

Katanning Shire Matters

April 2024



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

March in Katanning has been a month of celebration, with a series of Harmony events showcasing our amazing diverse community. On 14 March I had the privilege of opening the "Our Home. Our Hearts. Our Stories" exhibition at the Art Gallery. A stunning exhibition featuring locals encapsulating stories of culture, diversity and the pathway that led them to Katanning. This stunning display also exhibits the lengthy process of developing the glass like boxes, and providing a space for participants to come together and share stories of their journeys. Congratulations to all those involved.

Alongside the exhibition, the Shire, together with the Central Great Southern, Connected Beginnings Partnership & Badgebup Aboriginal Corporation hosted a special International Women's day event, "Women in Conversation about Culture", where courageous women shared their stories of culture, faith, friendship and family. A heartfelt thank you to Lita, Leanne, Hafida, Maddi, and Larissa for initiating a conversation that our community both needed and will carry forward on our journey toward harmony.

The delightful autumn weather made the 15th anniversary of the Katanning Harmony Festival a joyful event for all with everything from fabulous food, to bursts of colour, dance and culture. I would like to thank all the volunteers, businesses, vendors, community groups and Shire staff for their contribution to delivering such a fabulous event. To ensure that our Harmony Festival continues to grow and correctly represent our community, we would love to hear your feedback and ideas to assist in the planning for next year. Please spare 5 minutes, scan the QR code to take the survey for our team, and you can go in the draw to win a **\$200 voucher!**



I would like to congratulate Kerry Palmer for being awarded the Sir Ronald Wilson Leadership Award at the Office of Multicultural Interest (OMI) Awards last month. A dedicated advocate to removing barriers, such as racism and discrimination, Kerry, was also nominated for her exceptional contribution to the Katanning CaLD and Aboriginal community. Congratulations and thank you to Kerry for such dedication to our community.

After the month of celebration, it is time to get on with business. April is the start of the Council Budget process, and for me this is the best time of year in Local Government. It is where we get to plan, prepare and resource

your Shire for the coming year. Our doors are always open for new ideas to improve, so please reach out to your elected members if you have any suggestions.

Finally, I wish all of our Farmers, Ag Suppliers and Agricultural support industries all the best for a successful seeding season... hopefully April can deliver us some much-needed rain!

Kind Regards
Kristy D'Aprile
~ Shire President

RAIL WORKS ROAD CLOSURES

7-8 May—Henry Street rail crossing—Full road closure
9-10 May—Arbour Street rail crossing—full road closure.
Traffic management will be in place from 6am-6pm daily until the work is complete. These works will be carried out by ARC Infrastructure.

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 24 April 2024 at 6pm

Public Hearing Tuesday 16 April 2024 3.30pm-5.30pm

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

FREE ACTIVITIES AND LUNCH FOR AGES 11 -17 YEARS

YOUTH GAMING 8 BALL & MOVIES

11 APRIL 2024
11AM-3PM

CORNER OF ANNIE STREET AND AMHERST STREET KATANNING

Shire of Katanning | Katanning Hub Community Resource Centre | Katanning & Districts

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 positions:

- Environmental Health Officer
- Rates Officer
- Plant Operator/Grader—All rounder
- Customer Service/Administration Officer (Parental leave cover)
- Heavy Diesel/Plant Mechanic

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

Photos from 2024 Katanning Harmony Festival

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