



CORPORATE SERVICES UPDATE

- Council Elections will be conducted this weekend with three wards being contested: Central, Coastal and West. Early voting closes at 4pm on Fri 16 Oct 2009 at the Administration Centre, with in-person voting on Sat 17 Oct 2009 between the hours of 8am and 6pm at:
 - ▶ Manjimup Town Hall, corner of Rose and Brockman Streets, Manjimup.
 - ▶ Coastal Ward Polling Place - Northcliffe Town Hall, Zamia Street, Northcliffe.
 - ▶ West Ward Polling Place - Pemberton Library, RSL Hall, Brockman Street, Pemberton.Members of the public and candidates are welcome to attend the counting of votes after 6pm on Saturday 17 October 2009 at Council Chambers, corner Rose and Brockman Streets, Manjimup.
- Hon Terry Redman MLA, Member for Blackwood Stirling, will chair a forum concerning the future of Manjimup's medical services at the Shire next Thursday. The objectives of the forum are to identify specific issues confronting the future provision of medical services in Manjimup; clarify a future vision for Manjimup's medical services, outline alternative models and other opportunities; and identify future directions/actions.

Staff Update

- Congratulations to Doug & Meg Elkins on their recent wedding and honeymoon in Queensland.
- Kirsty Hester has been appointed to the position of Administration Officer, Community Services (Traineeship).
- Ian Bennet has commenced in the LGIS/AWARE 12 month funded position of Emergency Management - Support Officer, and brings a wealth of emergency management knowledge with his experience in disaster management as the Local Manager of the SES unit in Manjimup.
- Stuart Fletcher commenced as a casual Building Surveyor recently. Stuart's role is to provide relief for the staff in building services and will only be available during these times.

Resignations:

- Ian Liddelow – Northcliffe Depot
- Bill Smart – Manjimup Depot

Training Opportunities – Elected Members

- Getting Started – An Introduction to Local Government: 28.10.09, 7.11.09, 14.11.09, 20.11.09, 21.11.09
- Meetings – 13.11.09
- Local Government Finance – 28.11.09
- Ethics and Conduct of an Elected Member – 28.11.09

Training Opportunities – Officers

- Managing Employee Performance – 27.10.09
- Policy Development for Officers – 29.10.09
- Executive Assistants Workshop – 5/6.11.09
- Letter and Report Writing in Local Government – 30.11.09
- Preparing Agendas and Minutes in Local Government – 1.12.09
- Rates in Local Government – Clerical 9.12.09
- Rates in Local Government – Advanced 10.12.09

STATUTORY SERVICES UPDATE

- We have reached that time during the new financial year where Capital purchasing can commence in accordance with approved budgets. Thank you for your patience.
- Auditors currently carrying out the End of Financial Year audit with the Annual Financial Report scheduled to be adopted by Council on 12th November 2009.
- Due to recent office reconfigurations, staff are reminded not to use the Front Counter as access to the building now that the large glass doors to the Town Hall foyer are closed.
- Staff are reminded to save up Hours Bank days for the Christmas break this year otherwise Annual Leave or LWOP will be used cover the shortfall.
- The Proposed Local Planning Scheme No. 4 (PLPS4) was finally adopted by Council subject to some minor changes, at its Special meeting on 24 September 2009. The PLPS4 is now with the Department of Planning who will consider the application before making a final recommendation to the Minister. It is hoped that this may occur before Christmas; therefore the Shire may have a new scheme by early next year.
- As a way of resolving some planning issues that could not be accommodated within the final adopted version of the PLPS4, officers are progressing an Omnibus amendment which will rectify some of those issues. It is likely that the Omnibus amendment will be initiated by Council shortly after the new scheme is gazetted.

- The Rangers team have gone through a minor restructure with Helene Blechynden relocating to the Rangers Office. Helene's modified role will create a greater level of support to the Rangers and will assist them in being able to get out and about supporting the community.
- The fire season is rapidly approaching and the Manager of Health and Emergency Services has initiated a Fire Management Team (FMT). The team consists of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, both Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer the 2 Rangers and the Manager. This team has already proved itself with a conducting a Risk to Resource analysis of Councils Fire Fighting assets and has provided valuable input into the allocation of ESL funding.
- Environmental Health is continuing a vigilant approach to many community concerns related to health and responding to health driven complaints.
- Andrew Davison is on leave for approximately 6 weeks due to shoulder surgery, any requests for building maintenance to be made to Peter Krispyn in his absence.
- Vandalism to buildings increased over the school holidays and is becoming an increasing concern. Building Services will be working on minimising future damage.

CUMULATIVE STATUTORY APPROVAL STATISTICS JAN - SEPTEMBER 2009

APPROVALS	JAN - SEPTEMBER	COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS	
	2009	2008	2007
BUILDING STATISTICS			
APPLICATIONS	250	290	265
VALUE \$	\$10.2 MIL	\$14.0 MIL	\$11.7 MIL
PLANNING STATISTICS			
APPLICATIONS	131	120	130
VALUE \$	\$109.0 MIL	\$7.8 MIL	\$7.5 MIL

PUBLIC NOTICES

- Proposal to Change the Name: "Muirs Highway" to "Muir Highway": For Public Comment – closes Fri 30 Oct 2009.
- Shire of Manjimup Town Planning Scheme No. 2 – Amendment No. 127 Approved to rezone Nelson Location 8663 Tattenham Road and Gumnut Road, Northcliffe from "Rural" to "Special Development Zone" and amending the Scheme maps accordingly was granted final approval by the Minister for Planning on 25 August 2009.
- Northcliffe Town Hall Management Committee will meet on Mon 19 Oct 2009 in the Northcliffe Town Hall.

WORKS & SERVICES UPDATE

- Asphalt seal program commenced with Vista St Walpole completed and most other roads prepared and waiting on appropriate conditions to complete.
- Kerbing preparations underway prior to asphalt overlay on Blechynden St.
- Maintenance grading underway during fine breaks.
- Barrier on Wheatley Coast Rd extended
- Gravel acquisition for northern area works complete.
- Clearing for Channybearup Rd construction near completion. See photos!
- Vegetation management underway with grooming completed on a section of Wheatley Coast Road and spraying completed on various roads.
- Back lane upgrade at Tyrepower to commence this week.
- Perup Rd reconstruction to recommence next week
- Preparation underway to start Pemberton Main Street Project this month.
- Depot extension works underway with pad complete and framing under construction – see photos below.
- Main Office Recycling:
 - ▶ Kitchen recyclables can be placed in the present plastic recycling bin in the lunch room: All rinsed plastic containers (milk, drink cardboard), Rinsed steel and aluminium cans and glass bottles/containers
 - ▶ Bin Compound: All paper (bundled), Cardboard (flattened) - key from the front counter,
 - ▶ All printer cartridges (no cardboard packaging) – in the box near the photocopier.
 - ▶ Mobile phones – in the "recycling tube" in the foyer or leave it in the WMO's office.





Above: All in a day's work –felling a tree on Channybearup Road.

Right: Work on the extensions at the depot are underway.



COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

School Holiday Program Success

- With the support of the Department of Communities the Shire of Manjimup conducted two successful school holiday programmes with participants enjoying bus excursions to Albany and Bunbury. Shopping, ten pin bowling and time at the movies were popular activities.
- Planning for the January school holiday programme has commenced with the annual trip to Adventure World on the agenda as well as more bus excursions to Busselton and other coastal towns of the South West.

Heritage Celebration Trails

- A public 'story telling' day will be held at Walpole Recreation Centre this Sunday 18th October 2009 commencing at 10.30am. Residents of Walpole are invited to this day to share their recollections of the past days that reflect the Walpole heritage.

Australia Chamber Orchestra tour

- The Shire is working closely with the Australian Chamber Orchestra administration for the proposed outdoor concert to be held on Saturday 6th February 2010 at the Manjimup Timber & Heritage Park. Tickets for this event will be available in the near future.

AquaCentre:

- The school holidays were extremely busy at the Manjimup AquaCentre. Parents utilised an enclosed, safe, secure and WARM venue to bring their children, despite the bleak wintry weather outside. Many parents joined their toddlers in the leisure pool as the older ones burnt up all their energy and had fun on the FREE Giant Inflatable.

HACC

- HACC Stay on Your Feet event held at the Round House on 16 Sept was well attended by 42 people from Manjimup and surrounding areas. Many thanks to staff who baked goodies for morning tea.
- HACC will be holding a morning tea at the Manjimup Library on 27 October during Seniors Week. U3A will be talking to clients about "Broad Band for Senior's" and the opportunity to have free one on one lessons in basic computer skills.

Libraries

- The Great Country Booksale with over 20,000 books for sale from 50c to \$3 will be held at the Southern Forests Building, South West Highway, Manjimup (next door to Manjimup Stockfeeds) from 9am – 5pm on Fri 23 Oct, Sat 24 Oct and from 9am – 4pm on Sun 25 Oct 2009.