

On the trail

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



Celebrating Biodiversity Month in the Shire

September marks Biodiversity Month and provides an opportunity to celebrate the extraordinary flora, fauna and ecosystems that make the Shire of Mundaring such a unique and special place.

The Shire supports biodiversity through a range of practical initiatives that empower residents to care for the local environment. Through the Land for Wildlife Program, landholders can access free workshops, site visits and expert advice to help protect and restore natural areas and waterways on their properties. The popular Seedlings for Landcare Program also provides over 20,000 free native seedlings each year for planting on rural-zoned private properties, school grounds and bushland reserves across the Shire of Mundaring, helping to improve habitat connectivity and support local wildlife.

To learn more about these and other biodiversity initiatives, visit the Shire's website. While you're there, you can also register your interest for the 2027 Seedlings for Landcare Program and be part of creating a more sustainable environment for future generations.

To mark Biodiversity Month, you can also tune in to a special edition of The Hills Talk podcast featuring renowned local ecologist Simon Cherriman. Simon explores the importance of protecting our natural ecosystems and how we can combat the biggest threats to our biodiversity in the hills.

[Subscribe to our podcast](#)

From the Shire President

Paige McNeil

There is plenty happening in our Shire over the coming months, with lots of opportunities to connect with your community and enjoy everything that makes living in the Perth Hills so special.

More than one hundred families gathered at Parkerville Oval for a fantastic community celebration to 'Turn On' the new lights. This project reflects our ongoing commitment to improve local facilities, helping to build a stronger sense of community through sport. A big thank you to the Parkerville Junior Football Club for their advocacy and support to bring this project to life. This is just Stage 1 with a further upgrade coming soon!

The 2026 Mundaring Hills Open Studios brochure is live, showcasing the incredible talent and creativity we have across the Shire. You're invited to step inside 85 studios, meet local artists and gain a deeper appreciation of the creative process. Be sure to save the dates, 17 - 25 October and start planning your Open Studios experience.

Local food, wine and spirits will also take centre stage at the Slow Food Festival on 18 October in the beautiful setting of Sculpture Park, Mundaring. The festival is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our growers and producers while learning more about fresh, local and sustainable food.

I hope to see you at one of these events all proudly supported by the Shire of Mundaring.

Paige



Calendar of events

01 September

Crisis To Calm Program
Tuesdays 4pm - 5:30pm
• Mundaring Arena

Aged 12-16 and live in the Shire? Crisis to Calm is a free group program to support skills for building resilience, disaster preparedness, social connection, and leadership. **6-8 weekly sessions**

[Register here](#)

02 September

Citizen Connectors Training
9:30am - 12:30pm • Boya Community Centre

Develop the skills to become a Citizen Connector by supporting the wellbeing of others through conversation and connection to social and caregiving networks.

[Register here](#)

11 September

All Abilities Expo
10am • Mundaring Arena

Disability Events Communities (DEC) invites people living with disability, their families, carers and industry professionals to come along, connect with local providers, explore supports and services and try out different inclusive sports with Sport4All.

[Register here](#)