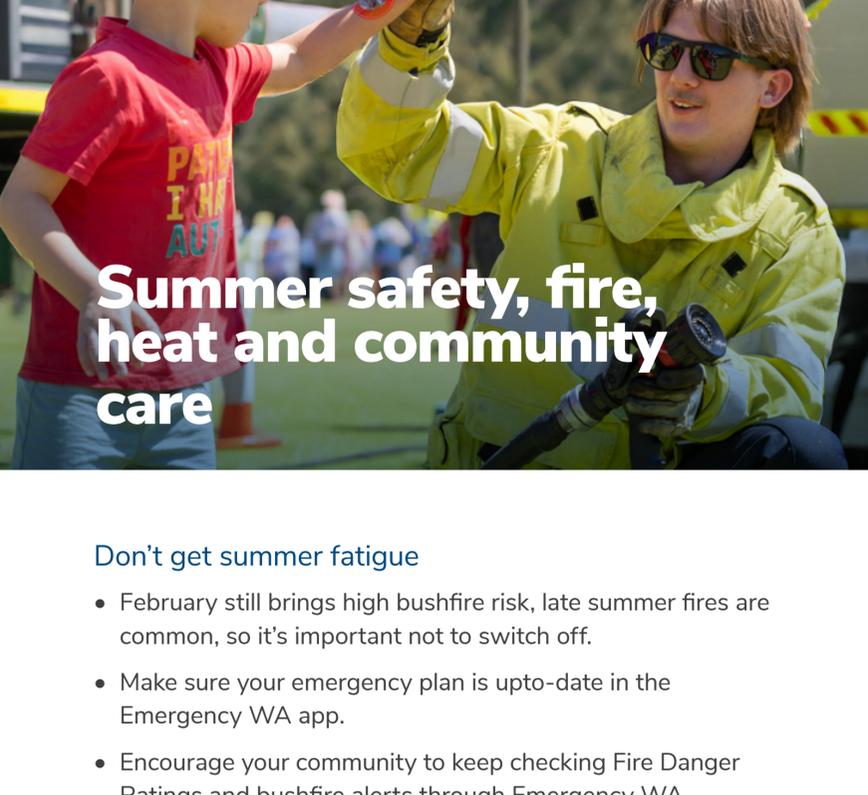


# On the trail

What's happening in the Shire **January 2025**



## Summer safety, fire, heat and community care

### Don't get summer fatigue

- February still brings high bushfire risk, late summer fires are common, so it's important not to switch off.
- Make sure your emergency plan is upto-date in the Emergency WA app.
- Encourage your community to keep checking Fire Danger Ratings and bushfire alerts through Emergency WA.

### Stay connected

- Share local safety messages and look out for those who may need extra support.
- Reach out to older adults, isolated neighbours and anyone who might need help during a bushfire or heatwave.
- DFES have just launched a new People at Higher Risk page to support people who may face extra challenges during emergencies including older adults and people with disabilities.

And, for local tips and resources, visit the Engage Mundaring page or call 9290 6696 for a free personalised property inspection.

[View Local Tips](#)



## From the Shire President

### Paige McNeil

As we welcome the new year, I hope you enjoyed special time with family and friends and have stepped into 2026 feeling refreshed. The Shire is gearing up for a significant year, delivering more community projects, local events and initiatives to support a sustainable, thriving community.

Summer in the Perth Hills brings its own challenges, with bushfire risk never far from our minds. Our volunteer bushfire brigades have already had a demanding start to the season, and their dedication to protecting our community is truly appreciated. I encourage everyone to review and practise their Bushfire Plan and stay informed by signing up for our SMS alerts and downloading the Emergency WA app.

On Australia Day we welcomed 30 new Australians and honoured outstanding volunteers at our Citizenship and Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to all the award nominees and a special thanks to our winners William Pether, Joan Quinn, Marjorie Moyle and Jane Brook Catchment Group for your invaluable volunteering contributions to our shire.

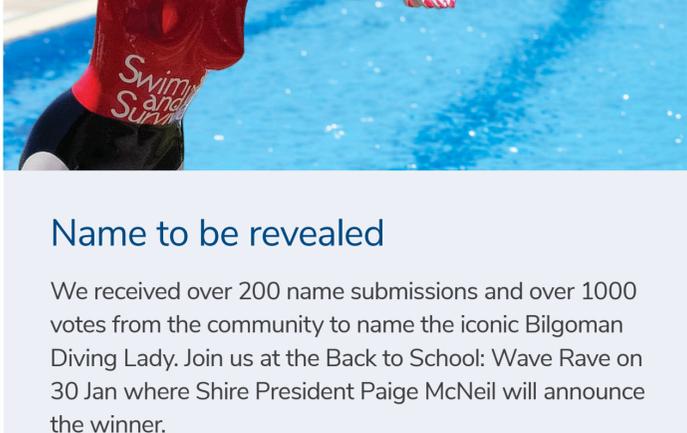
I also invite you to the Annual Electors' Meeting at 6.30pm on 2 February in the Council Chambers. This is your opportunity to ask questions and put forward motions for Council's consideration. Your participation helps shape the future of our Shire.

I hope to see you out enjoying the best of the Shire.

*Paige*



## What's Happening



### Name to be revealed

We received over 200 name submissions and over 1000 votes from the community to name the iconic Bilgoman Diving Lady. Join us at the Back to School: Wave Rave on 30 Jan where Shire President Paige McNeil will announce the winner.

Finalist names:

- **Billie** - Submitted by Cam from Swan View. Short for 'Bilgoman' and a homage to the aquatic centre.
- **Bindi** - Submitted by Jannina from Mahogany Creek. Inspired by the Noongar word for 'butterfly'.
- **Hilda** - Submitted by Dallas from Darlington. German for 'warrior' and a homage to the Hills.

## Calendar of events



### 30 January

#### Back to school: Wave Rave

4pm to 6pm • Bilgoman Aquatic Centre

End the holidays in style. This FREE event features a DJ, games, a youth chill-out zone, and the naming of the Bilgoman Diving Lady.

[More Info](#)

### 02 February

#### Annual Electors' Meeting 2026

6:30pm • Shire Admin Building

An opportunity for our community to ask questions about Shire matters or propose motions for Council's consideration.

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### 08 February

#### Brew with a crew

8:30am • White's Mill & Grind, Stoneville

Ask questions, discuss simple ways to prepare yourself and your home, get to know the people behind the uniforms.

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