



Shire of Boyup Brook Community Newsletter

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COVID-19

Great to see the restrictions easing and our local businesses slowly returning to normal. Well done to everyone for their compliance through this difficult period. You have been a model community and your diligence has paid off with no recorded cases in our Shire.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

We have received a lot of favourable comments regarding our newsletter, so much so that we have been asked to carry them on. Now that restrictions are easing, we will produce a newsletter only in the opposite fortnight to the Gazette. We are also hoping to see the CRC have an involvement in its production.

NEW ABULTION BLOCK FOR DINNINUP SHOWGROUNDS

Congratulations to the Upper Blackwood Agricultural Society (UBAS) Committee for their successful application for the Regional Agricultural Show Development Grants Program. Agricultural shows bring regional communities together and with the support of the Shire of Boyup Brook, UBAS will construct new ablution block facilities including showers, toilets and wheel chair accessible facilities, at the Dinninup Showgrounds.

WEED AND PEST MANAGEMENT SURVEY

Please complete the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZPL7N3Q> by 15th June 2020 to have your say. The Shire is working in partnership with the Blackwood Basin Group and the community to prioritise Weed and Pest Management. The outcomes of this survey will inform the Management Strategy that will lead to the effective control of targeted species in the Shire of Boyup Brook.



From the 18th of May, some regional travel restrictions were relaxed as part of WA's COVID-19 roadmap.

Travel is now permitted:

- between the South West, Great Southern, Wheatbelt and Perth-Peel regions
- between the Mid West, Gascoyne and Pilbara regions (excluding the biosecurity zone)
- within the Goldfields-Esperance region (excluding the biosecurity zone)
- within Kimberley local government areas (the Commonwealth's biosecurity zone remains in place).

Travel exemptions are required to travel between these 4 areas.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

With this in mind, we would like to use the newsletter to start the process of Community Consultation. I have a feeling that we are long overdue in receiving input from the community on several things that are happening and listening to their views. Until we are able to meet face to face, I will explain some of the process in the newsletter. We will explain some of the background and then go through some of the options. I do not want to receive comments from the community until we get to the face to face meeting. This will be for you to gather your thoughts prior to meeting.

WHAT DOES COMMUNITY CONSULTATION INVOLVE?

It is important to clarify what the Shire is directly responsible for versus what, as a community voice, we are able to influence. For instance, we are responsible for our Shire roads, but not the Main Roads. We are not responsible for education, but we can be an influencer.

In getting ready, the Council will be having a workshop at which we will be organising Councillors to champion specific areas so they will be able to help with the process of developing each opportunity.

Generally, the final output will be similar to the current Strategic Community Plan document.

This is divided into several main areas:

- Built Environment (roads and buildings)
- Social (wellbeing, health and sport)
- Natural Environment (river, forest and environment)
- Economic (business development and events)
- Governance (Service levels and workforce)
- Sustainability (various performance measurements)

Going outside these main areas and into specifics, we will be discussing:

- Law order/Safety/Fire/Ranger/Ambulance
- Health/Medical/Hospital/Mental health
- Education/Welfare/ELC/Youth
- Housing/Property
- Aged Accommodation/Lodge
- Community Development
- Sport/Recreation/Culture
- Swimming Pool
- Parks/Gardens/Playgrounds
- Transport/Roads/Paths
- Economic/Business Development
- Sustainability
- Tourism/Events
- CRC/Museum/Lions/RSL
- Biosecurity/Environment
- Infrastructure/Projects
- Town Revitalisation/Planning/Future Development
- Caravan Park/Flax Mill
- Rylington Park
- Waste/Recycling
- Marketing/Promotion

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