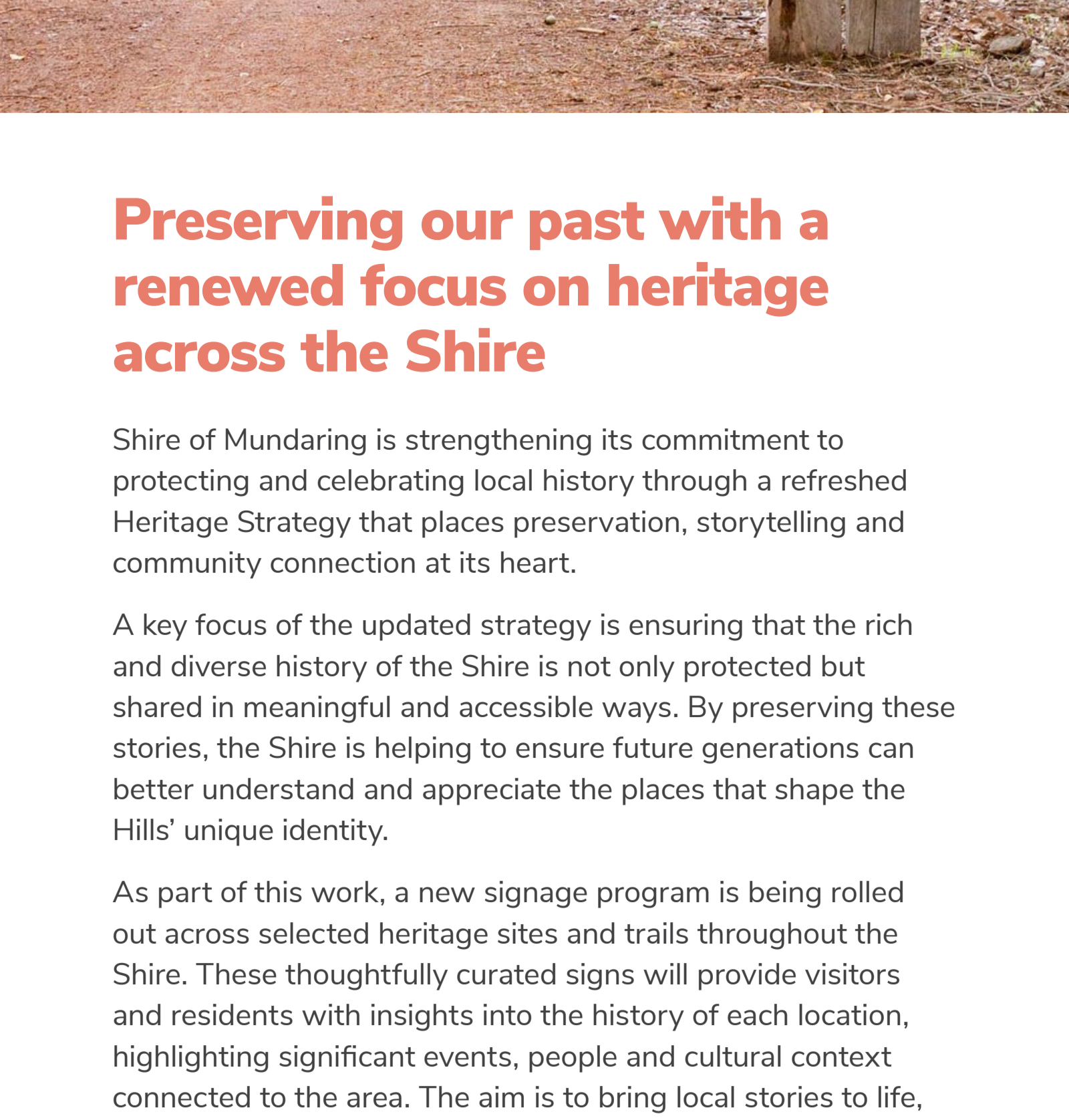


# Hills Happenings

Community Engagement and Events



## Preserving our past with a renewed focus on heritage across the Shire

Shire of Mundaring is strengthening its commitment to protecting and celebrating local history through a refreshed Heritage Strategy that places preservation, storytelling and community connection at its heart.

A key focus of the updated strategy is ensuring that the rich and diverse history of the Shire is not only protected but shared in meaningful and accessible ways. By preserving these stories, the Shire is helping to ensure future generations can better understand and appreciate the places that shape the Hills' unique identity.

As part of this work, a new signage program is being rolled out across selected heritage sites and trails throughout the Shire. These thoughtfully curated signs will provide visitors and residents with insights into the history of each location, highlighting significant events, people and cultural context connected to the area. The aim is to bring local stories to life, transforming everyday spaces into opportunities for discovery and reflection.

The signage project will be delivered in close partnership with local historical societies, drawing on their deep knowledge and passion for documenting the region's past. The project acknowledges the importance of Aboriginal history in shaping the landscape and will include appropriately researched stories to represent and preserve this knowledge.

It's hoped the project will bring local stories to life by transforming everyday spaces into opportunities for discovery and reflection.



## Supporting local care Possum Valley animal sanctuary benefits from Shire grant

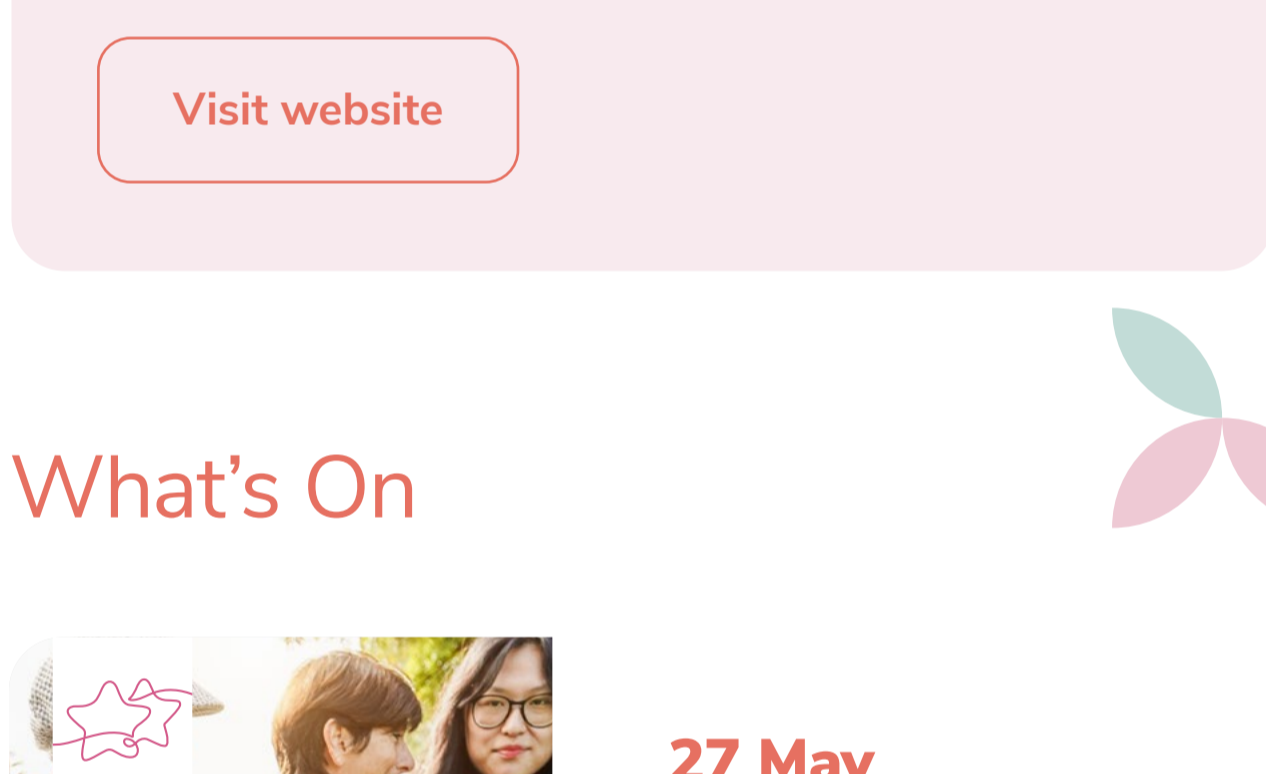
From cleaner water to better feed, life is improving for animals at Possum Valley Animal Sanctuary following a recent grant win. The sanctuary received funding through Shire of Mundaring's Community Program Grant, enabling the purchase of two water troughs and two hay huts.

The new troughs provide a reliable source of clean water, replacing old tubs that required constant refilling and were often tipped over. Meanwhile, the hay huts are keeping feed dry and protected ahead of the winter, reducing waste and improving nutrition for horses, goats and sheep.

Sanctuary President Chris Rafferty said the upgrades are already saving valuable volunteer time and enhancing animal wellbeing. With rising costs limiting investment in infrastructure, the grant has made a meaningful difference.

Read more about the improvements made possible and learn how to apply for funding on our website.

[Apply here](#)



## Up to \$100,000 available for signature events in the Perth Hills

Shire of Mundaring is investing in the future of local events, with up to \$100,000 now available through a new Signature Event Funding program as part of the Shire's Arts Culture and Event Funding Program.

The funding will support larger-scale events that attract visitors, celebrate local culture and strengthen the Shire's reputation as a vibrant and creative destination in the Perth Hills.

The program aims to support events that deliver long-term community, cultural and economic benefits while encouraging sustainability, accessibility and inclusiveness.

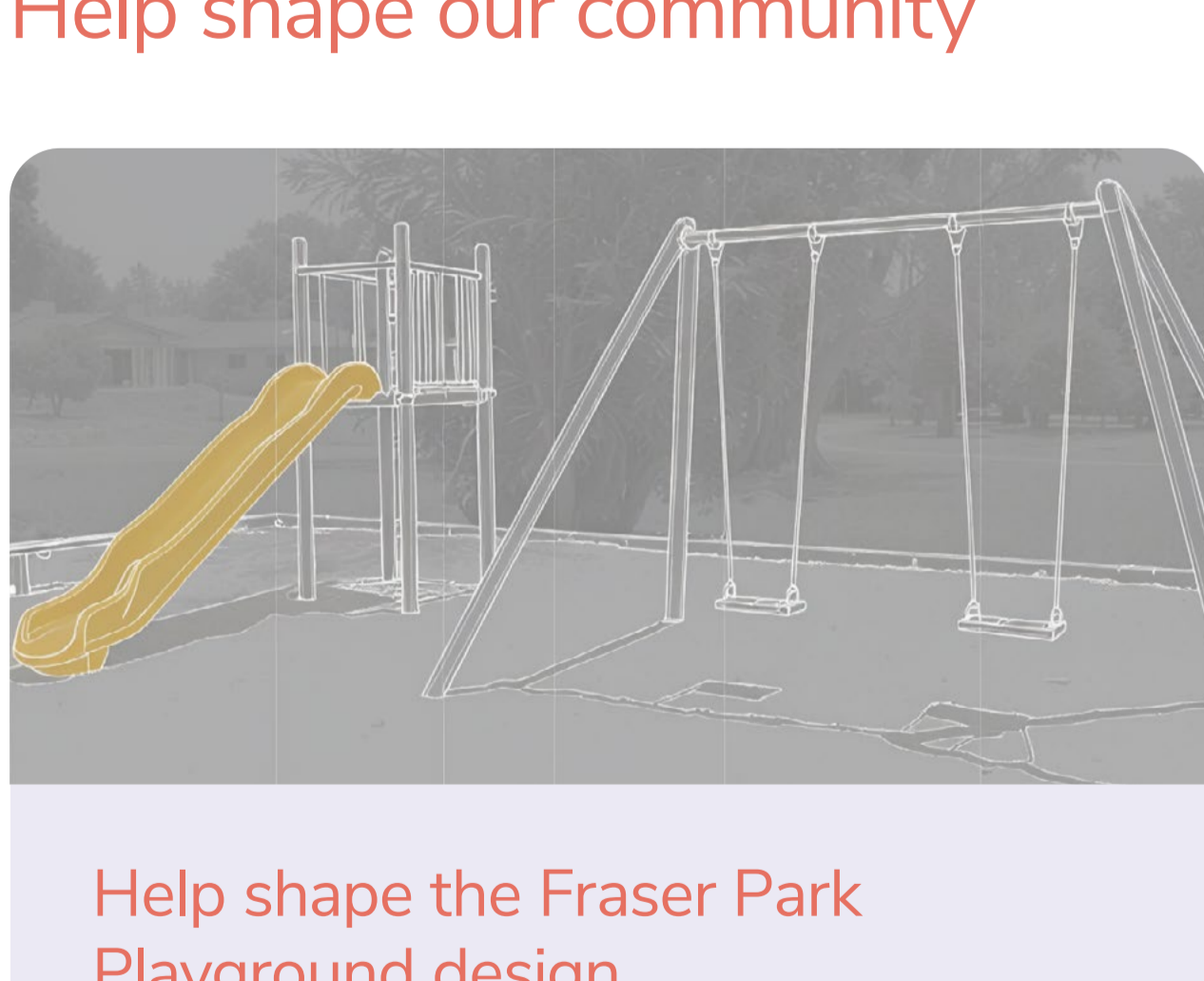
Shire President Paige McNeil said the funding reflected direct community feedback and the Shire's commitment to building a thriving and connected community.

"Our community told us they wanted to see more events and experiences across the Shire, and this funding is about responding to that feedback and investing in opportunities that bring people together," President McNeil said.

"We want to see events that inspire people to explore the Shire, connect with our unique communities and experience the creativity, hospitality and natural beauty of the region.

Applications are now open. More information, including eligibility criteria and application details, is available on the Shire website.

[Apply here](#)



## Shire of Mundaring Art Collection Survey Celebrating 40 years of creative practice

Mundaring Arts Centre invites the community to celebrate four decades of local creativity with Marks for Mundaring, a special exhibition showcasing the Shire of Mundaring Art Collection.

Since 1986, the Shire's annual acquisition exhibition, which is presented in partnership with Mundaring Arts Centre, has supported local artists while building a rich cultural archive of the region. This milestone exhibition brings together works spanning 40 years, reflecting the enduring connection between artists and the Perth Hills landscape.

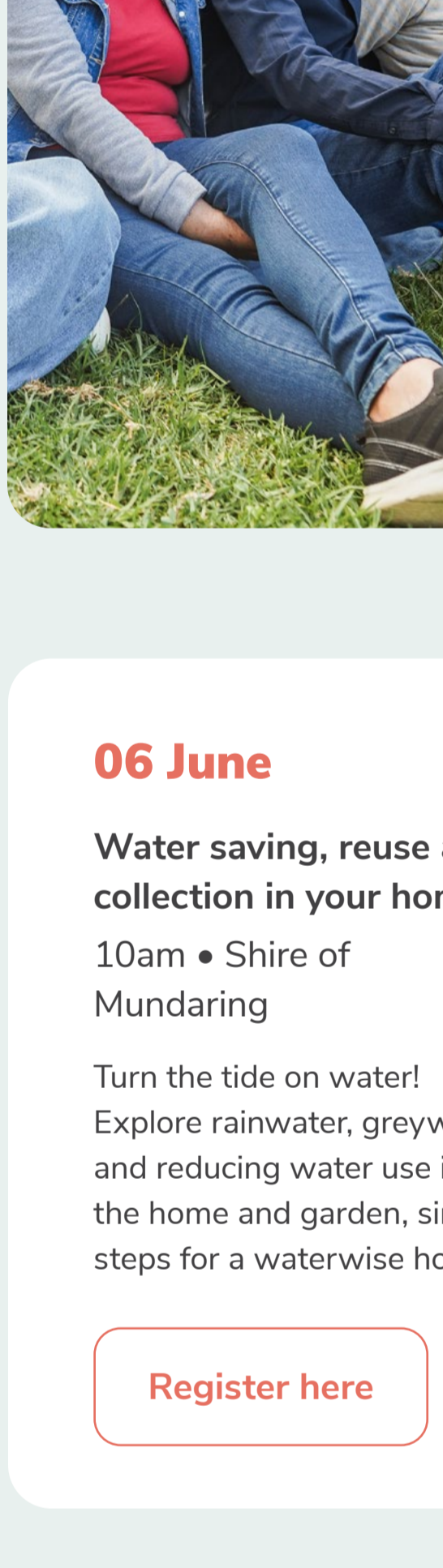
Shire President Paige McNeil said the collection is a source of community pride, featuring artworks displayed across Shire buildings and libraries for all to enjoy. From iconic local landmarks to works exploring identity and belonging, the exhibition highlights the diverse stories and inspirations of the hills.

On display until 14 June 2026, the exhibition offers a unique opportunity to experience the region's artistic legacy.

For further information, including a list of featured artists and public program details, visit the Mundaring Arts Centre website.

[Visit website](#)

## What's On



**27 May**

### Supporting Volunteers Workshop One: Volunteer attraction, retention and management

6pm to 8pm •  
Mundaring Arena

Learn how to attract, engage and retain volunteers who love what they do.

[Register here](#)

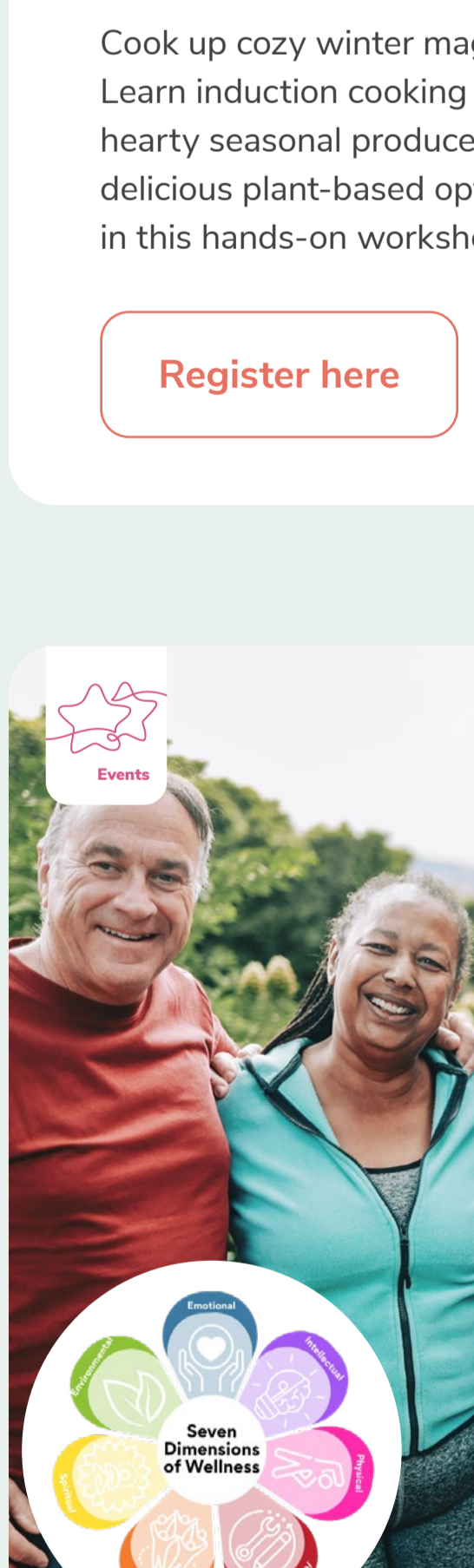
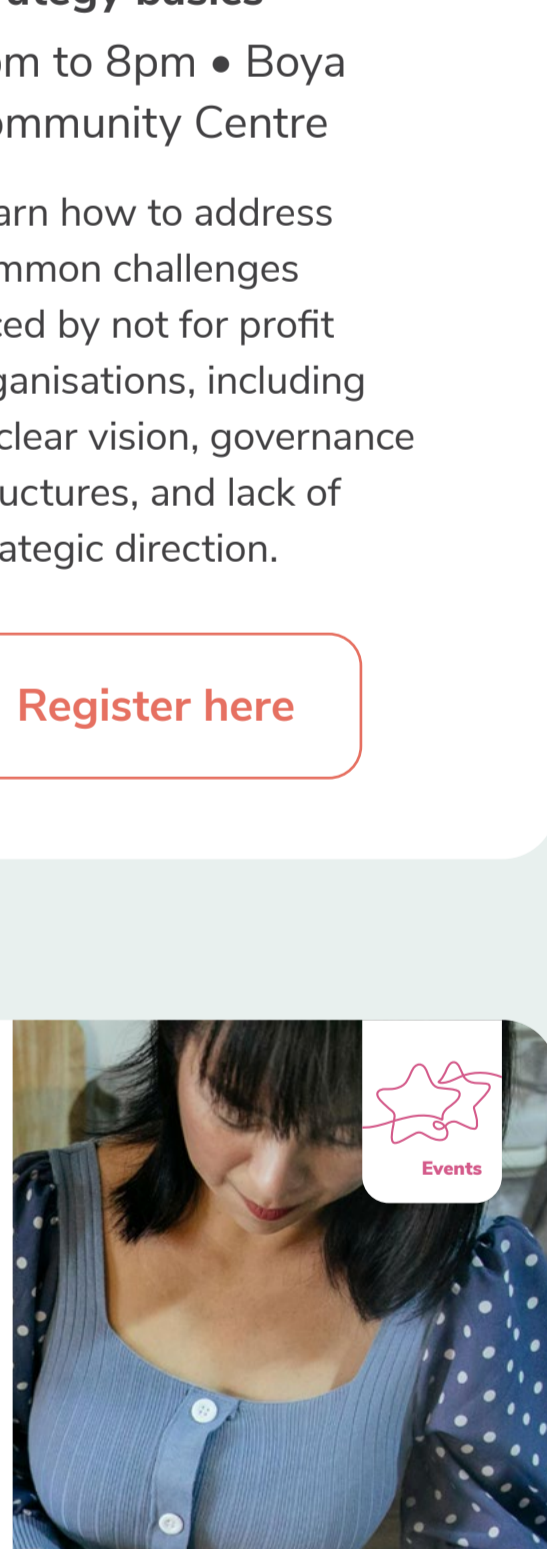
**06 June**

### Water saving, reuse and collection in your home

10am • Shire of  
Mundaring

Turn the tide on water!  
Explore rainwater, greywater,  
and reducing water use in  
the home and garden, simple  
steps for a waterwise home.

[Register here](#)



**16 June**

### Supporting Volunteer Workshop Two: Governance, vision and strategy basics

6pm to 8pm • Boya  
Community Centre

Learn how to address common challenges faced by not for profit organisations, including unclear vision, governance structures, and lack of strategic direction.

[Register here](#)

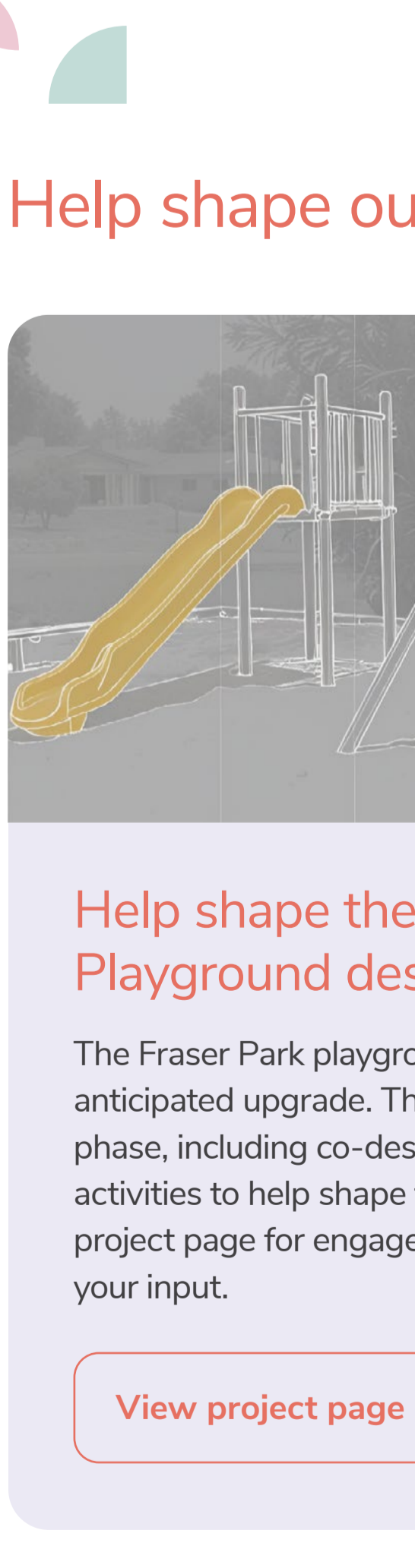
**20 June**

### Winter Warmers: Induction Cooking Workshop

10am • Shire of  
Mundaring

Cook up cozy winter magic!  
Learn induction cooking with  
hearty seasonal produce &  
delicious plant-based options  
in this hands-on workshop.

[Register here](#)



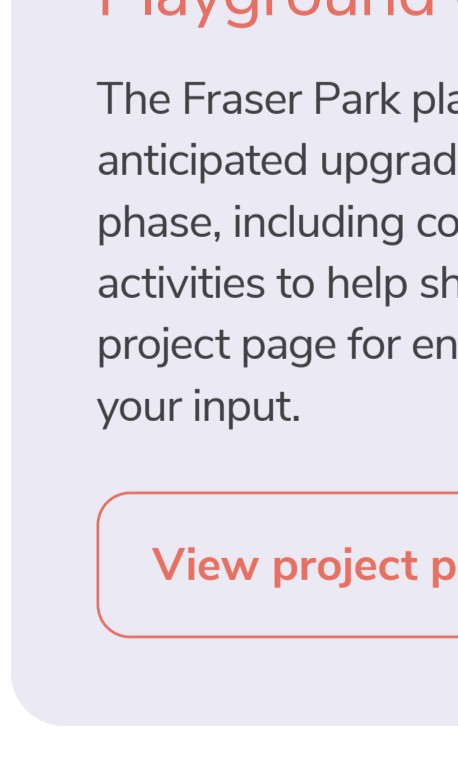
**23 June - 04 Aug**

### 7 Week Wellbeing Program

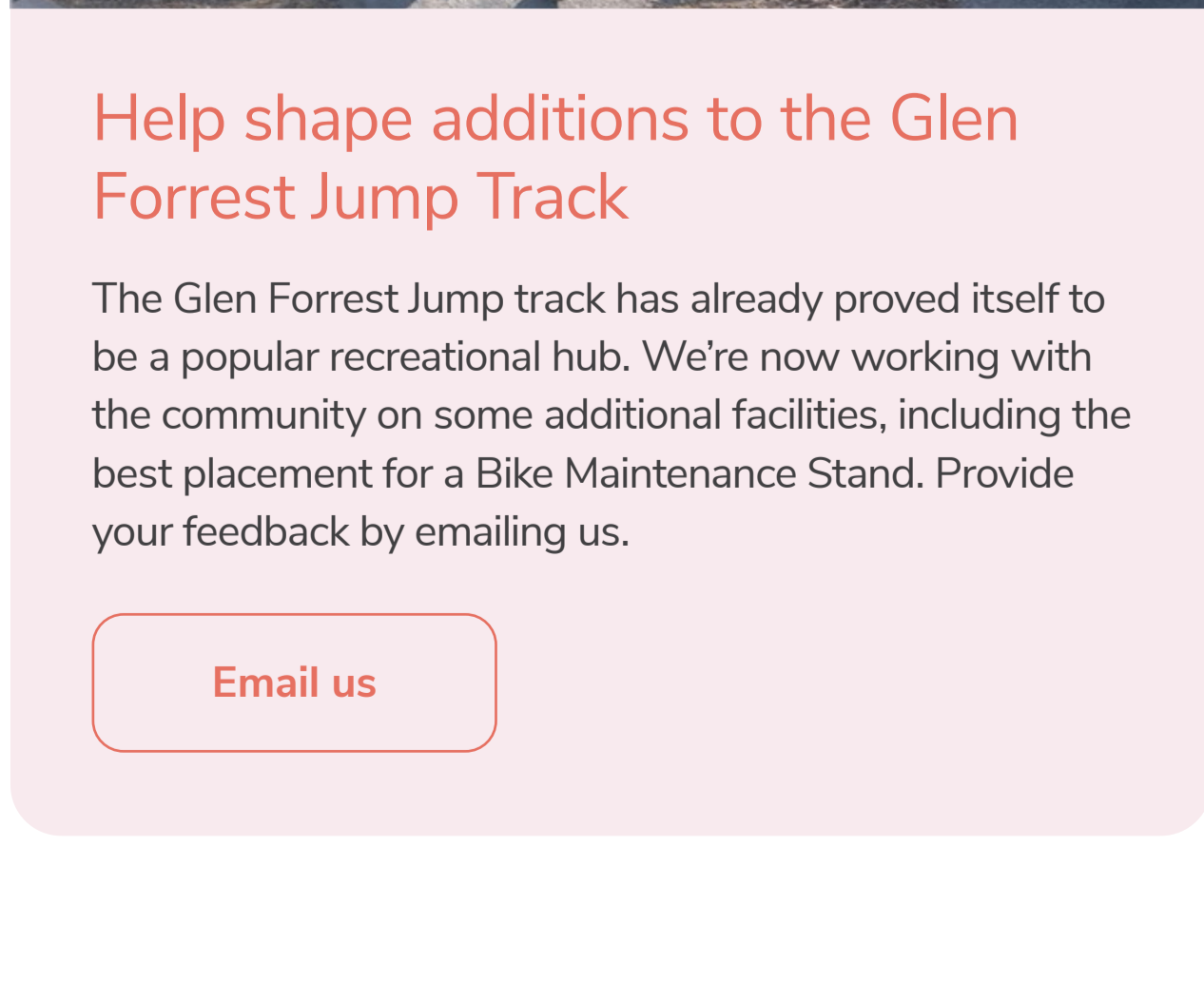
9:30am to 11:30am •  
Swan View Youth Centre

Live well now and into the future. This healthy ageing program is designed to increase quality of life for older adults who want to live independently in the community they love.

[Register here](#)



## Help shape our community



### Help shape the Fraser Park Playground design

The Fraser Park playground set to receive a much-anticipated upgrade. The Shire is currently in a planning phase, including co-design and community engagement activities to help shape the final design. Check out the project page for engagement opportunities and provide your input.

[View project page](#)



### Help shape additions to the Glen Forrest Jump Track

The Glen Forrest Jump track has already proved itself to be a popular recreational hub. We're now working with the community on some additional facilities, including the best placement for a Bike Maintenance Stand. Provide your feedback by emailing us.

[Email us](#)

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