MARCH 2025

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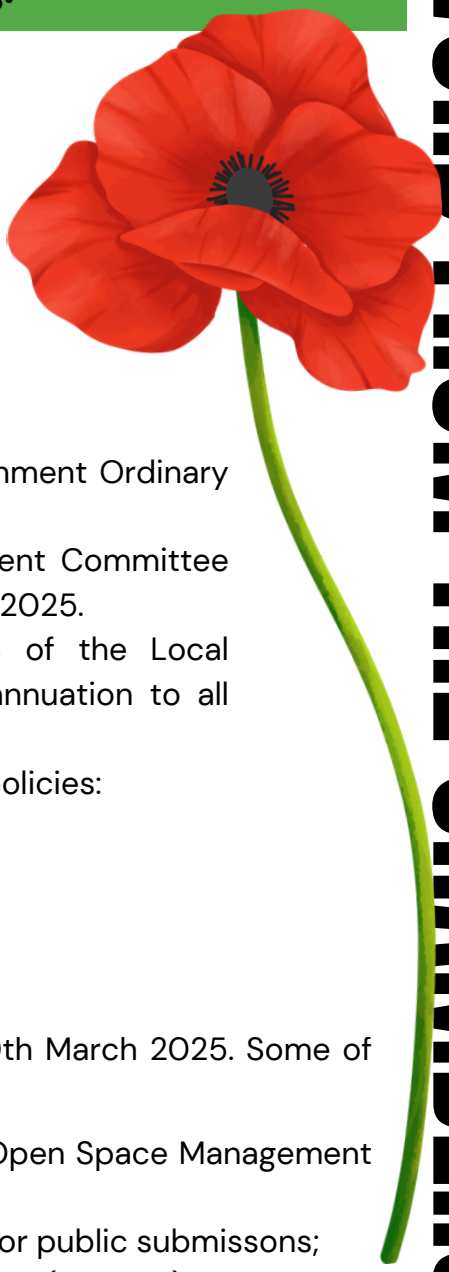
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We acknowledge the Ballardong Noongar people as traditional custodians of the land and skies on which we gather, and we pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

WORD FROM THE CHAMBERS



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

Council held its Annual General Meeting of Electors on Thursday, 6th February 2025. Minutes can be found on the Shire's website or from the Shire Administration Office.

FEBRUARY ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Council held its February Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday, 18th February 2025. Some of Council decisions included:

- Appointed WA Elctoral Commission for the 2025 Local Government Ordinary Elections by Postal Election.
- Renaming the Audit Committee to Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and adopted the updated Terms of Reference effective 1st July 2025.
- That Council, in accordance with section 54, 62 and 63 of the Local Government Amendment Act 2024, elect to not pay superannuation to all elected members.
- Adopting updates to the HR policies and adding three (3) new policies:
  - CS 02.11 Habitual or Vexatious Complainants Policy,
  - HR03.19 Working from Home Policy ,
  - WH 05.01 Drugs & Alcohol Policy

MARCH ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Council held its March Ordinary Council Meeting on Thursday, 20th March 2025. Some of Council decisions included:

- Adopting the Draft 2025 Townscape, Road Verge, and Public Open Space Management Plan (TVPMP) and advertising for public submissions;
- Adopted the Draft Corporate Business Plan (CBP) 2025-2029 for public submissons;
- Adopted the Draft Waste Management Strategy & Business Plan (WMSBP) 2025–2035 and advertising for public submissions;
- Adopted the 2024 Compliance Audit Return as presented;
- Adopted the 2024/25 Budget Review as presented

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Council held its Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting on Thursday, 20th March 2025. Some of the Committees recommendations included:

- Recommended to Council to adopt the 2024 Compliance Audit Return;
- Recommended to Council to adopt the 2024/25 Budget Review



SNAP SEND SOLVE

We are supporters of Snap Send Solve - it's an easy way for our community to report issues to us, and for us to take swift action.

If you haven't used Snap Send Solve yet, give it a try! It allows you to report almost any issue to us in an instant - graffiti, cracked footpaths, potholes, fallen trees etc. It's as simple as taking a photo, adding a few details, and pressing send, it will be automatically sent to the right authority.

Have you downloaded Snap Send Solve onto your smartphone yet?

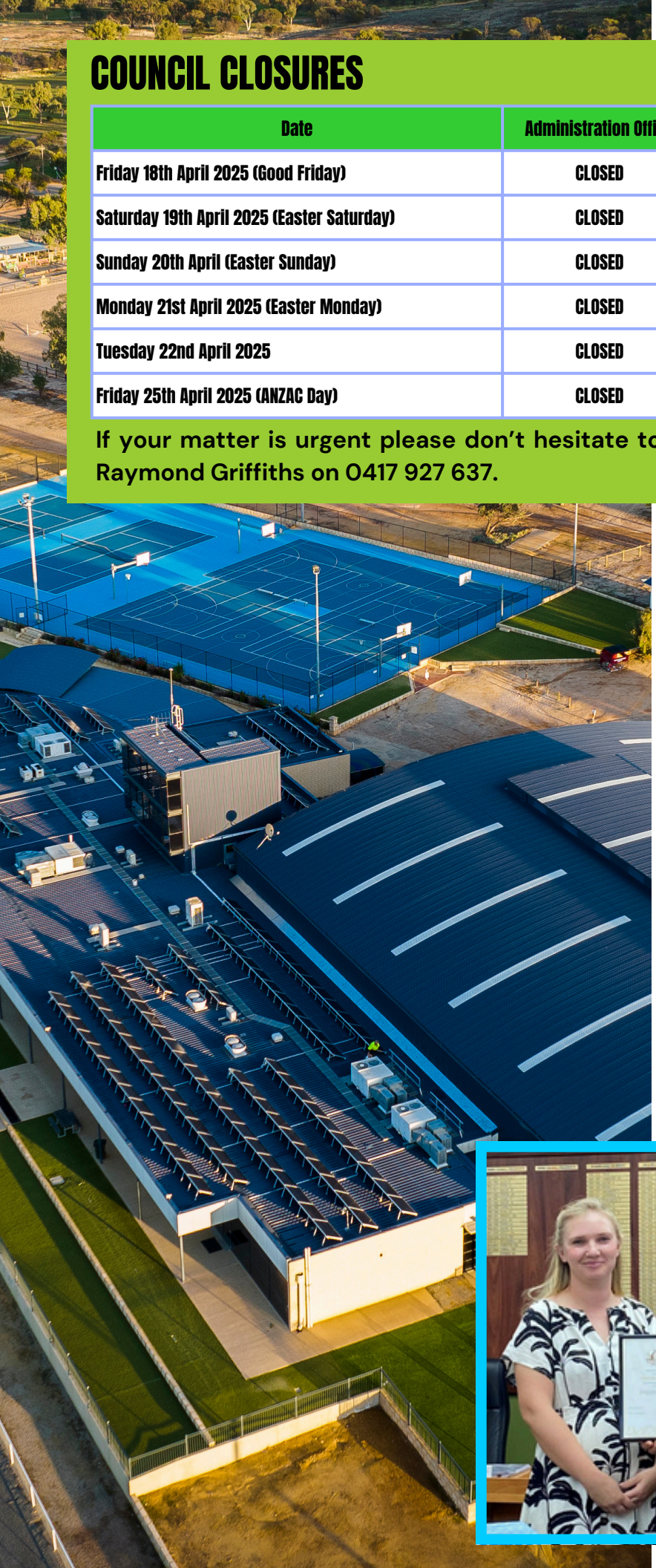
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COUNCIL CLOSURES

Date	Administration Office	Waste Transfer Station	Gym
Friday 18th April 2025 (Good Friday)	CLOSED	CLOSED	4am - 10pm
Saturday 19th April 2025 (Easter Saturday)	CLOSED	8am - 12pm, 12.30pm - 5pm	4am - 10pm
Sunday 20th April (Easter Sunday)	CLOSED	8am - 12pm, 12.30pm - 5pm	4am - 10pm
Monday 21st April 2025 (Easter Monday)	CLOSED	8am - 12pm, 12.30pm - 5pm	4am - 10pm
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	CLOSED	CLOSED	4am - 10pm
Friday 25th April 2025 (ANZAC Day)	CLOSED	8am - 12pm, 12.30pm - 5pm	4am - 10pm

If your matter is urgent please don't hesitate to contact Council's Chief Executive Officer, Raymond Griffiths on 0417 927 637.



Burning & Restrictions

Restricted Burning

Easter Saturday - 19th April 2025
Easter Monday - 21st April 2025
ANZAC Day - 25th April 2025

Prohibited Burning

Good Friday - 18th April 2025
Easter Sunday - 20th April 2025

Citizenship Ceremony

Citizenship ceremonies are a special event; they fulfill requirements under Australian citizenship law and provide an important opportunity to officially welcome new citizens as full members of the Australian community.



Council wish to congratulate Joanne Blaszkowska on taking the pledge and becoming an Australian Citizen on Thursday, 20th March 2025.



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Community Budget Submission 2025/2026

The Shire of Kellerberrin allocates up to $30,000 in it's budget each year for local sporting and community groups to apply for funding to assist with their given project or event under the following categories.

Applications are now open for this year's round of funding and Council invites all sporting and community groups to apply for its Annual Community Grants under the following categories:

Community Donations
($20,000 allocation with max of $2,000 per applicant)

Eligible projects under this category include a new initiative or a significant one off project, capital project and repairs, maintenance or improvements to Council owned/managed facilities. Groups must contact Councils Manager of Governance or Community Development Officer regarding the possibility of external funding prior to seeking funds from Council. Examples of past successful projects are: Doodlakine Bowling Club - Lighting & Watering Project, Kellerberrin Playgroup - New Bike Path

Public Relations
($3,000 allocation with max of $300 per applicant)

Eligible projects under this category include public relations promotion through donations, sponsorship and waivers of fees and charges for Council owned/managed facilities. Examples of past successful projects are: Kellerberrin Junior Fire Brigade - hire fees waived of use of Community Bus, Kellerberrin Town Teams - plants for planter boxes.

Community Grants
($7,000 allocation with max of $3,000 per applicant)

Eligible projects under this category include organisations that provide services or programs to residents of the Shire on an ongoing basis. Examples of past successful projects are: Kellerberrin Mens Shed - Architectural Drawings



Eligbility Criteria

- Community or Sporting Group must be located within the Shire of Kellerberrin.
- Event or Project must be located within the Shire of Kellerberrin and benefit the community or address a community need.
- Submission must be discussed with Council's Chief Executive Officer, Manager of Governance or Community Development Officer, applications received that haven't been discussed *may not be* considered by Council.

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Alignment with the Shire of Kellerberrin's Strategic Community Plan.
- Management and financial capacity to deliver project or event.
- Additional benefit to community including access, opportunity & participation.
- Evidence of other support/funding has been obtained or is being sought.
- Anticipated outcomes in response to identified need.
- Recognition of Shire of Kellerberrin support.
- All applications are presented to Council at May's Council meeting, Council's decision on the outcome of the application is final.

Assessment Criteria

In order to be considered for funding, applicants must provide the following by the advertised closing date:

- Completed and signed application form.
- Copy of last financial statement and a copy of a current bank statement.
- Copy of Certificate of Incorporation (if applicable).
- Copy of all supporting documentation including quotes, confirmation of additional funding, letters of support, plans etc.
- Copy of Public Liability Insurance (if applicable).

Application Requirements

Consideration will not be given to the following:

- Retrospective Funding.
- Recurrent Salaries or Operational Costs not directly associated with the funded project.
- Gifts, trophies or prizes.
- Costumes or Uniforms.
- Projects considered to be better funded through other sources.
- Applicants that have outstanding acquittals with the Shire of Kellerberrin.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 4PM THURSDAY, 8TH MAY 2025

Applications can be submitted by mail, email or hand delivered:

Shire of Kellerberrin
PO Box 145,
Kellerberrin WA 6410
cdo@kellerberrin.wa.gov.wa or mog@kellerberrin.wa.gov.au

For further information please contact the Shire on (08) 9045 4006









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Kellerberrin Augmented Reality Sculpture

Genestreaming Journey Sculptures features the artwork of first nations artists of the region on the outside of the sculpture and field naturalist art focusing on local ecosystems, endangered species and their deep time shared ancestry on the inside of the sculpture.

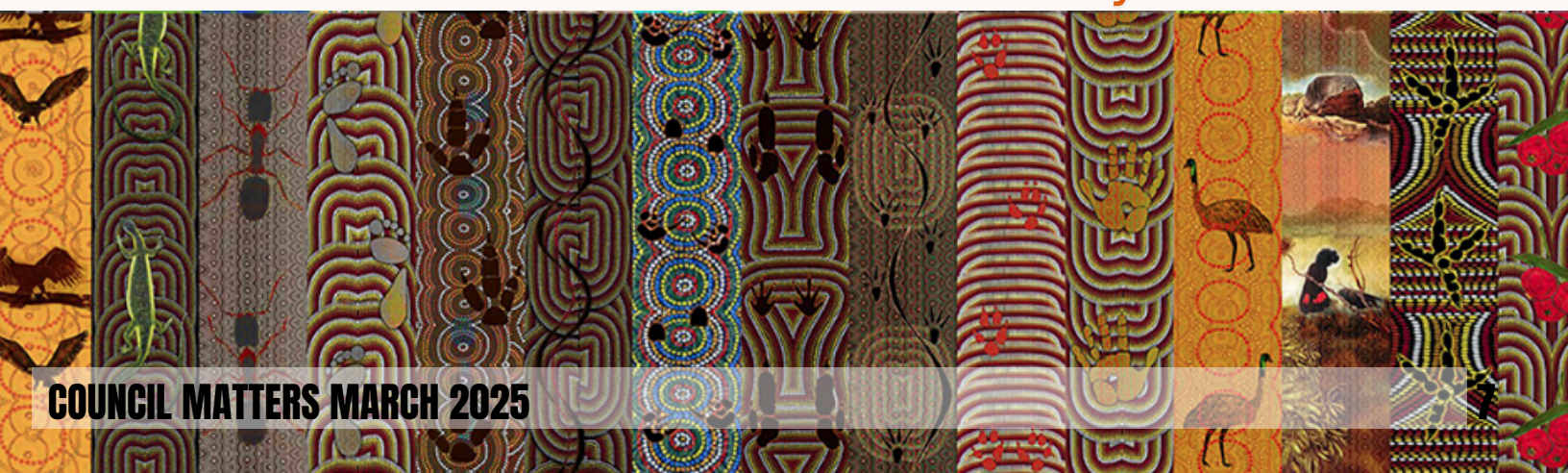
Lotterywest funded this project to develop the first tourism trail of Genestreaming Journey Sculptures which will be the beginning of national and international tourism trails.

The artwork for the Kellerberrin sculpture has been provided by local artist Reynold McIntosh

Monday, 24th March 2025 saw the official launch for Kellerberrin's Augmented Reality Sculpture in Centenary Park. The sculpture is live and able to be viewed via the QR code in Centenary Park next to the gazebo. The QR code to view the sculpture is on the blue side of the sign under “experience this Augmented Reality AR sculpture”.

To view Reynold's artwork for this sculpture please visit the Kellerberrin Community Resource Centre.

Reynold McIntosh



AUSTRALIA Day 2025

Australia Day 2025 at Kellerberrin Swimming Pool: A Community Celebration

Australia Day 2025 in Kellerberrin was a vibrant and memorable event, bringing the local community together at the Kellerberrin Swimming Pool to celebrate and acknowledge the efforts of our award recipients. The event was a fantastic showcase of what makes our community so special. The day included family-friendly activities fun by the pool.

The morning kicked off with a wonderful morning tea catered by the Ag Society followed by the Community Citizen Awards presented by the Shire of Kellerberrin. The awards acknowledge the contributions made by community members to officially recognise these contributions. The awards highlight the outstanding contributions of individuals and groups within the Kellerberrin Shire. It was an inspiring moment to reflect on the dedication and hard work of residents, who continue to make Kellerberrin a fantastic place to live and work.

Shire President Matthew Steber on behalf the community presented Councils awards to all recipients. The Active Citizen or group award was presented to 100 Years of Harness Racing in Kellerberrin. The Central Wheatbelt Harness Racing held a terrific day at the Kellerberrin trotting track recognising 100 years of trots. Memorabilia lined the walls of the Cuolahan/Cottle room in the rec centre with newspaper articles, photos, harness racing gear followed by the cutting of the cake. Congratulations to all involved on the day.

The Youth Community Citizen Award was awarded to Paige Tiller. Paige has been recognised for her annual Volley Together volley ball tournament held for mental health. This event is always well supported by local businesses and community members coming together for a social game, promoting the discussion around mental health and how it affects everyone. Congratulations Paige.





The Senior Community Citizen of the Year award was awarded to two very deserving winners, Doreen Dowding and Richard Marek. Doreen has been recognised for her effort that went into the planning of the 100 Years of Harness Racing in Kellerberrin and the many hours of research she volunteered into setting up the memorabilia that was set up on the day, plus her dedication to the Kellerberrin Pony Club.

Richard Marek has been nominated for his efforts in starting up and successfully establishing the 2/28th Battalion Park on Leake Street. The soldiers stand proudly in the park amongst the native garden really highlights Richard's dedication to this project.

Chris Turich was awarded the Community Citizen of the Year Award. Chris was nominated for his dedication to the Kellerberrin Men's Shed and his time that he volunteers to the Kellerberrin Food Pantry run out of the CRC. Chris drives his own vehicle to Northam weekly to collect the donated groceries needed for the community food pantry. Congratulations Chris.



In the afternoon the pool was buzzing with energy as families enjoyed a refreshing swim in the warm summer weather, with the younger ones making a splash with games and pool inflatables. Sonya Morley Catering served up delicious food, ensuring no one went hungry as they soaked up the fun atmosphere, while Eastern Hills Ice Cream kept everyone cool with a sweet treat.

Central Sound kept the afternoon going with music for all to enjoy adding to the laughter, and fun had by all who attended. The Australia Day spirit continued up at the Kellerberrin Districts Club from 4:00pm with dinner and drinks available. The success of the day was a true testament to the spirit of Kellerberrin — a community that celebrates together and supports each other.



Thank you to the Ag Society, lifeguard Aydon Jakins, Peter Arthur Pool Manager, Sonya Morely, Eastern Hills Ice Cream, Central Sound and everyone who attended, for making Australia Day 2025 such a wonderful occasion. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

MEDICAL STUDENTS Annual Visit 2025



Kellerberrin's annual medical student visit took place between the 11th – 14th March 2025. A group of sixteen (16) medical students from the University of Notre Dame spent four (4) days in Kellerberrin as part of an immersive educational program aimed at enhancing their understanding of rural healthcare and living. The visit allowed the students to experience firsthand the challenges and rewards of practicing medicine while living a rural setting, (while also contributing to the local community through their presence and engagement).



Rural communities across Australia face unique healthcare challenges, including limited access to medical professionals, longer distances to healthcare services, and the need for doctors who are well-equipped to handle a wide range of medical situations

To help address this issue, universities like Notre Dame have designed programs that place students in rural settings during their studies. These placements not only give students valuable hands-on experience but also expose them to the reality of rural medicine by understanding the health needs in these communities. By encouraging students to consider practicing in rural areas, programs like this one aim to alleviate some of the strain on rural healthcare services.



The students arrived on the bus fresh from Perth and travelled to the Mooranoppin Reserve for a tour with some Kellerberrin locals to explain the reserve and its importance to Kellerberrin's indigenous history. Once back in town, the students were given a tour of Kellerberrin's town site with a rundown on the history and landmarks, followed by a tour of the St John's sub centre. Thank you very much to the eight (8) families who opened their homes for the sixteen (16) students to come and experience what Kellerberrin has to offer, without host families this entire program wouldn't be possible.

Wednesday the students met at the Kellerberrin Pool before they travelled to Ryan & Kerry Forsyth's farm for a machinery tour. The students were given the opportunity to ask questions about agriculture, while getting to see equipment in person and learn the different cropping techniques and how this impacts them as a family-owned enterprise. On returning to town the group stopped at Rod & Judi Forsyth's property to watch a working dog demonstration. The students got to experience broad acre farming while also getting to watch low stress livestock handling and the benefits of using working dogs. Thank you very much to the Forsyth family for hosting the farm tours. The students enjoyed learning about agriculture specific to Kellerberrin.



Next on the schedule was a tour of the Kellerberrin Men's Shed and some lovely morning tea. After lunch the students visited the Aged Care facility to play some games and chat with the residents. The day really allowed the students to experience Kellerberrin's hospitality and how wonderful it is to live in a small community. The students on Thursday travelled to the school for Teddy Bear Hospital with the kindy and pre-primary students before going on to mentor the year 8-10 students.



Every year on the Thursday night the medical students host a Thank You Dinner up as a thank you to the host families who have taken them in for three nights and all community members who helped make the visit memorable. Thank you to Sonya Morley for assisting the students by catering the event.

We look forward to having the students return next year and continuing this annual tradition.

COLOUR WEEK 2025

Council again this year will be surveying the community to see which organisations/foundations they wish to support in 2025. This year we are extending the scope beyond cancer foundations for the community to vote on. The top five (5) organisations will be the five (5) that Council will support in 2025. Scan the QR code to complete the Colour Week 2025 survey.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ROADWORKS UPDATE

ROADWORKS

Doodlakine South Road (7.90 – 9.80)
Bitumen Seal Completed, Guidepost and Signage yet to be completed.

Doodlakine South Road (Various Reseals)
The reseals planned for the 2024/25 financial year have all been completed in November 2024.

Kellerberrin-Yelbini Road (Clearing Permit)
Council is still working with its consultants to complete the surveys and Clearing Permit application for the Kellerberrin-Yelbeni Road.

Goldfields Road (5.80 – 7.40 SLK & 7.40 – 9.50 SLK)
Completed. This project has been a major undertaking by the team and it's a credit to them for the result they have produced.

Sewell Street – (Laneway to Hammond St)
These works are programmed for February – May 2025

Hammond Street – (Sewell Street – Scott Street)
These works are programmed for February – May 2025

Scott Street – (Hammond Street to Rason Street)
These works are programmed for February – May 2025

Road Maintenance
Council's contractor has continued with Maintenance Grading within the Shire. Currently on Minkadine Rd, to boundary, Newman Rd, Dyer to Minkadine, Pudlycutting Rd from Keller-Yoting Rd to Boundary, Glenluce Rd, Mc Neil Rd both sides of Glenluce Rd.



RUBBISH BINS

Have you seen the new artwork on the bins around town?

We are looking for more high resolution photos of Kellerberrin to showcase down the Main Street. Thank you to the people who already gave us some spectacular pictures.

Please send any photos of Kellerberrin through to cdo@kellerberrin.wa.gov.au





SEWELL, HAMMOND & SCOTT STREET ROADWORKS

ROADWORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council held its Roadworks Advisory Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 18th February 2025. Some of the Committees recommendationsincluded:

- Adopting the 2025 Roadworks Advisory Committee meeting dates;
- Assisting the new Manager Works and Services to locate/identify Gravel resources for future use for Council;
- Members assist in identifying potential sources of gravel and advising the owners of the work Council has been doing to rehabilitate pits so they are aware of works undertaken by Council when the gravel resource is exhausted.

MOSQUITO FOGGING

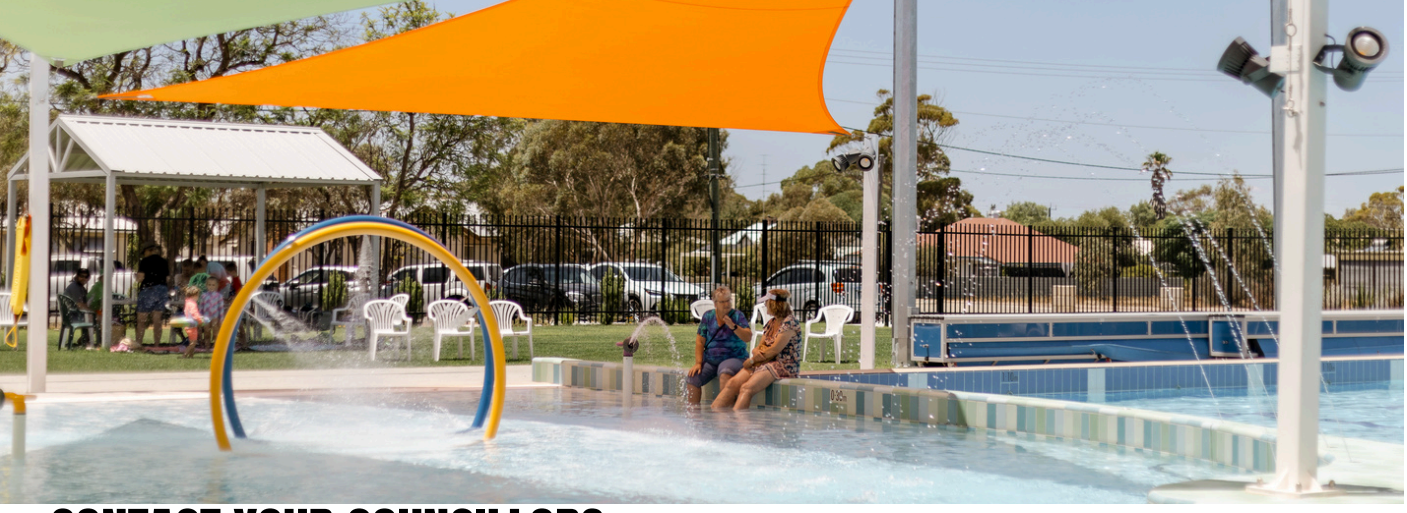
Council wish to advise that it will be undertaking Mosquito Fogging between

Thursday, 10th April 2025 - Thursday, 17th April 2025,

subject to weather conditions.

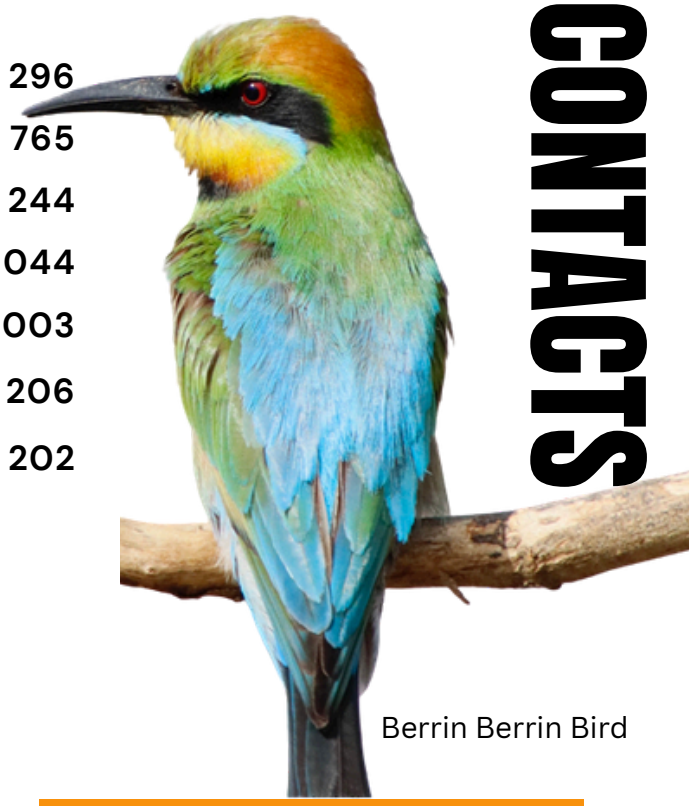
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