

Manjimup Shire Bulletin

August 2022



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Australian Bureau of Statistics recently released the first data from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing.

The release provides key data and insights into our population including families, housing, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations, cultural diversity, service with the Australian Defence Force and long-term health conditions.

On Census night the Shire had a population of 9093, made up of 50.3% female and 49.7 male with a median age of 47. Most of our residents are adults, with 4616 falling into 25-64 age group.

Mostly we speak English with 7854 households using only English language at home, while 275 households use non-English languages as a first language at home.

Of our population, 305 identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

New Fire and Emergency Services Act

Council recently endorsed the Shire's submission to the WA Local Government Association regarding the management of Bush Fire Brigades enabling WALGA to develop an Advocacy Position Statement on behalf of Local Government's across Western Australia. The Arrangements for Management of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades Proposed Advocacy Position.

The State Government is currently drafting the Consolidated Emergency Services Act, which will combine the *Fire Brigades Act 1942*, *Bush Fires Act 1954* and the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998*. It is anticipated that the draft consolidated Act will be released as a Green Bill for consultation in early 2023. It is expected that the new Act will allow (not mandate) the transfer of Bush Fire Brigade control to a State Government Agency at the request of a Local Government.

Western Australian Local Governments have extensive roles and responsibilities prescribed in the State Emergency Management Framework across the emergency management activities of prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. Importantly, pursuant to the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, Local Governments have responsibility for bushfire and the management of volunteer Bush Fire Brigades.

Details on the Shire's submission can be found online in the Council minutes for the July 8 meeting.

Policy Reviews

The following policies have recently been reviewed by Council:

- 9.1.21 Road Traffic Safety.
- 9.1.18 Manjimup Airfield - Airside Access.
- 9.1.3 Street Lighting.
- 9.1.4 Guidelines for Sub-divisional Development.
- 9.1.5 Road Verge Directional Signs.
- 9.1.10 Engineering Construction Standards for Planning Applications.
- 9.1.11 Land Acquisition and road Boundary Adjustments.

The policies can be viewed on the Shire website at www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/policies

SHIRE NOTICES

The Shire has prepared a **Draft Policy 6.1.19 Managing the Natural Environment** for which public comments are invited.

Details of the policy are available for inspection at the Shire of Manjimup Office, Rose Street, Manjimup and online www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/consultations

Should any person or group wish to make a comment on the draft policy, it is required to be in writing and received by the Shire by 5pm on 17 August 2022.

Written submissions are to be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Manjimup and either posted to PO Box 1, Manjimup WA 6258 or emailed to info@manjimup.wa.gov.au

2022-2023 Fees and Charges

The fees and charges for the 2022-2023 financial year were adopted by

Council on 26 May and came into effect on the 1 July 2022. You can view the fees and charges on the website at

www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/feesandcharges

Employment Opportunities

- Parks Operations Gardener
 - Senior Technical Officer
- Both closing 19 August 2022

COVID-19 - Pulse Oximeters

Members of the community who are either pregnant; over 65 or Aboriginal and over 50 can collect a free pulse oximeter from the Shire Administration building or the Pemberton, Northcliffe or Walpole Libraries.

Trail Towns - SBS

The Southern Forests and Valleys episode of Trail Towns will be broadcast on SBS at 4pm on Saturday 20 August 2022.

SHIRE NEWS

Libraries

Premiers Reading Challenge.

Students from Kindergarten up to Year 10 are invited to sign up and take part in this year's Premier's Reading Challenge WA! The challenge is to read and log at least 12 books and readers will be in the running to win some fantastic prizes, including family holidays and experiences across Western Australia.

The challenge runs from May to 9 September 2022, and no matter where you are from, you can uncover great mysteries and explore thousands of amazing stories through the enchanting world of books.

www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au/the-challenge

Did you know that our libraries have a multitude of online resources available to cheer up your Winter.

- Kanopy - Library members can stream over 30,000 movies free with their Library card.
- Libby - Members can borrow thousands of eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and eGraphic novels for free using OverDrive.
- Borrow Box - BorrowBox is a digital

- service which enables Library members to borrow the most popular Australian and international eBooks and eAudiobooks.

- Story Box - Story Box Library is a wonderful online reading room, created for children to view stories by local authors and illustrators, being read aloud by fantastic storytellers.

- Online Book Club - The Online Book Club is a place for library members to read and discuss recent and popular books from the comfort of their own homes.

AquaCentre

Five Years Waterwise

the AquaCentre recently celebrated their commitment to water efficiency at the annual Aquatic Recreation Industry Awards.

A joint initiative between Water Corporation and Leisure Institute of Western Australia Aquatics, the program recognises aquatic centres state-wide that demonstrate a significant and ongoing commitment to reducing water use. The AquaCentre was one of eight centres celebrated for five years on the program.

Art Gallery

5 August to 3 September 2022

The 2022 Fantastic Fungi exhibition features finalists in the Open, High School and Primary School classes of the Manjimup Photo Club's Fungi Competition.

The exhibition includes many types of fungi found locally and in Australia more widely and all distinguished by their unique and unusual structural and physiological features.

It will showcase images captured by gifted amateurs of an extensive variety of these extraordinary organisms.

DJILBA

We are now in the Noongar season of Djilba. Djilba is a transitional time of the year with some very cold and clear days combining with warmer, rainy windy days, mixing with the occasional sunny day or two.

Councillors
Central Ward
• Cr Paul Omodei, President, 0448 810 773
• Cr Denise Jenkins, Deputy, 0429 349 618
• Cr Robert Taylor, 0428 711 579
• Cr Susan Dawson Vidovich, 0407 427 174
• Cr Donelle Buegge, 0409 114 681
East Ward
• Cr Cliff Winfield, 0427 717 944
North Ward
• Cr Kim Skoss, 0475 432 825
West Ward
• Cr Murray Ventris, 0428 471 197
• Cr Kenneth Lawrence, 0439 762 042
Coastal Ward
• Cr Wendy Eiby, 0434 811 474
South Ward
• Cr Jennifer Willcox, 0400 504 095

Manjimup Depot
16-20 Wetherell Street - 9771 7767
Mon - Thu: 7.00 am to 4.30 pm
Fri: 7.00 am to 3.30 pm
Manjimup Library and Art Gallery
57 Rose Street - 9771 6940
Mon - Fri: 10.00 am to 5.00 pm
Sat: 9.00 am to 12.00 pm
Wellness and Respite Community Centre
1A Edwards Street - 9771 6900
Mon - Fri: 8.30 am to 5.00 pm
AquaCentre
Cnr Rutherford and Finch Sts - 9771 6960
Mon - Fri: 6.00 am to 7.00 pm
Sat - Sun: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
Manjimup Refuse and Recycling Centre
62 Ralston Road - 9777 2332
Mon - Sun: 8.00 am to 5.00 pm

SHIRE CALENDAR

Library Storytime

Manjimup - Friday 11.00 am
Northcliffe - Monday 10.30 am
Pemberton - Friday 11.00 am
Walpole - Alternate Fridays 10.00 am

MHCC Activities

Boronia Club - 10 am to 2 pm Monday & Friday
Over 50 Exercise Group - 9 am to 10 am Tuesday & Thursday
Tai Chi 10.30 am to 11.30 am Wednesday
Bingo - 1 pm to 3pm Thursday

Council Meetings

The August Council meetings will commence at 5.30 pm in the Council Chambers on 18 August 2022.

AquaCentre

Check out the extensive group fitness program on the website.