

From Shire President John Daw



A KEY opportunity for community members to express their ideas about the future of the Shire has arrived and I would encourage everyone to participate.

The Strategic Community Plan (SCP) is comprehensively reviewed and rebuilt every four years. This review process commences in May 2019.

The SCP allows residents, ratepayers, businesses and organisations to guide Council's decision making. When an issue comes to Council, the report and debate reference the vision, values, objectives and strategies set out in the SCP.

Community and general public input occurs in various ways over a period of several months. Some residents will be invited, through a random sample from a statistically valid, stratified selection of households, to participate in workshops held at various locations and times. Open workshops will also be available to any interested resident/ratepayer. Targeted consultation will canvass special interest groups and stakeholders such as young people. There will be opportunities for online participation open to everyone.

The draft SCP will be circulated for public comment in October with the final SCP adopted by Council in the first quarter of 2020.

The SCP prioritises the community's long term vision, and priorities for the next ten years. This provides guidance for Council decisions about budgeting including major and minor capital works, roads, footpaths, drainage, sporting facilities and bushfire access improvements. It guides Shire-delivered services like grants to community groups, library programs, waste and environmental management. It guides Council and Shire expenditure and timeframes for significant projects like the Mundaring Town Centre Revitalisation.

Importantly, the SCP ascribes responsibility for implementing strategies and achieving the objectives to a range of contributors, including residents and local community groups and service providers, the Shire and other Local, State and Federal government agencies, local business operators and schools. It is a strategic 'community' plan, not a 'Shire' plan.

The current SCP "Mundaring 2026 – a sense of space, a sense of place", is available on the Shire website and at libraries. The SCP provides community input into Council's 'Corporate Business Plan' which is a medium



term (4 year) service and development plan which, in turn, feeds into Council's 10- year long term financial plan, workforce plan, asset management plans and annual budget to ensure all priorities and services are resourced and integrated. A range of input including a biennial community perceptions survey are also considered.

An independent facilitator has been appointed to assist with building the new Strategic Community Plan.

When the opportunity to participate arrives I really encourage you to please step forward and share your ideas and priorities.

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 14 May 6.30pm

On the agenda this month:

- Shire of Mundaring Recreation Plan
- Leasing of the childcare facilities at 3 Craigie Place, Mundaring
- Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2019-2023

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



Information Session

THE Shire, together with Volunteering WA, will hold a free information session



"Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers - With a Twist!" at 6pm on Tuesday 21 May 2019. The event will be held at the Shire Admin Building. RSVP to 9290 6678 or ccbo@mundaring.wa.gov.au

From Councillor David Lavell



Cr Lavell is Council's representative in the Perth Airport Municipalities Group. He is also Deputy Chairman.

WHILE the topic of aircraft noise is often controversial, particularly when flight paths impact residential areas, there's no denying that aviation plays an important role as service providers, employment and economic generators.

Last week, while attending the Australian Mayoral Aviation Council's (A.M.A.C) annual conference, I was able to learn more about what's happening in the aviation industry. Importantly, it also provided me with a better understanding of the likely impact on communities.

Aviation issues are complex and I can understand why some members of the community are concerned these complexities are only going to increase.

In fact, the conference addressed the pressures the airline industry faces to prepare for the projected exponential growth in passenger and air freight services over the coming years.

Airports throughout Australia are investing billions of dollars to establish infrastructure required to meet the forecast demand. Similarly, airlines are in the process of increasing the number of aircraft in their fleet.

A.M.A.C aims to ensure all reasonable measures are taken by the relevant authorities to minimise the impact of aircraft operations (such as noise) on local communities.

Though noise abatement is a desired outcome, A.M.A.C is not against aviation. In fact, it openly recognises and acknowledges the many benefits the industry provides to Australians.

However the main priority for the aviation council is to represent residents currently - or potentially - impacted by aircraft operations. Our objective is to ensure the rights of our community are considered, respected and protected.

As the aviation industry implements changes, such news can evoke concern within local communities, as we have recently seen locally caused to the major flight corridor crossing directly over West Ward.

Residents have a right to know how changes within the aviation industry, including flightpaths and increased flights, are likely to affect their lifestyle.

The A.M.A.C Conference has been a fantastic opportunity to obtain a broader understanding of aviation-related issues in local communities so we, as Shire of Mundaring councillors, can better represent the interests of our residents and ratepayers.

