



Norseman Woodlands to Eucla Coast

REPORT TO COUNCIL Ordinary Council Meeting 17TH April 2021

AREA: Works & Services

OFFICER: Joe Hodges

PERIOD OF REPORTING: March - April 2021

Town Works Crew

- Shire staff completed works for the opening of the Woodlands Centre.
- Rubbish run being conducted.

Gardening Crew

- Verge Mowing
- Pruning at Rotunda Gardens and Camel Roundabout.
- Preparations for Woodlands Centre opening.
- Maintaining open drains to eliminate flooding during Rain.

Sealing Program

- No sealing works ATM, quotes received for R2R works at Eucla.

Construction Road Crew

- Works around Norseman in preparation for Woodlands Opening.

Heritage Trail

- Staff added more gravel to damaged section of road missed preciously.

Hyden Norseman Road

- Staff maintenance grade road just to remove loose corrugated material from Eastern end of road. Approximately 13 km completed. Halt due to Rain from Cyclone Seroja.
- Shire of Kondinin issued road alert for their section due to dangerous corrugations.

Occupational Health And Safety

- Consultant meeting with Shire to finalise OHS structure.

H.R Items

- One employee resigned. Reducing works town crew to 1 employee plus Team Leader.

Training

- Starting the process to have staff trained for Testing & Tagging and Refrigeration de-gassing.

Building Services

- Projects Officer arranging works to Eucla Hall of installing verandah Balustrading to eliminate falling hazard.
- New door frames to outside toilets.
- New doors for outside toilets.
- Construction of covered walkway from Hall to Toilets.
- Progressing with new lock system for Shire buildings to eliminate the multitude of keys in service.
- New fencing at Woodlands Centre and Dodd House.



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- New office for Shire President.
- Soundproof fencing Welcome park.
- Rotunda Repairs.
- Youth centre toilets.
- Office for Records Officer, (Lockable).
- Admin Tea room.
- Norseman pool new fencing.
- Sports Complex Toilet upgrade.
- Preparing items for upcoming budget.

Norseman Airstrip

- Contractor attempting to visit Norseman for airstrip inspection, delayed due to wet weather.

Plant Maintenance

- P-318 Nissan Navara, engine service and install of 4 new tyres.
- P-267 Holden Colorado Gardeners ute engine service.
- P-329 Holden Trailblazer, minor turbo repair and after turbo bracket fell off.
- P-283 Fuso Tipping Truck, Aircon Repair.
- Cat grader had hydraulic ram repair.

Plant Replacement/Procurement

- Purchase orders issued to Gold City Motors for new light vehicles.
- Purchase order issued to Howard Porter for water cart trailer purchase.
- Purchase order issued to Truck World Centre for new UD Prime mover for Water cart.
- Working through the process of having contractor's paperwork upgraded for Shire compliance with auditing. Quoting and job variations are the first step.

Works Depot

- The depot fuel storage/delivery system has been upgraded with a new twin fuel delivery bowser system. Additionally, the recording system is electronic SmartFill system. Automatically registering fuel allocated to each specific item of plant, also Staff member ID.



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AREA: Community Development

OFFICER: Pania Turner

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Community Event Reminder April - May	
<p>Ordinary Meeting of Council: Saturday, 17th April Where: Eucla Community Hall Time: 9am <u>ACWST</u> Who: All</p> <p>Norseman Community Markets: Saturday, 17th April Where: Norseman Town Centre Time: 10am-12pm Who: All</p> <p>Drought & Flood Agency Community Outreach: When: Tuesday, 20th April Where: Norseman Town Hall Time: 9am-11am Who: Farmers, farm workers, pastoralists, station hands</p> <p>Basic Microsoft Workshop: Wednesday, 20th April Where: Norseman CRC Time: 12-1:30pm Who: All</p> <p>Kidz Klub-Pizza Making: Saturday, 24th April Where: Norseman CRC Time: 9:00am-11:00am Who: All</p> <p>ANZAC DAY Norseman Dawn Service: Sunday, 25th April Where: Norseman Memorial Rotunda Time: 5:45am (guests to be seated by 5:40am) Who: All</p> <p>ANZAC Day Diggers Breakfast Thursday, 25th April Where: Norseman Town Hall Time: 6:30am Who: All</p>	<p>Tourism Breakfast: Thursday 13th May Where: Norseman Woodlands Centre Time: 7:30-8:30pm Who: Local business involved in tourism.</p> <p>ANZAC DAY Eucla Dawn Service Where: Eucla War Memorial Time: 5:45am Who: All</p> <p>Small Towns Big Pictures- Photo Competition Entries submitted by 4pm 3rd May Awards Morning Friday 7th May Where: Woodlands Centre</p> <p>Community and Employment Expo Markets: Tuesday, 4th May Where: Norseman Town Centre Time: 10am-12pm Who: All</p> <p>Biggest Morning Tea: Friday, 7th May Where: Shire of Dundas Community Rooms Time: 10am-12pm Who: Whole Community Details: Support a great cause, \$10 donation for a plate of goodies.</p>



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COVID-19 Vaccinations

The Australian Government has released the Covid-19 Eligibility Checker to assist members of the public to know when they can receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

The vaccination rollout of COVID-19 vaccines will be available in phases, meaning that groups of people receive the vaccination at different times.

The groups are Phase 1a, Phase 1b, Phase 2a, Phase 2b and Phase 3.

Recent reviews of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 have seen the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) respond to safety concerns with the following recommendations:

- At the current time, use of Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer) is preferred over AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine in adults aged < 50 years who have not already received a first dose of AstraZeneca vaccine. This is based both on the increased risk of complications from COVID-19 with increasing age (and thus increased benefit of vaccination), and the potentially lower, but not zero, risk of TTS with increasing age.
- COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca can be used in adults aged under 50 years where the benefits are likely to outweigh the risks for that individual and the person has made an informed decision based on an understanding of the risks and benefits.
- People who have had their first dose of COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca without any serious adverse effects can be given their second dose. This includes adults under 50 years of age. People who have had blood clots associated with low platelet levels after their first dose of COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca should not be given their second dose.
- That the Department of Health further develop and refine resources for informed consent that clearly convey the benefits and risks of AstraZeneca vaccine for both immunisation providers and consumers of all ages.

(information sourced: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/atagi-statement-on-astrazeneca-vaccine-in-response-to-new-vaccine-safety-concerns>.)

Community members who have concerns or questions should speak to their local GP. Vaccination advice can be found at www.health.gov.au. The information provided in this report was current as of the 13/04/21.

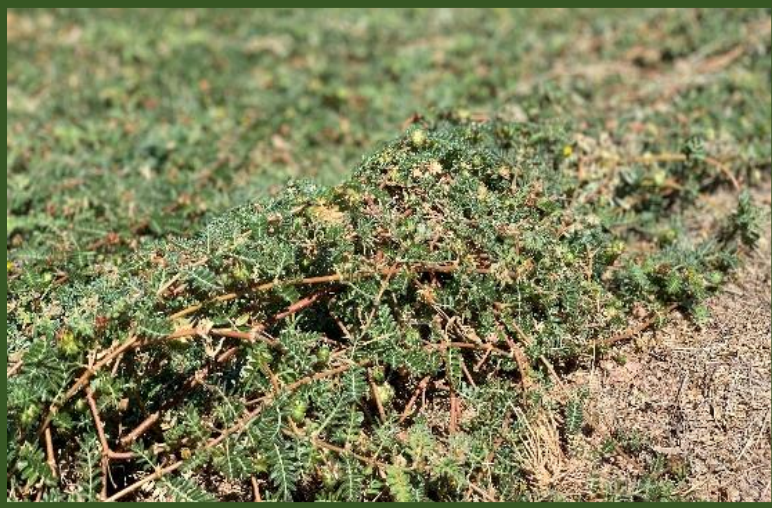
Shire of Dundas Draft Prospectus

The Shire of Dundas Investment Prospectus will be presented to Council at this April Ordinary Meeting of Council. The Prospectus highlights opportunities within the Shire and seeks drive investment in the local economy and providing long-term benefits to the local community. The Investment Prospectus is a useful tool for Council as they market the many opportunities that exist within the Shire for industry and business development.

Caltrop and Nullarbor Links

The Shire has been approached by the CEO of Nullarbor Links, Mr Alf Caputo seeking assistance in addressing caltrop infestation that is having some impact on their sites. Recognised as the world's longest golf course, the Nullarbor Links is an important tourism asset which attracts a significant number of international and interstate visitors to the region. It is important that the shire work with relevant stakeholders to ensure the course is protected from caltrop.

Both Nullarbor Links and the Shire have had players on the course raise the issue of the large amount of caltrop at the Norseman golf course, this includes the Nullarbor Links maintenance people also meeting with the CEO to raise concerns. Onsite inspections conducted by the Shire have confirmed the severity of the weed on the Norseman golf course. The MWS and MCD will be inspecting the holes along the Eyre Highway to SA border as they travel to Eucla on Friday 16th April.



Understanding that this is both a local government and Nullarbor Links issue the Shire will be working with the Nullarbor Links to do a player's information and action campaign as well as addressing some practical solutions such as boot/shoe scrapers, *burr* bins, and information signage.

The Shire Works Department is investigating a mass removal of the large infestation at the Norseman golf course. Which be followed by a spraying campaign.

Norseman Tourism LG Workshop & Tourism Businesses Breakfast

The Norseman CRC and Shire of Dundas Visitor Centre will be partnering with GEMS WA Tourism workshop with Distinctly Tourism Management consultants on Wednesday 12 May and Thursday 13th May to bring two tourism workshops to Norseman.

The afternoon session will be for local government officers, and we hope to invite visitor centre officers from Esperance to attend.

Community Consultation Framework

In preparation for the development of the Shire of Dundas Strategic Community Plan community consultation framework which will guide the Strategic Community Plan consultation process to begin in June. As this is a full review of our SCP officers will be presenting and increased budget allocation for the 2021-2022 budget.

The Shire has a Community Consultation and Engagement policy which guides the way the Shire conducts consultation. This policy will inform the Community Consultation Framework that will be presented to Council at the May OCM.

Recognising that people engage in different ways it is important that consultation is conducted in an inclusive and accessible manner that provides opportunity for all community and stakeholders to have input whenever practical and achievable.

ANZAC Day Services

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

The Dawn Service will commence 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.



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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 Change of Dates Awards Night

The Shire of Dundas annual photographic competition has expanded its 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.

Shire of Dundas Visitor Services

With the easing of border restrictions, and the Western Australian Government's marketing campaign #wonderoutyonder the Woodlands Centre is seeing a significant increase in tourist numbers.

It was expected that Cyclone Seroja and the weather in brought would have an impact on the travellers, however if anything there has been an increase with people changing their plans of visiting up North, to exploring down south. Again, this highlights the Shire of Dundas prime location, particularly in Norseman, and the opportunity to access and engage with tourists travelling both to the north, south and direct west (Hyden Norseman Road) of Western Australia.

The Woodlands Centre was advertised in the West Australian Explore the Goldfields travel feature on the Easter long weekend, and it will be for the Shire to continue to take advantage of Western Australians exploring their home State and promote the Shire of Dundas.

Site 5 on the Granite Woodlands Trail has been closed due to bushfire damage with large trees coming down after having been burnt. A final safety review will be conducted this week to ensure the site is safe before opening.

The Manager for Community Development and the Visitor Services Officer will be attending the Perth Airport Regional Tourism Conference in May. The conference provides attendees opportunity for professional development, and has a dedicated session for Visitor Centres, with sessions on Visitor Centre Redevelopment, Working with Industry Bodies, and Digital Visitor Servicing.

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AREA: Youth & Events

OFFICER: Margaret McEwan

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Youth

These school holidays have been interesting with a mixture of ages coming through the centre, from ages 8-11yrs having morning sessions and 12-18yrs all day and reserving afternoons for big kids only. Youth aged 14-18yrs have weekend jobs, over the school holidays casual work hours increase for youth, having a drop in attendance in this age group.

Extending the swimming pool opening hours over the Easter long weekend and the first week of the school holidays was well received by community member and travellers. A huge Thank You to Miss Sharon for opening the pool for an extra week.

Events

Big Thank you to everyone who helped with the planning and preparation of the Woodlands opening, the day was enjoyed by many, with Ngadju Dancers, Special guests, community members and students from N.D.H.S the opening was a great event, with loads of food and heaps of fun for kids it was great to see everyone smiling.

Norseman Community Resource Centre held its annual Easter egg hunt on the 27th March, it was a great turn out with over 20 kids attending. Free sausage sizzle, a popcorn stand and a bouncy castle seen the kids play for hours. After the Easter bunny had done his sneaky delivery the kids were off looking for eggs! It was a beautiful day and this time no crows stealing the eggs!

Upcoming Events

- 14th April **Craft Ladies Esperance Trip**
- 16th -17th April **Eucla Council Meeting**
- 25th April **ANZAC Day Dawn service**
- 27th – 29th April **National Homelessness Forum**

