



# Shire of Boyup Brook Community Newsletter

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## DOCTOR DOCTOR

We have put a lot of energy into the recruitment of our new doctor to replace Dr Luc and have used a consultant recruitment agency to assist us in the search. So far we have been able to sign on one lady doctor who will commence on 1st June 2020. Our search has also found another doctor who would like to join the practice. Both are experienced doctors who have families and will permanently relocate to our area.

## PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

I am pleased to report that Richard Walker is our new President with Helen O'Connell being appointed as the Deputy. I am looking forward to working with them to progress the matters of interest to the Shire.

These appointments will generate the opportunity to revisit the many options which present themselves to the town which include in random order:

Aged Care Facilities, Sports Complex, Resumption of the Railway Land, the Viewing Tower in Jayes Road, Flood Proofing and Beautification of the Blackwood, Business Development and Attraction and overall planning review of our Development Plan.

**Social gathering rules have been relaxed, you can now gather in groups of up to 10 whilst maintaining social distancing.**



If you thought Toilet Paper was crazy....Just wait until 300 million people all want a haircut appointment



## **RYLINGTON PARK**

The transfer agreement between the Rylington Park Management Inc and the Shire has been concluded. It is business as usual. Mark and Erlanda Deas are managing the farm, research is being carried on and the shearing school will resume when COVID-19 is dealt with. The Field Days and scholarships will continue. A complete review of the enterprise is being conducted for the Transitional Committee by Ashley Herbert who is an experienced agronomist.

## **ANZAC DAY**

Well an ANZAC Day with a difference. As much as we would like to get back to normal it was fabulous to see the level of participation in our driveways. You may have heard that Fred Doust has received confirmation that he will be receiving Life Membership from RSL Australia. The Shire would like to congratulate Fred on his successful application.

## **COVID -19 UPDATE**

Recent reports now indicate that we have no active cases of COVID-19 in the South West. So well done to everyone and isn't the State doing really well. I attended a webinar with our new President Richard Walker. Obviously the restrictions of the coronavirus were very much on the agenda. Busselton was interested in getting the travel restrictions between Peel and The South West lifted. Our Shire is of the view that this is too soon. There is little point to this unless the businesses in the town that support the tourist trade like our coffee shops are allowed to return to normal. We hope this will be soon, however we need to support the State Government who are doing a great job.

Stay safe, be kind, look out for your neighbours.

Chris Smith

CEO



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