

Shire of Bruce Rock
Newsletter
February 2024



*Where friends become **family***

CEO Report

The new year is well and truly underway. We have already held several community events, held our first Council meeting for 2024 and attended several regional meetings and workshops.

Below is a brief snapshot of recent activities and updates from the past month, however if you want to know more or seek information on other Council related matters please contact the CEO, President or one of the Shire Councillors.

Farewell

In January we farewelled our Manager of Works, David Holland who has moved back to work in his home Shire of Chittering. We wish David all the best and thank him for his time and input to the Shire and works programs over many years, following his second stint at the Shire of Bruce Rock. Council will commence advertising for a new Manager of Works in March, in the meantime long term employee Brock Williams will be Acting in the position until it is filled.

Another long term employee is on the move, with our Community Development Officer, Caris Negri leaving the Shire after many years of service. Caris started out at the Medical Centre, then moved to the Shire Office as the Customer Service Officer and in recent years has performed the role of Community Development Officer. Caris has been involved with many community events and projects, we thank her for the input and service she has provided. We wish Caris all the best in her new role at the Shire of Corrigin, at the CRC and I am sure we will still see Caris involved in the Bruce Rock community at a personal level. Advertising has commenced to find a replacement Community Development Officer.

Community Sundowner

What a fantastic turnout to the Shire's Community Sundowner last Friday night. The annual Sundowner and Community Awards was held at the Bruce Rock Recreation Centre last Friday where sporting achievements and volunteers were recognised for their ongoing dedication to the community. During the evening the children were kept entertained by roaming fairies, face painting and laser tag while the adults mingled and enjoyed the band over a few refreshments.

Congratulations to those who were recognised for their efforts on the night.

New Supermarket Mural

Mural designs nearing finalisation. Following community responses the briefing for the new mural on the Bruce Rock Supermarket Southern wall was provided to suitable artists and the first round of concepts have been reviewed by Council and a final design is expected in the coming weeks. Shire staff are currently working to secure funding for the artwork. An update as well as the artworks will be made public very soon.

Darren Mollenoyux

CEO Report

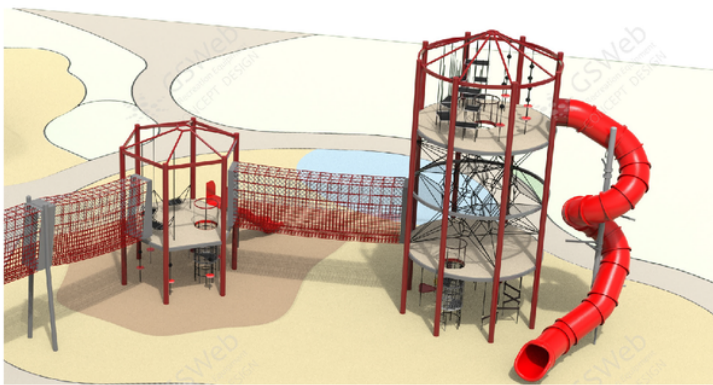
Come and Meet the Team

This year we will be continuing with enhancing our community engagement and creating more opportunities for the public to meet and talk with staff and Councillors in an informal setting. We will be holding a meet and greet at the old Bendigo Bank Building in March, where I will be in attendance with some of our newest staff members. Please take the opportunity to see come and have a chat, meet some staff and discuss the latest happenings. Full details will be published shortly.

Playground Next To Amphitheatre

Playground designs and tender specifications are nearly completed. Council provided final feedback to the design consultants at the February 2024 Council meeting. Staff have submitted grant applications and are awaiting the outcomes to fund this project. Council is continuing to work hard to attract funding to bring this exciting project to fruition. Once we have attracted enough funding then we will go to tender for the supply and construction of the new adventure playground. Further updates will be provided as we find out the outcomes of our grant applications.

PLAY STRUCTURE RENDER - draft only prepared by Miracle



Internal view looking west
Internal play equipment is indicative only and will be developed through the design process.



Internal view looking east
Internal play equipment is indicative only and will be developed through the design process.

INTERNAL PLAY INSPIRATION FOR SILO STRUCTURES



ecoscape
1138 Adelaide Street
Fremantle (Walyakal) WA 6160
www.ecoscape.com.au

AUTHOR: LD, QA, PJ PROJECT: 4830-23

TODDLER PLAY AREA



ADDITIONAL SITE ELEMENTS



BRUCE ROCK ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND
SITE OF BRUCE ROCK

Play equipment concept imagery
SK03-A

REV	DATE	DESCRIPTION
A	07.09.23	DRAFT CONCEPT FOR COMMENT

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Update from the CDO

Australia Day

We celebrated Australia Day with a breakfast at the Recreation Centre with over 90 community members. The sun was shining, bacon was sizzling and Australian tunes were pumping. A big thank you to Michelle from Mi Familia Flavours for providing breakfast, Bruce Rock District Club opening early for Irish Coffees and all who attended. Luckily the weather had really turned its self on, and over 100 people made good use of the free entry at the pool throughout the day.



Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program

We once again will have first year medical students visiting Bruce Rock as a part of the Rural Health West initiative to expose medical students to the rural way of life early in their careers. The aim of the program is to encourage students to consider country placements as they progress in their studies, and after they graduate. The students will be in Bruce Rock 12th - 15th March, and will be visiting many of our community facilities throughout town. If you see them on their travels, please feel free to say hello!

Upgrade of Aquatic Centre Liner

We are pleased to announce the upcoming installation of a new and upgraded liner on the existing six-lane, 33 metre pool at the Aquatic Centre. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$134,104, demonstrating Council's ongoing commitment to enhancing and investing on the district's sports and recreation facilities. The project will be partly funded through a \$70,377 grant secured from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund. The works will be undertaken during the Aquatic Centre's off-season, so there will be no disruption to pool patrons.



Update from the CDO

Community Sundowner

It was fantastic to see so many members of our community at the sundowner. We hope you all had a great time. Judging by these photographs, it looks like the little ones certainly did!

The sundowner gave us a wonderful opportunity to recognise the valuable work of our local volunteers and sporting figures. Council would like to congratulate the following worthy recipients of Awards:

- Alexis Henderson, Under 25 Volunteer of the Year Award 2024
- Susan Hodgkiss, Adult Volunteer of the Year Award 2024
- The Men's Shed, Community Group Volunteer of the Year Award 2024
- Alexis Henderson, Junior Sportsperson of the Year Award 2023
- Courtney Hall, Sportsperson of the Year Award 2023
- Bella Clune, Sporting Volunteer of the Year Award 2023



Bruce Rock Aquatic Centre Making a Splash!

During December 2023 and January 2024, the Bruce Rock Aquatic Centre saw 3,616 patrons come through its gate, with a single day having 194 visitors. Certainly, these are impressive numbers!

Interestingly, word about the quality of our facilities has gone beyond our district, and we have been welcoming many visitors from outside the Shire, who have become regular patrons.

Our local pool has hosted exciting and very popular social events over the past months, including:

- the Australia Day sausage sizzle hosted by the Shire;
- the Bruce Rock District High School P and C sundowner;
- the Littlies Luncheon organised by the Bruce Rock Cultivators Committee;
- the Annual Rotary Wheatbelt Swim for Reading;
- the Bruce Rock District High School carnival; and
- several birthday parties.

The Aquatic Centre has also been used by our local sporting teams. The cricket and football clubs have undertaken training sessions at the facilities, and the netball club will be joining in shortly. In addition, swimming lessons have resumed, bringing a large number of patrons through the gate.

The Shire looks forward to the Aquatic Centre continuing the hosting of further events and training sessions, and welcoming all patrons.

Council Meeting Outcomes

With no Council meeting in January the first Councillor Information Session and Ordinary Meeting for the year was held on Thursday 15th February 2024. Council discussed and addressed various matters, with a brief summary of some of the matters discussed below;

Works & Services Program

Council receive an update on the progress of the 2023/2024 roads and works programs. All planned roadworks are on track and the remainder of the works program is progressing as scheduled. Several large plant and equipment items have arrived in the past two months that are part of Council's plant replacement program. Council also received an update on the progress of the hockey turf viewing area and visited the site.

Community Grant Program

Council has once again endorsed the Community Grants Program where community and sporting groups can make application for small funding projects through Council as part of the annual budget considerations. The 2024/2025 Community Grants Program is now open with applications closing on the 30th April 2024. Community and Sporting groups will receive information or you can contact the Shire Office for further details.

Growing Regions Fund

Council endorsed the submission of a grant application through the Federal Government's Growing Regions Fund. In conjunction with several other Local Government's Bruce Rock has applied for funding of staff housing to assist in the attraction and retention of staff to the region. Council's application is for smaller units to provide a variety of housing options to meet different occupancy requirements. This will also allow Council to consider the sale of a larger residence in the future. The grants will be announced in the coming months.

Australia Day Event

Council received feedback and a report on the 2024 Australia Day events. This year Council trialled having two events with a breakfast at the Bruce Rock Recreation Centre and a sausage sizzle from midday onwards at the Aquatic Centre. This approach was very successful with good numbers attending both events. Council agreed to continue with this approach for the 2025 Australia Day with some minor improvements to enhance the Aquatic Centre component, and potentially having it later in the day.

January 2024 Storm Event

Council discussed the impacts from the January storms that affected many wheatbelt Shires. Bruce Rock escaped with relatively minor disruptions compared to many Shires who faced many days without power and phone access. Whilst on this occasion Council did not have the delays in power and phone restoration it is something that has certainly occurred over recent years and therefore Council will continue to lobby and work collaboratively with other Local Governments to seek the best resolution to minimise power and phone disruption in our communities. Other damage impacting the Shire was large amounts of trees that had fallen and debris to be cleaned up, which was actioned in a timely manner.

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST (Part-Time)

BRUCE ROCK MEDICAL CENTRE

The opportunity

The Shire of Bruce Rock is seeking a friendly and enthusiastic person to take on the role of Part-Time Medical Receptionist, and be part of the committed team based in the Bruce Rock Medical Centre. There will be a minimum of one day of work per week (Friday), with the occasional requirement to work extra hours or days for relief cover.

Essential requirements

The successful applicant must possess:

- A strong customer service focus.
- Good time management and organisational skills.
- Skills and experience in computer software/Microsoft Office products.
- Good verbal and written communication skills.
- Commitment to work as part of the Medical Centre team.
- Commitment to confidentiality and discretion.
- Willingness to work in a flexible, part-time arrangement.

Employment conditions

- Permanent appointment upon completion of a three-month probation period.
- Conditions in accordance with the Local Government Officers (Western Australia) Award, level 2.1 (\$24.67 per hour) to 3.1 (\$27.20 per hour), depending on skills and experience, plus 5% over award allowance.
- Generous superannuation options (11% on commencement, plus employee contributions matched by the Shire up to 6%).
- Training and development opportunities.
- Uniform allowance.

How to apply

Please provide a written application including a covering letter outlining how you meet the selection criteria for the role (as per the Position Description), plus a CV detailing your work history and providing two recent work-related referees. Please mark your application as follows: "Receptionist – Medical Centre".

You can post, personally deliver or email your application to:

Post

Shire of Bruce Rock
PO Box 113
BRUCE ROCK WA 6418

In person

Shire of Bruce Rock
54 Johnson Street
BRUCE ROCK WA 6418

Email

nerea.ugarte@brucerock.wa.gov.au

Applications must be received by 4.00pm on Friday, 15 March 2024.

Application package and more information

An application package and more information (including the Position Description) can be obtained at the Shire's website (www.brucerock.wa.gov.au) or by contacting Rachael Hearne (on 9061 1377 or rachael.hearne@brucerock.wa.gov.au).



WE'RE

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*Community
Development Officer*

Do you have a passion for community and being a part of a team that is committed to delivering projects, events, and initiatives for a proactive Shire? Then we have an exciting employment opportunity for you!

Flexible
**DAYS/HOURS CAN BE
NEGOTIATED**

To download a package, go to www.brucerock.wa.gov.au

Applications will be received until 10.00am

Friday 8th March 2024