

SHIRE OF MUNDARING COMMUNITY UPDATE



FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

With the New Year comes the call for community groups and members to apply for Shire grants.

The Community Grants program has reopened for 2022/2023. Community and sporting groups with a great idea for events/activities to fill the 2023 calendar are invited to apply for a Community Event (up to \$5000), Matching (up to \$2000) or a Milestone Grant (up to \$2500) by Tuesday 7 March.

The Youth Engagement Partnership Fund is also open until 30 April. Community groups can apply for up to \$25,000 to fund community driven initiatives that actively engage young people. Visit the Shire's website for more details.

Community groups, schools and rural landowners can also register their interest in the Seedlings for Landcare program from tomorrow (Friday 10 February). A total of 24,000 seedlings will be available to revegetate creeklines, provide habitat for wildlife and increase tree canopy in rural areas. Applications close Friday 24 March.

As students head back to school, young people aged 12 to 18 who have an interest in being a voice for local young people are invited to join the Shire's Youth Advisory Group. Contact the Community Engagement Facilitator - Youth on 9290 6790 for more information.

In other news, Council considered feedback received from consultation on the Ward and Representation Review discussion paper at its Ordinary Council Meeting last month.

The Shire will recommend to the Local Government Advisory Board that it will maintain its current four wards, with two Council members allocated per ward, and decrease the number of council members from 12 to nine, including a directly elected Shire President. This option presents the best outcome for the Shire, as the change would affect a minimal number of electors and retain the existing ward structure.

Cr James Martin
Shire President

Go Green with E-Rates

Did you know that you can receive your rates electronically? Visit the Shire website to sign up to receive future rates notices by email.



NEWS

Lake Leschenaultia closure update

Good news for visitors to the Shire's jewel in the crown - Lake Leschenaultia. A number of residents have contacted the Shire this summer regarding the more frequent closure of the lake on extreme fire danger rating days.

A change in the nation wide fire danger rating system in September 2022, meant that high fire risk areas such as Lake Leschenaultia were closed more frequently. This has resulted in frustration for the community and Shire alike.

The Shire has noticed that the current risk categories for nearby state parks is allowing those parks to stay open more frequently.

We are pleased to say that we have commenced an independent risk review on triggers for closure of the lake to visitors. But this may take a few months to complete. Until our independent review is complete, we will adopt the higher risk tolerance of our nearby State parks.

WHAT'S ON



1 Ordinary Council Meeting

The February Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14 February** 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 Great Cocky Count Info Session

Join us for an information session on **Saturday 18 February** at 9.30am to 11am in the Civic Reception Room, Shire of Mundaring.

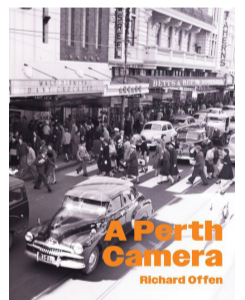
The Great Cocky Count is a long-term citizen science survey and the biggest single survey for black cockatoos in WA.

At sunset on Sunday 2 April, participants will count black cockatoos as they come into their evening roost.

The information session is for interested residents who want to participate in the April count. Register via Eventbrite.

3 A Perth Camera with Richard Offen

Join Richard Offen on **Monday 27 February** at Boya Community Centre from 10.30am to 11.45am for a talk about



his latest book, A Perth Camera. The book is a treasure trove of rediscovered images of Perth from the 1950s to 1990s by the late Ernie Polis, a long-time Perth surveyor. Book via Eventbrite.

4 WA Seniors Card Session

Potential and current WA Seniors Card Members are invited to come along to this session on **Tuesday 14 March**, 10am at the Shire's Hub of the Hills, 8 Craig Street, Mundaring. Learn about becoming a member, available rebates, concessions and discounts, as well as how to get a replacement card. RSVP not required. Bring photo ID.

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