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REPORT TO COUNCIL Ordinary Council Meeting 15th June 2021

AREA: Works and Services

OFFICER: Joe Hodges

PERIOD OF REPORTING: May – June 2021

Town Crew Works

- Verge mowing.
- Open Drain maintenance.
- Safety fences install and removal Welcome Park.

Gardening Crews

- Removal of weeds and grass from Admin gardens
- Mowing / whipper snipping at Cemetery.
- Weed spraying at cemetery.
- Dead heading of Roses.

Sealing Program

- No new sealing projects planned.

Construction Road Crew Works

- Cart gravel for new mine camp, (Private Works)
- Excavate new slots at landfill.
- Excavate slot for cactus disposal.
- Removal of cactus mine side of town.

Occupational Safety and Health

- Consultant generating OHS source material for the Shire.
- Obtaining quotes for staff working at the Shire sewerage site for Hepatitis injections.

Training

- Searching for trainer to train staff at Rose pruning.

Ranger Services

- Several dogs have been picked by staff and impounded, one dog not claimed. Kalgoorlie Dog Adoptions were contacted, and they were very happy to take the dog and foster for a short period before the dog is transferred to Perth to SAFE Perth.
- Shire has been very limited with Ranger capabilities for several weeks, with intermittent surveillance runs being conducted.
- Request to add \$5000 donation split between SAFE Perth and Kalgoorlie Dog Adoptions.

Building Services

- New sound barrier fence installed at Welcome Park.
- Contractor commenced on construction of new lockable office area for records, some delays to change of design.
- Commenced construction of Crib room at office.
- Commenced construction of new toilet at Youth group building, some delays due to change of design.
- New section of garrison fencing installed at rear of Swimming Pool; racked sections being manufactured. As well as new gate and fence section Mark Park.
- Receiving quotes for new toilet at Dog park.

Norseman Airstrip

- Engineering Consultant doing tests on material, no results as yet.
- Regular Thursday/Friday flights have resumed as of Thursday 22/04/21.

Plant Replacement

- P-329 CEO vehicle service.
- P-296, P-297 & P-330 received service.
- Highway Tilt Towing completed servicing.

Contract Works

Nil

Landfill

- Shire staff have been transferring sewerage water between tanks to create maximum capacity.

Animal Welfare

The Shire has in the past years had a ranging animal welfare issue with owners not caring or even abandoning dogs. As well as a feral cat issue.



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With regards to the welfare of unwanted dogs in Norseman it has been a common practice of euthanising dogs that have not been rehomed within the required timeframe.

Many Shires around the country have also the same issue and have changed their perspective on what to do with unwanted dogs. As the years pass many animal welfare charities have been created and are very successful in the rehoming of unwanted dogs.

Over the last 2 years the MWS has attempted to assist in the rehoming as many dogs as possible, which to date totals 7 dogs that have been rehomed out of Norseman which assists in the town dog population.

The main dog adoption agencies have been SAFE Perth and more recently Kalgoorlie Dog Adoptions. With SAFE receiving 6 dogs and KDA 1 dog.

Both agencies have advised that they are prepared to take whatever dogs that become available.

All dogs have now been fully adopted and have all been desexed and all vet requirements completed prior to adoption. This generally costs \$400-\$600 each and does get quite expensive for not-for-profit agencies.

The Shire in past had a \$5000 donation component in the budget for the RSPCA who sadly over the years failed to commit to any of the dog issue in Norseman. A proposal to assist these 2 animal welfare agencies by having budgeted funds of \$5000 or whatever council thinks is an appropriate donation amount and would also assist the town of Norseman and also show to the public that the Shire is not in the dark ages like some and looking after the Shires animal welfare.



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AREA: Community Development

OFFICER: Pania Turner

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Community Event Reminder June-July	
<p>Norseman Community Markets: Saturday, 19th June Where: Norseman Town Centre Time: 10am-12pm Who: All</p> <p>Shire of Dundas Annual Electors General Meeting: Tuesday 15th June Where: Shire of Dundas Council Chambers Time: 5:30pm <u>ACWST</u> Who: All</p> <p>Ordinary Meeting of Council: Tuesday 15th June Where: Shire of Dundas Council Chambers Time: 6pm <u>ACWST</u> Who: All</p> <p>Roadwise Meeting : Tuesday 22nd June Where: Norseman Woodlands Centre Time: 10:00am- 11:00am Who: Committee members</p> <p>NBN Workshop: Monday, 21st June Where: Woodlands Centre- CRC Time: 10am-11am Who: Whole Community</p> <p>Small Towns Big Pictures- Photo Competition Exhibition- Peoples Choice Voting open for general public to vote Awards Morning Friday 1st July Where: Woodlands Centre</p>	<p>Adobe Photoshop Workshop: Tuesday, 22nd June Where: Woodlands Centre- CRC Time: 9am-10am Who: Whole Community</p> <p>Zumba Friday, 25th June Where: Norseman Town Hall Time: 5:30-6:30pm Who: Whole Community</p> <p>Bega Specialist Clinic: Monday 28th June Where: Shire of Dundas Community Rooms Time: 12:00-1:00pm Who: Whole Community</p> <p>Ordinary Meeting of Council: Tuesday 19th July Where: Shire of Dundas Council Chambers Time: 6pm <u>ACWST</u> Who: All</p> <p>Norseman Community Markets: Saturday, 17th July Where: Norseman Town Centre Time: 10am-12pm Who: All</p>

Covid -19 Update current 9 June 21

Vaccine

People aged 30 and over are now eligible to book the COVID-19 vaccination. Residents are required to check their eligibility for a COVID-19 vaccination before to booking at the Norseman Hospital Clinic. To book residents

can call 13 COVID (13 268 43) select option 1 option 1 option 1 to book an appointment or they can go online at: <https://vaccinatewa.health.wa.gov.au/s/login/SelfRegister> .

Travel restrictions

Currently there are no restrictions for travelling within Western Australia.

Remote Aboriginal communities are considered more vulnerable to COVID-19 than other members of the community. To help keep remote Aboriginal communities safe from COVID-19, there are strict travel restrictions in place. Tourists and travellers are not allowed to enter, unless the community has an exemption in place. People planning to travel in remote areas should contact the COVID hotline 13 26843 for the latest COVID-19 updates.

Interstate Travellers

All interstate travellers must have a G2G Pass to enter WA, and are permitted to enter WA subject to government ordered restrictions. The type of restriction is reliant on which state you are from or the state you have recently travelled through. Due to circumstances changing quickly it is important that interstate travellers keep informed by contacting 13 26843 or 1800 595 206 for interstate callers.

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-the-premier-and-cabinet/covid-19-coronavirus-travel>

Biggest Morning Tea

Congratulations to Woodlands Centre staff, supported by the Shire's Events Officer on another successful Biggest Morning Tea. The CRC hosted event has become a must do outing for seniors while raising money for Cancer. It was lovely to be able to host the morning tea at the Woodlands Centre, made even more colourful with the inclusion of the photographic competition, which is now becoming a popular location for small events. The event was well supported by Norseman residents, GEMS WA, and Norseman DHS. Also, a big thank you to Lynn and Sharon Webb. Stitch and Gift, Debbie Lynn Ice-cream Shop, Norseman Today for their support with donations to the Biggest Morning Tea raffles and prizes and advertising.

Photographic Competition Awards

Congratulations to all those who entered the photographic competition. Judging occurred late Friday afternoon with the winners formally recognised at the June Council Meeting.

Image of Excellence:

Cate Honey

Portraiture: Shane Hussle & Jarrah Turner

Runner-up- Dona Brydon

Great Western Woodlands:

Eddie Burgess

Runner-up Emelia Brydon

Youth- Annabella Tibbles

Runner-up- Mya Morgan

Tiny Tot Shot- Paige Tibbles





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It was exciting to see local entries exceed previous years, with the #LivingInDundas FB section of the competition extremely popular, and a great area marketing tool for the Shire.

The Peoples Choice Award will be announced on the 1st July, with voting open throughout June. Head down to the Woodlands Centre to vote for your 3 favorite images.

Local Emergency Management Meeting & LEMA

The Shire of Dundas held the full Local Emergency Management Committee meeting on Wednesday 19 May 2021.

The Draft Shire of Dundas Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) 2021-2022 was presented and reviewed by the LEMC. Committee members are still submitting feedback, once this has been received and entered, the completed draft LEMA will be advertised with an invitation for community comment, submissions are then considered and where appropriate included in the document.

Once endorsed by the Shire of Dundas Local Emergency Management Committee it will be presented to Council for adoption at and OCM.

Discussions in the meeting included schedule of dates for 2021-2022, planning for a Norseman Airstrip Scenario to be conducted later in August-September 2021, helicopter support in the Goldfields Esperance region, Eucla airstrip review, people accessing pastoral leases without permission.

Work Health and Safety Systems Review

The Manager of Community Development attended the Introduction to the *Work Health and Safety Act 2020* seminar hosted by HWL Ebsworth Lawyers which will address the:

- key changes to the legislation;
- the employers and employees these changes will affect;
- penalties and insurance provisions; and
- steps the Shire can take to prepare to meet the new requirements.

As part of the Shire's steps to ensure we are prepared to meet our obligations to the new requirements senior officers have also been working with Core Business Australia to conduct a review of our Work Health and Safety management systems including our current documents, resources and practices as part of the Shire's commitment to improving operational processes and building a culture of work place safety and responsibility. The first stage of the review has addressed WHS Policies, Procedures, Forms and Checklists.

Kulbardi Hill Consulting Visiting- Stage 2 installations

Jesse Brampton and Sally Malone will both be in the Norseman for Stage 2 installation during the last week of June. Installations being conducted are :

- Woodlands Interp panels on the Woodlands Walk
- Metal Woodland animals on the Woodlands Walk
- Ngadju Welcome to Country
- Ngadju Warrior
- Smoking Ceremony interp for mural
- Old prospector's camp along Dodd House side wall
- Dodd House signage and interp on front of Dodd House
- Brenton See mural interp



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- Emu walk footprints
- Large Norseman panorama heritage print

Shire of Dundas Community Grants Program

Community Development is currently reviewing the Shire's Community Grant Program. The Shire recognises that local not for profit organisations provide a variety of activities and programs that enrich the lives of residents and visitors to the Shire of Dundas. The Shire also recognises the impact COVID-19 has had on fundraising opportunities in 2020, and this impact continues into 2021. In light of this Council will be presented with an increase of the Community Grants budget in the 2021-2022 Budget.

The revised Community Grants program will be presented to Council at the July OCM once stakeholder consultation regarding the program has been completed.

Election Commitment Funding

The Shire has formally submitted the funding application of \$80,000 election commitments. The \$80,000 is a combination of the 3 small projects:

1. Norseman Arts/Murals- \$20,000
2. Dual Naming Project- \$20, 000
3. Norseman Heritage Trail- \$40,000

The funding provides the Shire with opportunity to progress some items that have been on hold, and will increase the community and visitor engagement with Norseman. The detailed scope of the three projects is scheduled to be presented to council in September, and it is envisioned that all projects will be completed and implemented by 31st May 2022.

AREA: Youth and Events

OFFICER: Margaret McEwan

PERIOD OF REPORTING: May – June 2021

Youth

Afternoon sport has been great seeing kids venture down to the oval to play tennis, basketball, and football, as the weather is getting colder outdoor activities can be tricky to plan. Within the youth centre there is plenty of art and craft activities and games to play.

- Button Art
- Glass art
- Clock making
- Painting
- Bead jewellery
- Loom bands
- Dimond art
- Mother's Day goodie box filled with short bread biscuits made with love.



Attendance averaging 5 kids per day ages between 7-10yrs, Youth aged 12-18yrs have seen a decrease in attendance looking into activities for this age group only.

Youth Phatt chats

- Career paths
- Healthy eating
- School work
- Leaving school, what next!

Youth are excited about the new toilet!!



Menta Health & Wellbeing

Colder weather = the flu! If you have flu like symptoms, please stay home!



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OFFICER: Hannah Turner

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Visitor Statistics

Visitor Patronage (as recorded by Woodlands Centre Statistics): 960 excl. CRC customers.

RV Spend: \$8189.33 for 2021 thus far.

Biggest Morning Tea

The Woodlands Centre this past month had the pleasure of hosting the 2021 Biggest Morning Tea. The event was well received as this was its first one back since COVID's cancellation of the 2020 event. The Biggest Morning Tea occurs annually and assists in raising awareness and money for Cancer Council. The morning was a major success with over \$500 raised.

Contributions were received by local businesses and community members for raffles prizes such as Jacquie Best, Full Moon Cafe and the Gallery of Splendid Isolation.

This event doubled as the opening of the exhibition of all the 2021 Photo Competition entries which are still currently displayed throughout the Woodlands Centre.

People's Choice Award

Viewing is currently being conducted of the many entries from this year's photographic competition. Voting opened for the People's Choice Award at the Biggest Morning Tea and is still being undertaken. Voting will be open until the end of June to give everyone a chance to vote for their favourite pictures.

Voting is carried out at the Woodlands Centre where people can receive a slip and select their favourite three images and return the slip back to staff. Voting is limited to one per person and points are allocated to images selected. The winner will be announced at the beginning of July.

#livingindundas

The #livingindundas competition ran in-line with the photo competition allowing people to post their images throughout the month of May to the Shire Facebook page with the hashtag 'living in Dundas'. From this, a winner



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was selected each week for a prize. This campaign was great at increasing traffic on the Shire Facebook page and allowing the community to positively engage with not only the Shire's content but also one another's.

Woodlands Centre Operations

The Woodlands Centre is still receiving new stock to diversify current inventory. We are currently in the process of designing new items specific to our region.

2022 Community Calendar

This year, the 2022 Community Calendar will be undertaken by the Woodlands Centre. Staff have already implemented steps to begin this process with the hope to release the calendar before the new year. Media kits have been emailed to all local businesses with an accompanying form to receive expressions of interest for advertising. The cut off date for the return of these forms is in August.

Photos for this year's calendar will be derived from the Photographic Competition.

Communications

Current social media promotions include:

- community markets (which will be a recurring advertisement reflective of the monthly market cycle).
- People's Choice Award
- Liveability survey
- CRC workshops

All Shire events are being uploaded to the corresponding website page in addition to the GEMS website for extra visibility.