



Hello Readers

Welcome to this month's edition of the Council Corner News and Updates.

New Police House

Council recently called Tenders for the design and construction of a new 4x2 Dwelling to be used for Police Housing. The Shire have entered into an agreement with the Department of Housing to lease the new property for an initial period of ten years. TR Homes were recently awarded the Tender to build the new dwelling for an amount of \$344,052 inc GST. This new building will be situated at lot 203 Gimlett Way, Mukinbudin and is due to be delivered on site in November 2018.



CEACA New Aged Units

As well as the purchase of a new Police House on the estate south of town, works will soon commence on the construction of four new aged units to be owned and managed by CEACA (Central East Aged Care Alliance), consisting of 11 member Shires. These units are to be built by Pindan Constructions and work is expected to commence in early July 2018 with construction completed in early 2019.

CRISP WIRELESS

The Shire in conjunction with other NEWROC Member Shires is working with CRISP Wireless (formerly South West Wireless) to provide "super fast" Internet options for those not able to access the existing NBN network providing coverage to the Mukinbudin Townsite and surrounds.

CRISP Wireless have requested a Tower installation in the very south west corner of the Shire of Mukinbudin (near the Mukinbudin, Trayning and Nungarin Local Government Boundary). However, as much of this area is already covered by NBN from both the Shires of Mukinbudin and Nungarin, Council declined this request from CRISP at the April Ordinary meeting of Council, requesting a Tower location in the "Northern / Central" part of the Shire, including around Karloning, Wilgoyne, Wialki and Bonnie Rock.

If you are within this area, and are potentially interested in taking advantage of this future service to be provided by CRISP, please follow the following link to register your interest by way of a no obligation enquiry.

<http://www.crispwireless.com.au/>

Firewood Collection

Now that the weather is starting to get colder it is a good time to remind people that collection of firewood from Shire managed reserves - including roadsides - is strictly prohibited. In Western Australia, native vegetation is protected by both State and Federal legislation and it is no longer possible for the Shire to permit the collection of firewood from it's reserves.



New Medical Centre

FIRM Construction are making good progress on the build of the new Mukinbudin Medical Centre and the concrete pad is due to be poured on Thursday 12th April.

Completion of this building is expected in early 2019 and the plans are very impressive. Detailed plans of the build are available from the Shire Office.

This will be an excellent asset to the Mukinbudin Shire and wider community and is a result of a lot of hard work by a number of people during the past decade.



Road Works

Please note that the new 1.0km reconstruction jobs on the Koorda Bullfinch Road and the Kununoppin Mukinbudin Road are nearly complete.

The sealing crew is due in Mukinbudin again on 4th June to carry out the sealing of these two sections of newly reconstructed roads. Please ensure you adhere to all signage and drive safely.



Several people have asked about a recent resealing job extending 300mtrs approximately 3.5kms north of Mukinbudin town site on the Mukinbudin Wialki Road.

This 300mtr section was a “test” section on the previous sealing work which was carried out in late 2016 and unfortunately failed a short time later which saw the aggregate push through the bitumen instead of remaining on top as intended. When the aggregate pushed through the bitumen this left behind a very black, smooth and quiet road which whilst very nice to drive on is not a long term proposal.

With no aggregate this section is potentially very slippery in the wet, bitumen is also a very soft material and as a result wears away reasonably quickly, unlike aggregate which is crushed granite rock and very hard wearing. The intention is to seal the remaining 3.5kms of this failed section soon, following a positive result from the 300mtr test section.

New Boundary Signage



New Local Government Shire Boundary signage was recently designed and erected to replace the old and faded signage throughout the Shire. Initially 12 new signs will be erected at the major roads into the Shire, considering that the Shire has over 30 entrances in total between the four neighbouring Local Governments.

2018/2019 Budget

Staff have commenced work on the new years Budget. Thank you to members of the public and to the students from the Mukinbudin District High School who submitted Budget submissions for Council consideration. Whilst not all projects are able to be funded these submissions assist Council greatly to better understand the needs and wants of the community. Council will seek to achieve the best is can for the community with the limited funding available.



Pool Solar System Installation

In accordance with the current years Budget, a 7.5kw Solar system was recently installed at the Pool machinery shed to try to reduce the Western Power invoices during the Pool season. It may be of interest to some that the average power consumption at the Pool during the pool season is around \$115.00 per day or \$800 per week. Whilst the solar system installed will not reduce the electricity costs considerably, given the very high consumption of running the pumps, we are hoping for a reduction of around 15% during the season which will equate to around \$3000.00 per year in savings.



Above: Newly installed Solar System at Pool

TIP FIRES

This notice isn't targeted at any one individual but is instead a reminder to all that burning of household rubbish at the Mukinbudin Tip (or any tip in Western Australia) is strictly prohibited and whilst the burning of green waste is permitted, this is only to be carried out by Council staff when we deem necessary and appropriate.

Burning of the household rubbish technically qualifies as Arson and significant fines may be payable if the person lighting the fire is successfully prosecuted. We are aware the Mukinbudin Tip burns regularly and has done for many years, as do a large number of unmanned rural tips. Whilst we hear comments about how this burning helps to reduce flies and vermin (foxes and wild cats) the practice of Burning is prohibited and needs to cease immediately.

Your anticipated cooperation is appreciated.



MAD GROUP


Local legends, the Muka MAD Men, have once again made a difference to our townsite with the laying of paving bricks to enhance the mosaic table in Shadbolt Street and make the area more user-friendly for visitors and locals.

Other recent improvements include the installation of shade sails and the MAD Men-refurbished 'Welcome to Muka' sign.



Dirk Sellenger
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Shire of Mukinbudin
Book Sale
in the Library
Mon-Fri 8.30am-4.30pm
until 15 June - grab a bargain!





VERGE RUBBISH COLLECTION

Monday 25th June 2018

Council staff will be conducting green waste collection from 7 am on Monday 25th June in accordance with Council Policy.

GREEN WASTE & HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION

✓ GREEN WASTE

Includes: trees and shrub prunings – please stack branches with cut ends facing the road.

✓ HOUSEHOLD WASTE

Includes: bags and boxes of garden waste, stoves, refrigerators and other white goods.

NOT INCLUDING

- ✗** Bricks, bottles, rubble, sand, cement, fencing, wire strapping, flammable liquids, oil, paint, chemicals, pesticides, foodstuffs, tyres, asbestos & asbestos cement (fibro) sheeting, old gas bottles, glass items, lead acid car batteries, car parts, agricultural waste.

Please be advised that waste for Verge Collection can be placed on the verge no sooner than Thursday 21st June.

Dirk Sellenger

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