Shire of Victoria Plains Community News July 2016



Age Friendly Community Plan

Thanks to funding from the Department of Local Goverment & Communities, Localise and our volunteer Seniors Reference Group. This plan has been adopted by Council & is available at the Shire Administration Office or website

Yulgering Rd Footpath Widering Now comfortably wide enough for wheelchairs & gophers to pass. Thanks to funding from the Government of Western Australia and Royalties for Regions

Improved entry way at Calingiri Aged Person Units It is now easier to get to the front door with a wheelchair & for ambulance officers with a gurney.

New Mogumber Town Hall Toilet Block Now with facilities for the aged and disable Thanks to funding from the Government of Westorn Australia and Royalties for Regions

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Progress Associations,

CEO to Move On

Shire CEO Harry Hawkins is to move on when his contract expires in December 2016 after 14.5 years with the Shire, 12 as CEO. Mr Hawkins said the stress of being in the middle of a split Council is starting to take a toll on his health, work and family so it is time to get out. This newsletter is not the forum to make comment on any other issues relating to this so there will not be any more said.

Draft Shire Budget Approved

The draft budget for 2016-2017 was presented to Council at its June meeting and after a few changes to cut expenditure to achieve a balanced result it was approved. The Statutory Budget documents will be prepared by the Finance and Administration Manager over the next month so the final adoption can take place at the July 2016 Council meeting. Full details of budget allocations will be released after the adoption in July but the approved draft budget included a rate rise of 4% which is unlikely to change.

CBH Proposal for Bin Road Calingiri

CBH representatives attended the June Council meeting and made a presentation in support of their alternative proposal to the \$4m alteration to Bin Road. A compromise was reached which will see Bin Road closed temporarily while half trains are running as there is no possibility of rail crossings at both ends of the bin being blocked at the same time. Council asked if they would be able to make a comment to the arbiter in the dispute between CBH and Brookfield Rail however legal advice obtained by CBH says that is not possible. Council also asked for a costing on the original proposal to realign the Calingiri New Norcia Road further north which CBH has agreed to supply. Councillors also asked for a stronger assurance from CBH that the rail crossing would not be blocked while half trains are running.

Long Term Financial Plan and Corporate Business Plan

In what was a busy June meeting ! Russel Barnes from Charted Accountants Moore Stephens made a presentation to Council on the 10 year Long Term Financial Plan which he updated on behalf of the Shire. His presentation was appreciated with many questions being asked by elected members. Council then adopted the updated Corporate Business Plan and the Long Term Financial Plan produced by Moore Stephens.

Aged Friendly Community Plan

Council also adopted the Aged Friendly Community Plan which has been prepared by consultants and the Shires Community Development Officer using grant funding. The plan will make it easier to obtain grant funding for aged friendly initiatives in the future and make sure that looking after our aged residents remains as a strategy in future Community Strategic Plans. The working papers show that Victoria Plains will have the 2nd largest increase (in % terms) of people over 70 by 2027 of all Shires in the wheatbelt.

Change of Road Name

At the request of a ratepayer a proposal to change the name of Golf Course Road to Field Road was considered by Council. The Department of Lands who, through the Geographic Names Committee advised that road names are usually permanent and has advised that all affected land owners need to be contacted for comment. Council resolved that despite only affected land owners needing to be contacted that the Shire would seek comment from all land owners in Yerecoin. Yerecoin ratepayers will receive a letter from the Shire asking for comment in the near future.

Australia Day Committee

Each year for some time now the Calingiri Progress Association has been running an Australia Day Breakfast in Progress Park next to the Shire offices. Unfortunately Calingiri Progress Association last year found it difficult to get enough volunteers to run the event which only went ahead with the support of the Mogumber Outback Club. Council has supported the breakfast financially and has used this event to present the Premiers Australia Day Awards to the winners. Council at the June meeting and at the request of the Calingiri Progress Association decided to take over the event and elected a committee comprising of one representative from each ward plus the Community Development Officer. The committee will also take over the selection of the winners of the Premiers Australia Day Awards. It is hoped that Community groups from all over the Shire will get involved and that the event will move around to different towns each vear.

New Aged Persons Units in Calingiri and Bolgart

It has been quite some time since we announced the approval of Royalties for Regions funding to build 2 new aged persons units in both Calingiri and Bolgart along with units in the Shires of Goomalling and Toodyay. These units will be owned by the Shires with no involvement by Homeswest therefore prospective residents do not need to qualify for Centrelink payments to apply to live in one.

Visitors to Calingiri and Bolgart may notice that earth works and retaining walls have been completed ready for construction but as yet, no building has commenced.

As an update I advise that the delay has been the Shire of Toodyay who are building their units in partnership with a private provider which has caused some holdups. Due to these ongoing issues the Shires of Victoria Plains and Goomalling are now going to tender separately from the Shire of Toodyay, who will tender at a later date. We expect then that works will commence in the next few months.

As we are almost ready to commence building we would like residents to reconfirm their desire to occupy one of these new units so our waiting list can be updated. If you have previously put your name down please do so again along with anyone else who would like to move into a unit in the future.

The units referred to above are already funded and will be built in the next 12 months but while we are waiting for them Victoria Plains has joined with the Shires of Dowerin, Goomalling and Toodyay in another application for additional Royalties for Regions funding for 2 units in Calingiri, Yerecoin and also Bolgart if there is enough demand. If you are not yet ready for a unit but think you may be in the next few years I encourage you to put your name on the waiting list so that we can show demand to increase our chances of getting this additional funding.

NEWS FROM THE CHAMBERS





Australia Day **WA**

Australian of the Year Awards - Nominations Open

The Australian of the Year Awards has been acknowledging achievement and contribution to the nation since 1960. The Awards profile Australians who are role models for us all, who inspire us through their actions and achievements and encourage us to work towards making Australia an even greater country. The Australian of the Year Awards provide the opportunity to recognise those in our community we admire, someone worthy of our attention, one nomination is all it takes.

With recent winners such as 2013 Young Australian of the Year Akram Azimi, 2014 Senior Australian of the Year Fred Chaney and 2015 Young Australian of the Year Drisana Levitzke-Gray the accomplishments of Western Australians have been well represented, however, more can be done to highlight the remarkable stories of our State's quiet achievers.

Australian of the Year / Senior Australian of the Year / Young Australian of the Year / Local Hero

Nominations are sought for Australians from all backgrounds and fields of endeavour including; community service, reconciliation, humanitarian, business, science & technology, arts, entertainment, sport, education, the environment and in the case of the Local Hero award, those making an extraordinary difference locally.

Nominations close 7th August 2016. Nominate online at www.australianoftheyear.org.au or call us on 9325 9988 for further information.



Left: Carole McClure and family. Lynda Berger, Sebastian Contarino and his brother Andy.

They visited the Telethon Type 1 Diabetes Family Centre with a donation, raised by Carole and her friends Von and Helen, of \$1420 for the Family Centre. Seb has type 1 diabetes and the Family Centre was purpose built for kids like him. The Centre offers peer and psychosocial support, camps, workshops and community connections to support kids with diabetes and their families.

Next years fund raising will go to Camp Quality







At the June Council Briefing the Councillors said they would like further feedback relating to changing the shire logo.

When looking at the logos remember that it is a portrayal of Victoria Plains to the outside world. It often creates a first impression for new families looking to move to the Shire, new business, investment and tourists.





If you would like any or all of the pre-loved "furry families" in the Library, you can buy each with a gold coin. All proceeds from the sale of these little treasures, will be donated to "Camp Quality".

Our Purpose



Camp Quality's purpose is to create a better life for every child living with cancer in Australia. We are committed to delivering national programs that build resilience and optimistic behaviours for all children (0-13 years) living with cancer in Australia.

Our Vision



Camp Quality's five-year plan is to sustainably expand

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It has been noted that a number of Shire residents are taking water from the standpipe behind the Shire Administration Office on Cavell Street.

Please be advised that this water is for <u>EMERGENCY AND SHIRE USE ONLY</u>. The water from the Standpipe is potable and the Shire pays for this supply with ratepayer contributions.

If persons are seen taking the water without authorisation, registration information will be obtained and an invoice will be issued for the estimated amount of water taken.

Calingiri Netball & Tennis Court Official Opening

It is with great pride that the

Shire of Victoria Plains and the Calingiri Netball Club invite the community

to attend the Official Opening Event of the Calingiri Netball and Tennis Court

to be held on

SATURDAY 2ND JULY 2016

at the Calingiri Sportsground, Lambert Crescent, Calingiri

Commencing at 10.30am

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9628 7004 or cdo@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au





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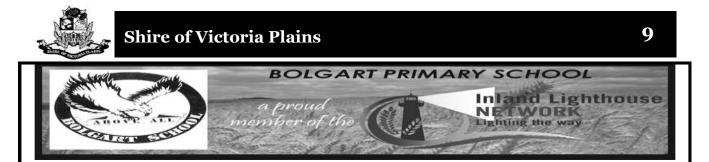


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May I remind everyone about our kiln firing evening on Friday the 1st of July, the last day of school for semester one. Unfortunately I'm unable to be part of this; it should be a great night for families and I'm sorry to miss it. The kiln is a work of art built by our multi-talented art teacher Mr Laurie Smoker and looks like it might also make a good pizza oven, I could be wrong but it does look the goods.

Our thanks must go to our Shire of Victoria Plains, the works crew was kind enough to bring over a set of hockey (I think....) goals and these were placed on our oval. The kids immediately engaged in a game of soccer, I just love seeing kids running around in the fresh air enjoying themselves and we how have another activity available for the kids during their breaks. It's great. We will soon be purchasing a ride on mower so that Hutchie can knock a few weeds down from time to time to keep the playing surface up to international standard.

Senior Room

The senior room is currently working on a novel of the text "Indian in the Cupboard," by Lynne Reid Banks. The Indian in the Cupboard is about Omri and his Iroquois Indian, Little Bear. For Omri, it is a dream come true when the plastic American Indian he locks into an old bathroom cupboard comes to life. Little Bear is everything an Indian Brave should be-proud of, fearless and defiant and the size of Omri's finger. Being in charge of a real, live, but tiny human being is a heavy responsibility as Omri soon discovers. When his best friend, Patrick, is let in on the secret, life-changing decisions lie ahead. Students have been focusing on "Making Connections" (text of self, text to world and text to text) and "Visualising" reading strategies to assist with increasing comprehension skills. They have also been studying the characters, in particular Omri's Indian, Little Bear. In class the students will then complete a research information report on Native American Indians. Bree Morris

Bolgart Town Library

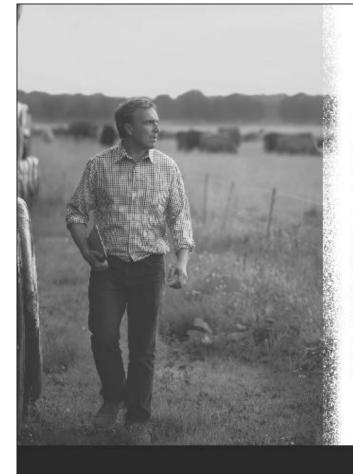
Parents, children and all community members, please be reminded that our town has a wonderful library full of books and resources for your use. Our opening times are as follows. Mon-Wed 10.00am-12.00pm Friday 3.00pm-5.00pm





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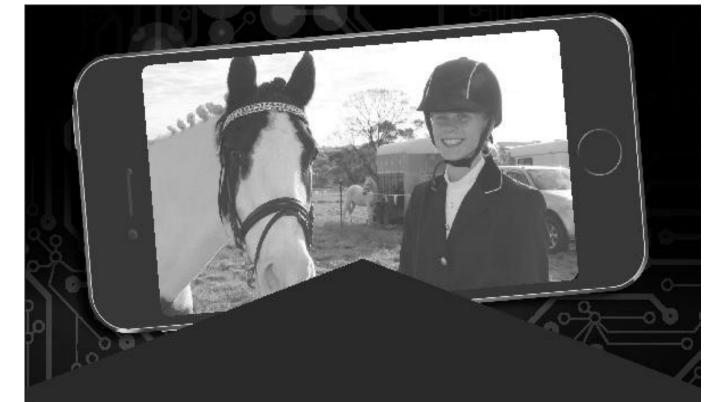




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Department of Education

Wheatbelt Education Region / Branch: Yerecoin Primary School Gardener-Handyperson / Position Number: 0008674 Classification & Award: Level 2, \$911.80 - \$928.80 (pro-rata) per week (GS (Misc.) GA 2016)

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Yerecoin PS is situated 153kms north east of Perth. Our students are predominantly from farming families and a majority travel to school on buses. The school comprises of a Junior and Senior class block, with a combined Library and Resource Centre.

Yerecoin PS is a picturesque setting and is a highlight of the town's landscape. The school grounds are meticulously maintained. It consists of a netball/basketball court, a synthetic sports field, an oval and grassed areas, a large undercover area and numerous landscaped gardens. Although small, our school prides itself in providing first class education for all its students.

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- Complete the Department's induction program within three months of commencement; and
- Complete any training specific to this role required by Departmental policy.

The Department applies a ten (10) day breach period to this selection process.

Applications must be submitted before 3.00pm (WST) on Friday, 22nd July 2016 PROFORMA AND LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



Shire of Victoria Plains



Urban Art Youth Workshop

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Attention parents of boarders or young people away for school, study or travel:

Keeping young people in the area or attracting them back after study is something many around Victoria Plains identify as being important.

The Shire is keen to hear from all our 12 - 25 year olds, regardless of whether they are currently away, about what would make the area more appealing for youth.

Parents/family/friends, please encourage all youth to have their say by forwarding on the survey.

www.victoriaplains.wa.gov.au/community/youth.aspx



Hard copy surveys are also available at the Shire Office

For everyone else, please fill in the survey, and also keep an ear out for a youth

engagement activity, coming to your area soon!



A Senior's Joke

Irish Sawmill Accident

Paddy and Mick are two Irishmen working at the local sawmill.

One day, Mick slips and his arm gets caught and severed by the big bench saw. Paddy quickly puts the limb in a plastic bag and rushes it and Mick to the local hospital.

Next day, Paddy goes to the hospital and asks after Mick. The nurse says, "Oh he's out in Rehab exercising".

Paddy couldn't believe it, but there's Mick out the back exercising his now re-attached arm. The very next day he's back at work in the saw mill.

A couple of days go by, and then Mick slips and severs his leg on another bloody big saw.

So Paddy puts the limb in a plastic bag and rushes it and Mick off to Hospital.

Next day he calls in to see him and asks the nurse how he is. The nurse replies, "He's out in the Rehab again exercising".

And sure enough, there's Mick out there doing some serious work on the treadmill. And very soon Mick comes back to work.

But, as usual, within a couple of days he has another accident and severs his head.

Wearily Paddy puts the head in a plastic bag and transports it and Mick to hospital.

Next day he goes in and asks the nurse how Mick is. The nurse breaks down and cries and says, "He's dead."

Paddy is shocked, but not surprised. "I suppose the saw finally did him in."

"No", says the nurse, "Some dopey idiot put his head in a plastic bag and he suffocated

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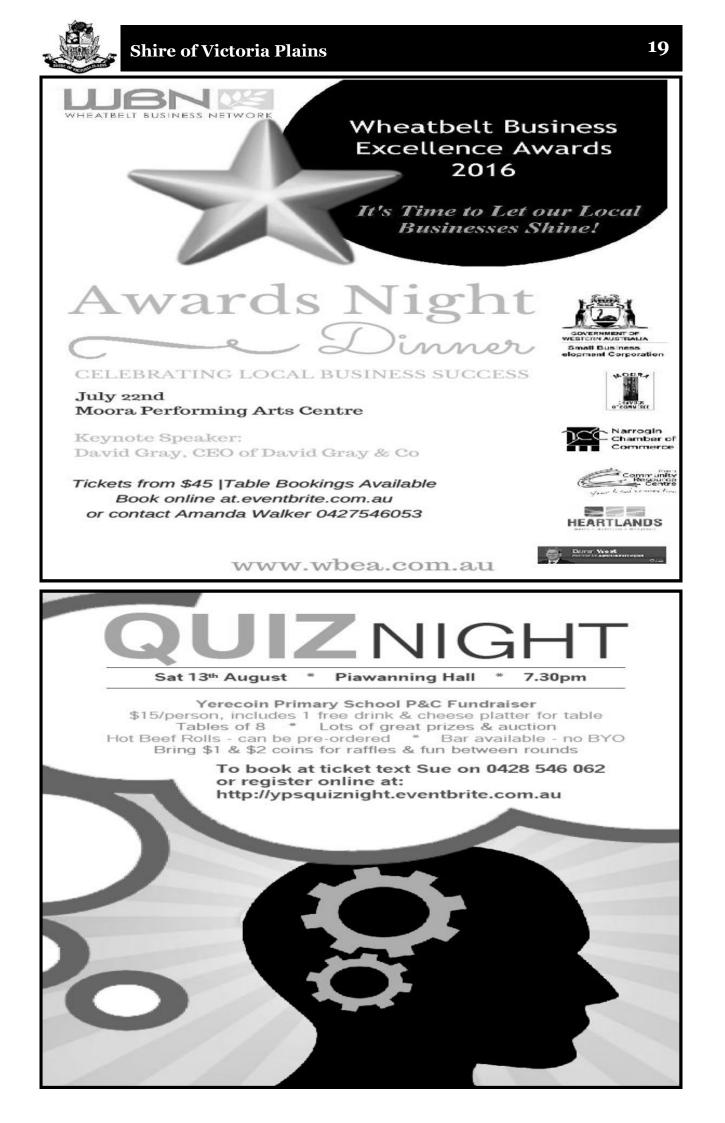
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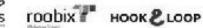
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2n	d July:	Calingiri Football Club Reunion	21st July:	Staff Meeting Office opens 9.30am
5th	n July:	Sumo Wrestling Championships—Bolgart	22nd July:	WBN Business of the Year Awards
7tł	n July:	Community Bus	27th July:	VP Business Builders - Winter warmer
12	th July:	Wheatbelt Business after hours	7th August:	Nominations close Aust. of the Year
12	th July:	Urban Art Youth Workshop—Calingiri	13th August:	Writers Festival, New Norcia
14	th July:	Community Bus	13th August:	Quiz Night—Piawanning
17	th July:	Mogumber Junior Rodeo		



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