



SHIRE OF

# Capel Snippets

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As another month races past we are pleased to bring you the latest information from Council and staff.

The hot topic at the moment is Structural Reform in WA (more information is contained in this document) and I would urge you to read the document which is available on Council's website so as to gain a better understanding and knowledge of Council's position. If any of you are travelling through Perth and in particular along the Terraces late July / early August take a moment to check out the many colourful banners on display as part of Local Govt Week. The Shire of Capel's banner will certainly be worth a look. Prepared by artist Fiona Buchanan it captures the essence of the shire. Hopefully many of our Over 50s residents were able to make it along to the Capel Community Centre on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June for an amazing array of activities and interests which were on display, and our Young people have another incredible line up of InZone July school holiday fun to participate in. Congratulations to the Community Development team for these initiatives.

**Paul Sheedy – Chief Executive Officer**

## Structural Reform in Western Australia

Council has had ongoing discussion on how it could best respond to the many enquiries it receives from residents, local governments, Parliamentarians, State Governments etc on what is its position in regards to structural reform of local government in Western Australia.

As a result it was determined that it would be advantageous to develop a concise position statement that sets out why the Shire of Capel does not support amalgamation, what it considers to be the benefits to the community to remain and what opportunities it will be embracing to bring about structural reform of the organisation with a view to improving the efficiency of operations and ultimately to provide expanded and improved services to the community.

Council considers that regional cooperation is

One of the key ways of meeting its obligations to the community and following the attendance of Councillor Gibson and myself at the Shared Services forum in Melbourne in June, Council is very keen to further explore this opportunity and especially the New England Strategic Alliance of Councils (NESAC) model used in NSW. The individual and combined local governments involved in this model are very similar in many ways to a number of this Council's neighbouring local governments and presents an ideal opportunity to further explore the benefits that it could provide here in WA.

Council would encourage residents to have a read of the document and a copy of the position statement is available from the Shire office in Capel, Shire libraries and the Shire's website [www.capel.wa.gov.au](http://www.capel.wa.gov.au)

Paul F Sheedy  
Chief Executive Officer

## Proposed Community Forums

As promised another round of Community Forums have been scheduled to take place following the adoption of the budget in July.

Councillors and staff welcome the interaction so please make a note in your diary:

### Peppermint Grove Beach / Capel Citizens

13 August at the Peppermint Grove Beach Community Centre

### Boyanup Citizens

27 August at the Hugh Kilpatrick Centre

### Gelorup / Dalyellup Citizens

10 September Gelorup Community Centre

Commencing at 7.30pm, it would be great to see you there!

## Did you know Spas Require a Swimming Pool Barrier?

Did you know that a spa that has more than 300mm of water and is used for swimming, wading or the like requires a fence that complies with the Swimming Pool barrier requirements?

The legislation in WA requires the owner/occupier of a property with a swimming pool or spa to install a barrier to prevent persons from entering the swimming pool / spa.

The current Regulations in WA require an owner/occupier to apply for an approval for a permanent or temporary swimming pool / spa from the shire prior to installation

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## Graffiti

There has been an increase in graffiti attacks on Shire buildings recently. The graffiti is both unsightly and expensive to remove and occasionally can cause permanent damage to some surfaces. Council is seeking help to prevent the continued graffiti attacks on public property. If you see someone damaging public property could you please call Crime Stoppers on 1800 000 333

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## Parents Be Aware

Children have been seen using the Capel refuse site on Range Road as a play area. Are they yours?

The site is a restricted area and it is extremely dangerous for children to be there without adult supervision. Please instruct your children not to enter the area and explain the risks of playing there especially when large earthmoving equipment is at work.

**Help us to keep your children safe**

## Community Grants Scheme Opens 1 August 2008

The 2008/09 round of Minor and Major Community Grants Scheme opens for applications on 1 August and closes 3 October 2008. Minor grants is for 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

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## Illegal Parking at Boyanup

Council's Rangers are concerned about the increasing number of vehicles that are illegally angle parking outside the Bull & Bush Tavern in Bridge St Boyanup.

The recent road works in Bridge Street, constructed by Main Roads WA has provided a parking embayment which clearly identifies the correct manner of parking in this area which is parallel to kerb parking only.

Council's Rangers have commenced issuing infringement notices to the owners of the offending vehicles and will continue to do so until the drivers of these vehicles comply with Council's Local Laws. If it is your intention to park in the Bridge street area please do so correctly so as to avoid receiving a parking infringement.

Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

## Clean-Sites Stormwater Management Kit

### Targeting builders and their employees.

**The Shires of Capel, Harvey and Augusta Margaret River in conjunction with Keep Australia Beautiful WA and the Water Campaign, have recently developed a kit for the building industry that promotes best management practices in stormwater management and provides advice to the community on how to achieve this in the workplace.**

The kit contains fact sheets that outline the 'how to' and a guideline that will provide techniques to minimise erosion, sediment transport, and stormwater pollution from building sites. It is designed to help people involved in the building industry to reduce the environmental impacts of their building activities, to comply with statutory environmental required and avoid large fines. National and international experience shows that the cost of effective pollution management on building sites is greatly reduced within the first few years as builders become experienced with the various techniques.

For further information or to obtain a copy of the kit, contact the Shire of Capel: 08 9727 0222

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## Bookings for Boyanup

A Reminder that all bookings for the Jack & Mary Kitchen Centre and Hugh Kilpatrick Hall in Boyanup can be made by contacting Terry at the Boyanup library on 9731 5639