FROM THE CHAMBERS

2016/2017 BUDGET
Road Program - Funded Projects
Council has adopted to complete the following road works program within its 2016/2017 Budget.

PROGRESS REPORT

- **Baandee North Road** - 4.64km - 8.14km - This work involves clearing, widening, floodway works, culvert upgrades, overlay of gravel, Wetmixing and two coat bitumen sealing.

- **Kwolyin West Road** - 0.00km - 2.00km This work involves clearing, widening, overlay of gravel, Wetmixing and two coat bitumen sealing.

- **Mitchell Street**; This work involves removing street trees from under power lines, reducing the seal width from 11m - 9m and increasing the footpath width, overlay of gravel, Wetmixing and two coat bitumen sealing.

- **Gravel Sheeting**: Council has allocated significant funds towards Gravel re-sheeting jobs this budget in order to provide safe and well drained gravel roads. The works will include upgrade to off shoot drainage and minor clearing works.

CULVERT REPLACEMENT / FLOODWAY WORKS
Council in July 15 received a significant rainfall event which saw some of our culverts severely damaged. Council has been working with Main Roads WA seeking Federal Government funding through natural disaster funding to fix the damaged culverts.

The rainfall event has been classified and the Council, funding request was approved. Council has completed the following floodway/culverts works:

- Stone Giles Road Floodway (East of South Doodlakine Road)
- Johns Road Floodway (South of Stone Giles Road).

The culverts that Council will be working on in the 2016/2017 Financial year are:

- Deep Well Road
- Wallatin Road
- Nanyanine Road
- Durakoppin Road

The works that Council is undertaking in this area is providing solutions to handle the heavy rain fall events that wash away the road surface and damage culverts.

The program includes rock walling both the up and down stream sides with stabilised sand. Additionally Council are constructing a 40m concrete floodway to enable the water to wash across easily and the road still able to handle traffic.

Not only will this provide a huge benefit to road users but also assist Council by minimising the need to provide adhoc repairs to these areas after significant rain events.

Capital Program
Council has adopted to undertake the following Capital program in 2016/2017 Budget;

PROGRESS REPORT

- **Hockey Oval Lights**;
  The Kellerberrin Hockey Club has been working hard fundraising and seeking grants for the Installation of two centre light poles to enhance the lighting capacity at the Hockey Oval.
  Council will be contributing to the project to the sum of $10,000
Central East Aged Care Alliance (CEACA) - $60,800 - Council through CEACA have been successful in receiving grant funds towards the headworks costs for eight units at the Ex-Cole Engineering blocks.

Footpath Construction $62,218; Council has been successful in obtain $20,000 through the Stronger Community Funding (Federal Government) for the Construction of a new footpath on Massingham Street from Scott Street to Restdown Street.

Centenary Park (Including Skate Park) $810,000: Council has allocated funds to revamp Centenary Park with the installation of new play areas including a Skate Park.

Total Cost to Council $180,000

Council has been successful in receiving the following funds to assist with the construction of the park area:

- $498,112 - Lotterywest
- $ 95,000 - DSR
- $ 20,000 - WDC
- $ 15,000 - Aged Friendly Funding

Council has also applied for additional funds through the National Stronger Regions Fund to assist with the park upgrade and construction however Council hasn't received advice as to whether we have been successful or not.

Patio & BBQ Area - Caravan Park $11,000; Council has allocated funds to construct a Patio including concrete floor on the east side of the accommodation area to provide an outdoor eating/resting area for patrons at the Caravan Park including an outdoor kitchen area.

Ex-Golf Club Building Upgrade $20,000; Council has allocated funds to undertake the following works at the building to assist with the Seniors relocating to the facility:
- Installation of Reverse Cycle Air Conditioning
- Ramps and Rails installed at entry points and step areas.
- Curtains and Blinds to the facility

Depot Office $25,000; Council has allocated funds towards the installation of a Depot Office on the North side of the works shed. This will assist with enabling the Depot to be locked up at all times and visitors are to enter via the back gate next to the Office. It also provides an appropriate work space for the Mechanic to undertake administration duties.

Replace Solar Heating System @ Pool $32,000, Council will utilise the $32,000 grant from DSR through R4R to complete the upgrade of the damaged Solar Heating System at the Swimming Pool.

Central East Aged Care Alliance (CEACA)
The CEACA group has been successful in its stage one and stage two application for funding.

Kellerberrin will receive a significant portion of funding which will provide the following:
- Development Application for the new Independent Living Units (ILU's)
- Headworks for the block
- Removal of concrete blocks
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- Sand pad for construction
- Construction of 14 new Universal Independent Living Units.

Therefore the Ex-Cole engineering block will be serviced with 14 new units which will include removing the concrete pads and constructing roads, paths, landscaping and 14 units.

The total cost of this project is expected to be around $4.2 million dollars with Council’s contribution being $381,800. Council has allocated for this contribution to be funded by loan funds to spread the cost of the infrastructure over a ten year period.

Management Plans

Council over the past twelve months has been working diligently on up keeping its Integrated Plans being the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan. If you wish to view a copy please see Council's website or contact the office of Council for a copy.

In reviewing the abovementioned plans Council has also completed the following new plans for the Shire of Kellerberrin:

- Disability Access and Inclusion Plan
- Asbestos Management Plan
- Townscape, Road Verge and Public Open Space Management Plan
- Waste Management Strategy and Business Plan.

For copies of any of these plans or if you wish to discuss the plans please contact the office of Council.

Basketball/Netball Courts

Residents will be aware that the Eastern Basketball/Netball Courts are deteriorating rapidly.

Council has been in constant communication with the contractor that constructed the courts. The courts have been scheduled to be fixed early this year though now with the weather has been put off until September/October 2016 to try and avoid the wetter weather.

Council has also requested repairs to the main court area as this is showing some signs of deterioration as well.

Council has also been working with the Sport and Recreation Committee and the Kellerberrin & Districts Club regarding a proposal for an indoor facility.

The Shire of Kellerberrin have agreed to supply the Sport and Recreation Committee a self-supporting loan of $100,000 to assist in funding the project. For further information please contact the Sport and Recreation Committee members.

Speedway Grant

Council in partnership with the Kellerberrin Speedway have submitted a grant application to the Wheatbelt Development Commission for the upgrade of facilities at the Speedway.

The grant was to upgrade the track, ablution facilities, Entertaining Area, Kitchen, Bar area, playground and provide facilities in the Pit area.

Council has just received advice that it was unsuccessful in this round of funding.

However Council will be resubmitting an application back to the WDC as they advised the project had Merit and required additional information. Additionally an application will be made to the Department of Sport and Recreation assist also.

Tourism App

Council has been working with the WEROC Council’s (Bruce Rock, Merredin, Westonia & Yilgarn) to develop a Tourism
App for our Region.

The App is designed to show people travelling through our towns the popular destination spots, businesses, restaurants, camping grounds, accommodation spots etc.

It is envisaged that with the growth of this Application tourists/travellers can utilise this app to make booking and payments for food and accommodation.

Watch this space.

**NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

**FOX BAITING**

Well, the spring baiting period is upon us again. The Shire of Kellerberrin has funding available for the supply of fox baits.

To take advantage of this offer, simply contact me with your 1080 permit number (if purchasing 1080 baits) and supplier details. A PO will then be sent to your nominated supplier and the baits will be available to be picked up. Alternatively, call into the Shire Office with the same details and take a PO straight to the supplier and pick up the supplies.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dylan Copeland on 0488 471 727 or nrmo@icloud.com.

**STAFF UPDATE**

Council would like to welcome Karen Oborn on board as Council's Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

Council also welcomes our new Outside Crew Members Jayden Smith & Ian Malkin to the Shire of Kellerberrin.

Ian is working with the Road Crews and Jayden has joined the Town Crew. We look forward to their contribution to the team.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Kid Sport**

With summer sports starting, be sure to check and see which junior sport groups offer KidSport funding in assisting to cover the associated playing costs. Visit http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/individuals/kidsport or see Natasha at the Shire Office for more information.

**Centenary Park Redevelopment**

Final plans have been received from Josh Byrne and Associates for Centenary Park. We would like to thank all of students of Kellerberrin District High School, Seniors Group and community members for their feedback and input into the designs for the park. We are hoping the redevelopment of the park will be advertising, for tender shortly.

**Skate Park**

The Shire has successfully received $95,000 from Department of Sport & Recreation to go towards the construction of a Skate Park at Centenary Park. Jason from Enlocus (Skate Park Architectures) recently visited Kellerberrin and conducted a site visit. Jason and his team are currently in the process of finalising concept plans and construction drawings for the project. Site works are due to commence in early December with construction starting in January.
Garage Sale Trail 2016
The Shire has signed up to join in the nationwide “Garage Sale Trail” program for 2016. Garage Sale Trail encourages communities to unite on Saturday, 22nd October for one massive garage sale in their town. This is wonderful opportunity for community groups, sporting groups or yourself to make some extra cash from your unwanted items. Registration of your garage sale is free, simply log onto https://www.garagesaletrail.com.au/ and click on register a sale or call into the Shire for more information.

Tourist Smart Phone App
The Shire together with the Shires of Bruce Rock, Merredin, Westonia and Yilgarn are working together to create a tourist and information app. The app will be able to offer the user information on local services, businesses, events and tourist spots for each town and the region as a whole.

Current Funding Applied For
The Shire has applied for funding through the following bodies:
- National Stronger Regions Fund – Centenary Park & Skate Park redevelopment
- Department of Sport & Recreation – Hockey Oval Lighting (grant submitted on behalf of Kellerberrin Hockey Club)
- Building Stronger Communities Fund – Footpaths along Massingham Street
- Community Pool Revitalisation Program – Solar Water Heating system

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
GENERAL INFORMATION

Restdown Estate
There are now four remaining lots for purchase at Restdown Estate, should you know of anyone interested in these lots please contact Landcorp on 9482 7477.

Cat and Dog Registrations
Reminders will be sent out in September to renew your dog and cat registrations. With the new regulations now in place all Dogs and Cats must be microchipped to be registered. Registrations are due on the 31st October.

Heavy Vehicle Permits
Council would like to reiterate to all people that own or operate heavy vehicles that Council has recently had its road network reviewed by Main Roads for heavy vehicle access.

There have been significant changes to the permitted routes and vehicle types, please ensure that you check the addendums and carefully read the conditions on your permits to ensure that you are compliant.

Please ensure you check the conditions on Council's roads as in some cases you will be required to have a letter from Council granting permission to access Council's road network.

If you have any concerns please contact the shire office.

BUILDING
Please be reminded that if you are considering any building works, whether it be on a farm or in town, please contact Councils Building Surveyor to see what the requirements are for your proposed works. Ignorance isn't the answer and we are here to help and assist with this process.

Road Safety
Please ensure that all members take care on our roads especially during the harvest season.

Should you notice any issues with any of Council owned roads please ensure you
contact the office on 9045 4006 so that officers are aware and can arrange to have the issued rectified. I urge people to please notify the Shire directly as sometimes we are just unaware of specific issues and therefore we can't help.

**Facebook Page**
The Shire of Kellerberrin Facebook page is available to Community Groups for the promotion of local events. Contact the Shire Office on 9045 4006 or e-mail cdo@kellerberrin.wa.gov.au with information. Don’t forget to like us to be kept up to date with community events.

**Gymnasium**
Council recently sent out Renewal Membership Notices for the Gymnasium, should you not wish to renew your membership please present your card to the front office and your bond will be returned.

Should you have any ideas/suggestions for Council regarding the gymnasium please ensure you contact Mrs Natasha Giles (CDO).

*A reminder to all members that if you have any issue or work required by Council please ensure you email us at shire@kellerberrin.wa.gov.au SO WE CAN ATTEND TO IT.*

*IF WE DON'T KNOW WE CAN'T HELP.*