

Shire of Kellerberrin
Life as rich as the landscape

MARCH 2024

COUNCIL MATTERS

Official Newsletter of the Shire of Kellerberrin

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RECENT COUNCIL MEETING OUTCOMES

October 2023 Council Meeting Outcomes

Council held its October Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday, 24th October 2023. Some of Council decisions included:

- Council adopted the schedule of Ordinary Council Meeting dates for 2024 incorporating meeting location/venue, meeting commencement time and public question time.
- Council approved the closure of the Administration Office over the Christmas / New Year holiday period.
- Council appointed the Council members to committees/groups/panels.

November 2023 Council Meeting Outcomes

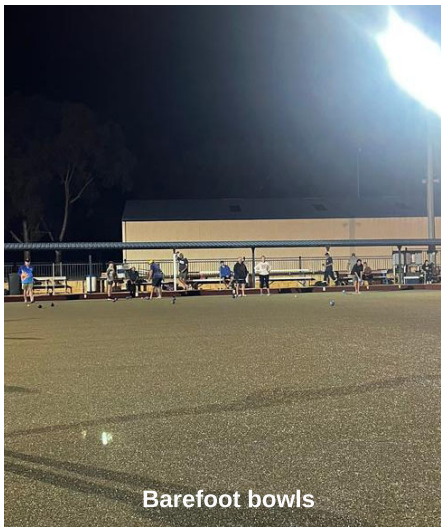
Council held its November Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday, 21st November 2023. Council decided:

- Council moved to rename the Audit Committee to Audit, Risk and Governance Committee; and adopted the Terms of Reference for the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee as presented.

December 2023 Council Meeting Outcomes

Council held its December Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday, 19th December 2023. Some of Council decisions included:

- Council adopted, behind closed doors, the recipients of the Australia Day Awards.
- Council acknowledged that the Shire of Kellerberrin's Common Seal was affixed to three (3) documents in the quarter.
- Council appointed Mr John Merrick to Acting Chief Executive Officer for a six (6) week period.


Barefoot bowls


Colour week - Be Bold Basketball


Photo Credit; Fiona Vickers

RECENT COUNCIL MEETING OUTCOMES

February 2024 Council Meeting Outcomes

Council held its February Ordinary Council Meeting on Thursday, 8th February 2024. Some of Council decisions included:

- That Council direct staff to review the event management plan and approval process alongside consultation with Environmental Health Officer for the new Years Eve Event.
- That Council agree to issue Planning Approval for an eight metre tall non-functioning windmill, which is be used as a garden ornament for a climbing plant, subject to the fan being modified to prevent rotation.

Annual Electors Meeting

Council held the Annual Electors Meeting on Thursday, 8th February 2024.

March 2024 Council Meeting Outcomes

Council held its March Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday, 18th March 2024. Some of Council decisions included:

- That Council revokes the Management order over Reserve 37975, being Lot 416 on Deposited Plan 185227 to enable this lot to become freehold title and agrees to an access easement across the south west corner of Lot 307 on Deposited Plan 87865 for access to Lot 416 on Deposited Plan 185227.
- Council adopted the 2023/24 Budget Review as presented.
- That Council receives the minutes of the Shire of Kellerberrin Electors Meeting held at the Cuolahan/Cottle Room at the Kellerberrin Recreation Centre on Thursday, 8th February 2023, with the amendment that the reference to Mrs Beryl Otley be removed from the question raised from Renza Bishop.

Audit, Risk & Governance Committee

Council would like to **congratulate** Annett Gibson, for being appointed as the independent member for the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee

Annett has vast experience in business and financial management, risk principles and practices and compliance.

Council look forward to working alongside Annett.



COUNCIL UPDATES
Meet Your Council

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations



Congratulations to David Leake, Dennis Reid, Paul Brown, Kelsey Pryer and Emily Ryan who were elected unopposed at the recent Local Government elections and sworn in as Councillors at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 24th October 2023.

Congratulations to Councillor Steber elected President and Councillor Ryan elected Deputy President.



Cr. Matthew Steber
Shire President



Cr. Emily Ryan
Deputy Shire President



Cr. David Leake



Cr. Kelsey Pryer



Cr. Paul Brown



Cr. Dennis Reid



Cr. Monica Gardiner





COUNCIL UPDATES

Darren West Visit

Darren West MLC, WA Labor Member for Agricultural Region, visited the Shire on Wednesday the 21st of February to present us with the cheque from Lotterywest. Darren presented Raymond, Morgan and Maddy with the cheque for $83,001.00 while getting a photo with our new community bus.

After the presentation of the cheque Darren stayed for some lovely morning tea provided by the local bakery with the administration staff.



Acting CEO - John Merrick

While the CEO Raymond Griffiths was on annual leave, John Merrick stepped in as Acting Chief Executive Officer for six (6) weeks. It was a pleasure to have John work with Council and staff and be able to utilise all his years of experience in local government.



Staffing

Council warmly welcomed the following staff members:

- Zac Wollstein to the Town Crew.
- Ann Duong - Part-time Cleaner
- Ebony-Rose Stone as the Apprentice Mechanic.
- Darren Wherry as a plant operator on the Town Crew

The following staff members left Council employment:

- Casual Cleaners - Rhiannon Dobra and Lara Metaxakis
- Waste Transfer Station - Paul Hubble
- Apprentice Mechanic - Angus Lavery - Congratulations to Angus on completing his apprenticeship and becoming a qualified Heavy Duty Diesel Mechanic (Cert III in Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology). Council wishes Angus all the best in his future employment in the industry.

We wish them all the best with their future endeavours.




Photo Credit; Kelsey Cox

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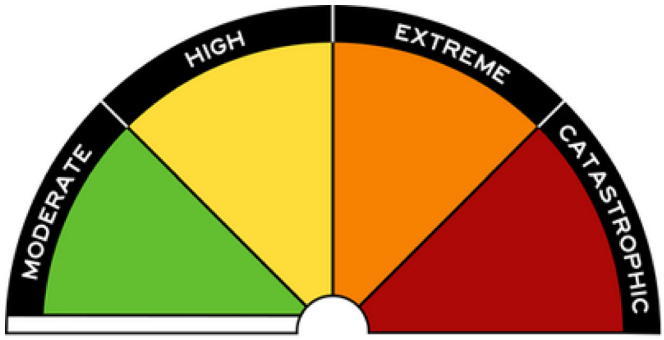
Easter Closures

Date	Administration Office	Swimming Pool	Waste Transfer Station	Gym
Friday 29th March *(Good Friday)*	CLOSED	12:00pm – 6:00pm	CLOSED	5:00am – 8:00pm
Saturday 30th March	CLOSED	12:00pm – 6:00pm	8:00am – 5:00pm	5:00am – 8:00pm
Sunday 31st March *(Easter Sunday)*	CLOSED	12:00pm – 6:00pm	8:00am – 5:00pm	5:00am – 8:00pm
Monday 1st April *(Easter Monday)*	CLOSED	12:00pm – 6:00pm	8:00am – 5:00pm	5:00am – 8:00pm
Tuesday 2nd April	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	5:00am – 8:00pm
Wednesday 3rd April	8:30am – 4:30pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	5:00am – 8:00pm

Burning & Restrictions

Restricted Burning
Easter Saturday - 30th March 2024
Easter Monday - 1st April 2024

Prohibited Burning
Good Friday - 29th March 2024
Easter Sunday - 31st March 2024



Please note that aside from the above advertised days, we are currently in a unrestricted burning period.

Please proceed with caution with respect to fire danger ratings and advice from DFES.

Swimming Pool

Please be advised the Kellerberrin Swimming Pool will be

CLOSED for the season on Tuesday 2nd April 2024.

Thank you to Pool Manager, Peter Arthur for his effort throughout the season.

What a great season it was, with the community enjoying the new facility!

COUNCIL UPDATES

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.

The following people took their pledge to become Australian Citizens on Tuesday 19th December 2023;



- Mrs Dezre Meyer
- Aydon Jakins
- Lourens Meyer
- Melita Meyer
- Mr Michael Southall

The pledge of commitment made by conferees under Section 27 of the Citizenship Act is the last step in becoming Australian citizens. It is a legal requirement for most conferees to make the pledge. The pledge allows conferees to publicly state their loyalty to Australia and its values.



Pledge 1

From this time forward, under God,
I pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people,
whose democratic beliefs I share,
whose rights and liberties I respect, and
whose laws I will uphold and obey.

Pledge 2

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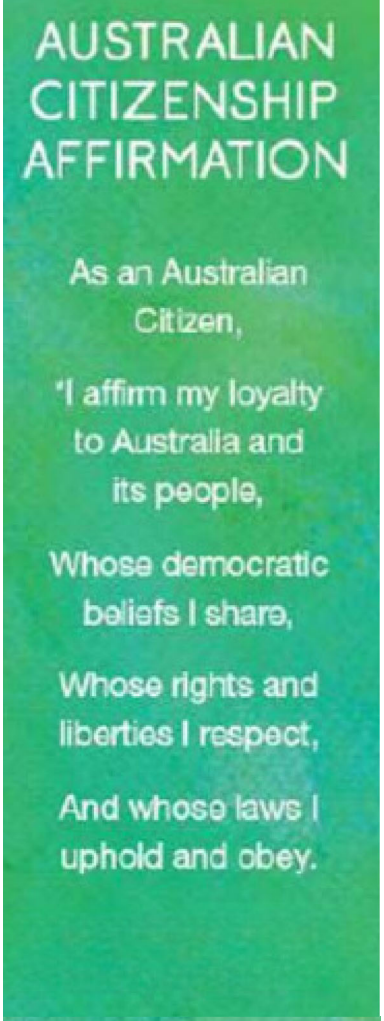




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COUNCIL UPDATES

Community Budget Submissions 2023/2024

Is your group in need of funds for a project? The Shire of Kellerberrin awards up to $30,000 in funding each year to local sporting and community groups who can apply for funding to assist with their given project or event. 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
Max $2,000 per applicant

(Council Budget Allocation $20,000) Examples of eligible projects under this category include a new initiative or a significant one off project, capital project and repairs or maintenance or improvement to Council owned/managed facilities.

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Max $300 per applicant

(Council Budget Allocation $3,000) - Examples of eligible projects under this category include public relations promotion through donations, sponsorships and waivers of fees and charges for Council owned/managed facilities.

COMMUNITY GRANTS
Max $3,000 per applicant

Council Budget Allocation $7,000) - Examples of eligible projects under this category include organisations that provide services or programs to residents of the Shire on an ongoing basis.



WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THE SHIRE?

KELLERBERRIN SWIMMING POOL

Official Opening

Wednesday the 25th of October 2023 marked the official opening of the new Kellerberrin Swimming pool and facilities. The pool opening commenced from 3:00pm with the official opening at 4:00pm until 7:00pm. Those who attended enjoyed these fantastic new facilities while enjoying Spin Catering wood fired pizzas and Wheatbelt Ice Cream Time.

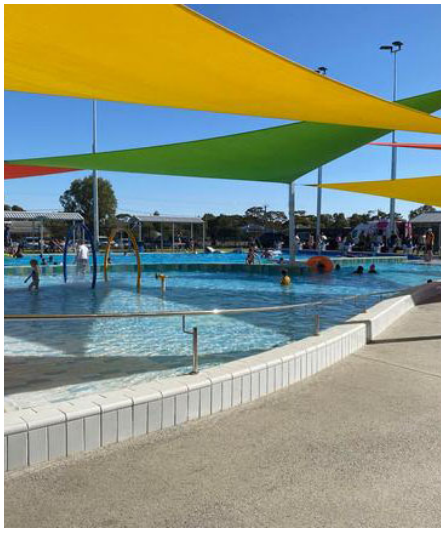


Music was provided by Central Sound DJ Kenny and roving entertainment by the Freedom Fairies. Council also provided nuggets & chips or fish bites & chips available at the canteen for $5, with all proceeds going to Colour Week. Between the bouncy castle, swimming pool with toys, freedom fairies and free food we hoped to provide something for everyone.



There was excellent attendance for the event with everyone in the community excited to see the long-awaited pool facilities.







WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THE SHIRE?

Australia Day Celebrations 2024

Congratulations to the winners of the Community Citizen of the Year awards!

Active Citizenship (Group) - Chrissy Up Keller
Citizen of the Year - Heike Bee

The winners of these awards have selflessly dedicated their time providing outstanding service to our community, we celebrate all nominees and recipients as role models who inspire us with their achievements.
The awards were announced at the Australia Day brunch held at the Kellerberrin Swimming Pool by Shire President Matthew Steber.

A big thank you to the below for their contributions on the day!

- Kellerberrin Agricultural Society for preparing brunch for the community.
- Kellerberrin & Districts Club for the use of their facilities and equipment.
- Thank you to local Elder Charlotte Smith for delivering the Welcome to Country.
- Using the Swimming Pool facilities wouldn't be possible without the assistance of Peter Arthur and his recruitment of lifeguards Daniel Meyer & Aydon Jakins, thank you for all of the help you provided us on the day.
- If you were fortunate enough to be around the pool from 12:00pm onwards you had the opportunity to have a delicious meal provided by Sonya Morley & team or an ice cream or slushie to cool you down from Eastern Hills Ice Cream, thank you for being a part of the Australia Day activities.
- Thank you to Central Sound/DJ Kenny P for providing equipment and entertainment for the day.
- Thank you Rebecca Parkhouse for capturing the event; and,
- Thank you to the community members that assisted on the day!









WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THE SHIRE?

Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program



In a remarkable exchange program aimed at broadening their medical horizons, 11 dedicated students from the University of Notre Dame ventured to Kellerberrin for an immersive four-day experience. Armed with enthusiasm and a thirst for knowledge, these aspiring medical professionals embraced the opportunity to delve into rural healthcare practices.

Throughout their stay, the Notre Dame students actively engaged with the local community, shadowing seasoned healthcare providers, and participating in a variety of hands-on activities. Thank you to all the community members who hosted the students in their homes for the 3 nights stay. Thank you to the Forsyth's for giving such an eye-opening experience into the world of agriculture and broad acre farming, many of these students haven't travelled to rural communities before. The students not only honed their clinical skills but also developed a profound appreciation for the resilience and resourcefulness inherent in rural healthcare settings.

Beyond the clinical realm, the cultural exchange between the Notre Dame students and Kellerberrin residents fostered mutual understanding and enriched perspectives. Shared meals, storytelling sessions, and collaborative initiatives underscored the bonds forged during their brief yet impactful visit. Thank you to Sonya Morley for assisting the medical students with their Thank You dinner held on the final night in Kellerberrin, the food was lovely. We look forward to seeing the next lot of students in 2025.



WHAT EVENTS ARE COMING UP?

Little Red in the Hood

Coming up in early May we have Little Red in the Hood being preformed in the Kellerberrin Hall. This production is by the same production company that put on Snowy and the Seven Cool Dudes last year. This years message is about the importance of recycling ‘Keep Australia Beautiful’ and ‘Be a Recycle Super-Hero’.

Little Red loves her Granny and her neighbourhood!

She’s like a superhero in a hoodie - watching her neighbour’s houses while they’re away and always on the lookout for litterbugs and people who don’t know how to Recycle.

Everyone in "the hood" thinks Red is pretty amazing!

Of course, every story has a troublemaker and this one has Walter – The Big Bad Wolf. He’s not really that big or bad ...more like medium-sized and cheeky, but he does leave rubbish all over the place and has no idea about Recycling.

Walter can smell the awesome Chocolate Cake Granny’s got cooking and he’s on a mission to get the first bite of the cake... and Granny... oh no!!

Will Little Red get there first and save her Granny... and the awesome chocolate cake?



Come along and find out!

Tuesday, 7th May 2024

KELLERBERRIN TOWN HALL





https://www.trybooking.com/CQKHJ



ROADWORKS UPDATE
Shire of Kellerberrin 2023/2024 Road Program

Doodlakine South Road–Reseal of the following sections; - 0.86–1.45, 2.80–5.17, - 5.49–5.95
Council has completed all scheduled resealing works on all the abovementioned sections with a 14mm reseal. The reseal is part of Councils maintenance program for sealed roads to provide additional service life for a sealed road.

Doodlakine South Road–Reconstruct and Seal; -5.97 – 7.90
Council has also completed a full reconstruction of Doodlakine South Road from SLK 5.97 – 7.90. The reconstruction works included widening of the pavement to 11m with suitable off road drainage, wet-mixing the pavement material, trimming pavement and providing a two coat seal to 8m wide for the full section. To complete works guideposts have been installed.

Doodlakine South Road–Clearing Permit Application for 9.70–12.45 SLK.
Councils consulting Natural Resource Management Officer is currently working through the application process with mapping and data collection for the permit application.

The application has been lodged with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. Council is currently working with the Department to finalise it offset requirements to ensure the permit can be advertised seeking submissions.

Kellerberrin Yelbini Road–Clearing Permit Application
Councils consulting Natural Resource Management Officer is currently working through the application process with mapping and data collection for the permit application. This process will be ongoing for the remainder of the financial year with the clearing permit application intended to be lodged by the 30th June 2024.

Gravel Sheeting
Council has completed gravel sheeting works on two (2) sections of Goldfields Road where it had access to gravel being from Doodlakine-Kununoppin Road West and from Baandee North Road to the Shire Boundary.

Road Maintenance – Maintenance Grading
Council staff and contractors have continued to complete road maintenance with the following roads being attended to over the past few months;

- Mission Road.
- Goldfields Road
- Mather Road

TOWN STREETS
Hammond Street
Council has completed the road construction, footpath and crossover works associated with the Hammond Street project. To complete these works Council is to concrete the offshoot drains from Hammond Street to the drain that runs along Scott Street to alleviate erosion issues in that area.

Connelly Street
Council has completed the road construction, footpath and crossover works associated with the Connelly Street project. To complete these works Council is to repair a section of road on Moore Street where a water pipe was replaced. This work is expected to be completed in late April when contractors are in town to compete works on Sewell Street.



Shire of Kellerberrin 2023/2024 Road Program Continued

Sewell Street

Council has completed its planning phase for the Sewell street works and has completed a program of works which includes.

The physical onsite works for Sewell Street will commence on Friday 5th April 2024 with the brick pavers on the footpath South of the IGA entrance being removed and concrete drains cut ready for removal. Friday will also see the setup of traffic management and the commencement of traffic management for Sewell St.

Saturday 6th April
- (am) IGA Carpark profiled out to enable new material to be imported
- (pm) Sewell Street profiled out to enable concrete and asphalting.

Sunday 7th April
- Carting in of material and trimming IGA carpark to enable sealing and asphalting.

Monday 8th April – 12th April
- Completing IGA car park construction.
- Preparing the footpath south of IGA entrance and car parking bays on west side of Sewell St for concreting.
- Sealing of Sewell Street and IGA car park with single coat.

Monday 15th April – Sunday 21st April
- Concreting footpath on South side of IGA entrance and car parking bays on west side of Sewell Street

Monday 22nd April – Sunday 28th April
- Removing bricks and pavers from eastern side of Sewell Street
- Setup and concrete footpath
- Removing brick and pavers from North of IGA entrance around to GEH side of IGA.
- Setup and concrete footpath

Monday 29th April
- Asphalting of Sewell Street

On completion of the above there will still be works associated with Sewell Street with installation of bollards and line marking though the major construction works and traffic issues will be complete.

Please note the above is only a guide and list major works not all works and is subject to change due to weather, contractor availability and unforeseen issues. Please see IGA, Kellerberrin Takeaway, Shire & CRC windows for the traffic closures during this period.

Council will attempt to ensure we keep the community abreast of any updates as they come about as we recognise these works albeit required will create access issues for our community to IGA. Please work with us during this time and adhere to all traffic instructions.



SHIRE OF KELLERBERRIN CONTACTS

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Cr. Paul Brown	0417 907 244
Cr. Dennis Reid	0428 381 044
Cr. Monica Gardiner	0418 454 003
Cr. Kelsey Pryer	0431 187 206
Cr. David Leake	0428 458 202

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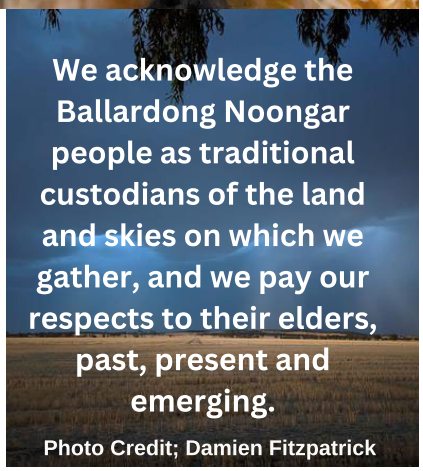
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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/shireofkellerberrin/

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/shireofkellerberrin/

We are always chasing unique photos that sum up the lifestyle and the amazing landscape that we're blessed with.

Do you have a great photo of our Shire and want to share it with the community? Feel free to tag us in your Instagram post or use the hashtag #shireofkellerberrin



2024 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Tuesday, 16th April

Tuesday, 21st May

Tuesday, 18th June

Tuesday, 16th July

Tuesday, 20th August

Tuesday, 17th September

Tuesday, 15th October

Tuesday, 19th November

Tuesday, 17th December



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

We would love to hear from you!

Let us know what you would like to see in the next Council Matters.