



# Council Capers

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SHIRE OF WAGIN

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## A Message from CEO – Len Calneggia

Recent early September rains is a godsend and promises a good finish to what was shaping up to be fairly average season.

The 2012/13 Budget was adopted by Council on 14 August 2012. Council was presented with a balanced Budget incorporating a 5% rate rise, which was a reduction of the 6.8% increase the previous year and reflects the tight fiscal management undertaken by Council and Staff. Council was able to achieve this by utilizing uncommitted surplus (savings) carryover.

The overall expenditure amounted to \$9.9 million, comprising \$5.0m in operating at 4.9 in capital expenditure. An injection of Royalties for Regions funding has enabled this to occur.

Some of the major capital expenditure will involve:

- Swimming Pool Redevelopment – Stage 1 \$460,000
- Swimming Pool Redevelopment – Stage 2 \$480,000
- New 13 tonne truck \$175,000
- New Front End Loader \$170,000
- Admin Vehicle/Small Plant \$240,000
- Townscape \$150,000
- CEO House \$545,000
- Regional Aged Housing \$913,000
- Capital Roadwork's Programme \$1,148,000

Full details of the Budget will be available on Councils website [www.wagin.wa.gov.au](http://www.wagin.wa.gov.au) or at the Shire Office.

## CEO Replacement

I have advised Council that I will not be seeking an extension to my contract and as such will terminate my tenure with Council in April 2013, having enjoyed by then four (4) years as CEO with this Council.

Council intends advertising for a replacement in October 2012.

We trust that Council Capers continues to be a useful source of information and welcome feedback on any of the articles.

## RATES 2012/2013

The 2012/2013 rate notices have now been sent out to all property owners.

To be eligible to claim a 5% discount on your rates or take up one of Councils instalment options your payment must be received by 5.00pm Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

If you have not received your rates notice or for more information on rating and valuations please contact Sue English at the Shire Office on 08 98611 177.

## GRANT COMMISSION HEARING

The WA Local Government Department Grants Commission is holding a public hearing regarding the Shire of Wagin's Federal Assistance Grants. The hearing will take place at 10.30am on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at the Wagin Community Resource Centre. The Federal Assistance Grant Scheme is Council's largest funding source outside of rates and the hearing will give the public an insight into the methodology of our federal grant funds.

## WAGIN GLIDER FLY-IN AND PROMOTIONAL EVENT

Council has given the Narrogin Gliding Club approval to hold a "Fly In" and promotional event at the Wagin Aerodrome on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November. The Club will make use of the new sealed runway and offer local residents the opportunity to experience flying in a glider.

## WAGIN GUN CLUB DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION

Council has resolved to support the Wagin Gun Club's funding application to the Department of Sport and Recreation to build a new international standard trap facility. The cost of the project is \$33,750 with one third to come from the Gun Club, one third from Council and remaining one third in their application to the Department of Sport and Recreation.

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## WAGIN SWIMMING POOL REDEVELOPMENT



*Progress on the redevelopment of the Wagin Memorial Swimming Pool continues to move forward at a satisfactory rate with, as this article is written only completion of the concourse paving and painting of the 50 metre bowl the only other major items left to complete. Commissioning is due to take place following final electrical installation of switch gear. It is indeed unfortunate that the recent appointment of the Swimming Pool Manager did not work out with the incumbent and Council is currently advertising for a replacement.*

### HARVEST CARNIVAL

Please place in your diary the Harvest Carnival for 15<sup>th</sup> December 2012. An all day event with Town Hall markets and Outdoor stalls full of produce and Christmas presents. All day entertainment that will rock into the night culminating at the Wagin District Club.

### DOG REGISTRATION

Dog owners are reminded that registration renewals will be sent out shortly and are due by 31 October 2012. If you own a dog and have not registered your animal please do so by the due date.

### STATE ENDURANCE HORSE RIDE

Last weekend Wagin again hosted a State endurance horse ride thanks to the cooperation of local farmers. Our facilities and challenging courses are becoming well recognised across Australia. There will be a 2013 National 160 kilometre ride which will give competitors a taste of the course for the Wagin 2014 Tom Quilty event which is the pinnacle of endurance competition in the Southern Hemisphere.

### COOKING CLASSES

Come and learn how to make bread, butter and spreads at the upcoming Apricot Tree Cooking Class at the Town Hall Kitchen on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Contact Meredith on 0457877088 or [jenniandmeredith@theapricottree.com.au](mailto:jenniandmeredith@theapricottree.com.au) to register your attendance.

### WAGIN AIRSTRIP

The new Wagin Airstrip will be officially opened by the Hon Tuck Waldron MP on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> October with Joy rides, fly-over's and sausage sizzle. All residents are welcome to come and activities will commence at 10.00am until late afternoon weather permitting.



Department of  
Transport



## KEEP WAGIN LITTER FREE

West Australia has been declared as the most littered State in Australia due to the large amount of illegal dumping. Residents travelling interstate quite often remark on this on their return to Wagin. Parliament has recently passed legislation to increase penalties for offences against the Litter Act. On the Spot fines of up to \$500 for Individuals and \$2000 for Corporations are included. An example of the changes is that the current fine of \$75 for discarding a cigarette butt will rise to \$200. It expected that these changes will come into effect by the end of the Year. **Please Keep Wagin Litter Free.**

## WORKS DEPARTMENT

### CURRENT ROADWORKS

Roadworks currently being undertaken;

- Dongolocking Road shoulder construction and gravel sheeting for 3km's.
- Dwelyerdine Road gravel sheeting for 3.5km's.
- Maintenance grading is currently being carried out in the north/west area of the Shire.

All road users are urged to take caution when travelling on roads in these areas.

### ROADSIDE SPRAYING

Road side spraying on all sealed roads within the Shire will commence early next week, Sucker spraying will also commence in the following weeks.

### TOWN PARKS

During September all lawn area's in town parks will be verti mowed and fertilized ready for summer.

### WAGIN SWIMMING POOL UPGRADE

A general clean up at the Wagin Swimming Pool has been undertaken with top soil and reticulation put in place ready for roll on lawn to be installed by early October.

### DUMPING OF RUBBISH IN NENKE STREET RESERVE

The dumping of tree branches and garden waste in the Nenke Street reserve is an offence under the Litter Act, the Shire Ranger will be patrolling this area and when you are caught infringements will apply. There is no cost to dump tree branches and garden waste at the refuse site so please use this facility.

### STREET TREES

The Works crew are currently undertaking the planting of London Plane trees in the Wagin Historical Village (Kitchener Street) vicinity and planting or replacing in selected residential streets.

## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Nomination forms are available from the Shire Office for the Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year Awards. All clubs, organisations and individuals are invited to nominate people and events for these awards. The closing date for nominations is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012.

### SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR – NOMINATE NOW

All sporting clubs and community members are encouraged to take the time to nominate individuals for the Sportsperson of the Year Award. Council will present two categories, being Sportsperson of the Year and Junior Sportsperson of the Year. These awards will be presented at the Australia Day Breakfast function. Nomination forms are available from the Shire Office or email [shire@wagin.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@wagin.wa.gov.au) . Nominations close on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012.

### FIRE BREAK NOTICE

Fire Break Notices will be distributed in the near future. All Firebreaks and fire hazard reduction measures are to be completed for all areas within the Shire of Wagin by 1<sup>st</sup> November and must be maintained at that standard until 30 April. This date may vary due to seasonal conditions please check the shire website for any variance to date change. Permits are required for all fires lit during that restricted burning times (19 September to 31 October) and must be obtained from your local fire control officer. For more information please contact your local Fire Control Officer.

### REVISED REFUSE SITE OPENING TIMES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7.00am – 12.00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1.00pm – 6.00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11.00am – 6.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am – 6.00pm</b>

As from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2012 **ALL** clean waste cardboard presented to the Wagin Refuse Site is to be separated for recycling. The cardboard collected will be charged at a cost to the user of \$33 per 1.1 cubic metres or part thereof. This fee is charged to recover the recycling cost of the clean waste cardboard.



## HERITAGE WORKSHOP

The Shire hosted an informative Heritage Workshop on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2012 presented by Eddie Marcus our Heritage Consultant. A group of 17 interested Councillors and residents attended. The evening resulted in the identified need for the Shire to adopt a Signage Policy and also prepare a Streetscape Policy for the Town. Once these are complete we will be well positioned to present our town to a standard it deserves and for it to become a place to visit.

## 2012 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

In accordance with Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 notice is hereby given that Council will be holding its ordinary monthly Council Meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month except January where no meeting is planned and December where the meeting will be held on the third Tuesday. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers, 2 Arthur Road Wagin and commence at 7.00pm. All meetings are open to the public. Minutes of the meetings are available at the Council Administration Office in Wagin, or by visiting our website [www.wagin.wa.gov.au](http://www.wagin.wa.gov.au). Residents please note all correspondence that is requested to be tabled at an Ordinary Council Meeting **must** be received by no later than the close of business on the third Tuesday of each month.

## SENIOR STAFF / EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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## RECOMMENDED READING

### Fiction Large print

- Sara Green – *Riding Lessons*  
A poignant and unforgettable novel of loss and love and renewal in the powerful tradition of the Horse Whisper.
- No Child of Mine – Susan Lewis –  
What if you knew a secret that could tear a family apart.
- Hunt the Wolf – Don Mann  
writes like a soldier talks. straight to the point and he packs a mean punch.

### Non Fiction

- Stolen Time – Sunny Jacobs  
An extraordinary and inspirational true story of an innocent woman condemned to death.

The Library also stock children's CD ROMs which are interactive, educational learning and many DVD's for both adults and children. Talking books (CD's) ideal for long trips. There is a wide range of books both fiction and non-fiction for days when you just want to sit and read.

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on Facebook!

### Library Hours

Monday – 2:00pm – 5:00pm  
Tuesday – 2:00pm – 5:00pm  
Wednesday – 2:00pm – 5:00pm  
Thursday – 10am – 12 noon & 2:00pm – 5:00pm  
Friday – 2:00pm – 5:00pm  
Saturday - 10am – 12 noon