



## Norseman Woodlands to Eucla Coast

### REPORT TO COUNCIL Ordinary Council Meeting (28/09/2021)

#### AREA: Works

#### TOWN WORKS

- Town crew over the month have worked at the landfill sorting waste incorrectly dumped, drainage maintenance, verge mowing. Extensive tree pruning around Norseman.
- Town crew pumping sewer water to reduce volumes in storage ponds.

#### GARDEN CREW

- Final remaining garden crew member has resigned, issues he refused to sign onto the SAFE WA register. Staff member was sent home.
- Letter sent to employee requesting information on the status of his employment. The staff member dropped off his written resignation stating the cause being that the Shire was forcing him to get vaccinated.  
All discussions with staff were this may possibly happen but not as yet, but all staff were required to sign onto the SAFE WA register.

#### ROAD CREW

- Road crew conducting small amounts of Private works delivering material to the camp and sewer site construction.

#### HYDEN-NORSEMAN ROAD

- Minor patching completed on the Hyden Norseman Road, closed several times in the month due to rain and excessive rain at Forrestonia.
- Road has sand holes appearing over 30 km distance from Shire boundary, road recently graded by the mine grading contractor.

#### EUCLA

Nil to report

#### PLANT

- Very limited ability to have plant serviced in Norseman, small mower sent to Esperance for repairs. (Refer to HR section.)

#### NORSEMAN LANDFILL

- Progressing to alter landfill outdated paperwork and procedures.
- Annual liquid waste report completed.

#### OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

- Chemical shed has been sorted by OHS contracting company as is the pool storage area.



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## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Advertised for Ranger position, now filled.
- Road Crew truck driver now filled.
- Town crew member now filled.
- Gardening position 1 filled.

## **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

- Report being created on Shire buildings.

## **PLANT MAINTENANCE**

- Commenced replacement of Cat 910 K loader quote period closed all 9 applications and 3 Auction house offers being correlated.
- Companies that have sent in quotes for the replacement loader are, Hitachi, Case, Komatsu, John Deere, SDLG, Volvo, Caterpillar.
- With Auction houses, Pickles, Smith Broughton, and Manheim.
- Preferred loader to replace the CAT 910 K loader is the 444 P John Deere.
- SMALL PLANT, new whipper snippers and lawn mowers have been purchased, all are battery operated, reducing the requirement for fuel to be stored at the depot. Items were required urgently as almost all current plant was not working or required extensive repairs.

## **CEMETERY**

- Sourcing correct grave site numbering plaques.
- Progressing the new section of the cemetery with obtaining approvals from Government departments.

**JOE HODGES**  
**MANAGER WORKS & SERVICES**

REPORT TO COUNCIL  
Ordinary Council Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2021

AREA: Tourism and Communications

OFFICER: Hannah Turner

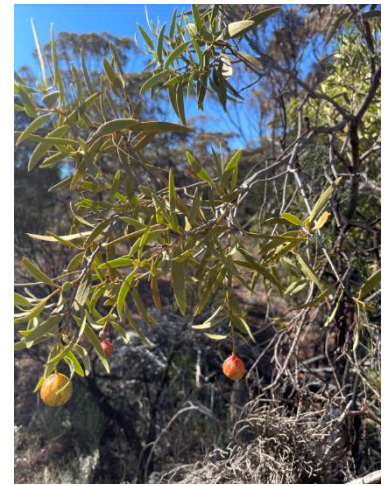
PERIOD OF REPORTING: July-August

Visitor Statistics 6/9-21/9

Visitor Patronage (as recorded by  
Woodlands Centre Statistics): 421 excl.  
CRC customers.

Wildflower Season

Towns all over Western Australia are looking bright and colourful with the welcoming of wildflower season. The Australian Golden Outback has showcased quite a few of these wildflowers throughout the state. Many wildflowers have been spotted throughout the Shire of Dundas and showcased on the @norsemanwoodlandscentre Instagram page.



With wildflower season comes lots of flower and garden shows where people are invited to look at the native wildflowers found in the area or contributions of what residents have grown themselves.

**Esperance Wildflower Festival:** 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> of September

**Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show:** 13<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September

**Norseman Flower and Garden Show:** 24<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> September

## 2022 Community Calendar

Expressions of interest for advertising in the community calendar closed in mid-August. Information has been compiled including feature images, advertisements, and shire information that will appear in the calendar next year and has been sent to the external publisher who assists in creating the calendar. The calendar will be distributed in November.

## New Stock

The Woodlands Centre is in the process of receiving new stock to improve our current product range. In addition to the typical souvenirs (stubby holders, magnets, Nullarbor Links souvenirs) we have also received the following:

- Guide to Spring Wildflower Books (a four-part series)
- Hand-Crafted, West Australian made Critters magnets and brochures
- Paua jewellery
- Finger puppets and accompanying accessories



The Woodlands Centre is still in the process of finding new stockists for additional items, including ones ready for Christmas.

## Communications

Current communications focusses are:

- Local Government Elections
  - o A new designated page exists on the Shire website in relation to Local Government Elections. This is added to as needed when more information arises such as official call for nominations and candidate profiles.
- COVID-19 Vaccination
  - o The COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic was in Norseman on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of September. Two posts were made to promote this (excluding the posters advertised beforehand) including dinosaurs getting vaccinated and a video with the Shire President.
- Norseman Timber Day
  - o Norseman Timber Day will be held in October. Forests Products Commission has established a Communications Plan which has begun to be implemented.



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AREA: Corporate and Community Services

PERIOD OF REPORTING: (September 2021)

AREA: Community Development

OFFICER: Pania Turner

PERIOD OF REPORTING: September-October 2021

Table with 2 columns and 1 row. Header: Community Event Reminder September - October. Left column contains: Local Government Elections, Flower & Garden Show, Ordinary Meeting of Council, NAIDOC Activities, Norseman Timber Day, Mining Forum. Right column contains: Norseman Mental Health Day, Ordinary Meeting of Council, Local Government Elections, Norseman Community Markets, Norseman Night at the Museum.



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## Local Government Elections

**Postal Voting packages should have now been received by residents.**

Voters are strongly encouraged to complete their voting package as soon as possible and post immediately. **The Returning Officer must have your postal vote prior to 6pm 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

### How to Vote

Instructions on how to vote are on the ballot paper in the voting package. It is important to read the instructions carefully to ensure your vote is valid.

### Replacement packages

If you make a mistake when voting on your ballot paper, or lose your papers, you can request replacements at the Shire of Dundas Administration Office 88-92 Prinsep Street, 8:30am 4:00pm.

### Have your say!

All eligible people are encouraged to vote, although it is not compulsory. Your vote makes sure you have a say in who represents your community on Council.

Should you have further questions:

Please contact the Western Australia Electoral Commission between 8:30am and 4:30pm:

Phone 1300 661 136

Email: [lgelection@waec.wa.gov.au](mailto:lgelection@waec.wa.gov.au)

Translating and Interpreting Service 131450 and ask for (08) 9214 0400

National Relay Service NRS

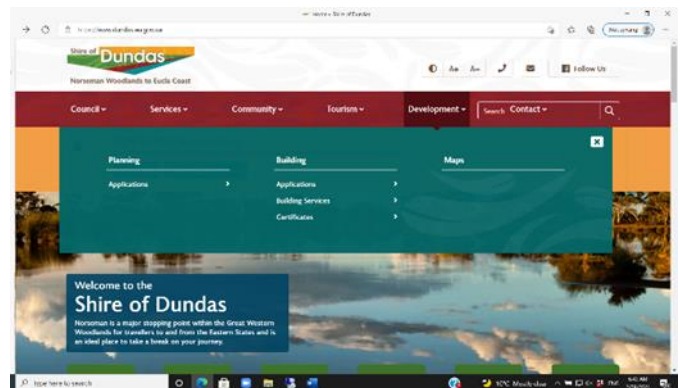
Speak and Listen number 1300 555 727

SMS Relay number 0423677 7676

## Website

The website has been updated to have a separate area for Development. Planning, Planning Maps, Building, and Projects.

The Economic Development Group and the Prospectus and recent development acting, interest in the Shire of Dundas as a place to invest is increasing. The new format on the website will improve accessibility.



## Work Health and Safety Bushfire Brigades and Volunteers Presentation

The Shire President, CEO, Manager for Works and Services, Manager for Corporate and Community Services, and the Bushfire Risk and Planning Coordinator recently attend a combined WALGA and LGIS presentation on Work Health and Safety requirements and considerations for volunteers working on Bushfire Brigades.

Key points for the Shire are:

- Shire Senior Officers are considered a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PBCU). A PBCU must ensure, as far is reasonably practicable, the health and safety of workers engaged, or

caused to be engaged, by the PBCU, and workers whose activities are influenced or directed by the PBCU. This includes volunteer workers.

- WHS requirements relates to work environment, plant and structures, systems, handling and storage of plant and equipment.
- Provision of facilities for:
  - welfare
  - information
  - training
  - instruction and supervision, and
  - monitoring conditions
  - This also includes accommodation provided by the PBCU.

Elected Members are not considered as Officers, workers or PBCU under the WHS Act, however they may be considered as *another* under section 29 of the Act, ***duty of other persons at a workplace:***

**For an elected member to discharge the duty under section 29 they must:**

### Community Achievement Awards



The Shire of Dundas was named as a Semi-Finalist in the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Making a Difference Award. The award forms part of the 2021 Western Australian Community Achievement Awards. Which encourage and acknowledge the valuable contributions that individuals, communities and businesses make throughout regional and rural Western Australian.

### Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Nominations

The Shire of Dundas has entered the Woodlands Centre for two categories of the Tidy Towns Awards:

#### 1. General Appearance

Recognises achievements in improvements to the visual appearance of communities, and

#### 2. Community Action and Wellbeing

Recognises achievements in creating a healthy, vibrant community that actively engages groups from all sectors of the community.

Judges were onsite on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September reviewing the facilities and the project.



**Norseman Timber Day**



## Norseman Timber Day

**9am**

Start

**10am - 12pm**

Timber milling demonstration

**12pm**

Gold coin sausage sizzle

All proceeds will be donated to charity.

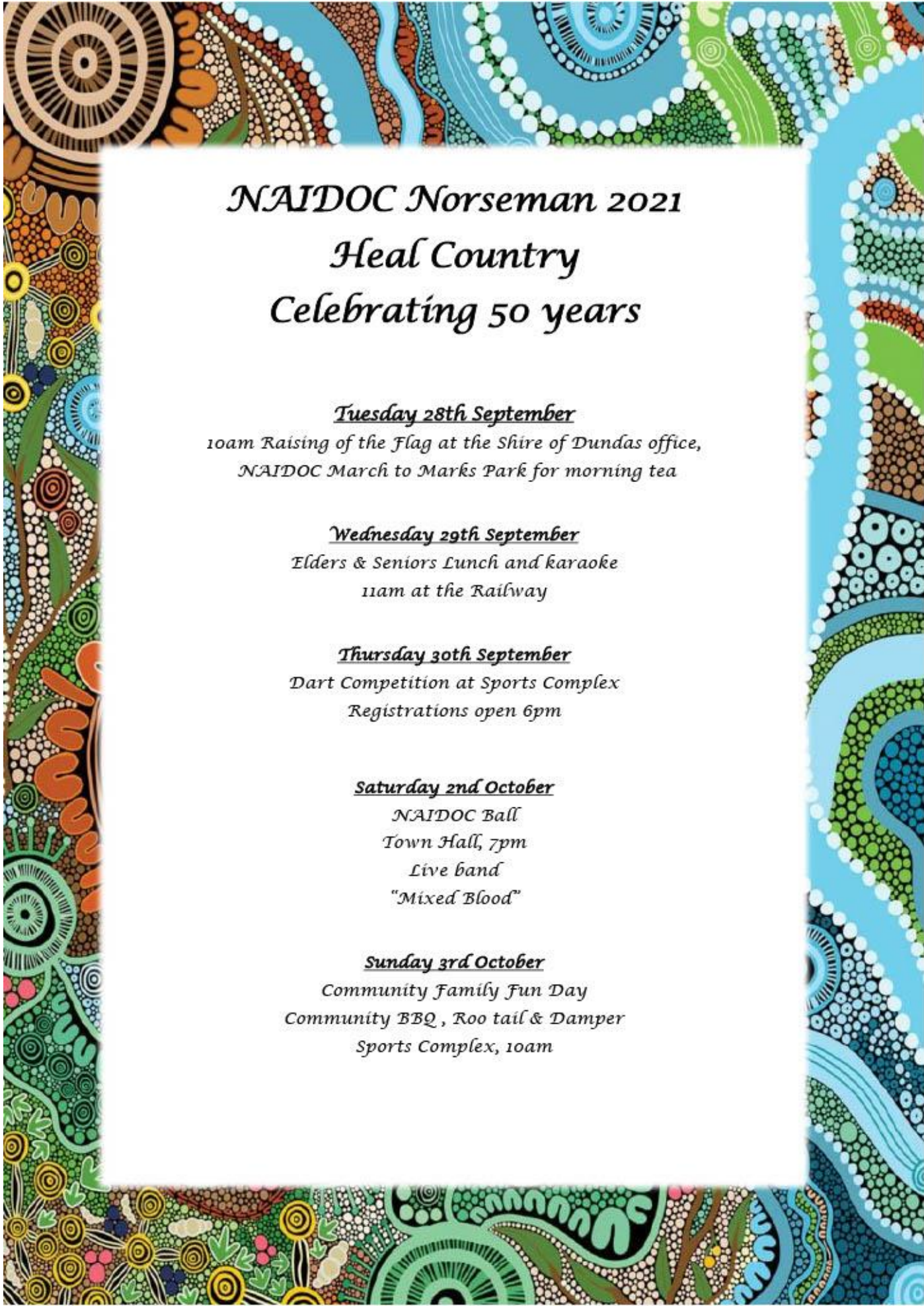
**1pm - 2pm**

Bus tour

**3.30pm**

Close





*NAIDOC Norseman 2021*  
*Heal Country*  
*Celebrating 50 years*

*Tuesday 28th September*

*10am Raising of the Flag at the Shire of Dundas office,  
NAIDOC March to Marks Park for morning tea*

*Wednesday 29th September*

*Elders & Seniors Lunch and karaoke  
11am at the Railway*

*Thursday 30th September*

*Dart Competition at Sports Complex  
Registrations open 6pm*

*Saturday 2nd October*

*NAIDOC Ball  
Town Hall, 7pm  
Live band  
"Mixed Blood"*

*Sunday 3rd October*

*Community Family Fun Day  
Community BBQ, Roo tail & Damper  
Sports Complex, 10am*