

Shire of Bruce Rock

# Newsletter

August 2023



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# CEO Report

Staff have been very busy over the past month with the completion of works for the 2022/23 financial year while preparing the 2023/24 budget for Council's consideration at the July 2023 Ordinary Meeting.

Below is a brief snapshot of recent activities and updates, 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.

## **Supermarket Nearing Completion**

Excitement continues to build with the new supermarket construction nearing completion and the lease for the new retailer being confirmed. Devlyn Construction are nearing practical completion and the refrigeration suppliers will start installation in the next week. The shelving, fittings and fixtures will be installed in September in readiness to handover to retailers. Kulwant and Sukhreet will commence the preparations and stocking the new supermarket which is due to open by the end of October 2023 (the date of opening will be confirmed soon).

Council and staff have met with Kulwant, Sukhreet, and their families several times now and they are very excited to join our community.

## **Mural Survey**

Council is currently seeking community input for a mural to go on the external southern wall of the new supermarket. A survey out asking what you would like to see go on the wall, examples of possible outcomes include a replica of the previous mural or something new and bold. Please take the time to have your say by completing the survey. It is available on our Facebook page, our website or hard copies are available at the Shire Office, Temporary Supermarket and Medical Centre.

## **2023 Council Elections**

The 2023 Local Government Elections are just around the corner with election day being Saturday 21st October 2023. Nominations open on the 31st August and close on the 7th September 2023. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please visit our website and find out more in the Elections section or contact the CEO for further information.

## **New Aquatic Centre Manager Appointed**

It is great to see the recent appoint of Brett Wayne as our new Aquatic Centre Manager. We have already received a large number of positive comments and feedback about the appointment and we are looking forward to seeing Brett putting his passion for Bruce Rock and the community into the Aquatic Centre.

## **Bruce Rock Agricultural Show**

Not long now until the Bruce Rock Ag Show being held at the Bruce Rock Recreation Centre on Saturday 16th September 2023. It is looking like a great day filled with displays, produce, food and fun, capped off with an evening of Fireworks. This year the Shire are having a stall with Councillors and Senior Managers available for questions, discussions displays and available merchandising. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Darren Mollenoyux*

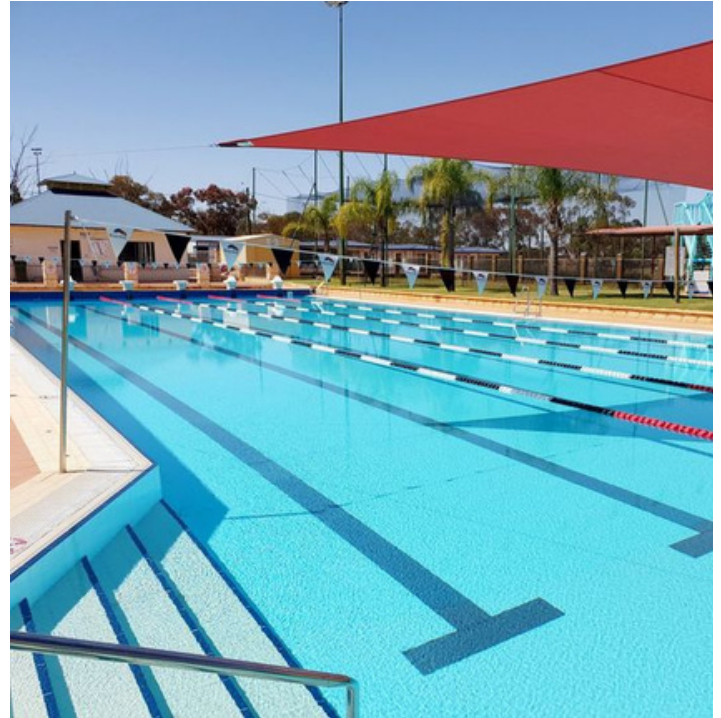
# Update from the CDO

## Playground Progress

The consultants undertaking the design of the new playground for the main street are continuing their initial design works. Council expect to receive the first draft concept design in early September. After these concept plans have been received, Council will be undertaking community consultation to gather feedback. Keep an eye out for further updates on our Facebook page and website.

## Grant Application - Bruce Rock Aquatic Centre

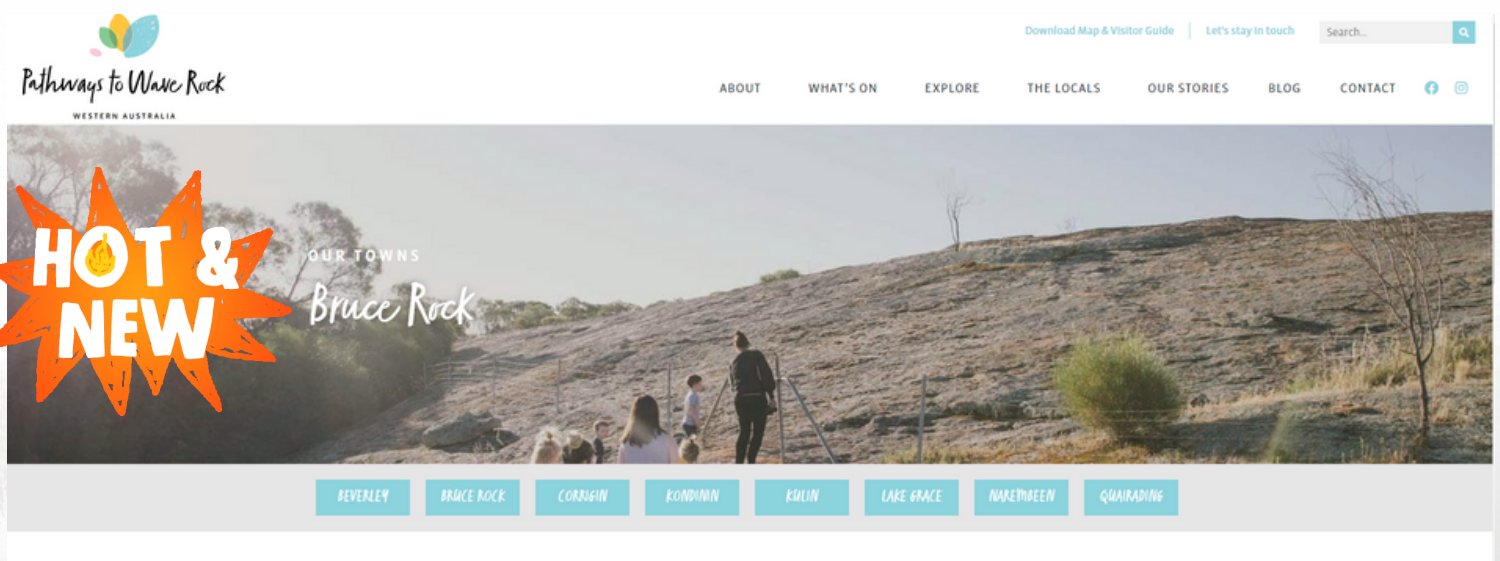
A grant has been submitted to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund to replace and upgrade the liner of the main pool at the Aquatic Centre. If Council are successful in this grant, works will take place after the end of the 23/24 pool season.



## Launch of the Revamped Roe Tourism Website

The Shire of Bruce Rock are a member council of the Roe Tourism Association, which promote intra and interstate travel to our region. The main focus of their marketing is 'Pathways to Wave Rock', which is a self drive trail from Perth through the Wheatbelt to Wave Rock in Hyden. The association have recently launched a new website, which features attractions, accommodation, and meal options in each member Shire.

Check the website out at [pathwaystowaverock.com.au](http://pathwaystowaverock.com.au)



If there's anything you think should be included in the Bruce Rock section, please get in touch with Community Development Officer, Caris Negri at [caris.negri@brucerock.wa.gov.au](mailto:caris.negri@brucerock.wa.gov.au)

# Bruce Rock Public Library

## Golden Feather Hunt

Running from 4th September until 27th October 2023, the Bruce Rock Public Library will be taking part along with 150 other local libraries throughout WA in hiding a share of over 15,000 feather shaped bookmarks throughout our children's and young adult books.

These feathers are your 'golden ticket' to winning prizes including a signed book, an iPad and a VIP Scribblers festival pass for you and your family.

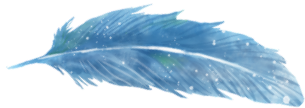
Be on the lookout at our library for the white, topaz, silver and exclusive gold feathers.



- 5 x golden feathers hidden across WA. The lucky finder of one of these, wins the grand prize of a VIP Festival Pass, and iPad and signed book pack.



- 20 x silver feathers hidden across WA. Find one of these and you win a signed book.



- 1 x topaz feather to be found in each library. These will win you an instant book prize!



- White feathers - Find a white feather and colour these in, post a pic to social media tagging us @scribblersfest and you could win an instant prize.

Will you be the lucky person that finds one of the hidden feathers?

A promotional graphic for the Golden Feather Hunt. It features a large, stylized golden feather in the center, surrounded by colorful confetti. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout. On the left, it asks 'Will YOU find a GOLDEN FEATHER at your local library?' and explains that thousands of feather-shaped bookmarks are hidden in children's and YA sections of public libraries across Western Australia. It encourages looking for topaz, silver, or golden feathers to claim a prize. On the right, there is a circular logo for the Golden Feather Hunt, and social media information for @scribblersfest and #goldenfeatherhunt.

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**GOLDEN  
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at your local library?

We've hidden thousands of feather-shaped bookmarks in the children's and YA section of public libraries across Western Australia.

Look for a **Topaz**, **Silver** or **Golden Feather** to claim a fantastic prize.

**Golden Feather Hunt**

Follow us @scribblersfest and share your feather find by tagging us and #goldenfeatherhunt

# Council Meeting Outcomes

Council met for its latest Ordinary Meeting on Thursday 17th August 2023, with the highlight of the meeting being the awarding of the lease for the new Bruce Rock Supermarket building. Council also discussed and addressed various other matters, highlighted below is a brief snapshot of some of the items addressed;

## **Grant Application - Bruce Rock Aquatic Centre**

As part of its asset management Council has determined a need to replace the lining of the large pool at the Bruce Rock Aquatic Centre. To assist in funding this project, Council has endorsed an application to the Department of Sport and Recreation for the installation of a vinyl lining for the pool. Outcomes from the grant application will be announced later this year.

## **Review of Housing**

The Shire is currently working through various aspects of the housing requirements in Bruce Rock, including staff rentals. This review will provide Council with guidance and direction for the long term management of its housing stock to ensure economic benefits and diversity in sizing of accommodation. Council has also undertaken a survey of businesses to ascertain the housing needs for the town and will use this information to seek funding opportunities to increase rental availability, which will in turn assist in positive economic development, outcomes in the whole Shire.

## **Supermarket Lease**

Council considered the recommendations of the Assessment Panel for Expressions of Interest for the lease of the new Supermarket and resolved to award a five year lease to Regal Ventures Pty Ltd. This will see Council become the landlord but will not be involved in the running of the business. Further information such as the opening days and hours will be announced in coming weeks. Council staff will now work towards winding up the temporary supermarket, which will close upon the opening of the New Supermarket.

## **New Playground**

Council received an update from the Community Development Officer on the progress of the new playground (next to Amphitheatre) plans. The designers (Ecoscape) are progressing with the scope of works and theme and plans will be provided to Council at the September 2023 Council meeting.

## **New Supermarket Official Opening**

With the construction of the new supermarket nearing completion and the lease awarded, Council has commenced plans around an official opening. Council will hold its official opening of the new supermarket a week after the new retailers have had their opening. The event will be held as a community sundowner across the road at the Amphitheatre. Further details, including the date will be made public very soon.