

Shire President's Message

Hi everyone,

There is so much happening in the Shire of Mundaring over the coming months!

Mundaring Hills Open Studios is back from Saturday 19 to Sunday 27 October. This year's event is bigger and better than ever, showcasing the talent of 75 artists across 37 studios, from Swan View to Chidlow. As you explore the art trail, enjoy the delicious offerings of our local eateries.

Join us in celebrating creativity and community at the Darlington Arts Festival on Saturday 2 November and Sunday 3 November. This free event promises to captivate all ages with attractions, including art exhibitions, sculptures on the scarp, live performances, market stalls and more! The Shire is proud to sponsor both the Mundaring Hills Open Studios and the Darlington Arts Festival, so gather your friends and family to enjoy and support these outstanding community driven events.

The weather is warming up and the Restricted Burning period is effective until 30 November. This status may change based on weather conditions, so I urge you to stay up to date by subscribing via bit.ly/SMSinfotool to the free Bushfire Safety Information SMS notification service.

Let's all support our Volunteer Bushfire Brigades this season by preparing our properties and ensuring clear access for fire trucks. I encourage you to review your Bushfire Plan with your family and neighbours. For more information and advice, visit our fire safety page on the website: mundaring.wa.gov.au/fire-safety or call us on (08) 9290 6666.

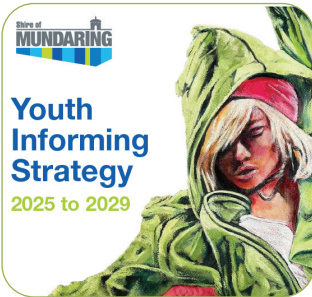
I'm thrilled to announce that nominations for the Australia Day Citizenship Awards are now open! These awards are a fantastic way to honour individuals and groups who selflessly contribute their time and expertise, making a genuine difference in the Shire of Mundaring. These awards enable all of us to acknowledge and celebrate the vibrant spirit of our community! Nominations are open until Wednesday 27 November via mundaring.wa.gov.au/citizenship-awards

Paige McNeil
Shire President



Youth Strategy Adopted

Council has adopted the Youth Informing Strategy 2025-2029, aimed at supporting and empowering young people. Developed through extensive community consultation, the Strategy outlines priorities in four areas: engagement and communication, places and activities, health and wellbeing, and connection and belonging. The Strategy aims to foster opportunities for young people to connect, grow, and contribute to a sustainable community. View the full Strategy via mundaring.wa.gov.au/community/youth/youth-information-strategy.aspx



Aquatic Centres opening soon

The Bilgoman Aquatic Centre is set to reopen following a series of significant upgrades which commenced in April 2024.

The Centre will open its doors to the public at 7am on Saturday 2 November 2024. Prior to opening to the public, the facility will have limited access for school swimming programs from Monday 21 October 2024.

The Mt Helena Aquatic Centre will reopen for the summer season on Friday 13 December 2024.

Visit www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/leisure-recreation for further information about opening times for both facilities.



What's On

1 November Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 12 November



The meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 November at 6.30pm at the Shire Administration Centre.

The agenda is available on the website, Administration Centre or at our libraries. Meetings will be live streamed via the Shire's website mundaring.wa.gov.au/council-livestreams-and-recordings.

2 Children's Week in the Park Friday 25 October



9.30am to 11.30am
Sculpture Park Playground

Bring a picnic and join Playgroup WA and our Family and Children's Services team for a fun morning of free activities and a chat with our team.

3 Botanical Watercolour Art Class with Jan Pittman Friday 1 November



10am to 1pm (cost \$20)
Boya Community Centre

In this class Jan will teach how to paint watercolours in the botanical style. Bookings essential via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

4 Hiking in Japan with Amanda Kendle Monday 4 November



6pm to 7.15pm
Mundaring Library

Amanda Kendle, who has lived in Japan and returns frequently, will speak about her experience walking on the Basho Trail in northern Japan, including highlights like bathing in hot springs, tasting regional specialties, exploring museums and temples and meeting wonderful local people. Register via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

5 Seniors Community Connection Friday 15 November



10am to 12.30pm (FREE)
The Hub of the Hills

Celebrate Seniors Week at this one stop showcase of FREE activities for people aged 55+.

Seniors Community Connection will provide opportunities for you to discover local services as well as participate in activities.

No need to register, we will see you on the day. Locally sourced light refreshments will be provided.