

From the Shire President John Daw



COUNCIL'S role is to offer engaged and responsible leadership for the communities within the shire.

Currently we are having our budget deliberations and preparation where Council balances current and future needs and expectations and the following are some of the proposals which may be approved.

We are investing in the future by developing the Mundaring town centre initiative to create a more vibrant place for all to enjoy. Mundaring library will eventually be replaced with a purpose built building. The library is well loved and used and thus provision needs to be made in the budget for this improvement to occur. In fact, the recently opened Boya library has proved such a success that a new staff member is required to cater for the additional users.

Council must also maintain our road network and parks and other community infrastructure and facilities, such as the fantastic new state of the art Mundaring Arena.

Youth needs are also coming to the fore with increased calls for new and upgraded skate parks in a number of town sites. A new Recreation Plan will inform that process of determining priorities.

The community have told us that they want our district to be a place where the environment is well managed and safe to live in. In this regard Council is looking at a dedicated weed team to make our verges free from invasive weeds.

The Council is looking at joining a regional tourism package with other Hills Shires to encourage tourists which will support local businesses.

From Councillor David Lavell



IN my other life as a consulting engineer, I often hear statements like "I need to lodge these plans with Council", or "the Council came out to check on so and so". Well it's

probably easier to say Council than "the Shire" or "the local government authority", and the statements were probably accurate 60 plus years ago when local governments were first formed in WA and the respective Councils were involved to varying degrees in operational matters. Some of the older community would recall how country Shire Presidents were claimed to operate dozers and graders. Well that has all changed and apart from Shire officers not being able to stand for election in their own municipality, there is a distinct demarcation and separation of powers. However, I can still remember when we used to have Mundaring Shire Council on our trucks, and it took an effort to have signage changed to Shire of Mundaring. And, you still see references to Councils on City and Shire vehicles everywhere in Australia.

So why is reference to Council in operational matters inaccurate in this day and age. Well going back a step to the origins of Councils in Australia and they all originated under Acts of State and/or Territories Governments

many called the Local Government Act. Local governments or local authorities were charged with responsibility for "roads, rates and rubbish" planning and building, parks and gardens and the areas of responsibility have grown over the years as the State and Territory Governments have shifted control for many more services to Local Governments. Current Councils set policy and direction for the local government much like a Board of Directors in a private company, and one of the major duties of the Council is to appoint a Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The CEO appoints his or her own staff and is charged with the responsibility of administration in the local government, in simple terms that is ensuring that the Council decisions are carried out. The Council and member Councillors do not and cannot under the Act get involved in operational matters, this is the function of the CEO and administration staff. Following on, Council nor its Councillors can accept plans or carry out any other administrative function, that is the role of the officers of the administration. However and ultimately the Council is responsible for the way the administration performs and this is reviewed through the CEO's annual performance review.



And finally, Council is exploring a possible new light industrial area located in Sawyers Valley as the Mundaring industrial precinct reaches its capacity.

We strive to be an efficient and effective local government. Our goal is to keep rate rises as low as possible whilst minimising the impact on existing facilities and services.

Doing More Business with WA Local Government

ALISON Maggs from the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) will present to local businesses in Perth's Eastern Region on how they can become more competitive by writing a Local Government tender to win Local Government contracts. She will also be presenting on how to become a WALGA Preferred Supplier and what that means.

Topics include:

- Local Government Tendering
- Criteria and Process
- Pricing
- Key Tips on Preparing Responses
- Quotations
- eQuotes
- Becoming a Preferred Supplier

DATE: Wednesday 9 May, 2018

TIME: 5.30pm - 7.30pm

VENUE: EMRC Administration Office, 226 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont.

This is a free opportunity for businesses in the region.

Registrations are essential. Register by emailing your name, business, contact details and any dietary requirements (as light refreshments will be served) to Aimee Kontor via regionaldevelopment@emrc.org.au or by contacting (08) 9424 2226.

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 8 May, 6.30pm

On the agenda this month:

- Review of Community Funding Program
- Proposed NBN Telecommunications Installation – 2000 (Lot 2507) Sertorio Road, Chidlow
- Review of Shire's Youth Service Delivery

The meeting will be held at Shire Administration, 7000 Great Eastern Hwy, Mundaring. Vist the Shire website, Shire Administration or Shire libraries to view the agenda.



ANZAC DAY: Hon Ken Wyatt, Shire President John Daw, Sid Bignell, Eric Smith & Cr Kate Driver attend Chidlow ANZAC service.



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