



Hello Readers

Welcome to this month's edition of the Council Corner News and Updates and to the first Council Corner of 2018 which will be published monthly following the monthly Council meeting.

The 2018 format of the Council Corner will be a slightly different format to that used on the past. Whilst still included within the Muka Matters it will be a loose separate document which will be produced and printed by Shire staff and kindly inserted into the Muka Matters by dedicated volunteers. We hope you enjoy this slightly different format and we welcome and encourage feedback (positive and negative) with regards to this matter.

Australia Day 2018

The annual Australia Day celebration at the Mukinbudin Swimming Pool was well attended with over 260 people making use of the facility throughout the day.

Congratulations to our 2018 Australia Day Award recipients:

Citizen of the Year - Linda Palm

Community Group/Event of the Year: Wilgoyne Christmas Tree.

Thank you to our games coordinators - Chelsea Nolan and Brodie Fiegert - who created a lot of fun for the kids.



Reflective House Numbers

Council have purchased reflective house numbers for the Mukinbudin town site to assist emergency services in finding individual houses at night. Staff will be door knocking in the near future to speak with property owners about suitable locations (fences, gates) for these new numbers prior to Works staff affixing these to private property.

Strategic Planning Meeting / Workshop

Community members are invited to attend a Strategic Planning Meeting/Workshop from 6:30pm Monday 26th February at the Sports Complex. This is an important opportunity for the community to have input into what Council undertakes, improves and works towards during the next 10 year period. See separate advert in this edition of the Muka Matters for more information.

Local Government Traineeship

The Shire was recently successful with funding from the Department of Local Government to allow for the undertaking of a Local Government Traineeship. Claire Le Moignan, who had previously worked at the Shire during School Holidays during 2017, was offered this Traineeship and will commence studies and on the job training whilst employed fulltime at the Shire until December 2018. Welcome Claire.



Budget Submissions



Council Staff will soon commence work assembling the 2018/2019 Annual Shire Budget for Council consideration. We are seeking submissions from individuals, businesses, sporting groups etc. of what you would like to see Council budget for and undertake

in the upcoming financial year. Budget submission forms are available from the Shire Office, on Council’s Webpage www.mukinbudin.wa.gov.au or may be printed from the Shire FB page. Whilst funding is tight and made more difficult by recent State Government funding cuts, unless Council is aware of your suggestions they will have little chance of being funded.

Annual Electors Meeting

The Annual Electors meeting was held on 1st February 2018 in the Council Chambers. The meeting was attended by a total of 21 Residents and Ratepayers which was pleasing. Discussion took place regarding a number of issues, including the redevelopment of the main streets and various street tree options suitable for Mukinbudin.

Mukinbudin CAFÉ Lease

Clare Barber has taken over the lease on the Mukinbudin Café from January 1st 2018 for an initial lease period of 3 years. Clare is already known to many of you and I am sure everyone will make her feel welcome. A reminder to all that CAFÉ hours are currently 7am to 8pm, 7 days per week.



Outcomes from Ordinary Council Meeting

Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund

Council supported the request from local sporting groups to apply for funding for facilities upgrades through the Department of Sport & Recreation. Shire staff will proceed with applying for funding for resurfacing of the Bowling Greens and Netball / Basketball Court.

Rural Road Renaming

It was recently discovered that the road commonly known to road users as Motts Alley, is technically named Motts Road by Geographical Names and Main Roads. Council resolved to make an application to Geographical names Committee to have this Road changed to Motts Alley as it is already known. Given the background it is expected our application for a formal name change will be approved.

Shire Logo Stickers

After the recent installation of the Shire logo on Council vehicles, a number of local residents and visitors have expressed a desire to purchase a similar Mukinbudin logo sticker. Council agreed to purchase and sell to the public 89mm x 98mm logo stickers and these are available from the Shire Administration Office and Post Office at a cost of \$4 per sticker.



Footpath Works

As many will have noticed, sections of the Cruickshank street footpath between White Street and Lukin Street have recently been removed and will be replaced with a dual use Concrete Footpath identical to that on the western side of Cruickshank Street and Lukin Street. Removal will take place followed by set-up and pouring of the footpaths which as scheduled to take place in mid March. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation whilst this work is undertaken.



Australia Day Date

President Shadbolt recently received correspondence from Senator Rachel Seward requesting Council consider changing the date of Australia Day from 26th January. A copy of this letter is included over the page for information purposes. To allow Council to make an informed decision with regards to this matter, if you feel strongly about the need for Council to consider changing the date for the annual Australia Day Celebration you are encouraged to write to the Shire of Mukinbudin by 8th March 2018 to allow for Council to consider this matter at the March Ordinary Council Meeting.

Mechanical Patching

As residents of town will have noticed, a large amount of mechanical patching and repair works were recently undertaken on the following streets.

- Memorial Ave
- Calder Street
- Maddock Street
- Earl Drive
- Williams Road
- Mallee Road
- Strugnell Street



Extensive repairs were also carried out on North East Road in various locations which will be obvious to road users.

Please note that this mechanical patching work was the first of two stages to be carried out on these roads, the second stage being a full reseal from edge to edge and this work will be carried out by Contractors in late March 2018.

Honorary Shire of Mukinbudin Freeman to carry Commonwealth Games Queen’s Baton

Whilst we have known for some time, we considered it best to keep this announcement until closer to the event. Peter Geraghty has been selected to carry the Queen’s baton on 25th February 2018, his selection made due largely to the tireless work Peter does for the St Johns Ambulance . Congratulations Peter, very well deserved.



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