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March 2016



Message from the CEO

Australia Day

A free Australia Day Community Breakfast was once again held in Rotary Park where residents were invited to come along and enjoy free children's entertainment and a hot barbecue breakfast provided by the Shire of Yilgarn.

As part of the Australia Day festivities there was also free entry to the Southern Cross Swimming Pool for the entire day and free drinks, ice-creams (donated by Cliffs) and inflatable pool toys available for families to enjoy. You can see from the photos that fun was had by all those who attended the Australia Day celebrations.



Congratulations go to Mrs Judy Guerini and The Southern Cross Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service who were awarded this year's Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards.

I would like to thank the Councillors, Council employees and community members who donated their time to help out on the day.

New Staff

There have been a number of new appointments at the Shire recently, including Nalukui Mwale who commenced as our Finance Manager in November 2015 and Ellen Gerick who commenced as our Administration Officer Trainee on 27 January 2016.

In February 2016 we had two new Managers start at the Shire. Nic Warren is our new Manager Regulatory Services. This position replaces Wendy Dallywater who leaves the Shire after 14 years of service.

Jenny Gemund is our new Manager Community Services. This position replaces the previous CRC Co-ordinator position. Jenny will be responsible for managing the Community Resource Centre and will also be proactive in working with sporting and community groups to assist in ensuring Southern Cross remains a great place to live.

Caravan Park Improvements

The upgrade works at the Southern Cross Caravan Park, including refurbishing one of the ablution blocks, upgrading the power supply to the caravan sites and improving the wastewater sullage drains, commenced in late February 2016. The total project cost is \$448,000 which is largely funded from the Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund (\$392,000). Works should be completed by June 2016.

New Depot Building

Council have awarded a tender to replace the current Shire Depot Office and Staff Room with a new transportable building, at a cost of \$242,000.

Council has been planning to replace the building for a period of time as the current building is an old transportable, asbestos clad building that was relocated to the current Shire Depot site in the late 1970's and is well past its use by date.

Brian Jones
Chief Executive Officer

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Message from the Shire President

Welcome to our March 2016 Council News.

2016 has been a very busy time for Council and the Yilgarn.

The past few months has seen the arrival of our new Doctor Mark Bryne and his family and also some of our local business with new proprietors. I ask that the community make our new proprietors feel welcome and our local people who have invested in new business ventures feel supported. I encourage you to support all these people and their business's as they have seen fit to invest their time and money into you and the Yilgarn. Please show your appreciation of this investment.

Australia Day was well supported by the community and I take this opportunity to once again congratulate Mrs Judy Guerini our 2016 Australia Day Award recipient.

2016 will also see some new faces in the shire office, which have been noted elsewhere in the Newsletter. I would like to make special mention of Wendy Dallywater, who recently finished with the Shire after more than 14 years' service. On behalf of the community and council I would like to thank Wendy Dallywater for her long and loyal service and wish her all the best for the future.

Community Strategic Plan

Council has agreed to undertake a major review of our Community Strategic Plan and has engaged Localise to facilitate an extensive community consultation process and assist in preparing a new look Plan.

Local governments were first required to implement Integrated Planning, incorporating a Community Strategic Plan and Corporate Business Plan, back in 2013. The Shire of Yilgarn's first Community Strategic Plan was adopted in early 2013 for the ten year period 2013 to 2023.

A major review is required every four years, however Council has agreed to bring this forward a year as we have a new Shire President and CEO and so that future reviews align with the Council election cycle

The Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan are intended to drive the development of the annual budget and are the Shire's principal strategic documents demonstrating measurable linkages between community aspirations, financial capacity and practical service delivery.

Council will be hosting three separate workshops (morning, lunch and evening) during the first week of April. All residents are invited to attend one of the workshops and further information will be sent out as preparations are finalised.

If you are interested in our Community Strategic Plan a copy is available on our website. The current Plans are very good documents that we hope to improve, with your input.

Yilgarn 2026! What would you like to see?

Future of Tourism

Council has been grappling with the issue of how best to provide information to tourists and visitors to our Shire for a period of time.

Council had previously seriously considered the establishment of a Visitor Information Centre however the ongoing operating costs were substantial and would require a reasonable rate increase to cover the additional costs. Operating a Visitor Information Centre, as well as being expensive, is also restrictive in that it would only be opened during normal business hours or for special occasions.

With the arrival of the NBN in 2017 and the trend towards acquiring information on-line, has led Council to agree to focus on information technology as a means of providing information to visitors on a 24/7 basis.

Council has adopted the following policy position in regards to Visitor Information:

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That Council:

Acknowledge that providing quality information about our services and attractions to tourists / visitors to our Shire is an important role of the Shire;

Understands that in 2016 and beyond, due to the role of information technology in information dissemination, the current Visitor Information Centre model of buildings and staff is becoming obsolete. In particular due to the costs of maintaining a building and employing staff and the restrictions of when the information is available (based on opening hours);

Agree that our visitor information strategy should be based on information technology and signage as Council is keen for the information to be available at all times. With the NBN being available in 2017 it is important that we take full advantage of the opportunities this will present;

Agree to explore the opportunities of providing quality visitor information at key destinations within the Shire where tourists would ordinarily be expected to visit, including roadhouses;

Independent Living Units

The four new units on Antares Street are due for completion in early March 2016. The Shire has advertised for expressions of interest from persons interested in leasing the units.

If you are interested please ensure your name has been recorded at the Shire office.

On behalf of the Yilgarn community I would like to thank Nurse Practitioner – Laura Black for her support to the people of the Yilgarn whilst we were without the services of a GP.

Also a thank you to our local Volunteer Fire Brigade members who attended both the Esperance and Waroona fires.

ANZAC Day 2016

The community is invited to attend one or both of the services held in town on Monday 25th April 2016.

The Dawn Service at 6am & the 11am Service are both held at Memorial Hill on Antares Street.

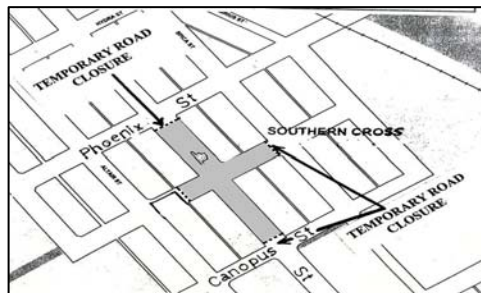
Refreshments will be provided at the Senior Citizens Centre, following the 11am service. We would love to see you there. Please come and give a little of your time to remember and pay respect to those who gave and continue to give so much for us all.

Residents are hereby advised that the following roads will be closed from 10.30am through to 12noon on Monday 25th April 2016 during the Anzac Day Service:

ANTARES STREET will be closed between the Antares - Canopus Streets intersection and Antares - Phoenix Streets intersection.

CENTAUR STREET will be closed between Spica and Antares Streets.

Necessary road closure signage and markers will be in place to direct traffic during this time.



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Christmas 2015 Driver Reviver Campaign

Successful Driver Reviver Campaigns have once again been run in Southern Cross over the 2015 Christmas holiday period. The Driver Reviver Campaign was run in conjunction with, the Health Agencies of Yilgarn Committee, Road Safety Committee and Shire of Yilgarn.

Seventeen community members (*as listed below*) generously gave up their time to assist with the running of Driver Reviver Campaign over the 2015 Christmas period.

Rolly & Shelley Blair, Josephine Pollard, Romolo & Jane Patroni, Lisa, & Pat Boso, Laurita Symes, Carla Della Bosca, Robin Stevens, Pat & Janine Dal Busco, Christy Galbraith, Anne Carnicelli, Vera Carlson, and Vicki & Syd Liley.



Health Agencies of Yilgarn Committee, Road Safety Committee, Shire of Yilgarn and the motoring public extend their appreciation and thanks to Bernie Dorazio's Mechanical Service for the use the amenity rooms, Metzke & Son, Southern Cross Hardware and News and all the volunteers who gave up there time in the running of the 2015 Christmas Driver Reviver Campaign.



Road works and Reserves Update

The following works have been completed from January 2016 through to March 2016

Koolyanobbing Road

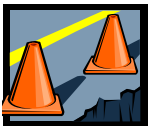
3 kilometres bitumen reseal

Dulyalbin Road

7.5 kilometres of gravel overlay completed

Southern Cross South Road

3 kilometres constructed to 7 metre seal



Emergency Contact

Residents are reminded that the Shire of Yilgarn Emergency Information Hotline service is available. For all road closures, vehicle movement, bushfire and harvest ban information please call **9487 8777**. This service is updated as required. For automatic updates on road closures within the Yilgarn district, harvest bans or notification of community events ask to be placed on the Shire of Yilgarn's Whispir list for text message and email notifications by contacting Ellie Gerick on (08) 9049 1001.

Further information is available as follows:-

❖ **Road-use enquiries/reporting of road damage** – please call Mr Robert Bosenberg (Manager for Works) on 0409 791 135, or Mr Noel Teale (Works Supervisor) on 0409 791 134.

❖ **To report a sewerage fault** – please call Mr Nic Warren (Manager Regulatory Services) on 0407 491 027

9487 8777



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Rural Report 2016

FEAR GROUP UPDATES

FEAR Group has altered its usual Crop Updates program this year to create a more interesting event at Moorine Rock Tennis Club! On **Wednesday 23rd March**, starting at 9:30am there will be presenters discussing soil moisture, 'apps' and technology available, lunch will then be followed by 2015 trial results and getting more from your sheep, how to condition score and assess available feed, finishing with drinks and dinner. Please RSVP as soon as possible to guarantee your spot today! FEARgroup@outlook.com



YILGARN RAINFALL

The current rainfall totals for the Yilgarn are shown below.

Weather station location	January 2014 (mm)	January 2015 (mm)	January 2016 (mm)
Southern Cross Airport	44.6	0	63.6
Southern Cross Airport January Average (97-2016)	30.6		

The above statistics were sourced from the BOM website on the 2/2/2016.



SKELETON WEED 2015/16 SEASON

Approx. 90% of farmers have finished their paperwork and sent it to me at the DAFWA office. All searching should be completed by now; with all the green in paddocks searching now would be enjoyable!

There have been 34 re-infested paddocks (were code 2 or 3 before searching) and 21 new finds reported on to date.

Remember farmers are eligible for \$4/ha for new finds and for searching code 1 paddocks. Searching needs to be completed by January 31st and all paperwork is due by 15th February every year.

It is advised that now there has been a significant rainfall event in the Shire, landholders are urged to keep up surveillance searching and report any new finds or new squares to Rebecca Maddock at the Ag department (9049 1206) Wed-Fri or Robbie DellaBosca Mon-Fri on 0427 791 135.

Doctor New Contact Details

Southern Cross General Practice

Dr Mark Byrne has now commenced practicing at the newly named "Southern Cross General Practice"



The opening hours are:

Monday 9.00am - 5.00pm
Tuesday 9.00am - 5.00pm
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 10.00 am - 5.30pm
Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

(May open Saturday mornings if required)



The new phone number for the practice is:

9049 1147



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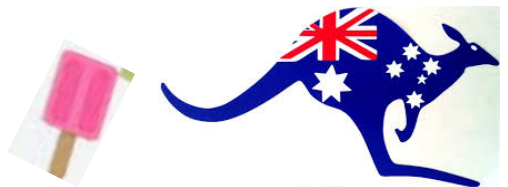
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CLIFFS

Asia Pacific Iron Ore

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Who to Contact?

Chief Executive Officer
Mr Brian Jones

Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr John Bingham

Manager for Works
Mr Robert Bosenberg

Manager Regulatory Services
Mr Nic Warren

Manager Community Services
Ms Jenny Gemund

Finance Manager
Mrs Nalukui Mwale

Works Supervisor
Mr Noel Teale

Administrative Services Officer
Mrs Jodie Karra

Rates Officer
Mrs Louise Neilson

Payroll & HR Officer
Mrs Sue Bosenberg

Creditors Officer
Mrs Laura Della Bosca

Asset Management Officer
Ms Robyn Downes

Trainee
Miss Ellie Gerick

CRC Support Officer
Ms Monica Fairless

CRC Trainee
Mrs Jenna Christie

Members of Council

Shire President

◆ Cr O T (Onida) Truran

Councillors

◆ Cr J A M (Julie) Della Bosca

◆ Cr D J (Dave) Pasini

◆ Cr P S (Phil) Nolan

Deputy Shire President

◆ Cr W (Wayne) Della Bosca

Councillors

◆ Cr K L (Kim) Chrisp

◆ Cr B G (Bryan) Close



Council meets on the third Thursday of every month in the Council Chambers, Antares Street, Southern Cross, commencing at 4.00pm (unless advertised otherwise).

Members of the public are welcome to attend, with a 15 minute Public question time offered to visitors.

More information regarding Council and Council meetings can be obtained by contacting a member of Council's Management Team or one of our friendly administration staff.

New Faces in the Shire Office



Miss Ellie Gerick
Trainee Customer Service Officer



Ms Jenny Gemund
Manager Community Services



Mrs Nalukui Mwale
Finance Manager



Mr Nic Warren
Manager Regulatory Services

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