

COMMUNITY UPDATE



FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

Despite the wet, wild weather welcoming us into August, our mood remains optimistic. Council has adopted a budget which we believe to be prudent in light of the current economic outlook. The budget which incorporates an increase of 3.5 percent meets service deliverables and considers community requests. Council has worked diligently to ensure any rate increase was kept as low as possible despite very high inflation levels.

Council has also adopted the Shire's 10 year Financial Plan and four year Corporate Business Plan.

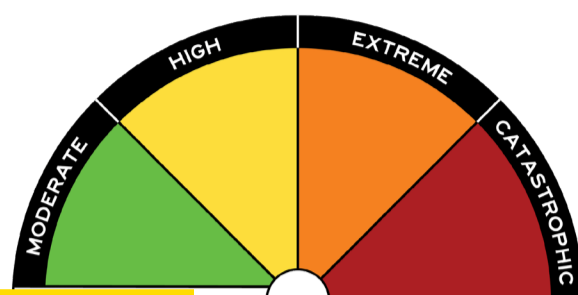
We are pleased to announce the launch of 'My Mundaring Online'. From accessing your Community Recycling Centre passes electronically, confirming your bin days, to registering your pets and much more, we hope this portal is a convenient way for you to access our services. Visit www.my.mundaring.wa.gov.au to register.

We look forward to recognising the outstanding contribution of community members through our 'Celebrating Community & Citizenship Awards' which open on 15 August this year. I encourage you to nominate a valuable community volunteer.

Another way of celebrating community is through our annual Photographic Competition 'Snapped'. If you have unpublished photographs dated pre 2000 and relevant to the shire, we would love to see them. Prizes and entry details can be found on our website.

And lastly, a friendly reminder to please remove the lids from 10c containers being returned to our Community Recycling Centers. Please do still hand these in as the tops can be recycled, just in a different way.

Cr James Martin
Shire President



MODERATE

Plan and prepare

HIGH

Be ready to act

EXTREME

Take action now to protect life and property

CATASTROPHIC

For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

NEWS

A new Fire Danger Rating System will be implemented across Australia on 1 September.

The change will see the current ratings decrease from six to four, with new names and action-oriented messages to encourage residents to take action to protect themselves and others in the face of bushfire risks. The new ratings are pictured above.

Total Fire Bans will also be in place without the need for any formal declaration on days the rating is extreme and above. Public access to Lake Leschenaultia is also assessed on a regular basis during the summer to align with Fire Danger Ratings. On days when the rating is extreme, the lake will be closed to the public but remain open to campers. If the rating goes to catastrophic it will be closed to the public and campers.

The shire will also now fall under a new fire weather district known as Swan Inland North. The new weather district starts from the Kalamunda/Mundaring border and extends north finishing between Regans Ford and Red Gully.

To find out more visit the National Council for Fire and Emergency Services website.

WHAT'S ON



1 Ordinary Council Meeting

The July Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 9 August** at 6.30pm at the Shire Administration Building.

Visit the Shire website, Administration Building or our libraries to view the agenda. The meeting will be livestreamed via the Shire website.

2 Soup Morning

Join us after Coffee Morning at the Hub of the Hills, 8 Craig Street, Mundaring on **Tuesday 9 August** for a choice of soups and bread roll.

Coffee will be served until 11am, followed by soup at 11.30am to 12 noon. \$2 donation required. Call 9290 6683 to RSVP.

3 The Catalpa Escape

Mike and Joy Lefroy, authors of The Catalpa Escape, will reveal how a dramatic international tale of intrigue unfolded when six Irish prisoners were snatched from Fremantle Prison in 1876. **Monday 15 August** at 10.30am at Boya Community Centre. Bookings essential via Eventbrite.



4 Starting your own veggie garden

Join a free talk with the Shire and Gaia Permaculture on **Sunday 21 August** from 9am to 11.30am, at the Shire's Civic Area, 7000 Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring.

Learn about basic organic gardening in small spaces, composting, regrowing vegetables from scraps, wicking beds, preservation and organic pest control. Register via Eventbrite.

5 Inclusive Events

A free webinar for community groups and clubs on **Wednesday 7 September** at 6.30pm. Learn the value of creating socially inclusive events in your communities that give people the opportunity to share with another while learning more about the community around them. Register via Eventbrite.