

OCTOBER 2020

# COUNCIL MATTERS

Official Newsletter of the Shire of Kellerberrin



#### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

West Australian boarders are now open! As of midnight on Saturday 14th of November West Australia transitioned to a controlled interstate border, whereby travel from 'very low risk' states and territories will be permitted, with conditions on arrival including declarations, temperature tests and possible COVID-19 testing. 'Very low risk' jurisdictions are those which have had no community cases for more than 28 days. This currently includes the ACT, Northern Territory, Queensland, and Tasmania. Travel from 'low risk' states and territories will also be permitted, with similar conditions on arrival, however with the addition of 14 days of self-quarantine and a mandatory Day 11 in WA COVID-19 test. Jurisdictions deemed 'low risk' are those which have had less than five community cases per day on a 14-day rolling average. This currently includes New South Wales and Victoria. Due to the new community cases reported in South Australia on 15 November 2020, based on the latest health advice, anyone arriving from South Australia will also be given a direction to self-quarantine on arrival for 14 days. All interstate travellers will still need to complete a G2G Pass declaration. For more information regarding the opening of the WA border please visit the Government of West Australia's Covid-19 information web page.

#### WHATS HAPPENING AROUND THE SHIRE

#### 2020/2021 Pool Season

The Shire of Kellerberrin Memorial Pool is open for the 2020/2021 Season. Opening hours are as follows; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday AM Session: 5:30am-7:30am PM Session 12:00pm-6:00pm, Saturday and Sunday PM Session only 12:00pm-6:00pm, Closed Tuesdays. There are a range of ticketing options available, at the gate entry; concession passes which entitle users to 10 swimming sessions and season passes where access is unlimited. Visit us at the Shire administration office today to get yours today!

#### **National Road Safety Week 2020**

The Shire of Kellerberrin in conjunction with the Kellerberrin CRC, Kellerberrin CWA and Kellerberrin Mens Shed are running a series of events between November 16th-20th. Including a fatigue stop, morning tea, information stalls and activities. These activities are all to help raise awareness of road safety in a bid to keep our streets and roads safe, always remember drive to survive!



# 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







### RECENT COUNCIL MEETING OUTCOMES

#### **AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING**

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

 Council endorsed a funding 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

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

#### **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 and the project is running on schedule to date. Works are due to be finished by early - mid December.

Council on completion of these works will undertake some further gravel sheeting works on John's Road and Morrison Road for the balance of the calendar year. On return in January 2021 the crew will be commencing works on Bedford Street which is expected to take 6-8 weeks.

### **COMMUNITY CROPPING**

Expression of Interest
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## FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Tuesday, 17th November, 2020 Tuesday, 15th December, 2020 Tuesday, 16th February 2021 Tuesday, 16th March 2021 Tuesday, 20th April 2021 Tuesday, 18th May 2021 Tuesday, 15th June 2021



#### CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

#### **Exhibition Hall**

The Shire of Kellerberrin is assisting the Kellerberrin Agricultural Society with the construction of the new Exhibition Hall funded through the Royal Agricultural Funding and Kellerberrin Recreation and Leisure Centre Management Committee. All drawings/plans are currently being finalised with the Building Surveyor currently reviewing the fire requirements. Council is expecting a building permit to be issued in December 2020 enabling the Shed contractor to arrange the purchase of materials. Council envisages that the construction of the shed onsite will commence mid-late February depending on material availability. The funding has a deadline for completion of June 2020 so Council is working hard to ensure all actions are covered off to acquit the project on time.

#### **Swimming Pool**

Council received \$1,000,000 funding through the Drought Communities program of which Council was approved to have allocated to Stage one of the Swimming Pool Redevelopment being construction of new Pool/Plant room. This process is also required to be acquitted by the 30th June 2020. Council is progressing well with this project with Tenders closing on Friday 27th November 2020 and submissions being presented to the December Council meeting for a contract to be issued prior to the office closure on the 24th December 2020.

These works will be conducted while the pool is in operation therefore there may be some operational closures at times where the construction site may affect the operation of the pool. Council will ensure that we provide advance warnings of when this is going to occur. We do apologise for the inconvenience though due to the tight turnaround of the funding and the acquittal process we don't have any choice outside of shutting the pool during the entire process which we don't want to do.

#### **Bushfire Sheds**

Council in August 2020 received notification from Department Fire and Emergency Services it was successful in receiving funds for three Bushfire Sheds to house the Bush Fire Vehicles and firefighting infrastructure/equipment at the following locations; Mt Caroline; North Kellerberrin; Baandee.

Council is working with the Department of Lands currently to solve some land tenure issues however the tender has been advertised and closes on 4th December 2020 to be presented to Council in December 2020. This funding also is a tight turn around as the project is to be completed by June 2021.

Council will be very busy in the front half of 2021 completing a heavy capital infrastructure renewal program heavily funded by external agencies.

### **AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS**

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