



# SHIRE OF Capel Snippets

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Welcome to the November edition of the Capel Snippets and the countdown to Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the recent Time Capsule project, 150 entries were received. To all involved well done! It was a fabulous outcome and I'm sure there will be a lot of enjoyment and memories shared in the year 2038 when the time capsule will be reopened. For further information regarding the Time Capsule please contact Lesley Jackes on 9727 0222.

Maidment Gardens are looking fantastic and adds to the vibrancy of the Capel town centre. To our parks and gardens crew and contractors thank you for a great effort.

Please be advised that the **Shire Office** and **Libraries** will be **closed** for an Organisation Staff Development Day on **Friday 5 December 2008**.

It wont be long before the Christmas trees are up and the lights are twinkling through the windows. On behalf of Councillors and Staff we wish you a very safe Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
**Paul Sheedy – Chief Executive Officer**

## Christmas Refuse Pickup

Christmas day this year falls on a Thursday which means that the Thursday refuse collection pickup in Dalyellup will now be done on Friday 26 December and the Friday pickup in Capel Boyanup, Peppermint Grove Beach and some rural areas will be done on Saturday 27 December.

The refuse/recycling pickups over the New Year will be as normal.

Cleanaway & Green Recycling will be placing adverts in the main papers.



## Library News

A Better Beginnings session, for parents with babies, will be held at the Iluka Capel Public Library on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 11am. A child health nurse and speech pathologist will be in attendance. If you would like any further information and/or would like to attend please phone the library on 97270290.

On behalf of the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal the Boyanup, Capel & Dalyellup libraries will be collection points for non-perishable goods and pre-loved and new toys until December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please do not wrap toys.

**Shire of Capel libraries will close at 3pm Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec & reopen Monday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> (Dalyellup Tues 6<sup>th</sup>).**

## Shire Offices Christmas & New Year Closure

The Shire of Capel Office will be closed for the Christmas Break from 4.00pm Wednesday 24 December 2008 and reopening at 8.00am on Monday 5 January 2009.

Calls of an urgent nature can still be made to the Shire Office where they will be received by a call centre. The call centre operator will then initiate the appropriate response.



## Cover up For Mozzies



### Ross River Virus Risk Warning

A reminder to everyone to make sure they protect themselves from mosquito bites as Ross River Virus has been found in the area. You can do this by:



Wearing Loose Fitted Clothing

Using insect repellent containing Deet

Making sure there are fly screens on your windows



Avoiding camping in places with lots of mosquitoes

**Remember: Mosquitoes are most active around sunrise and sunset.**

## Celebrating Water Campaign™ Outcomes

The Shire of Capel has been a participant in the ICLEI Water Campaign™, for the past three years and has implemented a number of initiatives that have aimed to improve water quality in the Shire and have reduced water used in public open spaces and Council managed facilities.

Whilst the Shire acknowledges there is still more that can be done in the future, there has been significant progress made in the area of achieving sustainable water management in the Shire.

The following is a list of actions and achievements that have been accomplished since the Council committed to the ICLEI Water Campaign™ in 2005.

- A reduction in water consumption of 1,920,300L per year, achieved through the installation of water efficient devices in council facilities and toilets, with an annual saving of \$2400 in consumption costs.
- Regular newsletter articles published in Capel Snippets 2008
- Regular monitoring of water quality in waterways throughout the Shire
- 'Waterwise plants' brochure produced
- Development of the 'Stormwater Kit for Builders'
- Audit of Council toilets and facilities for water efficient devices.
- Installation of Gross Pollutant Traps in Dalyellup
- Installation of waterless urinals
- Installation of a 135,000l rainwater tank at the Capel Community Centre
- Installation of a waste Oil facility at the tip.

The Shire is currently working towards achieving the award for implementing milestone 4 of the ICLEI Water Campaign™ process. Milestone 4 is the stage at which effective implementation of the Local Action Plan is demonstrated. Achieving Milestone 4 is a demonstration of significant progress towards the implementation of strategic and practical water quality and water conservation measures.

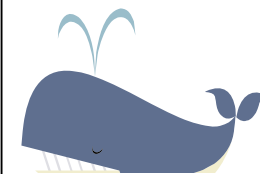
Reaching this level of achievement in the Water Campaign™ process demonstrates to the community that the Shire is committed to a sustainable water future and shows leadership to other Shire's in the region

## Have you seen any whales off the Shire's coastline?

If you have seen a whale whilst walking along the beach, fishing or sightseeing from your balcony, we would love to hear from you.

The Shire is partnering with Chris Burton (Western Whale Research) to gather information on whale sightings to be used for research.

**Please contact Donna Sims, Community Development Officer, at the Shire of Capel on 9727 0251 or email [communitysafety@capel.wa.gov.au](mailto:communitysafety@capel.wa.gov.au)**



## Club Development Officer

### Shire of Capel forms a partnership with the City of Bunbury to Share Club Development Officer

With heightened expectations and more rules and regulations to follow, it has become increasingly difficult to run sport and recreation clubs.

But now Shire of Capel residents struggling with the increasingly business like nature of running their clubs will be able to utilise the services of the City of Bunbury Sports Club Development Officer Callan Hatchman.

Under the partnership arrangement, clubs within the Shire of Capel area will be able to gain assistance from Callan with grant and sponsorship agreements, club administration, implementing initiatives to increase memberships and guidance in forward planning.

"I can help club administrators with business plans or we can talk about where their organisation is heading and how it can be made sustainable over the long term," Mr Hatchman said.

Initially he will be updating contacts for all sporting groups, assisting the newly formed Dalyellup Sports Association, looking at reforming the Capel Sports Council and assisting in community consultation with the planned developments of the Capel Recreation Ground.

The Shire of Capel has committed to funding several club development workshops throughout the year as part of this partnership.

Callan has been the City of Bunbury Sports Club Development Officer for 18 months in a partnership with the Department of Sports and Recreation.

## Capel Shire Demonstrating Excellence in Sustainable Water Use

The Shire of Capel recently installed a 135,000 litre tank at the newly refurbished Capel Community Centre with the intention of using rainwater in both the Capel Community Centre and Council's Administration building. A sub-meter was also installed to allow for the separate recording of internal and external water consumption. The water collected by the rainwater tank will be used as potable water supply and for the toilets in both buildings.

Water-wise taps, shower-heads and toilets, as well as waterless urinals were installed and upgraded throughout the shire to improve the efficient use of water and prevent wastage.

By making these changes the Council hopes to:

- Reduce the amount of water used in council buildings
- Reduce the Shire's dependence of groundwater
- Lower energy consumption by pumping groundwater
- Demonstrate to the community the benefits of sustainable water use.

As the tank is made from concrete, it will be considered for a future art project.

## Burning Off - Restrictions Apply

Just a reminder that we are now in the Restricted Burning Period until 14 December 2008. During this time you must obtain a permit to burn from your local Bush Fire Control Officer.

From 15 December, burning is PROHIBITED until 15 March 2009 after which you will again be able to obtain a permit to burn.

Details of contacts for local bush fire control officers can be found in the Shire of Capel Bush Fire Order 2008/09 or by contacting the Shire Offices.

## Fire Break Inspections

During December, an officer from Council's Ranger Services will be inspecting all properties within the Shire to make sure that property owners have met their obligations under the Capel Bush Fire Order 2008/09.

Making our community safe from the risk of fire is the responsibility of us all and by individually making our properties fire safe, we will make our Shire a safer and more prepared community.

### Remember:

- Dead grasses must be cut to maximum height of 100mm
- Green Bushes not in the firebreak can remain
- Firebreaks must also have a 5 metre height clearance for fire truck access

Owners or occupiers of land that does not meet the requirements of the Bush Fire Order are likely to receive a \$250 infringement notice. In addition the Shire will arrange for the required works to be done at the owner or occupiers expense.

Avoid the unnecessary extra expense and hassle and ensure your property is fire safe.

## Dog and Cat Registrations

### Did you re-register your dog or Cat?

In October, Council sent out forms to the owners of all dogs and cats that were registered with the Shire to remind the owners that their animals are due to be re-registered.

The registration year is from 1 November to 31 October of the following year and Council will be following up on all animals whose registrations have expired. Owners who fail to register their animals may be issued with a \$100 infringement Notice.



## Buying a Blow Up or Temporary Pool to Beat the Heat over the Christmas Break?

If you intend beating the heat this Christmas with a blow up or temporary pool with a water depth of more than 300mm, then you need to be aware that it may require a license and an approved swimming pool barrier to comply with swimming pool legislation.

**Don't be caught out** – check the regulations before you purchase.

Information is available from the Shire's website or by contacting the Shire's Building Services Staff on 9727 0222.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER-RESERVE 24529 RANGE ROAD, CAPEL

Council has received an Application for Planning Consent from Connell Wagner Pty Ltd (acting for Optus Mobile Pty Ltd) for the construction of a lattice tower on the above lot.

The proposal consists of the following:

1. 40m high lattice tower with 3 panel antennas and a 600mm diameter parabolic antenna.
2. 3m x 2.5m equipment shelter (Mist Green)
3. Secured compound 13m x 8.3m.

The location of the facility is approximately 350m south of Range Road on the Capel Landfill site. Prior to Council considering the application members of the public are invited to comment on the proposal.

Plans and documents setting out and explaining the proposal are available for viewing at Council Offices Forrest Road, Capel during office hours.

Submissions on the proposal should be made in writing and lodged with the Chief Executive Officer on or before Friday 12 December 2008.

THIS PROPOSAL IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND IT SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED THAT FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE GRANTED.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Mr George Panorios within the Shire's Planning and Development Services Division.

**P F SHEEDY**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## IS YOUR SWIMMING POOL ENCLOSURE SAFE!

With the warmer weather now approaching, residents are encouraged to check the safety of their swimming pool enclosures.

The following is a list of some of the items that you should check.

- All gates should self close and self latch.
- All doors opening on to a pool area should self close and self latch
- Pool fence height is to be a minimum of 1200mm and non climbable.
- Any gap under the fence is to be no greater than 100mm.
- All climbable objects within 300mm of the inside of fence shall be removed.
- All climbable objects within a 1200mm radius from the top of the fence, measured from the outside, shall be removed. This includes trees and shrubs.
- Windows opening on to a pool area are to be fitted with suitable screens, or cannot be opened by more than 100mm using suitable fasteners.

**Do the Right Thing and Stay Safe**