



### 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 at [www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/policies](http://www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/policies)

### SHIRE NOTICES

The Shire has prepared **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 at [www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/consultations](http://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 CEO, and either posted to PO Box 1, Manjimup WA 6258 or emailed to [info@manjimup.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@manjimup.wa.gov.au)

#### 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

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/experiences across WA.

The challenge runs until 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.

Did you know that our libraries have a multitude of online resources available.

- Kanopy - stream over 30,000 movies free.
- Libby - borrow thousands of eBooks, eGraphic novels and eAudiobooks, for free.
- Borrow Box - borrow popular Australian and international eBooks and eAudiobooks.
- Story Box - wonderful online reading room for children.
- Online Book Club - read and discuss books from the comfort of your home.

#### AquaCentre

Five Years Waterwise - the AquaCentre recently celebrated their commitment to water efficiency at the annual Aquatic Recreation Industry Awards held 30 June 2022.

#### Art Gallery

The 2022 Fantastic Fungi exhibition features finalists of the Manjimup Photo Club's Fungi Competition.

The exhibition includes many types of fungi all distinguished by their unique, unusual structural and physiological features.

#### 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.



**South Ward Councillor**  
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**Walpole Transfer Station** - Plain Road  
Tuesday & Thursday: 1 pm - 5 pm  
Sunday: 9 am - 5 pm

**Walpole Library** 2 Pier Street 9840 1108  
Wednesday: 9 am - 12 pm & 1 pm - 3.30pm  
Friday: 9am - 12 pm & 1 pm - 3.30 pm  
Sat: 9 am - 2 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 July 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.

