

Katanning Shire Matters

May 2020



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Congratulations to every person in Katanning. We have successfully stayed virus free, due to everyone being conscious of their hygiene and social distancing and staying at home - well done and thank you. It's been a testing and lonely time for some, please reach out if you need help.

From Monday 18 May 2020, restrictions on travel will be lifted for our region and the Government will phase in more freedoms for business and community.

The Shire will be working on a clear path to open those facilities and services that have been recommended safe for opening. There are conditions that are associated with some aspects of the staged openings so please be patient with our staff, they will all be doing their best for the community within those guidelines. Please remember that the restrictions that are in place have been recommended to the government by Health professionals and are in place for the good of everyone in our State.

For the coming months we do need heed the Government's recommendations. Councillors met last week to discuss what might be needed in the coming months in assistance or support for our community, including organisations and business. If you have any input or

requests, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of your Councillors.

In closing, I acknowledge the passing of one of our great community contributors, Ainslie Evans. Ainslie is one of the longest serving Councillors at the Shire of Katanning. Her passion for history and community were at the heart of everything she did; Ainslie loved Katanning and worked tirelessly to bring our rich history to so many. She will be remembered always and sadly missed. Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

Liz Guidera - Shire President



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At the April Ordinary Council Meeting for the Shire of Katanning, held on Tuesday 28 April 2020 via eMeeting procedures, the following items were approved:

Great Southern Regional Trails Master Plan
Council endorsed the Great Southern Regional Trails Master Plan (RTMP) that

focuses on active leisure trails which involve an outdoor recreation element.

Appointment of Fire Control Officers

Council appointed the appointment of authorised Fire Control Officers in accordance with the Bush Fires Act 1954. The full list of names can be found in the Council Agendas on the Shire website.

SHIRE NOTICES

Katanning Refuse Update
The new waste and recycling Drop-Off Facility at the Shire of Katanning refuse site is now in effect. In accordance with the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007, all waste and recycled materials will need to be sorted into the following categories before being brought onto site.

- Household Waste
- Household Recycling
- White Goods
- Scrap Metal
- Wire
- Green Waste
- Builders Rubble
- Electronic Waste
- DrumMuster
- Batteries
- Waste Oil

Members of the public will no longer be permitted to go beyond the Drop - Off Facility and all household waste and household recycling will need to be disposed of into designated bins located on site. Ute and trailer loads of uncontained household waste will no longer be permitted on

site. Household waste needs to be contained and disposed of into designated bins.

Council Meetings to be Conducted by Electronic Means

The Government of Western Australia has declared a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in response to COVID-19 coronavirus and has imposed restrictions on public gatherings.

The Shire President has determined that Shire of Katanning Council meetings will be held by electronic means (eMeetings) whilst COVID-19 restrictions remain in place. Members of the public will not be able to attend meetings in-person during this time.

In accordance with regulation 14E(2) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, notice is hereby given that the Shire of Katanning Ordinary Council meetings for April, June and July 2020 will be conducted by electronic means (eMeetings).

Please see the Shire website for more information as restrictions ease.

COVID-19: Shire of Katanning Response

The Shire will continue to monitor developments with COVID-19 and follow the advice of government and health authorities whilst maintaining services to the community.

The Shire Administration and Civic Centre will be open to the public from Monday 11 May 2020, with the front foyer area continuing to be used as a waiting area.

To ensure appropriate social distancing, Customer Service Staff will use the internal access doors to control the numbers of visitors in the Reception Area.

Customers are encouraged to conduct transactions such as Transport Licensing, payment of rates and Shire accounts by credit card, online, over the phone or by direct debit arrangements where possible.

For full information on the latest Shire facility closures and reopenings, please go to the Coronavirus tab on the Shire website at www.katanning.wa.gov.au/covid-19.aspx

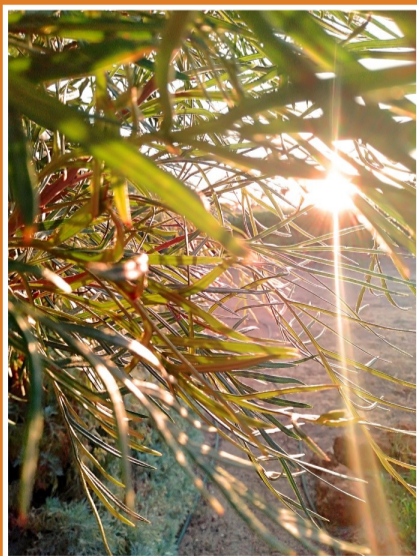
If you have any queries please call the Shire on 9821 9999 during normal office hours.

Check Your Smoke Alarms

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services are reminding the community to regularly check the smoke alarms in your homes. This can be done by holding down the test button until you hear a loud alert tone, then release.

Maintain your smoke alarms by checking the batteries; vacuum around the alarm with a soft brush attachment to remove any cobwebs or dust build up and replacing smoke alarms after 10 years.

KATANNING HIGHLIGHTS

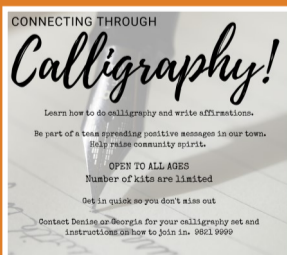


KATANNING YOUTH PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION
The winner of the Katanning Youth Photograph competition was Tannica Marris, aged 17. Congratulations on a fantastic shot!



FREE WEE LIBRARY

The Shire of Katanning are looking for creative people who are able to assist with putting together small wooden libraries. The Free Wee Libraries will be installed in various places around the Katanning area. Contact Tegan at the Library on 9821 4300 for more information or if you are able to help.



CONNECT THROUGH CALLIGRAPHY

Learn how to do calligraphy and write affirmations. Be part of a team spreading positive messages in our town!

Open to all ages. Number of brush lettering kits are limited. If you reside within the Shire of Katanning and would like to be involved, please contact Denise or Georgia on 9821 9999.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 26 May 2020
Ordinary Council Meeting
6.00pm, eMeeting

Monday 1 June 2020
WA Day Public Holiday

MAY RECYCLING CALENDAR

May						
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