

Newsletter

February 2019

From the CEO

Darren Mollenoyux

Emergency Services Centre Carpark

Following consultation with the Bruce Rock DFES Brigade, Council has undertaken a revamp of the Emergency Services Centre carpark.

The redesign addressed numerous areas of concern. A fenced area was installed to provide space, privacy, and security to brigade members whilst volunteering for our community. A large section of the footpath was replaced due to damage caused by vehicles cutting through the vacant lot, and bollards were installed to stop vehicles using the area as a thoroughfare and damaging the path.

In addition, the road access from the rear has been widened to enable a larger vehicle turning space to enter the back lane without driving over the footpath.

This redesigned area is now more user friendly for volunteers, will reduce damage to footpaths and subsequent continual repair costs, and improved the aesthetics of the area.



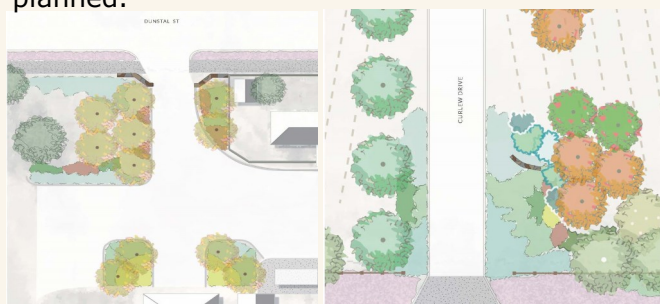
The new fencing at the emergency services centre

Dunstall Street Redevelopment

Council staff are continuing with the implementation of the Dunstall Street Redevelopment that was designed by landscape designers 'EcoScape', and was endorsed by Council in 2017.

The first phase was undertaken in 2018; with new fencing installed along both sides of Dunstall Street from the Recreation Centre to the Riding Grounds, and included the Aquatic Centre Carpark.

Works currently being undertaken include upgrades to entry statements at the Recreation Centre, Caravan Park and Residential Subdivision with landscaping and gardens also planned.



The Dunstall Street landscaping plans

WALGA's YourEveryDay Website

WALGA recently launched its new website www.YourEveryday.com.au to promote the Local Government sector to the community.

The website features video content produced by WALGA featuring Local Government Councillors and staff from across the State talking about their communities.

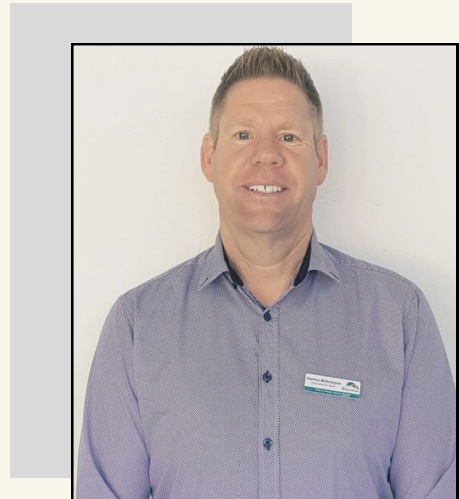
Bruce Rock has three videos on the site with our Shire President Cr Stephen Strange promoting Bruce Rock as a great place to live and "Where Friends Become Family", the CEO Darren Mollenoyux talks about our Aquatic Centre and Jen Bow our Manager of Finance talks about camping at Kwolyin and visiting Kokerbin Rock.

These videos are also available on the bottom of the homepage of the Shires website.

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Local Government Act Review

In August 2018 the Minister for Local Government announced the consultation process for Phase 2 of the Local Government Act 1995 Review, with 11 themes arranged under the 'Smart, Agile, Inclusive' headings.

Smart

- Administrative Efficiencies
- Local Laws
- Council Meetings
- Interventions

Agile

- Beneficial Enterprises
- Financial Management
- Rates

Inclusive

- Community Engagement
- Integrated Planning and Reporting
- Complaints Management
- Elections

To inform the development of a new Local Government Act for Western Australia, WALGA and the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries hosted a series of Local Government Act Review Forums, which were attended by various Councillors and staff.

Council has considered all the information available and had staff prepare a response through the Department's survey questionnaire on the many components of the Act.

The proposed response submission of the Shire of Bruce Rock was presented, endorsed by Council at its February 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting. Submissions on the Act Review are also encouraged from the public. Further details on public submissions can be found at the Department of Local Government's website or via the following link:

<https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/localgovernment/strengthening/Pages/Lg-Act-Review.aspx>

Community Update

Ashleigh Waight, Community Development Officer

Wheatbelt Youth Council

In conjunction with the Local Police, District High School, CRC and Shire, a Wheatbelt Youth Council has been established in Bruce Rock. This is a region wide initiative with Wheatbelt Youth Councils being set up in a large number of Regional Communities.

The group has run a wide variety of different projects in the community. Their first initiative was the Purple Bench Project in September 2018, which raised awareness of Domestic Violence. They have also run a number of other wide ranging fundraising events.

In 2019 the Youth Council have some great initiatives and projects for the community and we encourage everyone to get on board and support them.



The launch of the Purple Bench

ARE YOU A RETURNED
SERVICEMAN OR VETERAN OF
WAR THEN THIS EVENT IS FOR
YOU.....

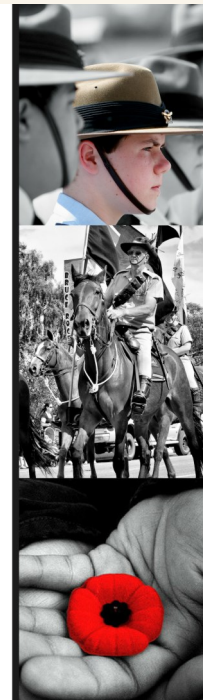
2019 Back to the Bush Veterans Reunion

Bruce Rock, Western Australia

SAVE THE DATE

28th October
til
6th November 2019

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT THE SHIRE OF
BRUCE ROCK ON (08)90611377
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CDO@BRUCEROCK.WA.GOV.AU



Back to the Bush Veterans Reunion

The planning for the 2019 BBVR is well underway.

We have welcomed some new faces to the committee to assist us with better promotion of the event on a wider scale, and also in attracting the younger generation of military veterans to the event.

This year's event will also have a better family focus with entertainment for children throughout the weekend.

The event will run from 28th October 2019 until 6th November 2019.

Works Report

Glenn Casley, Manager of Works & Services

Town Works

Council's town crew are busy undertaking minor footpath repairs around town, improving the carpark and fenced area at the Emergency Services Centre and are now working on completing the entry statements at the Bruce Rock Recreation Centre and Caravan Park.

The gardeners have been busy revitalising the Medical Centre gardens and maintaining the parks and gardens around town.

In addition to this, Council's concrete crew is undertaking some private works around the Shire.

If you have any private works that you require or even just want a quote please contact the Manager of Works & Services, Glenn Casley on 0418 745 217 for a free quote.

Roadworks Update

Council staff are currently reconstructing a section of the Bruce Rock – Narembeen Road. With the initial works complete, staff and contractors are now undertaking a cement stabilisation process to improve the base structure of the road, which will in turn improve the longevity of the surface.

This process will be completed by the end of February 2019 at which point the sealing of the road will commence, with completion of the seal expected by the 8th March 2019.

These works have been funded through State Government road funding and as part of the Main Roads WA Regional Road Group program, which funds roads of regional significance.

Once the above roadworks are completed staff will move onto other projects such as improvements to certain roads or intersections which have been identified and funded through the Black Spot Funding Program.

Council would also like to remind motorists to take caution when travelling through roadworks. Every effort is taken to minimize the impact to traffic flow during roadworks, but please obey the signage and be patient as there are sometimes delays or minor holdups. Council and its staff appreciate your patience and understanding.



Cement stabilising underway on the Bruce Rock Narembeen Road

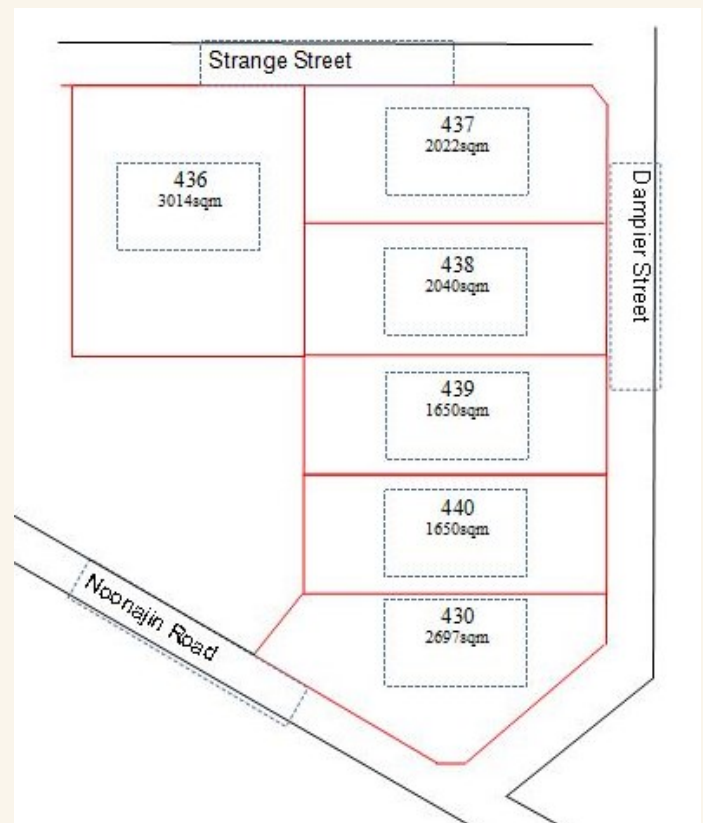
Industrial Sub-division



Industrial Blocks

The industrial blocks on Dampier Street and Strange Street have been cleared and levelled, and power and water have been connected on all blocks.

If you are interested in purchasing a block, or have any queries, contact CEO Darren Mollenoyux at the Shire Office on 90611 377 or ceo@brucerock.wa.gov.au



Restricted Burning Times as Follows:

1st February - 15th March inclusive

30th September to 31st October inclusive

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED DURING THIS TIME

Prohibited Burning Times

1st November to 31st January inclusive

Burning on Sundays and Public Holidays

There will be **no burning within the Shire of Bruce Rock on a Sunday or gazetted Public Holiday** during the restricted burning period.

The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, may also, at their discretion, place a ban on burning on other days if they deem sufficient emergency fire services may not be available within the Shire.

Examples would include;

Easter Saturday- while not a Public Holiday it is common for volunteer services to be away over Easter

When volunteers have been called to assist at a fire ground in another Shire or district, leaving limited local services remaining.

Fire Permits

All Fire Permits are to be issued from the Shire Office and no permits are to exceed 5 days. Permits can be emailed if unable to attend during office hours. Requirements listed on the permit are;

Subject to suitable weather conditions. Please check with Bureau of Meteorology in Perth for Fire Danger Rating or check www.bom.gov.au/wa/forecasts/fire-danger.shtml & go to Forecasts, Bushfire Danger & Forecast for South West Land Division for Jilbadgie or telephone 9842 2616 as cannot burn on "very high", "severe", "extreme" or "catastrophic rated days.

- a. Before setting fire the permit holder shall arrange for and provide, in order to assist in keeping the fire under control and preventing it from spreading beyond the land on which the burning is to take place, at least 3 able-bodied persons who shall be constantly in attendance at the fire from the time it is lit until no burning or smouldering fuel is within 30 metres of the perimeter of the firebreak surrounding the burnt area or, if there is no such firebreak, within 30 metres of the perimeter of the burnt area (r.15B (6)).
- b. Notify all adjoining land owners or occupiers (r.15B (4))
- c. Must be equipped with adequate water supplies for duration of fire
- d. Must have a UHF radio that is operational
- e. Must read and abide by ALL accompanying conditions of permit

The Shire of Bruce Rock reserves the right to cancel any open permits at their discretion. Permit holders will be contacted if this occurs.