



## Norseman Woodlands to Eucla Coast

### REPORT TO COUNCIL Ordinary Council Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021

AREA: Works & Services

OFFICER: Joe Hodges

PERIOD OF REPORTING: February to March 2021

#### Town Crew Works

- Staff completed training in concrete works at the Woodlands Centre.
- Completed repairs at the Norseman Racetrack.
- Preparing all gardens and built 2 new garden beds for the Woodlands Centre.
- Installation of new signs around town.

#### Gardening Crews

- Verge mowing.
- Major pruning to Rotunda Gardens
- Extensive gardens cleaned up at Camel Roundabout to all gardens, removal of all old spindly plants.
- Water to all lawns in town increased for 5 minutes, coupled with fertilising lawns are now growing and becoming green and lush.

#### Sealing Program

- Quotes requested and received for Eucla works.

#### Construction Road Crew Works

##### Heritage Trail

- Maintenance grading Heritage Trail.
- General works around Norseman town site to assist with preparation for Woodlands Centre official opening.

##### Hyden Norseman Road

- Maintenance grader commenced grading from Hyden end.
- Minor water issues last rain with water flowing over the road in several locations. Maintenance grading will remove minor issues.
- MLG grader has graded approximately 100 km of road.

#### Occupational Safety And Health

- Implemented several Risk assessments, for truck operation, excavator operations, working on roadside verge.

#### H.R. Items

- Joanne Bennett has commenced work and is currently doing maintenance grading to the Heritage Trail as well as spreading of gravel.

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- Interviewed Quinlan Thornton re gardening position, offered the gardening position to Quinlan who accepted the offer.
- Quinlan commenced working for the Shire in the garden section.

### Training

- Concreting method training completed to 3 staff members.

### Building Services

- Urgent works required to be completed to 13 Roberts Street to house Joanne Bennett. Carpet, some painting and new curtains. All completed.

### Norseman Airstrip

- Purchase order sent to company to complete testing and report. Results handed to Shire, just require verbal discussion with contractor on results. Cement stabilisation looks to be the best and cheapest option for repair. To be fully advised after discussion.

### Plant Replacement

- Received quotes for the new semi water Cart Prime Mover via WALGA EQuotes.

### Truck Pricing

- **HINO \$213,272.65 including gst.** Hino 700 series has quite a good reputation with large numbers used in the concrete truck industry and Hire industry, possibly the price.  
**Excluding gst price \$193,884.23**
- **FUSO \$215,968.09 including gst.** Currently the shire trucks are FUSO and there is an issue with both trucks during winter and the air supply for the transmission. Have not been able to rectify.  
**Excluding gst price \$196,334.09**
- **UD \$226,117.00 including gst.** The UD is owned by VOLVO and has all Volvo engine, transmission and diffs and suspension. All of this coupled together makes the UD almost bullet proof.  
**Excluding gst price \$205,697.00**
- **MACK \$266,365 including gst.** The Mack Granite is a good strong popular truck, however, is outside budgeted funds by approximately \$41,000.  
**Excluding gst price \$242,150.00**
- **VOLVO \$279,950 including gst.** The FM Volvo is the premier truck of all that is almost unmatched. However far exceeds shire budget funds by approximately \$54,950.  
**Excluding gst price \$ 254,500.00**

**TOTAL BUDGET \$225,000.00**

### Trailer Pricing

Quotes received for the semi water cart trailer.

- **Howard Porter 30,000 litre Stainless Steel tank. \$124,640 including registration and gst.**  
**Excluding gst price \$112,500.00**
- **Western Truck Sales 32,000 litre 5 mm steel tank. \$92,400 including registration and gst.**

**Excluding gst price \$ 84,000.00**

(Both trailers will require rust protection on the main chassis and running gear, plus bumpers. Estimate approx. \$6000.)

(All quip provided a quote for a tri axle water cart trailer with plastic tanks on. Price \$159,442 plus gst.)

**TOTAL BUDGET \$115,000.00**

Light Vehicle Pricing

Received final quotes for light vehicle replacement. Quotes received from AVON Auto Group and Goldfields Holden.

Golden City Motors

- **Mitsubishi Triton 4X4 GLX +** - replace Community Development Officer vehicle.

Excluding gst price \$ 44,800.91

Plus, rego \$300 = \$45,100.91

Less Trade \$17,957.40

**Purchase price new vehicle \$31,600.00**

- **Mitsubishi Triton 4X4** - replace Projects Officer vehicle.

Excluding gst price \$44,075.50

Plus, rego \$300 = \$44,375.50

Less trade \$27,782.50

**Purchase price new vehicle \$21,000.00 inc. gst.**

- **Mitsubishi Triton 4X2 tray back utility** replace Tradie vehicle.

Excluding gst price \$ 41,913.00

Plus, rego \$300 = \$42,213.00

No Trade.

**Purchase price new vehicle \$46,404.30 inc. gst.**

Avon Valley Isuzu

- **Isuzu D-MAX 4X4 Turbo Crew cab** - replace Community Development Officer vehicle.

Excluding gst price \$ 50,181.82

No Trade value received.

**Purchase price new vehicle \$55,200.00 inc. gst.**

- **Isuzu D-MAX 4X4 Turbo Crew cab** - replace Projects Officer vehicle.

Excluding gst price \$ 46,472.72

Total purchase price \$51,120.00 inc gst

Trade \$26,000

**Purchase price new vehicle \$25,120.00**

- **Isuzu D-MAX 4X2 Single cab tray back utility** - replace Tradie vehicle.

Excluding gst price \$ 35,454.55

No Trade

**Purchase price new vehicle \$39,000.00**



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**TOTAL BUDGET \$124,000.00**

Total Plant Replacement Budget	\$564,000.00
Total Cost New Plant	\$387,083.30.
Balance	\$176,916.70



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REPORT TO COUNCIL
Ordinary Council Meeting 30th of March 2021

AREA: Community Development

OFFICER: Pania Turner

PERIOD OF REPORTING: February- March

March has been an extremely busy month in preparation for three key events, the Norseman Races, the final workshop of the Norseman Mental Health and Wellbeing Plan. It is a credit to all staff and Elected Members for the work that has been achieved this month.

Table with 2 columns and 4 rows of event details. Header: Community Event Reminder April -May. Rows include: Ordinary Meeting of Council (17th April), ANZAC DAY Norseman Dawn Service (25th April), ANZAC Day Diggers Breakfast (25th April), ANZAC DAY Eucla Dawn Service, Small Towns Big Pictures- Photo Competition (12th-30th April), Norseman Community Markets (17th April), and Biggest Morning Tea (7th May).

Woodlands Centre Opening

By the time of Council meeting the Shire of Dundas Council will have celebrated the official opening of the Woodlands Centre with representatives from government, stakeholders and most importantly the Dundas Community.

Exterior Works

- The mural concreting works are now complete and by all accounts the area has become a functional and attractive addition to the centre. Thank you to MWS who has assisted greatly in seeing this completed before the opening.

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- Landscaping the mulch and the majority of the larger rocks have been placed in the in the garden beds. We have a special order to arrive from Dimension Stone which due to the size of the rocks will be schedule after the opening. The first order of plants from our supplier has been delayed and may not make it in time for the planting before the opening.
- Council may have noticed the installation of the maintenance gangway on the top of the Woodlands Centre, this has been installed to ensure any maintenance work can be carried out with the utmost safety. Contractors and staff working at heights must hold the appropriate qualifications.
- Playground delays:  
Unfortunately, I have had to switch our nature playground supplier, with the company we were originally dealing with, coming back at this late stage with a large increase in cost to supply of our preferred equipment, excluding installation. The change of pricing was received on 25 February. We have changed supplier and look forward to having some bespoke animals carved for the nature play area.

Interpretive Elements- Stage One

The large Shire of Dundas Map has now been installed, measuring 2.3m x 10.6m this is one of the most significant pieces in Stage 1, and indeed in all the interpretive elements. The map stretches across the Shire from the boundary on the Hyden-Norseman Road reaching east along the Eyre Highway to the Eucla Coast. Highlights of the map outline the footprint of the Great Western Woodlands, Ngadju Native Title Determination area, visitor highlights, nature reserves and the main roads and t4WD racks as well as some of the interesting features located in Dundas.

Many visitors and community members have commented on the map, creating interest to all and sparking further discussion. All woodlands centre staff will receive training on the map’s features which will enable them to direct travellers to the correct brochures, and to highlight he remoteness of many of Shire areas and the need for care, caution and preparation when traveling in Dundas.

Training will also be extended to the other displays as they are developed.

The consultants have been working with Ngadju Native Title and the Goldfields Aboriginal Language Centre Aboriginal Corporation as the content for the Ngadju installations is developed for Stage 2.

**Acknowledgements**

As this report will be presented to Council following the opening it is appropriate to recognise the support of all those who have thus far contributed to the project.

Funding Bodies	Community	Professional Expertise
<b>Commonwealth Government- Building Better Regions Western Australia State Government- Royalties for Regions</b>	<b>Shire of Dundas Council 2015-2021 Woodlands Centre Advisory Group</b>	<b>Puzzle Consulting Cartman Designs Devlyn Constriction GFG Glen Flood Consulting Kulbardi Hill Consulting</b>



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<p>Lotterywest Shire of Dundas</p>	<p>Norseman Visitor Centre Committee Ngadju Native Title Aboriginal Corporation Ngadju Conservation Norseman Historical Society Norseman Men’s Shed Norseman Commerce Group Norseman District High School Norseman Community Health Goldfields Tourism Network Association</p>	<p>The Gallery of Splendid Isolation Kyle Wicker Brenton See Bonza Construction Goldfields Esperance Development Commission Ngadju Native Title Aboriginal Corporation Goldfields Aboriginal Language Centre Association Country Arts WA- Artful Leadership</p>
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**Races**

The Norseman Cup was held (without horses) on the 6<sup>th</sup> March.

Although the T-Rex races saved the day, and were a hit with the crowd, the lack of horse racing impacted the attendance with approximately 120 people at any one time. As always it is the positive energy of participants and attendees who make the afternoon enjoyable.

The Shire’s event staff supported the children’s activities and Fashion of the Field, as well as preparation of the venue. The event staff are often noticed at events however, a significant amount of work is done behind the scenes by the outside crew to ensure the equipment and site is ready for members of the public to enjoy.

**Shire of Dundas FB Page**

On Feb 24th some of the Shire’s online communications were impacted by the ongoing saga of the FB and Australian Government use of News on the FB platform. Effectively all the Shire of Dundas newsfeed and posts were “hidden”, and the ability to post to our page was also removed.

To an extent this also had a flow on impact to the website, which streams our latest FB posts. It highlighted the need for multiple communications platforms, and we were able to continue to share information via the website.

**Formation of the Dundas Cemetery & Memorials Advisory Group**

During the Ordinary Meeting of March Council will consider the formation of a Cemetery & Memorials Advisory Group. The advisory group will be a formal advisory group to Council and will have opportunity to provide input on cemetery development, beautification, accessibility, inclusion, and future planning. Membership will be by invitation as well as two positions open to Shire of Dundas residents via an Expression of Interest submitted to and approved by Council.



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### Ngadju Indigenous Protected Area Dedication Ceremony

Congratulations to all Ngadju, in particular Ngadju Conservation for the excellent event held on Saturday 20 March to official launch the Ngadju Indigenous Protected Area. The IPA strengthens the recognition of the Ngadju conservation and land management practices, supports opportunity for partnerships, and ensures that cultural sites are protected and cared for.

The ceremony was well attended bringing Ngadju and their supporters together to celebrate the significant milestone. Held on Warranypana/Lake Cowan lookout Welcome to Country was given by Elders Valma Saunders and Sonny Graham. Ngadju Rangers did an excellent as emcees, and the Ngadju Dancers shared stories through dance.

### ANZAC Day Services

The Shire is pleased to announce that ANZAC Day services with the Dawn Service and Diggers Breakfast be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April and in the manner of pre-Covid.

The Dawn Service will commencing at 5:45am, guest are asked to be seated by 5:40am.

Following the service all are invited to the Norseman Town Hall for a full breakfast.

Eucla will also hold its Dawn Services at the Eucla war memorial site, one of the most beautiful views for reflection in the WA. Traditionally a BBQ breakfast is held following the service, which is to be confirmed.

### Small Communities - Big Pictures Photographic Competition

The Shire of Dundas annual photographic competition has expanded it's reach in 2021 seeking to attract entries from neighboring communities, specifically inviting the smaller towns of Coolgardie, Kambalda, Salmon Gums, Scaddan, Grass Patch and Gibson, along with all residents and rate payers of the Shire of Dundas.

The competition calls for Digital images only, which once received the Shire mounts and displays in a standard format of an A3 print, with matte black border.

Entries will be a featured exhibit at the Woodlands Centre where people will be able to vote for their favourite images.

With a collective prize pool of over \$5000 we hope to attract many entries and showcase all that is special about the Small Communities.

### Norseman Community Markets Coordinator

The Shire would like to thank volunteer Ms Kim Woolett for her role as Norseman Community Markets Coordinator . Kim has worked tirelessly with both local and regional marketeers who on the third Saturday of each month would set up their tables to bring additional supplies, produce and arts to the Norseman Town Centre. Kim's can do, will do positive attitude to getting things done with a smile, and her volunteering in community events across in Norseman is a great asset to the town and we thank her for all her efforts and wish her all the best for her other activities.

The Shire will advertise for the position to be filled in April.



AREA: Youth & Events

OFFICER: Margaret McEwan

PERIOD OF REPORTING: February to March 2021

### Youth

It was nice to see some youth come home for the weekend and hearing they have all settled in well at their new school, the youth centre was loud, it was great to see youth venturing out and about.

Most of the youth aged 13-17yrs have after school and or weekend jobs, leaving the youth centre quiet and available to youth aged 7-11yrs. Although we are not funded for this age group there are day where they have access into the YC for an hour where they can relax, play cards, or do a quiet craft activity.

Activities in the youth centre

- Button Art
- Window art
- Painting
- Just Dance competitions



### Mental Health & Wellbeing

In February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> had the pleasure of attending a wraparound course in Esperance

Wraparound is delivered by the Department of Education with funding from the Mental Health Commission.

The training is designed to support staff to engage with students and work more effectively where they may have concerns about alcohol and other drug (AOD) use.

Recognising the signs and how to start the conversation about AOD use. Presenters were Jill Fitzpatrick the Regional Consultant for Road Safety and Drug Education Branch, Esperance, and Libby Winchcomb a Training & Coaching Professional. It was great to share knowledge with other professionals from HOPE services, Centre care and teachers.



### Events

Norseman Races on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March brought just over 100 people to Norseman, with Dino's lining up to get ready for the first race, bystanders were lining up along the fence to watch what colour comes first. The day was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to all who was involved in making the day great.

Upcoming Events

- Woodlands opening 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Easter egg Hunt 27<sup>th</sup> March



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AREA: Visitor Services

OFFICER: Hannah Turner

PERIOD OF REPORTING: February – March 2021

#### Visitor Statistics

The Woodlands Centre has seen an approximate total of 324 Visitors (excl. CRC customers) for the month of March (1<sup>st</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>). This averages out to be an estimate of eighteen tourists per day. The RV park has been consistently busy with the total of receipts deposited for March thus far being tracked at \$2051.76. Keep in mind that not all tourists return their receipts and multiple days this month have had the RV Park been full. With the increase of tourists, they have also returned positive feedback about the RV Park and the latest installations at the Woodlands Centre.

#### Industry Events

*Federal Tax Assistance and Loans for Tourism Businesses Webinar | March 22 | Tourism Council WA*  
*Terminations and Downsizing Staff and Operations | March 23 | Tourism Council WA*  
*Perth Caravan and Camping Show | March 17-21*

#### COVID-19

As of March 15<sup>th</sup> Victoria transitioned in a very low risk category meaning that anyone entering Western Australia from Victoria will not be required to isolate for 14 days. This also represented a great milestone for Australia, where all states were classed as very low risk at once. This currently means (pending no outbreaks in other states) that anyone can enter WA without isolating, provided they have a valid G2G pass.

#### Woodlands Centre Operations

This month, two junior staff members commenced employment at the Woodlands Centre and are currently in the process of learning the different aspects of the centre inclusive of Visitor and CRC services.

Phase one of installations are in the process of being installed throughout the centre with lots of interest from customers and only positive comments thus far. This phase is expected to be completed prior to the official opening ceremony on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March.

With increased patronage, a more effective method of recording customer traffic is being investigated.

#### Communications

Current social media promotions include:

- community markets (which will be a recurring advertisement reflective of the monthly market cycle).
- The official opening will begin being advertised daily from March 21 however the event has been uploaded to the Shire and GEMS websites earlier this month.

All Shire events are being uploaded to the corresponding website page in addition to the GEMS website for extra visibility. This will hopefully mitigate advertising issues for those who do not use social media.

The tourism content on the website is also under review which will be updated in the near future.