

COMMUNITY UPDATE



FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

This month we transition into Birak (first summer), and have now moved into the Prohibited Burning period. All burning activity, including burning garden refuse is now prohibited until April 2023.

As the temperatures rise, and we wind down for the festive break, I remind residents of the new Fire Danger Rating system and to check the ratings before visiting Lake Leschenaultia.

To ensure public safety, entry to the lake is assessed on a regular basis during the summer to align with the ratings. On days when the rating is extreme, the lake will be closed to the public but remain open to campers. If the rating is catastrophic, the lake will be closed to the public and campers.

Total Fire Bans will also be in place without the need for any formal declaration on days the rating is extreme and above. To check ratings visit emergency.wa.gov.au.

Bilgoman Aquatic Centre recently received a score of 100 per cent in the RSLSSWA Safety Assessment. It is unprecedented to receive this top score on the first go and is testament to the daily operations, management and maintenance of the facility by Shire staff.

With the Mt Helena Aquatic Centre also open for the season, these facilities offer somewhere to cool off this summer.

Leading up to Christmas, it's markets galore in the shire. The Rotary Mundaring Twilight Markets will be held this Saturday 10 December from 5pm to 9pm at Sculpture Park.

The Chidlow Progress Association will also hold their Handmade Market Day at Chidlow Hall on Saturday 17 December from 4pm to 8pm. The Shire has supported the Association with a Quick Grant for kitchen equipment.

For other markets in the shire, visit the Perth Hills Mundaring Visitor Centre website.

I wish all of our residents a happy, safe and relaxing festive season and look forward to continuing to support the community in 2023.

Cr James Martin
Shire President






NEWS

New Heatwave Emergency Warnings

Last month, WA Health announced that a new nationally consistent bushfire-style emergency warning will be issued for heatwaves.

Based on the Australian Warning System, the new system has three phases:

-  **Advice:** Prepare now for a heatwave that will affect your area in the coming days. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.
-  **Watch and act:** Conditions are changing. You need to start taking action and prepare for very hot conditions.
-  **Emergency:** You need to act immediately. Drink water, stay indoors and in air-conditioned places.

For more information on how to prepare for heatwaves visit healthywa.gov.au

For the latest heatwave advice visit emergency.wa.gov.au

WHAT'S ON



1 Ordinary Council Meeting

The December Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 13 December** 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's website.

2 Shire Administration and Library closure hours

Admin: closed from 12pm on **Friday 9 December**, reopening at 9am on **Monday 12 December**. Also closed from 4.30pm on **Friday 23 December** until 9am on **Tuesday 3 January 2023**.

Libraries: closed from 12pm on **Friday 9 December**, reopening at 9am on **Saturday 10 December**.

Also closed from 5.30pm **Friday 23 December** until 9am on **Tuesday 3 January 2023**.

For more opening times over the festive season, please visit the Shire's website.

3 Twilight Tunes

Save the date! Twilight Tunes will rock Mundaring Arena on **Saturday 28 January 2023** from 4.30pm to 8pm. Keep an eye on the Shire's Facebook and website for more details.



4 InspireArts Community & Cultural Fund

Community groups and individuals with an initiative that supports arts, culture and heritage activities delivered in the shire are invited to apply for an InspireArts Community and Cultural Fund grant. Visit the Community Grants page on the Shire's website to apply by **Saturday 1 April 2023**.

