



Shire President's Message



I would like to thank everybody who complied with the instructions to stay home over Easter, it is important to keep the disciplines we have been using in place to minimise an outbreak in our district.

Now is the time to shop local, our local businesses are suffering, and some have found innovative ways to continue their valuable service to our community, so whether its physical, electronic or drive-thru, please support them, so that they can continue to serve us in the future.

We have immense strength in our community, we've seen it many times, now is one of the times we all need to put our shoulders to the grind and help each other through a difficult situation.

We all know that being cooped up is not conducive to our way of life, but we need to look for the positives to keep our spirits lifted until the hopefully, not to far off, easing of the restrictions, when we can reopen recreation and social facilities, both public and private.

Council has committed to zero percent rate rise for the 2020/21 financial year, a freeze on fees and charges increases and a freeze on penalty interest for ratepayers on installment or payment plans.

The Shire has in place a Business Continuity Plan that ensures we can continue to provide our core services to ratepayers and residents. Our Community Services Directorate have a dedicated team working on recovery from COVID-19. The Recovery Team has been appointed by the Shire to gather information about how the Pandemic is impacting on the community, to identify the

gaps in services and community needs, to offer community support and information to provide a linkage for the support groups across the Shire and to provide the Shire and State Government agencies with valuable information to ensure needs are being met and significant issues identified.

Once all of the Information has been gathered and the immediate impact of the pandemic better understood then a recovery plan will be prepared. This plan will look at what actions and measures are necessary to support the community to recover once the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

A recovery plan is at its best when it is community driven – it is created and implemented together with the local community, business and relevant government agencies.

*Until next time stay well and safe...
Paul*

COVID-19

What's your Shire doing?

Recovery Team

We have a dedicated team working on response and recovery to help the community throughout the pandemic and to bounce back when the crisis is over.

What are they doing?

They are collecting and monitoring as much data and information relating to the pandemic as possible (accommodation supply and status, social services, domestic violence, mental health, food support, welfare support; government programmes and services).

How will gathering information help?

This information will then be applied at the local level to better understand what the needs are, the gaps and support services. Information is also provided to external agencies so that they can understand local resources.

Importantly the information is used to lobby from the ground up to ensure that our communities are receiving the assistance and support they need and that any gaps are identified.

Data collected will also support grant applications to ensure there is adequate funding longer term to provide support at the local level. This might include mental health support, utility costs, firewood, food, blankets or accommodation.

How can they help me?

In times like these anxiety and stress add to the challenge of finding the information one needs for whatever purpose – this is especially challenging as we are literally being bombarded with information. The recovery team provides a safe localised base whereby people can make direct contact about their issue or a concern they have for someone else and get help and advice.

The team provides the connection for the many amazing and generous activities and groups that have evolved across the Shire communities in response to the pandemic. The Shire of Manjimup is extremely fortunate to have many groups, businesses and individuals who remain resilient and proactive in times such as these. The team's role here is in providing and disseminating information, links and support.

COVID-19 Coronavirus

Recovery/Response

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/ManjimupCOVID

Email: recovery@manjimup.wa.gov.au

Phone: 0499 550 224

Services and Facilities

The Shire's administration and depots are continuing normal operations at this stage.

Libraries

Whilst the libraries are closed to public, check out some of the e-resources available on our website

www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/libraries and keep a check on the Libraries facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/manjimup.wa.gov.au/> for some inspirational ways to keep entertained.

Waste Facilities

Kerbside collections continue. The refuse and recycling centres

Shire Bulletins can be viewed on the Shire website: www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/shirebulletin

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Walpole Transfer Station

Plain Road
Tuesday: 1.00pm - 5.00pm
Thursday: 1.00pm - 5.00pm
Sunday: 9.00am - 5.00pm

Administration Centre

Monday-Friday 8.15am - 4.30pm
Phone: (08) 9771 7777
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37-39 Rose St, Manjimup
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