

Katanning Shire Matters

April 2020



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

The World Health Organisations declaration of Covid19 as a pandemic has changed our lives in many ways.

The Shire of Katanning as per the Government guidelines have closed most of our facilities, these will remain closed until further notice. Many businesses are unable to operate in their usual way, some have had to close, and many have changed the way they operate in line with guidelines to keep staff and customers safe.

Your Shire is working hard to ensure emergency management plans are in place, supporting businesses where we can, supporting community members, especially the vulnerable and continuing to provide as many services as possible.

Please remember that when a positive case is identified in Katanning (none at the time of writing) strict quarantine measures will be in place, also the department makes significant efforts to contact all those who may have been in contact with that person.

In this time of great uncertainty please look after one another and stay at home if you can, wash your hands regularly, adhere to social distancing guidelines, these are the best ways to keep yourselves and family members safe.

On behalf of the community I thank all our Health workers, Education providers, and those working in our Supermarkets and food stores, it has been a particularly challenging time for you, we appreciate your efforts on our behalf.

Take care.
Liz Guidera - Shire President



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At the March Ordinary Council Meeting for the Shire of Katanning, held on Tuesday 24 March, the following items were approved:

New Policy – Attendance at Events

Council adopted the Policy for Attendance at Events. The new policy addresses attendance at any events, including concerts, functions or sporting events, whether free of charge, part of a sponsorship agreement, or paid by the local government. The purpose of the policy is to provide transparency about the attendance at events of Council members, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and other employees.

Citizenship Ceremony Dress Code

Council established the following dress code for Citizenship Ceremonies in the Shire of Katanning. The Australian Citizenship Ceremony is a significant and meaningful occasion.

Ceremonies are held at a range of venues throughout the year. Attendees should dress appropriately for the occasion, venue and season in which the Ceremony is held. Smart casual or national/cultural dress is considered appropriate.

SHIRE NOTICES

Reminder of Restricted Burning Period

The Restricted Burning Period commenced 29 February 2020 for the Shire of Katanning and will be in place until the 30 April 2020.

All burning during this time, including burning of garden refuse requires a 'Permit to Burn' from your local Bushfire Control Officer by calling 9821 9999.

Support during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak

As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation continues to evolve, the Shire of Katanning would like to take this opportunity to remind the community to look after their mental wellbeing as well as their physical health.

The Shire is aware there may be vulnerable members of our community who are self-isolating and may not have the support of family and

neighbours. There is a help & support page for those concerned about accessing food, medications or just need someone to talk to during the crisis. This can be found on the Keep Katanning Connected Covid19 group on Facebook.

Please go to the Shire website for access to a downloadable PDF for contact details for local Health & Counselling Services, Food & Medicine Services, Relief Organisations and Emergency Services.

Shire Administration and Facility Closures

The Shire of Katanning will implement additional measures aimed at slowing the spread of COVID 19.

The following facilities have been closed to the public from 12 Noon Friday 27 March 2020:

- Shire of Katanning Administration and Civic Centre
- Katanning All Ages Playground and Skate Park
- Prosser Park Playground
- Katanning RV Overnight Rest Area
- All public toilets (except Lions Park Changing Places and the Katanning Town Square)

The following facilities will remain closed:

- Katanning Library & Gallery
- Katanning Leisure Centre
- Katanning Aquatic Centre

These facilities will be closed until further notice. The Shire will continue to take into consideration advice from Government and Health Authorities.

The Katanning Waste Site will remain open for normal operating hours.

While the public will not be able to attend the Shire Administration and Civic Centre, many transactions such as payment of rates and Shire accounts can be made by credit card, online, over the phone or by direct debit arrangements.

Shire staff will continue to provide services, but not with face to face contact and customers may experience delays as we transition to operate and provide service in a different way.

Department of Transport enquiries can be made by calling 13 11 56 with the ability to pay accounts online at www.transport.wa.gov.au

We urge the community to stay home as much as possible and avoid unnecessary public gatherings. We also ask that you do not use barbecues, play equipment and outdoor gym equipment in the town parks and recreation areas.

If you have any queries, please call the Shire on 9821 9999 during normal office hours or visit our website www.katanning.wa.gov.au.

For updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19) please visit the Healthy WA website: healthywa.wa.gov.au

Printable resources can also be found at www.health.gov.au

KATANNING HIGHLIGHTS



KA YOUTH: PHOTO COMPETITION

Ages 12 – 17 only. Submit your favourite photograph from school holidays 2020 to go in the draw to win a \$50 gift voucher to a local store of your choice. Enter as many photographs as you like to up chances of winning. Competition closes 27 April 2020. For more information go to: www.katanning.wa.gov.au/events/



KA YOUTH: STORY TELLING COMPETITION

Ages 12 – 17 only. Tell us a story in a creative way to go in the draw to win a \$50 gift voucher to a local store of your choice. Three story categories to choose from. Competition closes 15 May 2020. For more information go to: www.katanning.wa.gov.au/events/

IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday 10 April 2020**
Good Friday Public Holiday
- Monday 13 April 2020**
Easter Monday Public Holiday
- Saturday 25 April 2020**
ANZAC Day
- Monday 27 April 2020**
ANZAC Day Observed Public Holiday
- Tuesday 28 April 2020**
Katanning Public Ordinary Council Meeting
6:00pm, Council Chambers

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

Please don't forget to continue to support local businesses who are being impacted by the current climate. Find and follow the **Keep Katanning Connected Covid19** Facebook group, supported by the Katanning Hub CRC and Katanning Regional Business Association, where local businesses are posting alternate ways to shop.

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LIVE LOCAL, SHOP LOCAL, LOVE LOCAL
SUPPORT LOCAL

