# Shire of Mundaring no. **ON THE TRAIL**

## Shire President's Message

#### Hi everyone,

Key matters that shape our community are discussed and decided at our regular Council meetings, held every second Tuesday of the month. And you're



welcome to attend! Here are some highlights from May's meeting.

We are lighting up Brown Park Sports Oval in Swan View! Council awarded the tender to upgrade the lighting to enable more training and sporting opportunities in the evenings.

Thanks to the combined efforts of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Cricket Australia and the Swan View Cricket Club, we're looking forward to even greater local participation in sport and recreation at the Shire's only District-level ground!

Our community is stronger when we can have a say in shaping its future. That's why Council has backed efforts to give residents a greater Community voice in planning decisions by supporting the WA Local Government Association's (WALGA) position to improve the Development Application Panel (DAP) assessments.

Council supported:

- Expanding the panel to six members, ensuring equal representation of Council members and independent planning experts.
- Raising the minimum project value for DAP reviews from \$2 million to \$5 million, allowing smaller developments to be determined locally – by Council.
- Holding DAP meetings at Local Government premises (for us - the Shire Administration building), making it easier for you to attend and have your say.

Exciting news - our Railway Reserves Heritage Trail has won the People's Choice Top Trail by Trails WA! Spanning 59km through the Shire of Mundaring the walking and cycling trail follows the historic Eastern Railway, winding past our charming villages and offering scenic views through the heart of the Perth Hills.

And remember - with the late start to Autumn rains, stay informed of the daily burning restrictions by signing up for SMS alerts at mundaring.wa.gov.au/SMSmessage

Paige McNeil Shire President

Council has endorsed the first stage of the Mundaring Cultural Precinct Improvement Plan, paving the way for a revitalised amphitheatre and events space in Mundaring Community Sculpture Park.

Stage 1 will replace the existing structure with a more welcoming, flexible and accessible venue for community gatherings, performances and events – all set in the heart of our town centre.

### A New Stage is Set for Mundaring

Shire President Paige McNeil said the new space will be a key destination for connection and celebration, reflecting the beauty and heritage of the park while adding modern infrastructure to support future events.

Community input has shaped the concepts. Detailed design for Stage 1a will now begin, with further community engagement to support delivery and minimise impacts during construction.

Stage 1a will be delivered with \$1.4 million allocated over two years from the Civic Facilities Reserve.Learn more and stay updated at engage.mundaring.wa.gov.au/ mundaring-town-centre-revitalisation



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