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COUNCIL MATTERS

Official Newsletter of the Shire of Kellerberrin



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the first edition for 2021 of the Shire of Kellerberrin Council Matters. On behalf of the Councillors and Staff of the Shire of Kellerberrin I hope you all had a very relaxing and memorable Christmas and New Year. The Shire hosted another successful Australia Day Breakfast and Awards Ceremony on Australia Day. Congratulations to all of our worthy recipients of the 2020 community awards. As you are all aware School started back on Monday 1st February 2021, we wish all the students and staff at Kellerberrin District High School all the best for the school year and remember school matters! Hope you enjoy this issue.

Best wishes,
Cr Rod Forsyth
Shire President

COVID 19 UPDATE

The five-day lockdown for Perth, Peel and the South West has ended. Restrictions remain for Perth and Peel until 12.01am Sunday, 14 February 2021. Residents will need to complete a G2G Pass declaration to enter the Perth and Peel region. Contact registers are now mandatory at most businesses and venues, it is also mandatory for individuals to register at these businesses and venues and fines will apply for noncompliance.

SafeWA App

Contact registers are now mandatory for most businesses and venues within West Australia. 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. Council encourages residents to download the SafeWA app and help keep our community safe.



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



**SafeWA**



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

RECENT COUNCIL MEETING OUTCOMES

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.



DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

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

- Council approves the sale of Council owned Lots 8, 9, 10 & 67 Station Street, Doodlakine
- Council made the following allocations for the Community Cropping program:
 - o Allocate the Scaddan Street property to the Kellerberrin Agricultural Society
 - o Allocate Restdown Estate to the Kellerberrin Bowling Club
 - o Allocate Industrial Area (Shire owned land) and Airstrip to FOKC
 - o Allocate land from the Shackleton Road realignment to the Kellerberrin Bowling Club.

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

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 on return in January 2021 commenced the reconstruction of Bedford Street, with the removal of the curbing and old seal. The crew have laid new gravel and are continuing these works which are expected to take approximately 6-8 weeks to complete.

On the completion of these works the crew will complete the street paths and curbing of Hammond and Forrest Street.

The crew have also been busy completing gravel sheeting of Mather and Willandra North road and levelling out Tiller drive for depot site works.

If you notice any roads that require attention please email shire@kellerberrin.wa.gov.au

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Swimming Pool Project

Construction works have commenced on the pool plant and pump room construction. The ground works are being completed currently with construction of the shed and pump installation set to commence in March 2021 to ensure completion by June 2021.

Council has also made application to the Federal Government to have its allocation of \$300,000 for Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, should this project be accepted and subsequent approval from Council this will see the construction of the Toilet block, Meeting room, First Aid Room and Kiosk on the North side of the complex completing another stage for the pool redevelopment.

Bush Fire Sheds

Council has appointed Molivi Construction as the successful tenderer for the construction of Three (3) bush fire sheds at the following locations:

- Mt Caroline
- Baandee
- North Kellerberrin

Council has commenced works on the pads for the sheds to be located on. Council again expects construction/onsite works to commence in Late February, early March to enable works to be completed by June 2021.

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. The planning process for this project is now completed with the construction works set to commence in Late February, Early March 2021.

Our Finance Officer Zene becomes a citizen!

At the conclusion of Councils December Meeting a citizenship ceremony was held at which councils very own finance officer Zene Arancon and her husband Lloyd Arancon become Australian Citizens. The ceremony was attended by staff and friends as well as Zene and Lloyd's family via Zoom all the way from the Philippines. Congratulations to our newest citizens.





WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THE SHIRE? AUSTRALIA DAY 2021

This year the Annual Australia Day Celebrations were held at the Kellerberrin Recreation and Leisure Centre. The shire staff and recreation centre manager Steve Paisio ensured the day ran smoothly and hiccup free, the day kicked off with the annual Australia Day breakfast and awards ceremony. The kitchen was a hive of activity with the Kellerberrin Ag Society and Shire Councillors cooking up a storm and serving breakfast to all that attended. With breakfast served the awards ceremony commenced. The 2020 Community Awards were presented to the recipients, they being:

Joint Citizens of the year

- 2020 Citizen of the Year – Phil Graham
- 2020 Citizen of the Year - Jenna Saunders
- 2020 Young Citizen of the Year- Brittney Sutherland-Scott
- 2020 Community Service Award – Brian Jones
- 2020 Community Service Award – Lachlan Bowles
- 2020 Community Event of the Year Award – “Family Fun Fair” – hosted by Kellerberrin and Districts Agricultural Society and Central Wheatbelt Harness Racing Club

Council would like to thank all the people that took the time to submit a nomination form to the Shire for each of the award winners – without you these awards would not be possible. Following the breakfast the festivities continued at the Kellerberrin Memorial Pool with a fun family afternoon filled with activities and a sausage sizzle. In the late afternoon residents participated in a North vs South cricket match on the Kellerberrin Oval, with South of town coming out the victors. Celebrations were carried on into the night with a barbeque dinner and band at the Kellerberrin and Districts Club.



2020 Australia Day Awards Recipients

