



## Shire President's Message

Hi everyone,

I'm thrilled to share some exciting news with you all.

Shire of Mundaring has been awarded a \$15 million grant from the Federal Government to build our much anticipated Mundaring Cultural Hub.

This significant investment will not only enhance our town centre but also provide vibrant spaces for community events, arts, and cultural activities. This is a monumental step forward in our journey to revitalise Mundaring's town centre, and I couldn't be more excited about the positive impact this will have on our community and economic growth. As we look ahead to the upcoming State and Federal elections in 2025, our advocacy efforts continue. We are seeking financial support to:

- Implement a telecommunications power system to ensure continuous communications during emergencies
- Upgrade our sports facilities with modern change rooms
- Develop the Helena Valley Parkland Masterplan
- Upgrade the Scott Street and Great Eastern Highway intersection
- Partner to deliver the Brown Park Masterplan upgrades
- Enhance our Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Stations to ensure they are fit for purpose.

With the bushfire season upon us, I urge everyone to be bushfire ready. Ensure your properties are prepared and that you have a plan in place. Visit DFES [mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/](https://mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/) to learn more. Stay informed about burning periods, fire danger ratings, total fire bans and more by signing here [bit.ly/SMSinfotool](https://bit.ly/SMSinfotool) for the Shire's Free SMS alerts.

During the holiday period, I encourage you to make the most of our free 'Summer of Entertainment' community events or explore our Shire's beautiful landscapes, walking trails and attractions. Support local and enjoy our cafes and hospitality venues!

On behalf of the Council, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I'm looking forward to a prosperous and exciting 2025 for all of us in the Shire of Mundaring!

Paige McNeil  
Shire President



## Lake Leschenaultia access



Visitors to the lake can now enjoy the popular destination more often during fire season, thanks to updated closure protocols and extensive bushfire mitigation efforts.

Following a review prompted by the Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS), new measures balance safety with increased access.

Shire President Paige McNeil praised the collaborative effort, saying, "These changes reflect a commitment to both safety and community enjoyment. I thank everyone involved in making the lake a safe and welcoming space."

Hazard reduction burns, firebreak upgrades, and ongoing maintenance have significantly lowered fire risks. Visitors are reminded to stay alert and follow emergency procedures.

For more information, visit our website page <https://bit.ly/MDGLakeAccess> or contact our Community Safety and Emergency Management Team on (08) 9290 6666.

## Town Centre Revitalisation



### \$15million boost for Project

Thanks to a successful grant application and a strong advocacy focus on this vital project, the Shire has secured \$15 million from the Federal Government's Thriving Suburbs Grant Program to deliver the Mundaring Town Centre Revitalisation Project.

The funding will establish a Cultural Hub featuring an art gallery, library, visitor centre, museum, wellness clinic, and community spaces, enhancing connections to local attractions like Sculpture Park and walking trails.

Speaking of this landmark moment for the Shire, President Paige McNeil said "This funding brings us closer to realising our vision of a vibrant, sustainable future for Mundaring."

Construction is set to begin in 2026, with the project expected to boost housing diversity, create over 140 jobs, and stimulate economic growth. Find out more about the project by visiting <https://engage.mundaring.wa.gov.au/mundaring-town-centre-revitalisation>

## What's On

### 1 January Ordinary Council Meeting

**Tuesday 28 January**

The meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 January 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](https://mundaring.wa.gov.au/council-livestreams-and-recordings).



#### Movie in the Park

Friday 17 January  
Brown Park, Swan View

Visit our website for further information [mundaring.wa.gov.au/leisure-recreation/summer-of-entertainment-2025.aspx](https://mundaring.wa.gov.au/leisure-recreation/summer-of-entertainment-2025.aspx)

#### 2 Summer of Entertainment 2025

Get ready for an unforgettable summer! Our popular Summer of Entertainment is back in 2025, packed with FREE events for the whole family. Whether you're a movie lover, outdoor enthusiast or music fan, there's something for everyone. Mark your calendars for these exciting events:

#### LakeFest

Friday 31 January  
Lake Leschenaultia

#### Twilight Tunes

Saturday 22 February  
Sculpture Park