



# Snippets

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I'd like to thank the outside work crew for their efforts in cleaning up all the recent storm damage, maintaining the winter form ups and patching of the roads, and acknowledge their work in feverishly mowing the abundant winter growth, they are a great team and strive to enhance the localities within our Shire. As Capel and Boyanup Residents may be aware, the lighting at these two ovals has been completed and can be seen burning brightly during evening training. It is hoped that Dalyellup won't be too far away.

As you are aware the Snippets go out through the local newsletters and as these are distributed at different times in the month, I would like to point out that the information contained in the Snippets is correct as at the third Friday of every month when it is provided to the distributors.

Just a reminder that rates are due this month, dog licensing is due in October and a very early reminder to anyone wishing to burn off after 1<sup>st</sup> November, you will require a burning permit.

Paul Sheedy  
Chief Executive Officer

## 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 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.

## Community Grants Scheme Opens 1 September 2009

The Shire's round of 2009/2010 Minor and Major Community Grants Scheme opens for applications on 1 September and closes 30 October 2009. There are two types of Minor Grants – projects up to \$2,000, and projects with a total budget of up to \$10,000 whilst Major grants are for projects with a budget over \$10,000. The Scheme is open to Shire of Capel not-for-profit sporting or community organizations.

For an application form and to discuss your project please contact either Michelle, Sue, Donna or Lesley from the Community Development Team

### Reminder!

- Ring Shire to have name added to data base for electronic copy of monthly Snippets
- Pay Rates

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## Town Planning Updates

### Scheme Amendments

**Amendment No 32** – Condello’s Liquor Store / Service Station proposal – Traffic Study proposals being considered by applicants.

**Amendment No 38** – Rezoning of lots adjoining East Road Capel – Western Australian Planning Commission’s sustainability requirements are being considered by Council.

**Amendment No 39** – Gelorup Residential Rezoning located between Condellos and Caltex Service Station on Bussell Highway – Response received from Environmental Protection Authority under consideration.



## Planning a Spa?

If you’re considering incorporating a spa into your back yard did you know that the current Regulations in WA require the owner/occupier to apply for an approval for a permanent or temporary swimming pool / spa from the shire prior to installation.

The legislation in WA also requires the owner / occupier of a property with a swimming pool or spa to install a barrier / fence that complies with the Swimming Pool barrier requirements for any spa / pool that has more than 300mm of water and is used for swimming, wading or the like.

Don’t be caught out!

## Need a Building License?

All buildings including homes, patios, sheds, swimming pools and retaining walls in residential and rural zones require a building licence. Application forms and information sheets are available from the Shire Office.

If you have inadvertently built a structure without a building licence then did you know that unauthorised building work may now be granted a Building Approval Certificate.

Building Regulations have been amended to address the situation where an illegal building is in existence. The building will be required to substantially comply with the Building codes of Australia and the Shire’s Town Planning Scheme.

Applications forms and information sheets are available from the Shire Office.



## Blocks for Sale – LIA

An excellent opportunity exists to strategically locate and develop your business in the Capel light industrial area. For details contact Vicki Davies in the Planning and Development Services at the Shire.

## Health Hits

Mosquito are about so please ensure there are no wrigglers in your backyard. Empty the trays under pot plants regularly and empty out birdbaths once a week.

Additionally take measures to protect yourself, wear long pants and sleeves, also an insect repellent containing 5 – 20% DEET or picaridin.

We have been hand treating some drains and some water bodies around the Shire of Capel with s-methoprene briquettes If you see any of these orange stakes please don’t touch them. The Material Safety Data Sheet can be obtained from the Shire of Capel website or by ringing the Shire.

Still on the topic of mosquitoes, the Shire of Capel will be holding batbox building workshops. Microbats love mosquitoes and can feed on up to 1000 in a night. The first workshop will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December, if you are interested in attending the workshops please contact Rae McPherson or Carla Webster at the Shire of Capel for more details.

## E-waste & Household Hazardous Waste

Council is now recycling e-waste and household hazardous waste at the Capel Range Road Transfer Station. In July we recycled 980 kilograms of electrical waste and 130 kilograms of household hazardous waste. Please see the Shires website, [capel.wa.gov.au](http://capel.wa.gov.au) for further details.

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## Raising Money for Sport with the Australian Sports Foundation

The Australian Sports Foundation Ltd assists non-profit sporting organizations, schools and community organizations to raise money for valid sport related projects. These might include buying sporting equipment, funding team travel to national championships or hosting a major event.

If you need to raise funds for a sports project that benefits the community, you may consider registering the project with the Australian Sports Foundation. Any non-profit sporting organization or community organization or school can apply to register projects provided it meets the Australian Sports Foundation criteria.

For further information on registering a project or making a donation check the website [www.asf.org.au](http://www.asf.org.au) or email [infor@asf.org.au](mailto:infor@asf.org.au)



## Dalyellup Library News

Dalyellup Library has now included Rhyme time on a regular basis on Wednesday at 11.00am. It started August 5<sup>th</sup> and has regular parents joining in every Wednesday. Both, Corenne and Linda take the morning activities, singing songs in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

So far the library has had tremendous feed back from parents who attend the sessions. In fact, it was suggested, that an additional time on Wednesday afternoons could be included in the future.

Hope to see you there!

## October InZone Registration

9am Saturday September 12th at Capel Community Centre

Forms available from [www.capel.wa.gov.au](http://www.capel.wa.gov.au)

Big school holiday programme includes Scitech/Harbour Town, Runway Capel (learn how to be the next star of the runway), Super Scavenger Hunt and Animal Discovery experience.

*Places are limited. Must be 12 years or older and living in the Shire of Capel to attend.*

Contact Sue or Jasmine for more info.



## Fifty and Not Forgotten continues to grow..

Due to popular demand we have two more trips to Wonnerup House and the Old Butter Factory (Busselton Museum).

Proposed dates are:

Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup> and October 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Bus leaves Dalyellup 9.00am, Boyanup 9.15am and Capel 9.30am and return approximately 4.30pm

There are limited numbers, so be quick to confirm you places, by contacting Sue Hall at the Shire Offices.

## Men's Shed Conference

Interest for the potential of developing a Men's (or Community) Shed project in the Shire of Capel continues to grow. A number of people from within the Shire of Capel have come forward saying they would like to be involved and what can they do?. In conjunction with the Shire of Mukinbudin and Lotterywest, funding has been achieved to send two community members in our Shire to attend the inaugural Men's Shed conference in September.

Following the conference a meeting will be held (dates will be announced in Capel Courier, Boyanup Post and Dalyellup/Gelorum Gazette) for those that are interested in progressing the Shed and how this will be achieved from information gathered at the conference.

If you think you may be interested in being part of a Shed, that can contribute so much to a community, then contact Sue Hall, Community Development Officer on 9727 0222 for more information.

We would like to wish Don Morton and Paul Young all the very best for the Men's Shed Conference and we are looking forward to learning how these Shed's have impacted on so many small and large communities.

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## Rangers Round Up

### Permits to Burn

Just a reminder that anyone wishing to burn off after **1<sup>st</sup> November 2009** must obtain a Permit to Burn from their local Bush Fire Control Officer.

Permits to Burn are required so that the community can be assured that as the weather warms up, people burning off are doing so in accordance with conditions that will allow the burning to be undertaken safely. Any person who fails to get a Permit to Burn, or who fails to abide by the conditions of the Permit commits an offence under the Bush Fires Act and may receive an infringement notice of \$250.00.

Also, when you are planning your burning, please try to give your local Bush Fire Control Officer at least 24-48 hours notice of your intention to burn. This enables them to be able to inspect your property and issue the permit in an orderly manner. Remember, they are community volunteers who also lead busy lives so please, give them a bit of consideration in this regard.

Your local Bush Fire Control Officers are:

**Gelorup / Dalyellup** Ian Clifton 9795 8212 or 0428 359 497

**Elgin North/Gelorup** Chris Scott 9795 7443 or 0408 921 356

**Stratham** Murray Scott 9727 2223 or 0407 270 023

**Elgin South** Barry Bell 9727 2342 or 0427 966 126

**Boyanup North** Trevor Brockman 9731 5454 or 0407 080 925

**Boyanup South** Brian Smith 9731 5618 or 0407 387 412

**Capel River** Ron Hartnup 9731 7151 or 0408 187 615

**Capel South** Neale Scott 9727 1542 or 0428 121 222

**Capel Town** Steve Rice 9727 2533 or 0427 882 433

**Stirling/Peppy Grove** Ian Cocker 9727 1125 or 0417 909 995

**Stirling/Peppy Grove** Bob Ramage 9727 1805 or 0407 271 805

## Biodiversity

Biodiversity is a very important issue for the Shire of Capel. Due to the diverse landforms within the Shire, we have many rare plants and animals that require protection from clearing, fire and people.

The recent bushfires in Victoria alerted people involved with fire protection on the need to reduce fuel loads in bushland areas in urban and peri-urban areas. The unchecked growth of weed species can cause a major fire risk as well as inhibit the growth of native plants.

A weed and fire control workshop was organised by the Shire in late July to assist landholders in the Gelorup and Stratham areas to comply with the Shire's firebreak orders while ensuring their actions do not adversely impact on the native flora. Thirty people from the community turned up to the 2 hour workshop to listen to the five guest speakers who were specialists in their fields.

- Dean Freeman – Governance Officer Shire of Capel – legal requirements
- Chris Scott – Chief Bush Fire Control Officer- how fires are managed
- Michael Tichbon Capel LCDC– the use of fire to enhance native vegetation
- Peter Thompson – Mainspray- weed control of common and declared weeds
- Rae McPherson - Capel NRMO- Composting an alternative to burning organic matter.

The talks were followed by a short field walk to see weeds in their natural environment.

It was very clear that to comply with the Shire's firebreak orders did not mean clearing bushland as the orders targeted weed species that in the height of summer create the greatest fire risk in small landholdings.

If fire is used to reduce the fire risk, it is essential that this is followed up with weed control, either digging them out, slashing before seeding or as a last resort, chemical control.

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