

# Shire of Manjimup

Strength through Diversity



## Shire President's Annual Report 2008/09

2008/09 proved to be a challenging year of surprises including severe storms in December, destructive fires, changes in the State government, receipt of large unbudgeted revenue and an overhaul of local government in Western Australia. On balance I feel the Shire of Manjimup fared well despite these challenges.

Last year I indicated Council would make strong representation on a number of issues important to the local community and it was satisfying many of the issues raised have received favourable responses.

As I look back over the past twelve months, a number of significant events stand out:

### June 09

- Manjimup 15,000 reinvigorated with the support of the Shire of Manjimup.
- Public forum "Fire, You and Your Community" held.
- Warren Blackwood Strategic Alliance importance reinforced with the allocation of R4R funding.

### May 09

- Windy Harbour leasehold lot offered for sale.

### April 09

- Biomass power plant application given final approval by Council.
- Kerbside bulk waste collection commenced.
- SBS retransmission service in Pemberton went live.

### March 09

- Area of Medical Unmet Need application approved to 2011.
- Great Escapade Bike Ride brought 2,000 visitors to the district.
- Infill sewerage works commenced in Pemberton.
- Minister for Forestry called on to re-engage with the timber industry to provide greater certainty to business, employees and contractors.

- Mrs Ella Boliver turning 100. Ella's father AC Reeve was a founding member of the Warren Road Board.
- Underground power project for Pemberton mainstreet commenced.
- Visit to the Victorian bush fire affected communities.

### February 09

- Minister Castrilli gave local governments 6 months to determine amalgamations and a reduction in Councilor numbers.
- HACC service secured significant additional funding.

Local Planning Scheme #4 received 327 public submissions.

### January 09

- Royalties for Regions \$1.5m unbudgeted funds distributed to the Shire of Manjimup allocated as follows:
  - 40% road reseal
  - 24% buildings
  - 21% gravel re-sheeting
  - 6% footpaths
  - 5% Manjimup cattle saleyards
  - 3% drainage
- Attended inaugural Australian Local Government meeting in Canberra and received \$327k in unbudgeted RLCIP funding.

### December 08

- Severe storm on Saturday 20 December exceeded 1 in 100 year rainfall causing more than \$155k damage to Shire infrastructure.
- Ward and representation review adopted by Council.

### November 08

- State Government confirmed its commitment to extend the Dampier to Bunbury gas pipeline to Albany via Manjimup.

### October 08

- WALGA Plan for the Future adopted at a special forum. Shire of Manjimup one of 9 who voted against the plan on the basis it failed to confront the issue necessary amalgamations.

### September 08

- Coalition win government in Western Australia on back

of National Parties Royalties for Regions campaign. Terry Redman elected local member.

- Council critical of the draft South West Planning Framework.
- Infill sewerage works for Manjimup commenced.
- Interest shown in bauxite mining in Dixvale and Yanmah area.

### August 08

- Against Council's desire, the Shire of Manjimup was excised out of the federal seat of Forrest and amalgamated into the seat of Kalgoorlie.
- New Walpole police station opened.

### July 08

- Council rejected an application for a bluegum plantation due to concerns over grape taint. Unfortunately SAT never considered the appeal.

The focus of the Shire over the next few years continues to be a fair dinkum effort to address the deterioration of our road network whilst consolidating our efforts in the other aspects of our business.

I would like to note the efforts of Councillor Murray Curti who resigned in June due to ill health. Murray was an elected member for 12 years serving both the Warren Ward and the Central Ward.

In concluding, I thank my fellow Councillors, Shire staff, funding bodies and ratepayers for their support. Whilst we await the Minister's determination regarding the fate of the Shire going forward, I am convinced that, should the Shire of Manjimup remain, we have the team capable to face the challenges ahead.

On behalf of the Manjimup Shire Council, I wish you a happy Christmas and a safe New Year.

*Wade J. Campo*



## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS 2010

Notice is given that at its Council meeting on 12 Nov 2009, Council resolved to adopt the following 2010 meeting schedule.

5.30pm Thursday (N)orthcliffe (P)emberton (W)alpole

21 Jan	15 Apr	08 Jul	30 Sep (N)
11 Feb	06 May	29 Jul	21 Oct
04 Mar	27 May	19 Aug	11 Nov
25 Mar (P)	17 Jun (W)	09 Sep	09 Dec

All meetings will be held in Council Chambers, Manjimup unless otherwise advertised. Council Agendas and Minutes are available at our Public Libraries and on our website.

## CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR SHUT DOWN ADMINISTRATION, DEPOTS, LIBRARIES

The Shire's Administration Centre, Depots and Public Libraries will close at 5pm on Wed 23 Dec 2009 and reopen on Mon 4 Jan 2010.

Early closing: All Shire offices will close at 12 noon on Fri 18 Dec 2009 and reopen on Mon 21 Dec 2009.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

There will be no change to the kerbside rubbish bin collection services. All waste disposal sites (transfer stations and the Ralston Road Refuse and Recycling Centre) will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Recycling Collection commences from Jan 1 2010.



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