including families, businesses, farmers and the Shire. I would like to acknowledge all those in our community who continue to show resilience in coping with these challenges.

It has been another busy year with many of our community groups thriving. Thankyou for your help in supporting the way forward to a healthy and positive life for our community.

This year we have continued to work hard on projects and look forward to making substantial progress in advancing our community and continuing to improve our town. The most exciting project will be finally commencing the Early Childhood Hub Project, which embodies the strength and resilience of our community in that we, after all these years, still firmly believe that the future of children and families in our community is well worth investing in. As soon as we have the final plans we will get them up on display for you.

The continual wet weather means mozzies everywhere! Please read the information in this newsletter to protect yourself and your family. The Shire is fogging and will continue to do so to try and lessen the impact.

The end of the year is a time of reflection. This year we have continued to work hard on projects and advocated for improved services for all. On behalf of the Council and staff at the Shire of Katanning we

wish you and your family a joyful and safe holiday season and a happy, healthy and prosperous New year in 2023.

Warm wishes,  
Liz Guidera  
Shire President



## SHIRE NOTICES

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

Shire of Katanning Facilities (excluding the Refuse Site,) will be closing on Friday 23 December 2022 from 12 noon and reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

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 24hour phone number 9821 9999 in an emergency call triple 000.

The Katanning Refuse Site will be closed on 25 – 27 December 2022 and 1 – 3 January 2023.

### Retail Trading Hours for Katanning Christmas/New Year Public Holidays

Opening hours for general retail shops in the Shire of Katanning have been extended for the following public holidays over the Christmas/New Year Period:

- Monday 26 December 2022 - From 10.00am to 5.00pm
- Tuesday 27 December 2022 - From 10.00am to 5.00pm
- Monday 2 January 2023 - From 10.00am to 5.00pm
- Thursday 26 January 2023 - From 10.00am to 5.00pm

### Council Meeting Dates 2023

The Shire of Katanning will hold ordinary meetings for 2023 on the following dates:

Thursday 23 February 2023  
Thursday 23 March 2023  
Thursday 27 April 2023  
Thursday 25 May 2023  
Thursday 22 June 2023  
Thursday 27 July 2023  
Thursday 24 August 2023  
Thursday 28 September 2023  
Thursday 26 October 2023  
Thursday 23 November 2023  
Thursday 21 December 2023

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 [sophie.justins@katanning.wa.gov.au](mailto:sophie.justins@katanning.wa.gov.au)

### Mosquito Season is Upon Us

With the impending warmer weather, residents are warned about the likely increase in mosquito numbers throughout the Shire of Katanning. Many of the species of mosquitoes in Western Australia transmit disease-causing viruses or parasites.

Two of the most common mosquito-borne viruses in WA are Ross River Virus (RRV) and Barmah Forest Virus (BFV). The great Southern Region is yet to record a case of either disease, probably due to the cooler start to the season. "The potential for disease is very real as the weather warms and mosquitoes emerge, especially with ideal conditions with a lot of standing water around", said Shire CEO, Julian Murphy.

The Shire has recently joined a mosquito control group in cooperation with the Shire's of Broomehill Tambellup and Gnowangerup to better prepare local communities for the potential disease risks associated with mosquitoes. Some environmental health activities were already part of the Shire's preventative role, with the new program to include routine monitoring,

trapping and treatment on public lands, and rising awareness or the importance of preventing breeding.

The Shire is promoting the Department of Health "Fight the Bite" program which offers simple advice for Katanning residents and visitors to reduce breeding and prevent exposure to mosquito bites and potential diseases.

To prevent mosquitoes breeding the Shire is encouraging residents to:

- Get rid of containers which hold stagnant water, including gutters;
- Keep mosquito-eating fish, like goldfish in garden ponds and eliminate vegetation around the edges of the pond;
- Keep swimming pools well chlorinated, filtered and free of dead leaves;
- Fill or drain depressions in the ground that hold water;
- Ensure the vent pipes on plumbing lines are fitted with mosquito proof cowls. If you have septic tanks, seal all gaps in the lid and ensure leach drains are completely covered;
- Fit rainwater tanks with insect-proof mesh, including inlet, overflow and inspection ports;
- Empty pot plant drip trays once a week or fill them with sand; and
- Empty and clean animal and pet drinking water weekly.

If you are experiencing problems with mosquitoes, report the issue to the Shire for further investigation, however you are encouraged to use the information available to ensure there are no breeding sites on their property in the first instance. Head to the Fight the Bite website to learn more on how to protect yourself and your family:  
[www.fightthebite.com.au](http://www.fightthebite.com.au)

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At the November Ordinary Council Meeting for the Shire of Katanning, held on Wednesday 23 November 2022, the following item was approved:

### Disposal of Land Assets – Vested Reserves

Council endorsed the disposal of assets listed below, as they are all land Reserves Vested with the Shire:

- LB0047 – Lot 134 Clime Rd
- LB0071 – Lot 68 Van Zuilecom Rd
- LB0077 – Lots 962 465 466 588 & 459 Piesse Street
- LB0085 – Lot 995 Great Southern Highway

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Thursday 22 December 2022 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.

The agenda will be on the Shire of Katanning website prior.

### January 2023 School Holiday Activities

Stay up to date on the latest school holiday activities in Katanning by checking out our Events Calendar at [www.katanning.wa.gov.au/events/](http://www.katanning.wa.gov.au/events/) or by scanning the QR code.

This calendar will be regularly updated to keep checking as the weeks go by!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Ongoing - 21 January 2023**  
Exhibition: Dirt Again by Katanning Pottery Group  
Katanning Art Gallery  
Monday - Saturday  
(Closed from noon on 23 Dec 2022, reopen 3 Jan 2023.)

**Saturday 10 December**  
Carols in the Park  
4:00pm Family Fun Fair  
7:00pm Carols Service  
Piesse Park Amphitheatre  
More info contact: Tania Severin on 0448 211 511

**Thursday 15 December**  
Twilight Christmas Market  
5:00pm - 8:00pm, Free  
Town Square & Clive Street  
Santa, Food Vans & Live Music  
More info contact: Katanning Hub CRC on 0477 493 141

**Saturday 17 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/) or by scanning the QR code above with your smartphone camera.

