

# REPORT TO COUNCIL Ordinary Council Meeting 21st January 2021

AREA: Works and Services OFFICER: Joe Hodges

PERIOD OF REPORTING: December 2020 - January 2021

### **Town Crew Works**

- Cleaning up the Cemetery of overgrown weeds, initializing a works plan for the cemetery for weed spraying and the removal of unwanted vegetation
- Town crew making garden beds from old box culverts for in front of Dodd House





#### **Sealing Program**

• No new sealing projects planned.

#### **Construction Road Crew Works**

• Gravel Sheeting to Heritage Trail, installing new drains and removing over hanging shrubs along road to remove hazard spots.

#### **Gardening Crews**

• Gardening crew will be changing work method of not trying to cover each area every day but to only undertake work at one or two locations daily.

#### Occupational Safety And Health

• Receiving information from Consultant on current requirements to legislation and Local Government Act.

#### H.R. Items

- There is a requirement to advertise for staff for the following positions, Landfill attendant, to be done internally.
- Other positions are Grader operator position Interviews being held on Friday 22 January,
- Team Leader- currently Leigh Morgan in Acting role.
- Gardeners and possibly 1 Town Crew operator.
- Ray Marcon now retired

#### **Training**

- All new training planned for November 2020 completed.
- Traffic Management training completed.

#### <u>Hyden Norseman Road</u>

- All work on the road on hold. There is a large number of illegal trucking livestock operators using the road, if nothing done then Western Areas will possibly reduce the grading of the road as it is being damaged by external operators.
- These operators are utilising the road I have commenced contacting operators where possible to have them apply for a permit.
- Many will not, therefore Main Roads will be contacted to police the road. Currently an average of 30 operators using the road per day.
- Main Roads Heavy Haulage Inspectors have been in Norseman for the last week doing compliance checks, including Shire trucks, they were scheduled to leave on the 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021.

#### **Building Services**

• Design being drawn up for handrail to the verandah at the Eucla Hall.

#### Heritage Trail

• In Road Crew section



# Norseman Airstrip

- Soil samples sent away for testing of the Airstrip structure, still waiting on results back from Soil Consultant.
- Full report to be finalised in coming month.



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AREA: Community Development OFFICER: Pania Turner

PERIOD OF REPORTING: 13 December 2020 - 18 January 2021

#### COVID-19 Contact Tracing Requirements.

SafeWA QR Code requirements remain in place at the required Shire facilities, and it is good to see local business and residents abiding by the requirements.

The Christmas and New Year holiday period again evidenced the WA State Government's preparedness to close borders and issue quarantine orders in response to COVID related incidents in other State and Territories The Shire is starting to see a steady increase of caravan travelers move through the Shire with the majority keen to do the right thing using COVID safe practices and abiding by quarantine orders.

The WA Police are responsible for quarantine management and direction, should members of the public have concerns about breaches please contact: , if , and The Shire of Dundas recognises resident's efforts in being safe

# Current Travel Advice as of 18th January 2021

Interstate travel is permitted into and around WA, depending on where travellers have come from and who they've had contact with in the 14 days prior to travel. They are also subject to conditions, including completing a G2G PASS declaration prior to entry.

#### Quarantine

<u>As part of WA's</u> controlled border, conditions of quarantine apply to travellers coming into WA. These conditions apply to travellers arriving from a low-risk state or territory. Travellers from medium risk states and territories are not permitted to enter unless exempt.

Very low risk states and territories (No community cases in at least 28 days)

## **Travellers must:**

- Before travelling to WA, complete a mandatory G2G PASS registration and declaration.
- On arrival at Perth Airport, complete a health screening.
- Scan their G2G PASS to exit the airport.
- Travellers from very low risk states and territories are not required to quarantine.

Travellers from a very low risk state or territory who have knowingly had contact with a person from a medium or low risk state or territory in the 14 days before travelling will be subject to the same quarantine conditions as that person from the higher risk classification and must self-quarantine for 14 days when returning to WA.

<u>Low risk states and territories</u> (Less than 5 community cases per day on a 14-day rolling average)

#### Travellers must:

- Before travelling to WA, complete a mandatory <u>G2G PASS</u> registration and declaration.
- Wear a mask as directed.

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- On arrival at Perth Airport, complete a health screening.
- Scan their G2G PASS and then verify you have suitable premises for self-quarantine.
- If travellers have a suitable premises, enter self-quarantine for 14 days. If not, they will be directed to enter a Government-approved quarantine facility at their own expense for 14 days.
- Must present for a COVID-19 test on Day 11 if still in WA.

#### Medium risk states and territories

#### Travellers:

- Are not permitted to enter without an exemption through G2G PASS.
- If permitted entry, must self-quarantine at a suitable premise for 14 days. If a suitable premise is not available, will be directed to a Government approved quarantine facility at their own expense.
- Approved travellers are subject to a COVID-19 test within 48 hours of arrival and on day 11 of quarantine, or at any point when symptoms develop.
- Must wear a mask if practicable and available until arriving at suitable self-quarantine premises or Government approved quarantine facilities.

The <u>G2G Now</u> app enables virtual check-ins during your quarantine once you have entered WA. Travellers from low-risk states and territories are encouraged to download and use the app.

**International arrivals** must quarantine in a hotel for 14 days at your own expense, and will be subject to a mandatory COVID-19 test within 48 hours of arrival and on day 12 of quarantine.

#### Mask Wearing

Wearing a face mask is now mandatory in Western Australia while:

- at an airport
- travelling on aircraft
- transporting a person subject to a quarantine direction (e.g. in a personal vehicle, private car, hired car, ride-share vehicle or taxi).

#### **Woodlands Centre**

The defects resolutions for the building are now being addressed, with the final inspection with GFG and Devlyn occurring on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. Builders will be on site throughout January and February.

Landscaping works have recommenced with the arrival of the soil mix and mulch. Thank you to the Manager of Works for rescheduling the gardening crew.

#### **Interpretive Elements**

Kulbardi Hill Consulting were in Norseman 4-6 January meeting with stakeholders to discuss the Woodlands Centre's interpretive elements and features. For Council's information the consultants met with:

Norseman Historical Society- Rozena Palcic & Evelyn Reid	Ngadju Rangers- Les Schultz
Ngadju Native Title Aboriginal Corporation- James	Lynn Webb Jacquie Best
Schultz	

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The consultants have mapped out the site and will present to Council their proposal for the Ordinary Meeting. The proposal will consist of stages to ensure speedy delivery of priority installations, and to allow for Council to budget for further development of the Centre information should they so wish. The proposal is being presented Council at the January Ordinary Meeting of Council

#### Our Gems WA

Shire officers have been working with the Our Gems WA project manager Donna Malec, to develop the community and visitor experience our tourism products. Much more that simple tourism industry promotion, Our Gems WA recognises the assets of all local business in small communities and is assisting the Shire to promote all local business services and events.

The Shire is now working on an augmented mural walk, which will allow people viewing the different murals to an animation point come to life on each of the Norseman murals in town.

Our Gems WA also seeks to promote and advertise local community events if your organisation has an event they are keen to share head to <a href="https://ourgems.com.au/suggest-event/">https://ourgems.com.au/suggest-event/</a> or an attraction head to : <a href="https://ourgems.com.au/suggest-attraction/">https://ourgems.com.au/suggest-attraction/</a>

# <u>Shire of Dundas Information Statement – Freedom of Info</u>rmation

Local Governments are required by the Freedom of Information Act 1992 ("FOI Act") to prepare and publish an annual information statement. This annual statement explains the information and records available under the FOI Act, and provides an overview of the functions and responsibilities of the different departments of the Shire.

#### Norseman Visitor Centre Committee

The Visitor Centre Committee met in January to discuss their objectives going forward, and to present a date for their AGM. It was excellent to listen to the passion for business development and promotion across the Shire and for the model the Visitor Centre is looking adopt into the future. Once the AGM date has been formally confirmed by the committee the Shire of Dundas will assist in promoting.







# REPORT TO COUNCIL Ordinary Council Meeting 21st January 2021

AREA: Youth & Events OFFICER: Margaret McEwan

PERIOD OF REPORTING: December 2020 to January 2021

#### Youth

Over the past few months, the youth centre has seen a decrease in attendance. Since the COVID lockdown period we restricted ages 8-11yrs and brought it back to ages 12-18yrs, as a result this has contributed to the decrease in numbers coming into the youth centre. Although our YC is not funded for ages 7-11yrs and majority of youth are between aged 7-11 we allow youth of this age have access to the youth centre over the school holidays Tuesday-Saturdays and school term on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday mornings as there is not a lot for then to do. Most of the youth between the ages of 12-18yrs have moved on to another school or have left Norseman to seek other opportunities and with the small group that remain in Norseman have committed to work and school, seeking any opportunity Norseman has to offer. As our community is small, there is not a lot to offer to gain work experience, but our youth make the most out of what they have. School Holidays are sometimes boring for our youth, and we always try to find new exciting things for our community and youth to experience, as COVID has had a huge impact on how we deliver these activities and events our main priority is keeping our community safe and we thank everyone for playing your part and for your patience.

There are loads of free arts and crafts available to do at the youth centre we also have, board games, tables tennis, giant lawn games and more, come down and check it out. The youth centre is not a day care or babysitting service parents are responsible for the where abouts of their children at all times and know who they are with. The Shire of Dundas staff will not tolerate any bullying, fighting, abusive language or destruction of property in or around the youth centre, skate park and Marks park, appropriate acting will be taken.

# School Holiday Times & Ages

Tuesday-Friday	Ages 8-11yrs	9am-12.30pm
Saturday	Ages 8-11rs	10am-1.30pm
AFTERNOON		AGES 12-18YRS ONLY
Tuesday-Friday	Ages 12-18rs	9am-6pm
Saturday	Ages 12-18yrs	10am – 7pm

# **School Term Times & Ages**

Tuesday-Friday	Ages 8-11yrs	3.30pm-4.30pm
Saturday	Ages 8-11yrs	10am-12pm
AFTERNOON		AGES 12-18YRS ONLY
Tuesday-Friday	Ages 12-18yrs	3pm-6pm
Saturday	Ages 12-18yrs	10am-7pm

## Menta Health & Wellbeing

Youth are really thinking about the future and what they want to achieve. With most of our phatt chat always coming back to work and what and where they want to be in 10yrs. Its refreshing to hear what they want to be

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when they grow up either a veterinarian, metal fabricator, mechanic or just travel the world and see what happens along the way. Other conversations are.

- Work Experience
- School
- Travelling
- Driving Licence
- Talking to your parents about worry
- Depression, Anxiety, Stress
  - o Helpful tips on how to cope.

# **Upcoming Events**

- Australia Day 26<sup>th</sup> January, Marks Park, 8.30am-10am Big Australia Day Breakfast
- Australia Day Fun in the sun at the Pool 12.30pm 3.30pm.
- Splash test dummies 10<sup>th</sup> February, Town Hall
- Inter-agency Workshop, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-2.30pm, Woodlands Centre,
- Community Markets 20<sup>th</sup> February, 8am-12pm, Roberts Street.