



SHIRE OF

Capel Snippets

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Welcome to another month of Capel Snippets aimed at keeping the community informed. If you missed out on the last edition then please refer to our website www.capel.wa.gov.au.

Staff and Councillors have been very busy over the last month with lots of public meetings on a variety of topics. We have had a tremendous response to our Community Forums. We've also had public meetings in regards to the Community Emergency Management and although attendance was low, we were amazed at the response to the survey. I'd like to congratulate two of our Planning Staff Iliya Hastings and Glen Bishop for their commitment and dedication to developing the draft Capel Townsite Strategy which has been open for public comment and a topic of discussion at a recent public meeting. To all of you who have taken the time to attend the forums and public meetings, on behalf of Council and Senior Management thank you. Your comments at all these meetings have been appreciated, we value your input and look forward to continually working with you to ensure your continued enjoyment of living within the Shire.

I'd like to congratulate the staff at the Shire and especially our outside crew for their efforts in continuing the record of Days with no loss time through injury. The staff's commitment to their own safety and that of others is to be commended.

Paul Sheedy - Chief Executive Officer

Fantastic Response to Community Emergency Management Survey

Thank you to all who participated in the recent survey. We have received over 1,100 responses or almost 25% of all surveys sent out!

Unfortunately this enthusiastic response didn't translate to the public Community Emergency Management meetings, however we certainly have a basis to start from. Council, through the Local Emergency Management Committee, will

now work through the responses to identify those areas of greatest concern and value to our community with the objective of implementing strategies to prevent, or at least be prepared for, the emergencies which you have identified.

We will endeavor to keep you informed through these snippets of progress on developing the Shire of Capel Local Emergency Management Plan and when it will be available for public consultation.

Dean Freeman

Shire Receives Funding

The Shire has recently received notification that its application for funding from the State Government's Regional Infrastructure Funding Program for the Capel Townscape Improvement Project has been successful for the amount of \$122,122 inc GST.

The Shire has also been successful in its application to the Department of Sport & Recreation for \$293,000 for the redevelopment of the sports pavilion at the Capel Sports Ground which will include change rooms, public toilets and kiosk.

Community Forums

Gelorup: 26 March 2008
7.00pm @ Gelorup
Community Centre

Dalyellup: 9 April 2008
7.30pm @ Dalyellup
Community Centre

Meetings of Council

Council meetings are held every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. Agendas and minutes can be found on the Shire's website
www.capel.wa.gov.au

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

BOYANUP TOWNSITE STRATEGY INVITATION TO A COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

The next stage of the Shire of Capel Strategic Land Use Planning Program will involve the preparation of the Boyanup Town site Strategy. It is intended that the Strategy will provide objectives, recommendations and planning that will define the growth areas of Boyanup Town site and provide a framework for a sustainable future.

The Boyanup community is invited to attend a presentation and participate in a workshop concerning the preparation of this strategy. As part of this workshop Council will be seeking your input and ideas on the future of the Boyanup town site. The values, visions and issues identified by the community will be important in guiding the outcomes of the Strategy.

Flyers inviting residents will be sent out prior to the workshop. If you wish to discuss this matter please contact Iliya Hastings or Glen Bishop at the Shire offices on 9727 2030.

When: Monday April 7, 2008 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Where: Hugh Kilpatrick Hall - South Western Highway, Boyanup

RANGER SERVICES



DOG/CAT STERILISATION PROGRAM

The Shire currently has a program in place providing residents with a reduction in the cost of having their pets sterilised. If you are using either Harradine & Associates Veterinary Clinic, Gelorup or Geovet, Capel, then you are eligible for a discount of \$50.00.

Please contact Liz at the Shire for further information



USE OF SHIRE RESERVES & FORESHORES

There are many reserves and foreshores within the Shire of Capel that are available for hire.

If you are interested in using one of our reserves or foreshores for functions e.g. birthdays, weddings, parties, etc., please contact Liz at the Shire Office on 9727 0222 or email info@capel.wa.gov.au, to enquire about the availability of the area you are wishing to hire.

Once the booking application is submitted and approved, a permit will be issued which will confirm your use of the area.

The Greenspace

Welcome to 'The Greenspace', the newest addition to Capel Snippets which will provide regular articles and information to the community regarding all things environmental. The Shire of Capel is committed to environmental excellence and demonstrates this by its engagement in programs such as the ICLEI Water Campaign, (<http://www.iclei.org/index.php?id=2384>) which seeks to improve water quality and reduce water consumption in the Shire over a 10 year period.

Each month we will be presenting information to the community on subjects such as water-wise households and gardens, native plant selection, waste management, grey water, storm water management and herbicide and fertiliser application.

This month we want to remind the community about the importance of recycling oil appropriately and how to do this in the Shire of Capel.

Waste Oil recycling

Waste oil can be damaging to the environment if it is not disposed of correctly. It can seep into waterways and storm water systems that eventually run into our precious oceans that we value so dearly in the Shire of Capel. The best way to manage this waste is to take it to the Capel tip on Range Rd, where it is collected regularly by WREN Oil to be processed and recycled. For more information about this service please contact Neil White on mobile no. 0419 194 915