



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Citizen of the Year Awards

The Shire's official Citizen of the Year awards were held in Pemberton on the 26 January 2023. It is always an honour for myself and fellow Councillors to participate in the presentation of certificates and awards to the citizen of the year nominees and awardees.

These awards are made possible by Auspire – the Australia Day Council of WA. Every year the Community Citizen of the Year Awards program gives local governments around the State the opportunity to acknowledge the contribution and celebrate community engagement of people within the community.

Congratulations to this year's awardees:

- Youth Citizen of the Year - Regan Marsh
- Senior Citizen of the Year Over 65 - Lynn Minchin
- Active Citizenship Community Group or Event - Rotary Club of Manjimup
- Citizen of the Year - Jodi Johnston

Thank you and congratulations to all nominees for the tireless work you do for your communities.

#### Election Transition Arrangements

Council recently made a decision on the Local Government Reform Election Transition Arrangements. Council opted to put forward a proposal for a two ward system with four councillors per ward plus a directly elected Shire President.

It is important to note that these changes are not instigated by the Shire. They follow an instruction from the Minister for Local Government in September 2022

giving Local Governments the choice of:

- A voluntary pathway, entailing a review to reduce the number of Councillors to between five and nine, review wards as a result of those changes, and phase in the changes over two election cycles: or
- The reform election pathway, where at the 2023 election; all Councillor positions are declared vacant, wards are abolished and the number of councillors is set based on reform proposals.

In September 2022 Council agreed to take the voluntary pathway. The decision we have now come upon is based on the recent Ward and Representation Review and what is believed to be the best outcome for our electors.

Regards Paul

### COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

#### Ward/Representation Review

Following public consultation, a report was presented to Council on 19 January 2023. After taking into consideration various factors, Council agreed that the CEO report to the Local Government Advisory Board on the proposal to:

- Adopt eight councillors plus a directly elected Shire President.
- Adopt a two ward system with four councillors per ward.
- The current Central Ward becoming Urban Ward and all other wards combining into Rural Ward.
- Retain current councillors elected to 2025 as part of the transition.

The Local Government Advisory Board will then consider the report and make a recommendation to the Minister for Local Government for the next Council election.

### SHIRE NOTICES

**Prohibited burning times** are now in effect across the Shire.

#### NO BURNING IS PERMITTED

Zone 6 - Northcliffe & Walpole until 28 February 2023.

#### Firebreak and Fuel Hazard Reduction

Ranger's are continuing annual inspections for compliance with the Firebreak and Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice. Penalty for non-compliance with the notice is up to \$5,000. Several work orders and infringements have been issued.

#### Annual Electors Meeting

The Annual Electors Meeting of the Shire of Manjimup was held on Thursday 12 January 2023, the minutes of the meeting are available on the Shire website.

#### Expression of Interest - Pemberton Town Activation Advisory Committee

The Shire is inviting expressions of interest for the Pemberton Town Activation Advisory Committee. Nominations are open to all local Pemberton community members who are interested in serving on the committee, see the website for information on how to nominate. Nominations close on Tuesday 28 February 2023.

#### Request for Tender - Supply of Gravel Shire of Manjimup and Surrounds

The Shire invites tenders from suitably qualified and experienced contractors for the supply of gravel in the Shire of Manjimup, Western Australia. To obtain the documents visit: [www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/tenders](http://www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/tenders) Tenders must be lodged by 3pm on 16 February 2023.

#### Employment Opportunities

- Manjimup Trail Bike Hub - Project Manager.
  - Principal Environmental Health Officer.
- Both closing on 10 February 2023.

### SHIRE NEWS

#### Libraries

##### Manjimup Library Renovation

Manjimup Library staff have been very busy throughout January, moving books out and moving books back in again. They are very excited to welcome you into their refreshed and fabulous space.

##### Manjimup Home & Community Care

Manjimup Home and Community Care have some exciting activities planned for February. Check out the program on the website or facebook page.

#### Art Gallery

The first exhibition for 2023 will be held in the Manjimup Town Hall from 1 February to 8 March. Peregrinations of a Citizen Botanist is an immersive and finely crafted installation by Susie Vickery which takes the form of a cabinet of curiosities, charting the journey of the 18th Century French botanist Jacques-Julien Houtou de Labillardiere, who came to Western Australia in 1792 on the ship Recherche, captained by Bruni d'Entrecasteaux.

#### AquaCentre

There's a new class on the timetable. Join us for a one hour Target and Tone Class on Fridays at 10.15am. Check out the full timetable at [www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/fitness](http://www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/fitness)



**South Ward Councillor**  
Cr Jennifer Willcox  
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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 - 12 pm

### SHIRE CALENDAR

#### Library Storytime

Manjimup - Friday 10.30 am  
Northcliffe - Monday 10.00 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 February Council meeting will commence at 5.30 pm in the **Walpole Community Hall** on 9 February 2023.

#### AquaCentre

Check out the extensive group fitness program on the website.

