



DECEMBER 2020

# COUNCIL MATTERS

Official Newsletter of the Shire of Kellerberrin



## CHRISTMAS WISHES

Welcome to the final edition of Council Matters for 2020!  
The Shire of Kellerberrin Councillors & Staff would like to wish the Kellerberrin, Doodlakine & wider communities a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



## COVID 19 UPDATE

West Australia is currently operating a safe and sensible controlled border arrangement, based on the latest public health advice.  
Interstate travel is permitted into and around WA, depending on where travellers have come from and whom they've had contact with in the 14 days prior to travel. Travellers are also subject to certain travel conditions such as completing a G2G PASS declaration prior to entry.  
West Australia's Chief Health Officer continues to closely monitor community transmission in other states and territories, and will advise the WA Government if any changes to our borders are required to keep Western Australians protected.

## SafeWA App

As of Saturday 5 December 2020, particular businesses are required to maintain contact registers for WA Health Department COVID-19 contact tracing. If COVID-19 is detected in the WA community, contact registers help to protect community members by enabling the WA Health Contact Team to quickly identify and assist anyone that may have been exposed to COVID-19.  
To help, the WA Government has developed a free app, SafeWA, which will provide businesses with a digital contact register system. SafeWA is an efficient and safe way to record patron and visitor contact details. Residents may have noticed SafeWA QR codes and registers popping up around town. As West Australia has recently permitted interstate travel the use of SafeWA registers has become particularly important. Council encourages residents to download the SafeWA app and help keep our community safe.



Shire Administration Offices  
Christmas  
and  
New Years Closure  
The office will be closed from  
Thursday, 24th December 2020  
to Monday 4th January 2021.



1. Download SafeWA
2. Create an account
3. Check in



## RECENT COUNCIL MEETING OUTCOMES

### AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING

The Council held an Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 18th August, 2020. Some of the Council decisions included:

- Council endorsed the Application for the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund Forward Planning Grant for the redevelopment of the Kellerberrin Memorial Pool project.

### SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

The Council held an Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 15th September, 2020. Some of the Council decisions included:

- Council approved the tender for the purchase of a truck mounted road sweeper.

### OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING

The Council held an Ordinary Council Meeting on October 20th, 2020. Some of the Council decisions included:

- Council adopted the New Australia Day Awards policy
- Council set its 2021 Meeting Dates
- Council has appointed contractors to a pre-qualified concrete slab service tender panel for a period of three years commencing 20/10/2020
- Council set the Christmas/New Year holiday closure period. The Shire office will be closed for the following dates;  
Thursday, 24th December 2020  
Friday, 25th December, 2020  
Monday, 28th December, 2020  
Tuesday, 29th December, 2020  
Wednesday, 30th December, 2020  
Thursday, 31st December, 2020  
Friday, 1st January 2021

### NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

The Council held an Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 15th September, 2020. Some of the Council decisions included:

- Council has elected to purchase Lot 249 Bennett Street, Kellerberrin as the advertised price for these blocks have been reduced to \$25,000 and it provides Council with some vacant land for further housing construction opportunities.
- Cr Forsyth has been nominated to represent Kellerberrin on the Central East Aged Care Alliance (CEACA) Committee
- Council provided a submission to the CEO Standards Panel Review as the proposals may put some barriers up for attracting and retaining CEO's.

For full details on Council decisions, minutes are available to view on the website or at the Shire office.

## AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST 2021!

Please join us and celebrate  
Australia Day!

Tuesday 26th January 2021

Location: Kellerberrin Recreation and  
Leisure Centre Cottle/Cuolahan  
Room

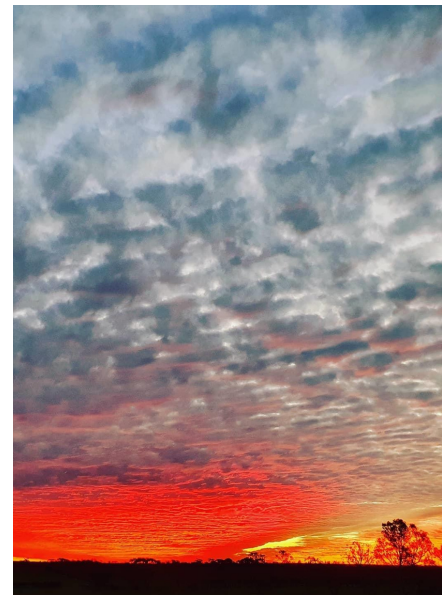
Time: Commencing from 8.30am

RSVP to Shire by Monday 18th

January 2021

on 9045 4006 or to

 media@kellerberrin.wa.gov



## FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Tuesday, 16th February 2021

Tuesday, 16th March 2021

Tuesday, 20th April 2021

Tuesday, 18th May 2021

Tuesday, 15th June 2021





## WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THE SHIRE?

### ROADWORKS UPDATE

Councils roadworks team have been busy in town recently with roadworks being undertaken on both Forrest and Hammond Street. The roadworks team have been working hard to get the work done as quickly as possible. Works are due to be finished by mid January. Following the completion of this project Councils road crew will be commencing works on Bedford Street, with work expected to be completed in approximately 6-8 weeks.

If you notice any roads that require attention please email [shire@kellerberrin.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@kellerberrin.wa.gov.au)

### CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

#### Swimming Pool Project

Council received \$1,000,000 funding through the Drought Communities program, which Council has allocated to Stage one of the Swimming Pool Redevelopment being the Construction of new Pool/Plant room. This process is required to be acquitted by the 30th June 2020.

Council is progressing well with this project with Tenders having closed on Friday 27th November 2020. Submissions are being presented Tuesday 15th December at Council meeting and a contract is to be issued prior to the office closure on the 24th December 2020.

The Kellerberrin Memorial Pool will remain in operation for the duration of these works therefore there may be some closures of the pool at times when works will affect the normal operations of the pool. Council will ensure that advance warnings are provided as to when these closures will occur. Council wishes to apologise in advance for the inconvenience.

#### Bush Fire Sheds

In August 2020 Council received notification from the Department Fire and Emergency Services that it was successful in receiving funds for the construction of three Bush Fire Sheds to house the Bush Fire Vehicles and firefighting infrastructure/equipment at the following locations;

- Mt Caroline
- North Kellerberrin
- Baandee

Tenders for this project closed on Friday 11th December and are to be presented to Council at the Council Meeting 15th December 2020. The projects are to be completed by June 2020.

Council will be very busy in the first half of 2021 ensuring these projects are completed by the deadlines.



### FIRE SEASON 2020/2021 PERMIT PERIODS

Restricted Period- Permits Required

2nd October-31st October 2020

Prohibited Period- No Burning

1st November 2020-31st January 2021

Restricted Period- Permits Required

1st February 2021-30th March 2021







# NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK

The Shire of Kellerberrin in conjunction with the Community Resource Centre, Mens Shed and Recreation Centre played host to a number of Road Safety themed events throughout the course of National Road Safety Week 2020.

The week began with a fatigue stop run by the Mens Shed; drivers could stop for free refreshments throughout their journey along the Great Eastern Highway. This initiative was carried out for 6 days beginning Monday 16th and winding up Saturday the 21st November.

Community engagement was encouraged through a range of interactive activities. Residents could take part in the 'Fatal Vision Goggle Challenge'. The goggles severely affected the ability of users to complete "simple" tasks with ease or even at all. What residents could learn from this challenge is the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs and the adverse effects that such substances have on perception, accuracy and reaction time.

On Friday 20th November residents were invited to a morning tea hosted by the CRC, here issues regarding road safety were discussed with Cliff Simpson a Road Safety Advisor from WALGA and the local Police. Topics covered included distractions, speeding, driving under the influence, fatigue and many more. Residents also took the road safety pledge and received take home packs which included helpful resources regarding road safety and dealing with road trauma with a particular focus on rural roads.

To wrap the week the Kellerberrin and Districts Club held a Road Safety Week night on Saturday 21st November; there was a band, bar games utilising the Fatal Vision Goggles and a courtesy bus to taxi patron's home post event.

Throughout the week various information stalls were set up at the CWA street stall and the local bowling tournament, here information regarding road safety was made accessible to the general public.

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## Drive safely this holiday season!

With more traffic on our roads than ever at this time of year and drivers often in a hurry to get to their destination, December is the worst month for road trauma in Australia.  
 Christmas should be a time of love and laughter, not loss of life.  
 Remember to #ChooseRoadSafety this festive season.

