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2021 has been another busy year for Council and Staff. Whilst our priorities have been working towards the construction of a new permanent grocery store and the recruitment of a new Doctor, and completing projects that form a part of the Main Street Revitalisation, there have been many other works being undertaken and planned, whilst still meeting legislative requirements and working on governance matters.

Councillors and staff are looking forward to a break over the Christmas period and look forward to the exciting times ahead in 2022.

Take care, enjoy time with your family & friends at Christmas and wishing you all a happy and prosperous new year.

From the CEO's Desk

Final 2021 Council Meeting

As 2021 draws to a close, Council held its last meeting of the year on Thursday 16th December 2021.

The meeting addressed various items requiring action, including planning and design approval for the new supermarket, Fire and Emergency Services matters, COVID preparedness for when the borders open, financial statements, the Local Government Reform submission, planning and implications of the new Work Health and Safety Act, updates on roads program and plant replacement, grant applications and events planning for the new year.

Looking Forward to 2022

Whilst the new Supermarket will continue to be a focus in 2022, Council and staff also look forward to progressing the following;

- Commence stage one of the Caravan Park redevelopment which will see new ablutions constructed under a Federal Government Funding Program
- Consultation and Planning around the new Playground as part of the Main Street Revitalisation
- Work towards the Development of a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)
- Completion of Outdoor Area at the District Club / Rec Centre
- Bridge Culvert Replacements
- Road Construction Works.
- Kerb replacement and works on a couple of townsite streets

Long -Serving Councillor's Retirement

Following the December Council Meeting, we recognised the outstanding service of Ian Dolton who retired from Council in October 2021 after serving the community as a Shire Councillor for the past 22 years.

Ian also served 12 years as Deputy President and 18 years as the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

Ian was a valuable and dedicated Councillor and Council wishes him all the best for the future.



Anne and Ian Dolton

From the CEO's Desk

New Supermarket Update

Council's architect presented the required design and development documentation, with plans considered and endorsed at the December 2021 Council Meeting.

This now allows for the architect to commence the construction documentation prior to going to tender in the first part of 2022.

Once tenders have been received and a preferred builder selected Council will be able to provide a clearer timeframe for the commencement and completion of the construction of the new Supermarket.

Shire Staff have been identifying and applying for further grants that will assist in funding the construction of the new supermarket, including an application for the Regional Economic Development Scheme, the results of which will be announced in the very near future.

Council Staff are also currently preparing a Building Better Regions Fund application which closes in February 2022.

Council was pleased to hear the fantastic efforts that have been achieved to date by the Bruce Rock Progress Association who have committed their current focus to fundraising towards the new Bruce Rock Supermarket.

To date that have had a successful harvest which will provide funds from their crop, donations from sporting and community groups, quiz nights funds, donations from individual members of the public, Containers for Change, harvest grower number contributions and lots of cash donations through their fundraiser buckets around town.

It is great to see the community getting behind this project and working together to build the new supermarket.

Johnson Street



Concept Design of the New Supermarket

Cnr Johnson / Bath



Concept Design of the New Supermarket

PROJECTS UPDATE

Kumminin Rock

The official opening of Kumminin Rock was held on the 30th of October. Elder Pam Jetta gave a Welcome to the Country and local businesses Lizzy's Bean n Bar & Status Grazed supplied refreshments and grazing boxes to attendees.

The upgrade of the picnic area at Kumminin Rock was made possible in part thanks to funding from the Western Australian Government's Natural Resource Program.

The scope of works consisted of installing interpretative signage detailing the history of the Kumminin area and the natural surrounds, picnic tables and shelters, planting seedlings and a dedicated parking area.

Be sure to visit the new and improved area!



Kumminin Rock Picnic Area Opening

Remembrance Park

Bruce Rock Remembrance Park was officially opened by Shire President Stephen Strange on the 6th November, in conjunction with the Back to the Bush Veterans Reunion 20th anniversary.

Founding members of the Bruce Rock Veterans Group along with Cr Strange cut the official opening ribbon.

The park was a project from Council's Main Street Revitalisation Strategy, and pays tribute to the men and women who served and continue to serve Australia in military conflicts and peacekeeping operations across the globe.

The Park features 11 specific memorials accompanied by information boards outlining the meaning behind each memorial. There are also eight sculptures and artworks featured throughout the park, all interpretations of the theme 'war and peace'.

The memorials and artworks are set amongst gardens, walk paths, seating and a gazebo to create a peaceful, non-sectarian space for all Australians.



Paul Hutton, Heather Hutton, Stephen Strange, Colin Turner and Judy Gould opening Bruce Rock Remembrance Park

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2021 BACK TO THE BUSH VETERANS REUNION

Celebrating 20 years!

After having to postpone the 2020 Reunion due to COVID, we were well and truly ready to celebrate 20 years of the Back to the Bush Veterans Reunion in 2021! It was great to see so many returning visitors, some who have been to every Reunion.

The week kicked off with the Melbourne Cup, followed by card making, tours at the Bruce Rock Museum, indoor and outdoor bowls, a quiz night, the school concert, touring the Merredin Military Museum, the 10th Light Horse Memorial Troop demonstration and much more.

Saturday the Main Street was bustling with market stalls, kids entertainment and food vans. The Bruce Rock Remembrance Park was officially opened, at which Shire President Stephen Strange presented a trophy of acknowledgement to Judy Gould, Paul and Heather Hutton, and Colin Turner, founding members of the Bruce Rock Veterans Group who have been the driving force behind this event for 20 years. Commending the Veterans Group for their work, Cr Strange remarked, "What a wonderful thing this group have done for the veterans. I don't have the words to articulate what this has done for so many people. Over the years quite a few veterans have pulled me aside and spoke in detail about what this weekend has done for you, your partners and your families and how Bruce Rock is a big part of their family."

Following the memorial dedication, the annual Veterans March kicked off followed by a service and memorial window dedication at the Anglican Church. Thank you to the Military Army Band, Navy Cadets, Kelmscott/ Pinjarra 10th Light Horse Troop, and the Military Section of the Veteran & Classic Car Club of WA, for making this a success and your ongoing support.

The community and veterans enjoyed a great night out under the stars listening to the Military Army Swing and Rock Band, proudly supported by Collgar Wind Farm, and a community BBQ.

With the 2021 reunion at a close we begin planning our event for 2022, so please spread the word and save the date - 31st Oct 2022 - 6 November 2022.

BRUCE ROCK LAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Mandy Schilling

The Bruce Rock Land Conservation District Committee is a community led action group, for which the Shire acts in a Secretarial role, which aims to preserve, educate, and learn about best agricultural and environmental practices.

In September, the group embarked on an educational tour of the Great Southern region. Highlights of the trip included:

Bradon Mott's Farm, who spoke on the transition from being a combined sheep/broadacre cropping enterprise to 100% broadacre cropping, and his experiences with CTF, edge row seeding and trace elements.

CBH Albany Port, where the group toured the port which has a storage capacity of 0.5 million tonnes, and a 2,000t/hr maximum out loading capacity. A representative spoke to the group about the changes COVID has had on the grain export industry.

Reece Curwen, the 2015 Nuffield Scholar and current Nuffield WA Chairman. He spoke about his family's mixed enterprise business and their mission to profit per hectare with integrity, with all returns re-invested into farmland and/or improving systems, and their vision of becoming the premier agricultural operation in the Great Southern, differentiated by people and teamwork, sustainability and continual improvement.

Stirling to Coast Farmers Group, who took the group on a tour of their drainage project, which focuses on the return on investment from sub-surface water management options for waterlogged areas in the Western Region.

Nutrien Seed Trials at Jerramungup, which was investigating pre-emergent ryegrass.

The LCDC will be hosting more workshops in 2022, and is looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

