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# Capel Snippets

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Thank you to everyone that has provided comment on Council's Strategic Plan, returned the forms in regards to Amalgamations, contributed to the Boyanup Townsite Strategy and provided input on the Trails Master Plan, and to those who attended the community forums – we appreciated your time and comments.

In this edition of the Snippets you will find articles on Millennium's waste disposal, Capel Recreation Ground redevelopment as well as general updates to do with planning, along with health tips and our Rangers roundup. Should you have any questions in regards to articles then please do not hesitate to contact the staff at the Shire Office. We also offer the opportunity for you to receive your copy of the Snippets electronically.

On behalf of Council, I would also like to offer congratulations to the St Johns Anglican Church in Capel for receiving a Lotterywest Cultural Heritage Grant for the replacement of the church roof. It is wonderful to see our important local heritage buildings being maintained.

Paul Sheedy  
Chief Executive Officer

## Millennium Inorganic Chemicals Waste Disposal at Dalyellup

Council agreed to grant Planning Consent to Millennium Inorganic Chemicals (MIC) at its meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2009.

This decision was not taken lightly and required Council to consider a range of issues and facts which lead to the conclusion that while not in keeping with the views expressed by some members of the community, the decision is nevertheless an appropriate one.

Those members of the community who disagree with the Council's decision, particularly on environmental grounds should be aware of the fact that the MIC holds relevant environmental approvals from the State Government and Council is bound to acknowledge that when making its decision.

Regardless of Council's decision the company cannot operate its activity at Dalyellup without all other relevant approvals and compliance with State legislation.

In regard to Environmental approvals those community members who have concerns about the Department of Environment and Conservation's ability to control the MIC operation should exercise their right to comment on the company's application for a new licence under Part 5 of the Environmental Protection Act.

The Shire has been advised that MIC has applied to the Department of Conservation and Environment for a new licence to continue after its current licence expires. That application will be advertised for comment for 21 days and the Shire understands that period is likely to commence before the end of July.

### Reminder!

- Boyanup Library Survey due 10 September 2009
- Ring Shire to have name added to data base for monthly Snippets

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## Redevelopment of the Capel Recreation Ground & Hard Courts

The Capel basketball and tennis courts will be closed to the public in preparation for the redevelopment of the courts and proposed new sports pavilion. The redevelopment involves removing the existing courts and contaminated base soil, therefore dropping the level. It is anticipated that the new pavilion will be constructed this financial year and the development of the new car park and hard courts will be developed in the 2010/11 financial year. Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact staff at the Shire Offices.



### Get the Snippets via Email

Capel Snippets are a monthly inclusion to the various local newsletters that are distributed throughout the Shire and uploaded on the Shire's website. However due to the distribution dates of the newsletters being varied sometimes the news arrives too late or is considered old news, or residents may miss out if they don't receive a copy of the local newsletter.

If you would like to receive the Snippets hot off the press then contact Michelle or our customer service staff at the office and leave your email address. This will ensure that you are amongst the first to know what is happening in your Shire.

The Shire strives to keep the community informed and we hope by offering an electronic format that residents will feel as if they are being informed in a timely manner.

## 2009 Council Elections – Be part of it!

The Biennial Council Elections form a major part of our democratic process and will be held on Saturday 17 October 2009 to elect 4 Councillors for a term of 4 years expiring in 2013.

If you are interested in participating as either a voter, or potentially as a candidate, there are several key dates that you need to know.

- **Close of Electoral Rolls – 5.00pm Friday 28 August 2009.** (You must be correctly enrolled to vote or to nominate as a Councillor.)
- **Nominations open – Thursday 3 September 2009**
- **Nominations close – 4.00pm Thursday 10 September 2009**

As in previous elections, the 2009 election will be conducted as a postal voting only ballot. The WA Electoral Commission will mail out ballot papers and candidate information packs to all persons on the electoral roll shortly after that date, if there are more candidates than there are vacancies. Once you have completed your ballot paper you simply return it to the Electoral Commission using the Reply Paid envelope and the ballot papers will be counted on Saturday 17 October.

To check to see if you are on the electoral roll, please contact Anita at Council's Rates department.

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, I would encourage you to call the Shire's Governance Officer, Dean Freeman, to find out what is involved and details of a candidates information night that will be held (subject to sufficient interest) before nominations open.

Remember it is your democratic right to participate in the election process and have your say in how your community will be run over the next 2 years.



### Blocks For Sale - LIA

Light industrial lots in Capel townsite for sale. For details contact Vicki Davies in the Planning and Development Services.

### Signage on Highways

Main Roads will be confiscating illegal business signs on Bussell Highway and South Western Highway.

It should be noted that business related signs are not permitted on highways or on land adjacent to a highway when the land does not contain an approved business.

Community groups that wish to have temporary signage on highways giving notice of upcoming events are advised that approval is required from both Main Roads WA and the Shire of Capel

Please contact the Main Roads WA Customer Service Officer and the Shire's Building Services section for information regarding signage applications.

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## Development in the Shire

Developments that have been processed during June / July include the following:

### Development Approvals

- Four Home Units – Dalyellup
- Car Park Additions – Bunbury Cathedral Grammar
- Two Home Units - Capel
- Ancillary Accommodation – Gelorup

### Home Occupation – New Approvals

- Child Family Care Centre – Dalyellup
- Massage Therapy – Dalyellup
- Occupation Health Training – Dalyellup
- Florist - Capel

### Home Occupation – Renewals

- Training/Gym – Boyanup
- Ladies Hair Dressing – Boyanup
- Bed & Breakfast – Boyanup
- Child Family Care Centre – Capel
- Furniture Restoration – Capel
- Health Care Products – Capel
- Bed & Breakfast – Capel River
- Picture Framing – Gelorup
- Dressmaking – Gelorup
- Beauty Salon – Gelorup
- Bed & Breakfast – Gelorup
- Internet Travel Agency – Ludlow
- Bed & Breakfast – Stratham

Don't forget to contact us if you would like to start up a home occupation business, bed and breakfast activity or wish to build or add a shed, pool, patio or addition to existing structures.

## Town Planning Updates

### Scheme Amendments

Amendment No 32 – Condello’s Liquor Store / Service Station proposal – amendment deferred pending completion of a Traffic Study.

Amendment No 38 – Rezoning of lots adjoining East Road Capel – Amendment deferred pending agreement with Western Australian Planning Commission on sustainability requirements.

Amendment No 39 – Gelorup Residential Rezoning located between Condellos and Caltex Service Station on Bussell Highway – Awaiting endorsement of Environmental Protection Authority prior to commencing Public Advertising.

Amendment No 44 – Peppermint Grove Beach Caravan Park – awaiting revised proposal from applicants.

Amendment No 46 – Rezoning Meadowbrook Estate for Aged Persons Village – awaiting endorsement of the Environmental Protection Authority prior to commencing Public advertising.

### Strategic Planning

Capel Townsite Strategy – awaiting endorsement from the Western Australian Planning Commission

Boynup Townsite Strategy – Advertising Term closed 10<sup>th</sup> July. Submissions being assessed and report being prepared for Council consideration

## Housing Growth

### Building Licenses Issued for Dwellings

FINANCIAL YEAR	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
Capel	10	15	33	28
Peppermint Grove Beach	8	10	9	4
Boyanup	10	5	9	4
Gelorup	11	4	4	7
Dalyellup	284	184	227	278
Rural	9	9	4	2
Special Rural	12	12	10	4
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>327</b>

## Ever Thought of Running a Bed & Breakfast?

The Shire wishes to support business activities through tourism promotion and other initiatives; however we can't do this unless the business or accommodation activity has the required approvals.

There certainly is a shortage of short stay accommodation within our Shire, so if you have what it takes to run a B&B or similar, then contact staff in the Shire's Planning & Development Services who would be willing to assist you to achieve your outcome.



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## Rangers Round Up

### Fire Season

With fire season looming around the corner, if you are looking at requiring a VARIATION to the current requirements for firebreaks/slashing on your property, you are required to apply in writing to Council before 31 October 2009

### Dog Identification

During recent weeks we have had some dogs impounded for several days until they could be reunited with their owners - a simple name/phone number tag **and** registration with Council would prevent hours of heartache for owners. Are your dogs (and cats) registered with Council??

## Farmers – How are your fences?

The recent winter weather has seen an increase in reports of stock wandering on roads or on to neighboring properties. In some instances this is due to trees falling across fence lines or by old fences falling over in the waterlogged soil.

Remember it is your responsibility to keep your stock on the right side of the fence and avoid damage to motor vehicles and other people's property. While Council Rangers try to work with landowners in resolving issues of wandering stock, infringement notices will be issued to repeat offenders. Stock wandering on roads is very dangerous so please check your fences for all our benefit.

## Sprayed Your Weeds Yet?

If you are planning to spray your weeds as a way of reducing the flammable material on your property for next summer, now is the time to get started.

By spraying now, not only are you preventing the weeds from going to seed and generating next season's crop, you will also be left with significantly less vegetation which will break down quicker. The earlier you start on your fire prevention measures, the easier it becomes. If you have any questions on weed control please contact Rae McPherson Natural Resource Management Officer for advice.

## Health Tips

### Roosters

The Shire has received numerous complaints regarding roosters in residential areas. Although the sound of a rooster crowing in the early hours of the morning may not worry you it can disturb your neighbour's peace and quiet, particularly shift workers. Please be aware that roosters are not allowed to be kept within town sites. So if you have a rooster on your property please remove it. If there is a rooster in the area keeping you awake please feel free to contact Colin Dent or Carla Webster at the Shire who will address the problem.



### Mosquitoes

Mosquito season will soon be upon us, and we would like to remind you to make sure you protect yourself, by covering up or avoiding mosquito breeding areas. There is an increased amount of water than in the last two seasons, so there is a chance mosquito numbers will be greater than previous years. The shire will be continuing with their mosquito management program by aerial larvaciding, hand treating, larval monitoring and adult trapping.

### Electronic and Hazardous & Household Waste

The Shire in conjunction with the City of Bunbury and the Shires of Dardanup and Harvey have joined forces to provide a free service for electronic waste to be recycled and have provided a hazardous household waste drop off site. The drop off site is the Capel Transfer Station, Range Rd which is open from 10am to 5pm everyday except Wednesday and Thursday. If you have any queries regarding what can be dropped off please feel free to contact the Shire.

### Chemical Clearout Deadline

The next opportunity to dispose of unwanted chemicals via the ChemClear program in WA draws near.

Group 1 chemicals are collected free of charge. These are chemicals registered for use in Australia by up to 90% of the chemical manufacturing industry. To register call 1800 008 182 or check out the website [www.chemclear.copm.au](http://www.chemclear.copm.au)

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