

FEBRUARY 2020

# Council Newsletter

SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM

## 2020 Community Event

A night of recognising award winners, acknowledging community volunteers and welcoming new Wyalkatchem locals, along with the announcement of the Citizen of the Year Awards.

See the flyer inside!



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### Council's Vision

That Wyalkatchem is an inclusive, dynamic community where all share in a thriving economy and a sustainable, safe and valued environment

### Our Purpose

The Council of Wyalkatchem works with the community to protect and enhance the quality of life for current and future generations.

# Upcoming Meeting Dates

## Ordinary Meeting of Council: 19 December 2019

Meetings commence at 4:00pm at the Shire Office Chambers on Flint Street

## CSRFF Funding - Wyalkatchem Tennis Club

### Shire of Wyalkatchem awarded CSRFF funding for the Wyalkatchem Tennis Club and Bowling Club.

Following the announcement of successful Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) recipients by Sport and Recreation Minister Mick Murray, the Shire of Wyalkatchem is set to receive a further \$194,347 to assist with the Wyalkatchem Tennis Club relocation and lighting of the bowling green. The CSRFF represent one third of the total project cost and provides the Shire with the opportunity to commence work in 2020.

This is welcoming news for the Shire and the working group, who have worked tirelessly over the last six months to progress the project and secure funding.

The funding from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries CSRFF grant of \$194,347, the Tennis Australia National Rebate Scheme grant of \$100,000, and investment from Council and co-funding from community groups now puts the Shire and the working group in a financial position to commence the project.

The principle components of the development are:

- Two gel-cushioned, acrylic tennis courts;
- One gel-cushioned, acrylic multi-use courts with line markings for tennis, basketball and netball;
- Court perimeter fencing; and
- lighting of tennis courts and bowling greens.

Tenders seeking suitability qualified contractors will be sought, with the project commencement anticipated to occur in April/May 2020.

## Shire SMS

The Shire of Wyalkatchem offers a free SMS service to local residents, owners and occupiers regarding Total Fire Bans, Harvest Bans and other important notifications. The service is the quickest way to update people on anything happening efficiently.

To sign up, please contact the Shire Office with your name and mobile phone number.

**PHONE:** (08) 9681 1166

**IN PERSON:** 27 Flint Street, Wyalkatchem

**EMAIL:** [general@wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au](mailto:general@wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au)



# Restricted Burning Period

**8 February 2020 to 22 March 2020**

During this time, permits are required to burn. See the following information to see if you need a permit.

## PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

### RURAL:

- Permits are to be issued four days in advance of proposed burning;
- If a permit is required with less notice, neighbours are to be notified verbally;
- Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) are to be notified of burning that is within three kilometers of any DPaW Reserve;
- Three people minimum to be in attendance at all times;
- A minimum three metre firebreak;
- Wind speed of less than 15kmph; and
- Fire appliance with a minimum of 600L of water in attendance.

### GARDEN REFUSE:

A permit is required to burn garden refuse before 6pm during the Restricted Burning Period, and is subject to the conditions as set out on the permit. Garden refuse may be burnt without a permit after 6pm during the Restricted Burning Period, subject to the following conditions of the ***Bush Fire Act 1954*** and the ***Health Act 1911***.

- The pile of refuse being burnt does not exceed one square metre of area;
- The pile has a five metre wide area clear of flammable material;
- Only one pile is alight at one time;
- The fire is completely extinguished by midnight;
- At least one person in attendance;
- Means of extinguishing the fire are available;
- Neighbours are aware of the intention to burn;
- The smoke does not cause nuisance to neighbours;
- The smoke does not cause traffic hazards;
- No household, commercial or noxious waste to be burnt; and
- No damp, wet or green material at any time.

Smoke from the burning of garden rubbish can cause nuisance and annoyance to other residents. Please consider and plan to minimise smoke.

## Water During a Fire

Scheme water cannot be guaranteed during a bush fire. Water Corporation is prepared for bush fire season, however, they cannot guarantee that water pressure or water supply will be maintained in the event of a bush fire. Extreme demand, fire damage and power cuts can all result in total loss of water. If you plan to stay and defend your property in the event of a bush fire, you must have your own independent water supply and pumping capabilities, and must not rely on scheme water. Full details about how to prepare for the bush fire season can be found at [www.firechat.wa.gov.au](http://www.firechat.wa.gov.au)

# Community Grant Program

## QUICK RESPONSE GRANT OPEN NOW

The Community Grant Program recognises the efforts of community, clubs and other not-for-profit organisations by helping them deliver a diverse range of projects, events, activities and initiatives that contribute to the wellbeing and quality of life for residents of Wyalkatchem.

**Councils Community Grant Program - Quick Response Grants is now open**, offering funds to support local groups and organisations in the delivery of community projects and events. Council invites applications from community groups and organisations for funding up to \$2,000. Funding priorities will be given to projects that:

- Support volunteers by building the capacity of local clubs and organisations with small equipment purchases;
- Support programs, activities and initiatives delivered by community groups;
- Support community development initiatives;
- Increase the range of events, activities and services within the Shire;
- Provide mentoring opportunities to community organisations to strengthen their organisation; and
- Generate local economic activity, tourism and community development.

To apply for a Quick Response Grant, please complete the Application Form and forward to:

Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Wyalkatchem  
PO Box 224, WYALKATCHEM WA 6485

**OR**

Email: [admin3@wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin3@wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au) Subject Line: Community Grants Application

To ensure your project meets program eligibility and to encourage every chance of success, it is imperative to read the Community Grant Program Guidelines. Application forms and guidelines are available from the Shire Office or can be downloaded from the Shire of Wyalkatchem website: [www.wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au](http://www.wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au)

**Applications are open now and close 4:00pm Thursday 5 March 2020.**

In addition to the Quick Response Grant, the Shire also provides support through other funding streams, being:

- Sponsorship - up to \$250
- Waiving of Council Fees - up to \$1500

Information of these funding streams can also be found within the Community Grants Program Guidelines. Both of the funding streams are open all year round.

For more information, or to discuss your application, please contact the Shire on **9681 1166**.

# Changes to the 2020 Meeting Schedule

**At the December 2019 Council Meeting, Council resolved to conduct a 12 month trial on changes to meeting dates and times for 2020.**

Over the last number of Elections, Council has experienced difficulties in attracting community members to the position of Councillor.

Council has held discussions in regards to reviewing the current meeting system with the view to make the position of Councillor more attractive to community members, who have other commitments, that may consider standing for Council. This will also make it easier for existing Councillors to attend Council, Committee and Workshop Meetings.

There was also a desire to review the frequency of meetings, to accommodate for months where Councillors or potential Councillors may have other seasonal commitments and priorities, such as seeding and harvest.

As part of its due diligence and on the direction of Council, the CEO conducted a review of meeting structure options and prepared a "Proposed Changes of Council, Committee and Workshop Structure for the Shire of Wyalkatchem, Options and Implications" discussion paper.

The review also included investigating structures that were suited to rural Councils and rural Elected Members with the objective of providing a balance between Shire and work commitments. This included the frequency of meeting and the meeting start times.

On completion of its due diligence and considerations of the options and implementations of the CEO's discussion paper, Elected Members and staff have held discussions to come up with the most suitable meeting structure.

The new meeting structure, which will be trialled for 12 months, will see a reduction in Ordinary Meetings. Currently, Council does not hold a Council Meeting in January, and the changes will also see no meetings being scheduled for the months of April, August and November.

***"Council has considered the current meeting structure carefully, with the aim of making the position of Elected Member easier and more attractive, while still ensuring that Council is in a position for effective decision making"*** said Shire President Quentin Davies.



# 2020

# Public Notice

## 2020 Ordinary Council Meetings and Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting Dates

In accordance with Regulation 12 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, notice is given of the Audit & Risk Management Committee and Ordinary Council Meetings for the Shire of Wyalkatchem for 2020.

Ordinary Council Meetings commence at 4:00pm.

Audit & Risk Management Committee Meetings commence at 3:00pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings. Meetings are held at the Shire Chambers, 27 Flint Street, unless otherwise advertised.

<b>2020</b>	<b>Ordinary Council Meeting</b> Commencing at 4pm	<b>Audit &amp; Risk Committee Meeting</b> Commencing at 3pm
January	No Meeting	No Meeting
February	20 February 2020	20 February 2020
March	19 March 2020	No Meeting
April	No Meeting	No Meeting
May	21 May 2020	21 May 2020
June	18 June 2020	No Meeting
July	16 July 2020	No Meeting
August	No Meeting	No Meeting
September	17 September 2020	17 September 2020
October	15 October 2020	No Meeting
November	No Meeting	No Meeting
December	17 December 2020	17 December 2020

## New Manager of Works

The Shire of Wyalkatchem staff and Councillors welcome our new Manager of Works, Les Vidovich.

Les joined the team on 2 December 2019. Les previously worked at the Shire of Laverton, and brings 32 years of experience with him.

We welcome Les to Wyalkatchem and look forward to working together to deliver Councils projects and outcomes.





Shire of Wyalkatchem,  
P&C and CRC  
Invite you to the

# 2020 COMMUNITY EVENT



**COME ENJOY!**



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**14.02.2020 | 5:30 PM**  
**WYALKATCHEM DISTRICT CLUB**



# Shire of Wyalkatchem

If you have any queries, issues or require more information on any Shire of Wyalkatchem affairs, please feel free to contact the Shire Staff or Councillors using these details:

**Phone: (08) 9681 1166**

**Fax: (08) 9681 1003**

**Email: [general@wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au](mailto:general@wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au)**

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## Councillor Contacts

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