



June 2023

SHIRE OF VICTORIA PLAINS

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YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



From the Shire President: Pauline Bantock



The weeks are passing by so fast, and the halfway mark of 2023 is just around the corner. The short days and winter weather seems to make the days go even faster. It is however this lovely time of year that brings the green paddocks which make me smile. Very thankful for the rain we've received of late.

Calendars are a part of our life. The farming calendar, the work calendar and our social calendar. The Shire has an extensive 'compliance calendar' that keeps us on track with our requirements. Audits and budgets are some of the important matters we've been progressing of late.

The Audit Committee met with the Shire's Auditors on the 15th May. We received the audit strategy memorandum which sets out the focus areas and timeline for the 22-23 audit. The Auditors have visited Victoria Plains to undertake the interim audit. We now work towards the end of financial year and the final audit visit that is due in Oct.

Budget preparations are underway, and Council has set aside a significant block of time to workshop our 23-24 forecast and plan. The yearly budget must link back to the corporate business plan, community strategic plan and our long-term financial plan. I feel confident that our strategic plans are becoming more and more refined, helping us think strategic and link expenditure to the priorities of now and in the future.

It's a busy month ahead for me, with the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils (AROC) meeting and the WALGA Zone meeting scheduled, on top of the budget workshop and the June Ordinary Council Meeting. Council also has a full day of training scheduled to help us understand our requirements when undertaking the CEO performance review.

Fingers crossed that our community calendars go to plan also, with a few sporting wins and social events to keep the smiles on our faces throughout June.

Kind Regards,

Cr. Pauline Bantock
Shire President



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION CUTOFF

Newsletter submissions are due by
4:00pm on the last Friday of the month.

All submissions to be emailed to:
candice.waters@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

Late submissions may not be accepted.

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

Did you know the Shire offers digital
copies of the Newsletter?

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to register for a digital copy.



From the CEO: Sean Fletcher

Overall, I am pleased with how we are closing out 2022/23. Transport licensing has returned, the installation of the new ablution block is underway at the Bolgart Caravan Park, a new wall is under construction at the Calingiri cemetery and a range of road works and bridge maintenance has been completed.



Men's Sundowner 1 June 2023

We had nearly 50 men of all ages attend the sundowner on 1 June 2023 at the Calingiri Sports Pavilion. It was a great night and I was very happy to be there and able to catch up with quite a few of those who attended. We also had ten sponsors for the night and the Shire says a big thankyou for the support they provided to the event.

Corella Management

I am pleased to advise that the implementation of the Corella Coordinator is well underway. It is expected that the program between the AROC local governments will commence from 1 July 2023. This is a three year pilot program that will be used as the template for managing other similar pests across WA.

Thank You to Those Involved in Handling the Ammonium Nitrate Tanker Fire

Both the Shire's CESM Nic Parry and myself have written to all of the external agencies and neighbouring local government volunteers that assisted us with handling the ammonium truck fire on 3 and 4 June 2023 that saw the evacuation of New Norcia. I have also written to the respective local government CEOs as well.

The feedback from DFES is they were very happy with how the Shire managed the incident initially and with the support from others once they and WA Police took control of the incident.

Local Government Elections 2023 – Owner/Occupier Roll

On the Shires website, you will find information regarding being on the Owner/Occupiers Roll for the coming local government elections on Saturday, 21 October 2023.

We currently have a number of people on the owner/occupier's register. As they are all owners of property in the Shire, they do not need to re-register for the coming election.

If you are an occupier i.e. someone who lives outside the district but leases property in the Shire, you may be eligible to be on the owner/occupiers roll. Such persons remain on the roll for two elections.

If you believe you need to be on the owner/occupiers role, please refer to the Shire's website. Look for the election symbol on the home page, click on this, read the information and follow the instructions including downloading and completing the appropriate form.

Kind Regards,

Sean Fletcher

Chief Executive Officer

Confidential Matters

When sending confidential matters to the Shire, please ensure emails are forwarded to

reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

Labelled 'Private and Confidential'



Ordinary Council Meeting

Will be held
Wednesday

28th June 2023

Commencing at 2:00pm in the Calingiri Council Chambers

From the Manager of Finance and Administration: Colin Ashe



As the end of financial year approaches myself and team are progressing the new budget for 23-24 well with the first draft virtually completed and ready for the council briefing session on the 19th June 23. Concurrently business as usual continues particularly around the operation of financial statements 22-23 reporting, management and governance including grant and subsidy acquittal.

After almost a year at the shire and a very stable team there is significantly more corporate knowledge now which is so important to understand the financial and administration history and then how we progress the shire forward in all aspects of service delivery.

FINANCE AND BUDGET 2023-24

As mentioned this has progressed well and whilst not all activities planned in the Strategic Community Plan are likely to go ahead, there will be significant capital expenditure to achieve outcomes the community have indicated a desire to achieve. All going smoothly during the briefing session, it is hoped to have the budget adopted in Jul 23 and rate notices issued in early Aug 23.

It should be noted that UV valuations issued independently through the Valuer General have increased an average of 25% from this time last year. On one hand this is good as it is an indication of the increase of property values, on the other it may mean some spikes in rates levied for 23-24. The shire's methodology is to discount the rate in the dollar for UV's back to achieve 22-23 rate income, and then increase this by the percentage required to fund its budget deficit. As this is done across the total rate income it will mean there will be this spiking on some properties.

An interim audit was carried out during the month of May 23 through councils auditors and there were no matters provided that was of concern or needed addressing. Whilst stressing this is an interim audit, it is a positive outcome that should provide confidence to both council and ratepayers that we are continuing to practice strong governance and transparency.

ADMINISTRATION

Department of Transport is now up and running back at the shire – the team whilst not inundated as yet, have been challenged (in a good way) for the various transactions so far as they learn the ropes for the first time. Most importantly it has been a positive experience for both customers and staff so far and I appreciate your continued patience as this function progresses. A reminder that licencing is open on Tues 9am to 12pm and Wed 10am to 1pm.

The Administration Team attended the Mothers Day / Biggest Morning Tea hosted by the Calingiri Primary School early in May 23 which was very successful. It is really important that we recognise the females in our lives, often as unsung heroes in our day to day life (I think I was still a sook with my mum till the age of 35 – some would say I still am!). For us at the shire we are very lucky to have a solid team of females and this day was a small way of showing recognition and appreciation to them.

Kind Regards,

Colin Ashe

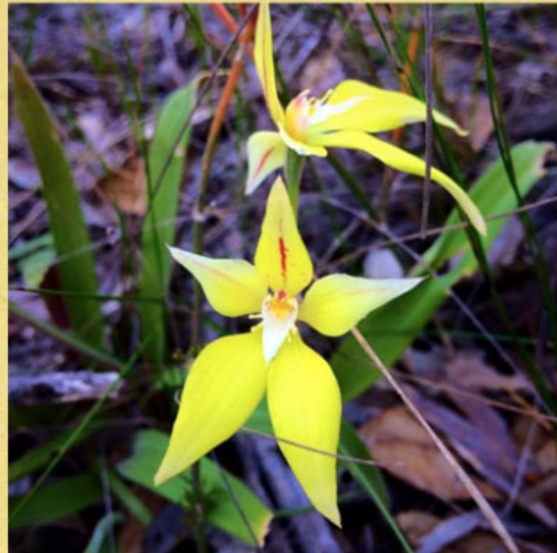
Manager - Finance and Administration



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE COMMUNITY HERITAGE MEETINGS THURSDAY JUNE 29TH



Cultural Heritage



Natural Heritage

Bolgart Hotel 1pm — Mogumber Hub 3pm

**ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ON LOAN
MUST BE RETURNED BY 30TH JUNE**

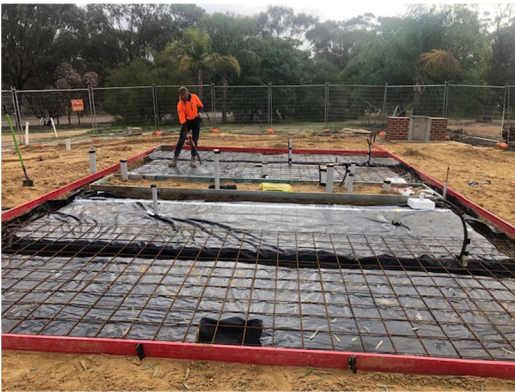
There will be no lending between 30th June -
14th July due to system updates

This only applies to state library books not donated books



From the Manager—Works and Services: Silvio Brenzi

Work has commenced on the new ablution block at the Bolgart Caravan Park. The modular panels will be erected during the 3rd week of June and will only take a couple of weeks. This will be followed by the internal fit out. Plumbing has been installed to cater for a RV dump point in the coming months. Gas will be supplied for the hot water systems via a 210kg bottle maintained by Kleenheat Gas.



The new boundary fence at Calingiri Landfill will also be completed this month. This funded project through LRCI will assist with maintaining any loose items within the tip site and help with keeping the site secure.

Work has also recommenced on Old Plains Road with LRCI funded vegetation control. This will continue the good work started last year and provide better access for large farm machinery such as sprayers and seeding equipment. The program will be continued in the coming years as part of our general maintenance program in a staged way due to the sheer quantity of work that needs to be done on a lot of our rural roads.



Kind regards,
Silvio Brenzi
Manager - Works and Services

From the Community Development Officer: Kim Stripe



This month has been a busy one for Community Development as we awarded the Community Grants to several of our Community Groups.

Grants of up to \$5000 each were on offer up to the total of \$20,000 resulting in:

Community Group	Project	Amt Req	Amt Granted
Yerecoin Tennis Club	Court Lighting Upgrade	\$5,000.00	\$4,067.50
Gillingarra SRC	Playground Shade Sail and stove.	\$5,000.00	\$4,067.50
Piawaning Expo Inc	Event support - fireworks	\$5,000.00	\$4,067.50
Calingiri PS P&C	Calingiri Primary IT improvements	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Calingiri Progress Assoc	Brightening Calingiri	\$1,230.00	\$1,230.00
Bolgart Progress Assoc	Bolgart Memorial Hall & Kitchen Upgrade	\$5,000.00	\$4,067.50
		\$23,730.00	\$20,000.00

Congratulations to all who were successful.

The Shire of Victoria Plains along with our very generous sponsors held a successful **"Mens Sundowner"** on Thursday 8th June.

- Bolgart Rural Merchandise
- Regional Mens Health
- Calingiri Auto Centre
- Calingiri Sports Pavilion
- KA Tyres and Batterys
- Stripey's Services
- Calingiri Sports Club
- Walkers Diesel Services

We have also launched a **"Youth for Youth Laser Tag night"** Monday July 10th funded by the Department of Communities WA Youth Engagement Grants Program, the **"Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds Seniors Christmas in July Luncheon"** July 21st funded by Holyoake and the **"Goomalling to Yerecoin Arts Trail"** coming in September.

We are also working with the ORB Steering group to deliver a **"Car Boot Sale and Bagel Brunch"** 24th June. Please see our Facebook page and posters for details on all of our upcoming events.

Take Care and Stay safe.

Kind Regards,
Kim Stripe
 Community Development Officer

Goomalling to Yerecoin Art Trail

Coming In
September 2023

Would you love the chance to be able to showcase your artistic talents? If yes, and you would like to be a part of the Goomalling to Yerecoin Art Trail, please get in touch with The Shire of Victoria Plains on 9628 7004 or email us at cso@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

Youth for Youth

Department of Communities Youth Engagement Grant Funded.

Free Laser Tag

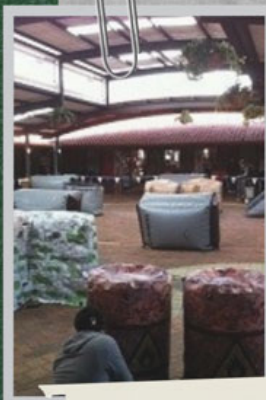
Under 12 year olds

6pm - 8pm

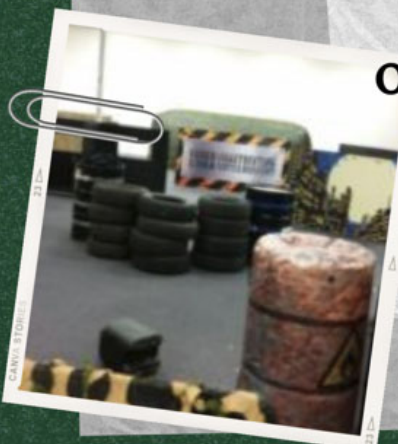
Over 12 to 21 years old

7 pm - 9 pm

Must wear closed shoes



Calingiri
Hall
Monday
July 10th





You are Invited to the

*Healthy Bodies
Healthy Minds*

Seniors
Christmas in July
Luncheon

Friday 21st July 2023
10am - 2pm (lunch provided)
Calingiri Football Pavilion

Presentation from Jo Drayton, Box
Breathing, Wellbeing Bingo, Prizes, Games.

Please RSVP to Kim or Katrina 9628 7004
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LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997

**PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION & COMMENT
PORTIONS OF CALINGIRI-NEW NORCIA ROAD AND BIN ROAD, CALINGIRI**

Notice is hereby given that the Victoria Plains Shire Council has resolved, pursuant to Section 58 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*, to permanently close a 7,729m² portion of the Calingiri-New Norcia Road Road reserve and a 6,488m² portion of the Bin Road road reserve to provide for the future expansion of Cooperative Bulk Handling Limited's grain handling and storage facility in the Calingiri townsite.

Documents and plans setting out and explaining the proposal are available for inspection on the Public Notices section of the Shire's website (www.victoriaplains.wa.gov.au).

Comments on the proposal are now invited and can be emailed to reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au or posted to the Shire's Chief Executive Officer at PO Box 21 CALINGIRI WA 6569. All submissions must include the following information:

- Your name, address, and contact telephone number.
- How your interests are affected whether as a private citizen, on behalf of a company or other organisation, or as an owner or occupier of property.
- Address of property affected (if applicable); and
- Whether your submission is in support of or objecting to the proposal, either in part or in whole, and any reasons supporting your comments.

Comments on the proposal may be submitted to the local government on or before **Friday 7 July 2023**.

All submissions received may be made public at a Council meeting and included in a Council Agenda, which will be available on the Shire's website in due course, unless a submission specifically requests otherwise.

**SEAN FLETCHER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SHIRE OF VICTORIA PLAINS**



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PIAWANING
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2ND SEPT
2023



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WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE- BRUSHTAIL POSSUMS

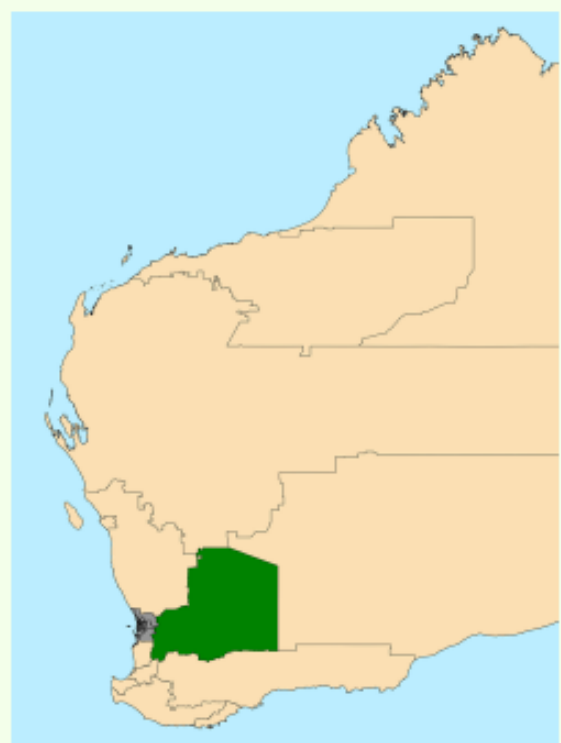


An Edith Cowan University research project lead by PhD student Shelby Middleton in conjunction with the WA Museum, is investigating the genetics and taxonomy of brushtail possums across Australia.

The wheatbelt once hosted flourishing populations of this species but they are now largely presumed extinct in the region due to feral predators and habitat loss. Despite this, we believe that they may persist in some small refuge areas particularly around granite outcrops or intact creekline areas with old trees. If you have a reliable sighting, picture or other physical evidence of brush-tailed possums in the wheatbelt we would really like to hear from you.

Please contact Shelby or Rob using the details below. We will follow up on all sightings and are particularly keen on road-killed specimens.

Please contact:
s.middleton@ecu.edu.au
robert.davis@ecu.edu.au





Employment Opportunity General Hand – Parks & Gardens

About the Shire of Victoria Plains

Are you looking for a tree change to a quiet rural lifestyle with a central location to regional hubs, schools and is quickly becoming the outer ring to the metropolitan area being only an hour and 15 minutes from Ellenbrook.

Working in a dynamic team you will be provided with a variety of tasks to enhance your own growth and personal development, challenge you to be your best and feel rewarded that you are making a difference to the community. You can work autonomously with a degree of flexible working hours, but most importantly have some fun in an enjoyable working environment.

If it's a yes to any or all of these, then we want to hear from you.

The Opportunity

The Shire of Victoria Plains has an excellent opportunity for an enthusiastic, energetic, self-motivated and team-oriented individual to fill the role of General Hand – Parks & Gardens to join our team in Calingiri.

This role will work in a team that provides a range of planned and reactive maintenance services out of our Calingiri depot. An average day within our Parks & Gardens Landscape Team includes (but is not limited to); Landscaping, performing general maintenance tasks, clearing litter & debris, operating and maintaining equipment & tools.

You will learn everything there is to know about the plant and equipment used to do the job safely and expertly. The role has an anticipated commencement date of mid July 2023.

The Successful Candidate to Ideally Possess:

- You will demonstrate a genuine passion and the resilience required for physical work outdoors.
- You will be able to work in a team or unsupervised; all the time taking pride and working safely in producing great outcomes for our community.
- You will be physically fit and have a "can-do" attitude.
- Horticultural knowledge
- Have a 'C' class licence as a minimum

What you need to do now:

For more information and a full information package send email to: ericha.mcclurg@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au or call 9628 7232 if you wish to speak with Silvio Brenzi - Manager, Works and Services.

How to Apply

Your application is to outline your experience in a business environment and where possible, relate this to the role and attributes the successful person would possess.

If you have limited work or business experience, tell us what personal attributes you will bring into the team, or career aspirations you have which this role will help you achieve (limit your total response to 600 words).

A copy of your current Resume / CV. to: ericha.mcclurg@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

Applications close 03 July 2023 at 4pm.

***Please note only shortlisted candidates for this role will be contacted.*

**WISE UP
RISE UP**
against elder abuse

**World Elder Abuse
Awareness Day**
15 June 2023





Employment Opportunity Customer Service Officer – Administration

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If it's a yes to any or all of these, then we want to hear from you.

The Opportunity

The Shire of Victoria Plains has an excellent opportunity for an enthusiastic, energetic, self-motivated and team-oriented individual to fill the role of Customer Service Officer – Administration to join our team in Calingiri.

Working with others who are committed to providing exceptional customer service in person and over the phone, you will be on the front line of a dynamic Local Government in a multi-faceted role, which supports our wider team of the CEO, Managers, and administrative support staff, whilst directly reporting to the Manager, Finance and Administration.

The role has an anticipated commencement date of mid July 2023.

The Successful Candidate to Ideally Possess:

- Some administrative or general customer service experience;
- The ability to maintain a high level of professionalism and confidentiality;
- Excellent communication skills - written and verbal;
- Experience or receptive to learn Department of Transport enquiries;
- IT software knowledge (Word, PDF, Publisher and Excel / Records Management Program eg, Synergy Soft)

What you need to do now:

For more information and a full information package contact ericha.mcclurg@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au or call 9628 7004 if you wish to speak with Colin Ashe - Manager, Finance and Administration.

How to Apply

Your application is to outline your experience in a business environment and where possible, relate this to the role and attributes the successful person would possess.

If you have limited work or business experience, tell us what personal attributes you will bring into the team, or career aspirations you have which this role will help you achieve this (limit your total response to 600 words).

A copy of your current Resume / CV. to: ericha.mcclurg@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

Applications close 07 July 2023 at 4pm. ***Please note only shortlisted candidates for this role will be contacted.*



Bagels

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Brunch

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ORB**



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Sat 24 June

9am - 12pm

**Fundraising for
Pump Track Project by
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9628 7004

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the Shire of Victoria Plains

Cost is \$10 per stall

June 2023

Important Dates:

- 28th June – Ordinary Council Meeting
- 30th June – Newsletter Submission Cutoff
- 10th July – Free Laser Tag

Shire Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9:00am – 4:00pm

Wednesday 9am–4:00pm
Alternate Wednesday 10am–4:00pm

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Calingiri WA 6569



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Phone: 08 96287004
Fax: 08 96287008

Ordinary Council Meeting

28th June 2023
Commencing at
2:00pm in the
Calingiri Council
Chambers

Department of Transport

Tuesday 9am – 12pm
Wednesday 10am – 1pm

Bookings are essential
please call (08) 96 287 004

