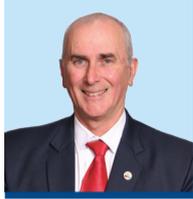


COMMUNITY UPDATE



MESSAGE FROM SHIRE PRESIDENT
Cr John Daw

This week Australia acknowledges the many contributions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make to the cultural fabric of their communities and the nation.

NAIDOC Week is celebrated each July, with 2021 focussing on the theme 'Heal Country'. Sadly, a partnership event between Middle Swan Primary School and the Shire's Child and Parent Centre Middle Swan Hub was postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

I look forward to playing a role in these celebrations during term three when I join local Noongar Elders Di Ryder and Fiona Headley in planting a native hibiscus which is the Sorry Day plant. The plants will be located where children and families gather and when they bloom, will be a reminder of reconciliation.

I would like to share with you the story about the native hibiscus.

The native hibiscus is an attractive species which was approved by the National Stolen Generations Alliance as the official symbol for Sorry Day. The native hibiscus was adopted because it is found widely across Australia and it is a survivor. The mauve colour of the flower represents spiritual healing and compassion, and the hibiscus shows respect and support for the Stolen Generation.

It is important that our shire actively participates in events such as NAIDOC Week, Reconciliation Action Week and National Sorry Day. While we cannot change history, we can learn from the past through the sharing of stories, experiences and culture.

Aboriginal cultural practices associated with caring for Country and sustaining the natural environment are something we can all embrace. We can work together to 'Heal Country'.

In other news, local government elections will be held in October with nominations opening on 2 September.

Shire residents, ratepayers and business operators are eligible to nominate themselves for one of six vacancies. If you are considering taking this opportunity to contribute to the future development of our community, I encourage you to attend all forthcoming Council meetings and keep an eye on the Shire website for information about how to nominate.



NEWS

Community comes together to pay it forward

When the Child and Parent Middle Swan Hub and Middle Swan Primary School's NAIDOC event was cancelled last week, community members teamed up with MIDLAS to deliver 195 hampers to local families.

Fifty seven hampers were donated by Bunnings Midland, Bayswater and Joondalup full of fresh vegetables to make soup as well as bread, cereals, milk, pasta and other dry goods.

Another 20 hampers and 50 ready-made cooked meals donated by the Sikh temple were also delivered.

Special thanks to Bunnings, Dreambuilders Church, Foodbank, Oz Harvest, Sikh and MIDLAS.

WHAT'S ON

1 Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 13 July | 6.30pm | Shire Administration Building

Visit the Shire website, Shire Administration Building or our libraries to view the agenda. This meeting will be livestreamed via a link on the Shire website. Public questions and deputations must be submitted in person to Council on the day of the meeting. A limit of 48 people are allowed in the Civic Area next to the Council Chamber.

2 Special Council Meeting

Tuesday 20 July | 6.30pm | Shire Administration Building

Consider the draft 'Property Strategy and Land Assembly Plan' for the proposed Mundaring Multi-purpose Community Facility.

3 Food for Thought Artist Talk

Saturday 24 July | Mundaring Arts Centre

Art lovers can join the conversation about the Food for Thought program at an Artist Talk, and view a multi-artform exhibit showcasing outcomes from the project, master artists and the local community.

To book a seat for the Artist Talk visit the Mundaring Arts Centre website.

Quiz-mas in July!
Woorloo Hall
Saturday, 24 July
6pm to 9pm



4 Quiz-mas in July

Saturday 24 July | 6pm to 9pm | Woorloo Hall | Bushfire Recovery Event

The FREE 'Quiz-mas in July' quiz night promises to be a holly-jolly night out with Christmas themed trivia, festive fun and games and even a Secret Santa.

Come along as an individual, couple or get a group together and reserve a table. Registrations via Eventbrite are essential.

BYO savoury refreshments and cold drinks. Coffee and sweet treats will be provided.