

On the trail

What's happening in the Shire **June 2026**



Mundaring Cultural Hub set to transform town centre

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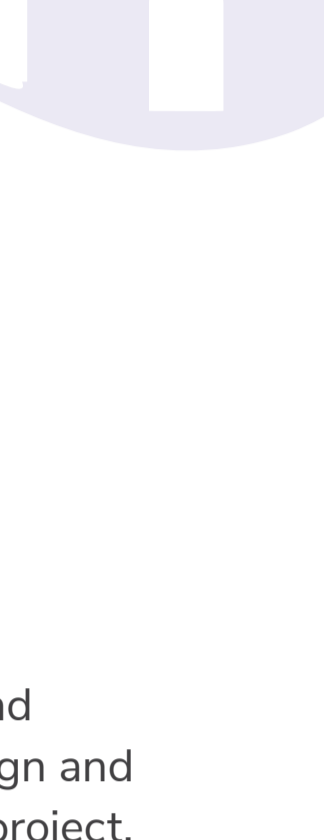
Set to become the single biggest investment in community infrastructure in Mundaring's history, the fully funded Hub is supported by a \$15 million Australian Government Thriving Suburbs Program grant and funding that has been planned and budgeted by the Shire over previous years.

Located in the heart of town opposite Sculpture Park, the Hub will bring together art galleries and workshop spaces, a contemporary library with dedicated youth and maker spaces, visitor centre, local history museum, café, civic and community spaces, meeting rooms and flexible-use areas under one roof. Designed as a vibrant focal point, it will host events, exhibitions and learning activities while strengthening connections between people, place and culture.

Shire President Paige McNeil described the project as a "defining moment" and a catalyst for broader revitalisation, including future housing opportunities to help residents remain in the Perth Hills.

Construction is expected to begin in 2027, with the community kept informed as the project continues to progress.

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From the Shire President

Paige McNeil

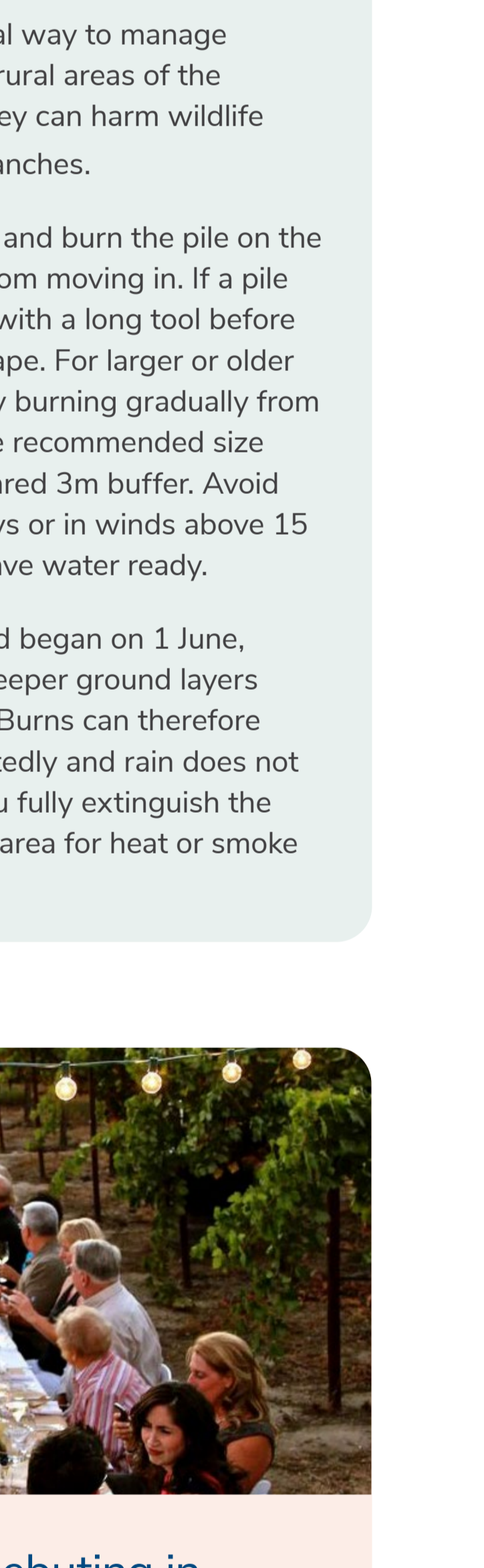
The Mundaring Cultural Hub has reached an exciting milestone, with Council approving its concept design and business case – marking the next stage of detailed design and procurement for the Shire's largest-ever infrastructure project. Fully funded, including a \$15 million Australian Government grant, our Cultural Hub will bring together art galleries, visitor centre, local history museum, café, a contemporary library with flexible community spaces in the heart of town. It represents a defining moment for Mundaring and will play a key role in revitalising our town centre. Construction is expected to begin in early 2027.

I am also delighted to recognise two outstanding members of our community honoured in the 2026 King's Birthday Honours. Former Councillor Colin James has been awarded the Australia Fire Service Medal for more than 40 years of dedicated volunteer service, while Emeritus Professor Mark Bush, former Captain of the Parkerville Volunteer Bushfire Brigade has been appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for his contributions to engineering, education and community service. Our congratulations and thanks go to you both.

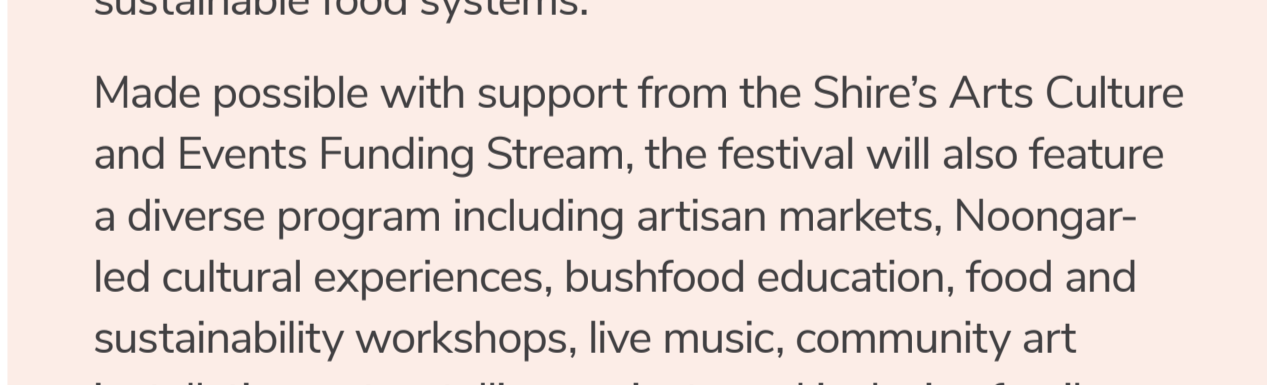
I hope to see many of you at the official opening of the Elsie Austin Pavilion and Changerooms upgrades in Mt Helena on Sunday 5 July at 9am. We look forward to showcasing these new modern facilities that will support local sporting clubs and the broader community for years to come.

Finally, I acknowledge National Reconciliation Week and thank the many Elders, volunteers and organisations who helped foster understanding and connection across our community.

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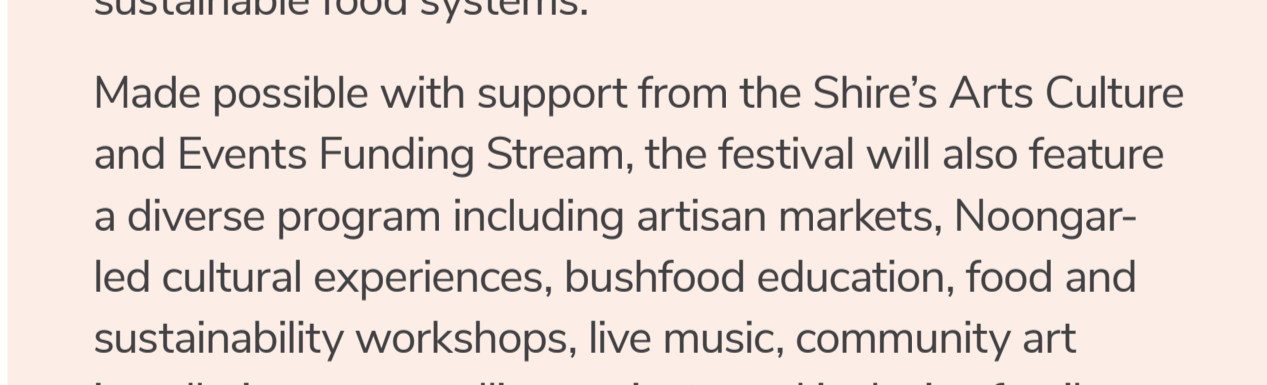


Smart burn piles: Safer practices for local wildlife

Creating burn piles is a practical way to manage green waste in rural and semi-rural areas of the Perth Hills, but without care they can harm wildlife that shelter in leaf litter and branches.

The safest approach is to build and burn the pile on the same day to prevent animals from moving in. If a pile has been left, gently disturb it with a long tool before lighting to allow wildlife to escape. For larger or older piles, use a staged approach by burning gradually from one edge. Keep piles within the recommended size limit of 1m² and maintain a cleared 3m buffer. Avoid burning on high fire danger days or in winds above 15 km/h, notify neighbours and have water ready.

The unrestricted burning period began on 1 June, but due to a dry summer the deeper ground layers may still be dry and hold heat. Burns can therefore smoulder and escape unexpectedly and rain does not always make it safe. Ensure you fully extinguish the pile and continue checking the area for heat or smoke after the burn.

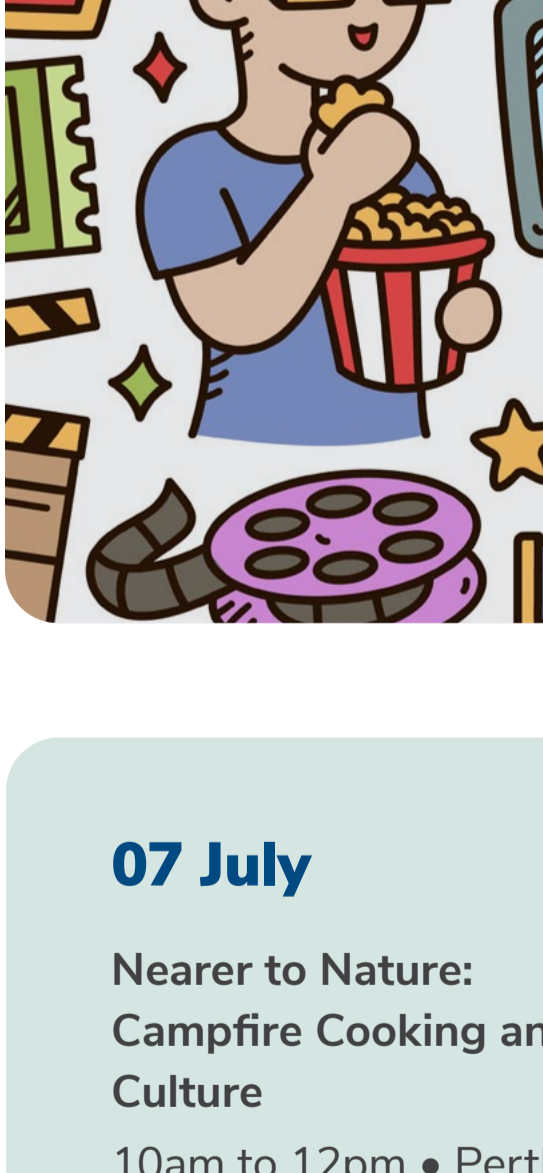


Slow Food Festival debuting in Mundaring

A brand-new signature food and wine event is coming to the Perth Hills! Set to take place on 18 October 2026, the Slow Food Festival will shine a spotlight on the region's wineries, distilleries, growers and artisanal food producers, with a strong emphasis on local sourcing and sustainable food systems.

Made possible with support from the Shire's Arts Culture and Events Funding Stream, the festival will also feature a diverse program including artisan markets, Noongar-led cultural experiences, bushfood education, food and sustainability workshops, live music, community art installations, storytelling projects and inclusive family-friendly activities.

Calendar of events



03 July

End of Term Movie Night

4pm to 6pm • Mundaring Arena

Join Shire of Mundaring's Youth Services Team for a free youth movie night to celebrate the end of Term Two. **Aged 12-17.**

[Register here](#)

07 July

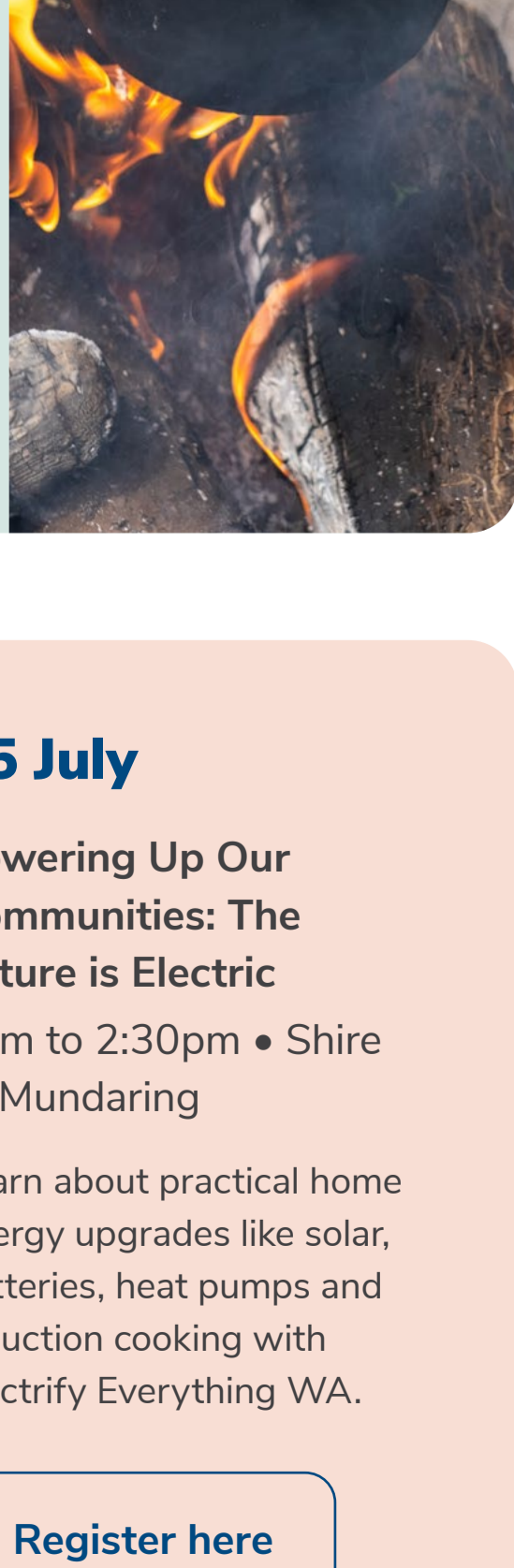
Nearer to Nature: Campfire Cooking and Culture

10am to 12pm • Perth Hills Discovery Centre

Join for a unique outdoor experience that fosters a deeper connection to Country. Gather around the Karla (campfire) to cook damper, take on a discovery challenge using symbolic clues and explore Indigenous knowledge of the land.

Aged 12-17.

[Register here](#)



25 July

Powering Up Our Communities: The Future is Electric

1pm to 2:30pm • Shire of Mundaring

Learn about practical home energy upgrades like solar, batteries, heat pumps and induction cooking with Electrify Everything WA.

[Register here](#)