



SHIRE OF

# Capel Snippets

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A huge thank you to those of you who braved some chilly nights to come out and attend the Community Forums which were held over the last couple of months, and to the Boyanup Residents that attended the Boyanup Townsite Strategy Workshop. It really is gratifying to see the community interest and participation at these events and I certainly hope you got something out of it. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Capel & Districts Garden Club who have been working with Shire staff in the beautifying of the Capel Cemetery, your efforts have been tremendous and hugely appreciated.

A reminder that Fluro tube recycling bins, are available at the Capel Office and Boyanup / Dalyellup Libraries. A reminder too that the Shire's community grants scheme closes on 3 October 2008, and nominations for the annual Australia Day community Service Awards will be opening shortly. Please contact the Community Development Team, if you require information on any of these.

**Paul Sheedy – Chief Executive Officer**

## Attention Boat Owners

Please check the use by date on your EPIRBs.

For those of you who have to upgrade by February 2009 and will be looking at disposing of the old one, this is a reminder not to place them in your rubbish bin or at the rubbish tip. There are two reasons for this one is that the battery is nickel/cadmium which pollutes landfill if buried and the other is if it accidentally get set off whilst buried at the tip which sets off a full scale emergency.

Instead you can take them to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure or Battery All Types in Strickland St Bunbury and they will dispose of it correctly for you.

For further information please contact Carla at the Shire office on 9727 0222.

## Sports Participation Scheme

The Shire of Capel acknowledges the many sportspersons within the Shire and recognises the hard work and dedication required to gain state selection.

Through the Shire's Sports Participation Scheme, Council is able to contribute financially up to \$200 per application.

To be eligible for the scheme applicants must reside within the Shire, can be any age and must provide a letter from the relevant sporting body confirming selection to compete in the event / team.

Although the Scheme is ongoing, budget funds are limited. Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact Michelle, Sue, Lesley or Donna from the Community Development Team.

## Summer Tenancy

The winter blues are almost gone and its time for our summer sports season to get rolling. To ensure training and playing needs are met, all summer sports are required to submit their booking sheets and fixtures by September 25 2008.

Forms are available from the Shire's website or by contacting Sue Hall – Community Development Officer at the Shire office on 9727 0222 or via email [shall@capel.wa.gov.au](mailto:shall@capel.wa.gov.au).

**All Winter sports are required to return keys at completion of their season.**

## Blocks for Sale LIA

An excellent opportunity exists to strategically locate and develop your business in the Capel light industrial area.

Council will soon invite tenders for the purchase of the last 3 lots.

Registrations of interest are invited from persons who may wish to purchase an industrial property, and these should be forwarded to Vicki Davies, Shire of Capel PO Box 369 CAPEL WA 6271 or via email to [info@capel.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@capel.wa.gov.au)

All registrations of interest will be included on a register for the mailing out of formal tender documents when the sale of the lots proceeds.

## Did You Know?

**Town planning approvals** are required for:

- Operating a business from home and in some instances operating from a commercial premises
- Operating a bed and breakfast or farm stay accommodation activity

The Shire wishes to support business activities through tourism promotion and other initiatives, however is unable to do so where a business or accommodation activity does not have the required approvals.

The Shire Town Planning Staff would be pleased to advise you on how to make an application and how to obtain approvals.

**Want to know more? Call on 9727 0222**

## Property Rates

A reminder that Credit card payments (Mastercard and Visa card) are accepted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by telephone (1300 276 468) or by the Internet ([www.capel.wa.gov.au](http://www.capel.wa.gov.au)).

Alternatively you can use your debit card to pay by BPay but you will need to contact your bank first. You can also mail your payment to PO Box 369, Capel or pay our cashiers located in our Administration offices in Forrest Road, Capel.

Remember if payment is not received by the due date penalty interest will immediately apply and is calculated at the rate of 11% per annum, applied on a daily basis.

For any enquiries regarding your rate payments such as pensioner rebates, change of address information or if you are having difficulty making your payment, please telephone our Rates Officers on 9727 0222.

## ChemClear

The Council is supporting the ChemClear Initiative. To have your unwanted rural chemicals collected phone 1800 008 182 or visit [www.chemclear.com.au](http://www.chemclear.com.au) to register.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Please feel free to contact Colin Dent or Carla Webster if you have any queries.

## Volunteer Employer Recognition Program

FESA has announced a program seeking to recognize employers of members of volunteer emergency service members, or self employed volunteers, who support their staff by allowing them time off work to attend to their volunteer duties.

Once accredited, employers can officially use the scheme's brand on their business promotional items such as business cards and letterheads.

Do you know of an employer, or self employed volunteer, that should be nominated?

Additional Information can be obtained by contacting FESA's Volunteer & Youth Services branch on 9323 9300 or at [www.fesa@wa.gov.au](mailto:www.fesa@wa.gov.au).

## Town Site Verges

Over time there has been a steady increase in the number of people placing gravel or coarse aggregate on verges. While the Shire encourages people to maintain the verge adjacent their property, for reasons of public safety the verge must be maintained within certain parameters. The Shire does have a verge policy that is available on the website or alternatively call Marisa in Technical Services Dept on 9727 0222.

## Rangers Round Up

October is normally the time that we send out animal registration notices. Registration fees are the same as last year and for a sterilised dog or cat is \$10.00 for 1 year and \$18.00 for 3 years. For an un sterilised dog or cat the fees are \$30.00 and \$75.00. If you have had your dog sterilised we will need to sight some proof of the procedure (paperwork not the dog or cat!).

Remember also that the Shire offers a subsidy to assist with the de sexing of domestic pets that are registered in the Shire of Capel. Vouchers are available by contacting the Shire Offices prior to the date of the procedure and are only valid at Geovet in Capel and Harradines.

Dog Poo-ch bags are also available from the Shire to allow you to responsibly dispose of your dog's deposits.

Please remember that Dog owners have responsibilities under the Dog Act and Local Laws to:

- Keep no more than two dogs, unless approved by Council
- Register all dogs over the age of three months; and
- Ensure identification and registration tags are attached to your dog's collar at all times.

## Eyes on the Street

In the coming weeks, you will begin to notice more of the Shire's vehicles displaying the "Eyes on the Street" signage.

This is because the Shire has become a partner with the WA Police Force in this initiative to help reduce the levels of crime and anti social behaviour in our community

All of Council's Works and inspectorial staff have been trained in reporting any behaviour that may be of concern and this information will be sent to the Police to enable a database of anti social or suspicious behaviour to be created. This information may also act as a trigger for the police to increase patrols in certain areas at certain times.

The Police remind us that "if it is not reported, then statistically it did not happen" which means as the police are not aware of an incident, it won't be investigated.

We hope that by being part of "Eyes on the Street", this will help to make the Shire a safer and more enjoyable place to live.



## Australia Day Community Awards

The Shire's Community Awards open on the 1<sup>st</sup> October with nomination forms being available from the website.

There are a number of categories:

- Citizen of the Year – nominee must be over 25 yrs
- Young Citizen of the Year – nominee must be under 25 yrs
- Community Group / Event of the year
- Young Sportsperson of the Year

Groups and individuals can be self nominated, however they must reside within the Shire and groups nominated must primarily benefit residents within the Shire.

We are also currently seeking feedback on the Australia Day Community Awards **EVENT** – if you have any ideas or suggestions in regards to the format of the evening or what you would like to see happening then please contact Michelle or Lesley at the Shire Office. The date of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 09 has been suggested for the event and this will be confirmed in due course.

We have many wonderful people and groups within our Shire, so please don't let this opportunity to have them acknowledged pass you by.

*Free  
CLASSES*

## FIFTY AND NOT FORGOTTEN

*Classes are FREE and all residents within the Shire are encouraged to register.*

*Ring the Community Development Team on 9727 0222 for further information.*

### **Write Your Memoirs**

Dalyellup from October 7<sup>th</sup>

Boyanup from November 11<sup>th</sup>

### **Line Dancing**

Dalyellup from Oct 7<sup>th</sup>

Boyanup from November 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Yoga/Pilates**

Boyanup and Dalyellup - To be advised

### **Cooking – November**

**Computer Classes...**Starting Very Soon

## *Sail into October InZone*

Registration Day

**Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> – Capel Community Centre** From **9am**

*Movies, The Amazing Race – Win GREAT prizes, Jet Boat, Sailing and Whale Watching*

All registration forms and further info available at [www.capel.wa.gov.au](http://www.capel.wa.gov.au) or

call Sue Hall, Community Development Officer on 97270211.