



SHIRE OF

Capel Snippets

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Hot Topic – Voluntary Amalgamations

There has been a lot of media talk around the topic of Local Governments and voluntary amalgamations.

The Shire of Capel does not support the amalgamation with any neighbouring local government as we are in a sustainable and strong financial position with significant cash reserves and low manageable debt. Council has embraced the position of continuing to identify ways to improve its service delivery through resource sharing and collaborative partnerships with other local governments and other organisations.

The Shire of Capel will be putting to the Minister for Local Government that it wishes to retain the status quo and look at resource sharing / shared services opportunities with others and has no interest in moving towards the amalgamation path.

Paul Sheedy – Chief Executive Officer

Funding Received

The Shire of Capel have been successful in receiving funding for a project titled 'Sheltered Yet Outspoken'.

The funding, which was provided by the Office of Crime Prevention, Department for Communities' Office for Youth and Satterley Property Group, Dalyellup Beach Estate, will be used to purchase portable sound equipment and a portable shade shelter.

It is envisaged that the equipment will be used by young people at youth facilitated events as well as fun days, promotions and festivals.

Development of Trails

Many thanks to those of you who attended the public meeting regarding the development of trails within our Shire. It's wonderful to have positive community input.

It is envisaged that a draft plan will be ready for public comment shortly and further input would be appreciated.

This project is supported by the Department of Sport and Recreation and Lottery West.



Library News

Rhymetime

- Thurs 10am @ Capel

Story Time

- Tues 9am @ Dalyellup
- Wed 11am @ Boyanup
- Fri 10am @ Capel

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ILLEGAL PARKING AT DALYELLUP SCHOOL.

Council Rangers will adopt a "Zero Tolerance" approach to motorists who park illegally on roads and footpaths around the Dalyellup Primary School. This practice is placing the lives of children at risk.

Children's safety around the school is of paramount importance and Shire Rangers have witnessed several near misses already this year.

Small children are very difficult to see at times, especially when they run out from between parked motor vehicles.

Safety of the children is our first priority and as such, infringement notices will be issued without further warning.

Letters have previously been sent home to parents pointing out the safety concerns for students and about the parking problems caused by irresponsible motorists.

Shire Rangers have also observed illegal parking of vehicle's on the footpath in Bass Fairway which is the new cottage block subdivision. This will not be tolerated as footpaths are for pedestrians only, NOT vehicles.

Parking is not always immediately available outside of the school exit but is generally available within a short walk.

Please do the right thing and keep our kids safe.

CATS

Council has been concerned for many years about the nuisance and environmental damage caused by stray and feral cats. Cat traps are available for use by residents of the Shire to assist in the control of stray and feral cats.

Traps may be borrowed from the shire offices for an initial period of 2 weeks, which can be extended if needed but also subject to demand from other residents.

A deposit of \$50 is required to be paid at the time you collect the trap.

If you catch a cat, do not do anything to harm the animal. Please contact Council's Rangers who will collect the animal and try to determine the owner of the animal if it is registered or micro-chipped. Animals which can be identified will be returned to their owners upon payment of poundage fees and any fines issued. Any unclaimed animals will be disposed of after being held for a period of 7 days.

BOYANUP TOWNSITE STRATEGY

The draft Boyanup Townsite Strategy report and Structure Plan is nearing completion and will soon be submitted to Council for endorsement to proceed to Public Advertising.

It is anticipated that advertising will commence late March 2009. Any queries can be directed to the Shire's Planning and Development Services Division.

MALLOKUP BRIDGE / STIRLING WETLANDS AREA

With the removal of the old Mallokup Bridge scheduled to happen very shortly, a project team has been formed to develop some interpretation for the site.

The team would like to collect any stories relating to the bridge and area, any photographs that can be scanned or copied, and any old survey maps or title deeds.

If you have anything you believe may be of interest then please contact Michelle at the shire office.

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DEVELOPMENTS IN SHIRE

For those of you who are interested in knowing what developments are happening in the Shire, here are a few that have been processed over the last couple of months.

Development Approvals

- Ancillary Accommodation – Gelorup
- Music School – Dalyellup
- Wind turbine – Boyanup
- Office & showroom additions – Capel

Home Occupations Renewals

- Cider Products – Capel
- Hair Dressing – Dalyellup
- Beauty Therapist – Dalyellup
- Bed & Breakfast – Peppermint Grove Beach
- Stump Removal Business – Stratham

Subdivision Approvals

- Peppermint Grove Beach – 21 lots
- Gelorup – 17 lots
- Dalyellup – 39 lots
- Capel – 98 lots
- Stratham – 2 lots

Building Approvals

- Dalyellup – 37 houses
- Boyanup - 4 houses
- Capel – 4 houses
- Peppermint Grove Beach – 2 houses
- Gelorup – 1 house

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

TOWN PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENTS UPDATE

Final approval from the Minister for Planning has now been received for the following amendments to the Shire's Town Planning Scheme.

- Residential Rezoning of land at the corner of Weld Rd and Capel Dve Capel
- Minor adjustment to residential zone for lots on Maidment Parade Dalyellup
- Aged Seniors rezoning for Council owned land in Thomas St Boyanup

Scheme amendments previously advertised for public comment and under consideration by either Council or other government agencies:

- Amendment No 32 – Condellos Liquor Store / Service Station development
- Amendment No 36 – Maitland Rd – residential rezoning.

WEBSITES WORTH CHECKING OUT!

Adults Learners Week

Grants of up to \$2,500 are available for the purpose of promoting and or celebrating lifelong learning opportunities in the community. Grants are available to assist community based, not-for-profit, non government organisations to hold adult learning activities during Adult Learners Week 1-8 September 2009.

Contact: Tracey Coatsworth – 9264 4333

Website: www.betinfonet.det.wa.edu.au go to Access & Equity, Adult Community Education, Adult Learners Week

Inventor of the Year Award

The Inventor of the Year Awards aim to promote and enhance a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship across the public, private and education sectors in WA. The categories are Early Stage, Development, Ready for Market and Schools (Kindergarten to Year 12)

Website: www.commerce.wa.gov.au

Regional Grants Scheme

The scheme is targetrd at providing financial assistance to regionally based organisations such as volunteer and business groups, educational institutions, philanthropic foundations and community organisations. Grants close on March 25 2009. For more information contact South West Development Commission.

Website: www.swdc.wa.gov.au

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Saving Money and Water with Waterwise Rebates

Waterwise gardens are not only good for the environment, but can also make good financial sense too. There are several rebates available from the Department of Water that can help you to make your home and garden more efficient. For all purchases made between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009, you have until 30 September 2009 to claim the applicable rebate.

Waterwise garden irrigation systems

Designing your home's irrigation system to be waterwise will not only conserve water but also save you money on your next water bill. A Waterwise Rebate of \$300 or 50 per cent of the installation cost (whichever is the lesser amount) is available per residential property.

Rain sensors

Installing a Waterwise rain sensor will prevent your automatic reticulation system from watering unnecessarily either during or soon after rain. A Waterwise Rebate of \$20 is available for rain sensors endorsed under the Smart Approved WaterMark Scheme.

Subsurface irrigation systems

Subsurface drip irrigation is an extremely efficient means of watering both gardens and lawns. It eliminates water loss through evaporation and wind drift. A Waterwise Rebate of \$10 is available for 30m rolls of subsurface irrigation pipework endorsed under the Smart Approved WaterMark Scheme

Waterwise garden assessments

Half of all domestic water is used outside the home, so a Waterwise Garden Assessment can save your precious time, water and money. Trained garden specialists can assess how water efficient your garden currently is and make recommendations for you to reduce your water use and still have an attractive garden. A Waterwise Rebate of \$30 is available on Waterwise Garden Assessments performed by any endorsed Water Corporation Waterwise Garden Assessor. Assessors operating within the Capel Shire are as follows:

- Barbara Skilton Boyanup Botanical BOYANUP (08) 9731 5470 boyanupbotanical@westnet.com.au
- Crystal Mulcahy Boyanup Botanical BOYANUP (08) 9731 5470 boyanupbotanical@westnet.com.au

Greywater re-use systems

Irrigating your garden with greywater and treated wastewater is another way you can use water more efficiently. A Waterwise Rebate of up to \$500 or 50 per cent of the purchase/ installation cost (whichever is the lesser amount) is available for an approved greywater re-use system.

Swimming pool covers

Swimming pools lose more than their entire volume of water through evaporation every year. Using a pool cover will save you water and money. A Waterwise Rebate of \$200 or 50 per cent of the total cost (whichever is the lesser amount) is available on pool covers endorsed under the Smart Approved WaterMark Scheme with a minimum warranty of 8 years.

More information

More information can be found on the Department of Water web-site

<http://portal.water.wa.gov.au/portal/page/portal/WiseWaterUse/WaterwiseRebates> Rebate forms are available from most retail outlets where Waterwise products are sold. Alternatively, you can download a form at www.water.wa.gov.au

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