

# Shire CONNECT



## Strategic Community Plan & Corporate Business Plan Update

story originally posted: 7 Jul 2021

Council adopted its new Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business plan at the June Council meeting. Over the next 2 weeks we will be finalizing the online and hardcopy production of these documents, as well as a community event to share the outcome of the process and the ongoing engagement that will be occurring for these important plans.

Council decided, based on community feedback last year that the seeking of community input and feedback on the strategic community plan shouldn't be limited to twice every 4 years as part of formal review processes. Instead community feedback will be sought wherever possible and interested persons should be able to provide feedback at any time.

We will receive and collate the feedback regularly for informal review by Councillors quarterly and for formal

consideration at the next review.

This approach is in line with Council's recently adopted Communications & Engagement Strategy which states that communication with our community is more than just providing information. It is actively engaging with our residents and ratepayers regularly and transparently to work collaboratively to ensure the brightest possible future for our community.

Now the formatting and production of the documents is complete they can be viewed on the Shire website and with a simple click members of the public will be able to submit feedback and comments to the Shire. This feedback will be retained for reference at the next review which is always less than 2 years away. The new plans will be uploaded at the Shire's Strategic Planning Website Page (which is where we will also create the one click feedback portal).

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[www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au](http://www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au)



## Laws for Responsible Dog Owners

story originally posted: 23 Jul 2021

The State Government Laws for Responsible Dog Owners are an interesting read, especially for those of us who have had dogs for a long time and think we are familiar with all the laws!

Sure, we all know we have a legal responsibility to keep our dogs under control either within a fenced area on our property or on a leash in public (unless in a designated dog exercise public area). But did you know you are responsible for ensuring your dog is not creating a public nuisance by barking excessively (penalty can range from \$200 to \$5,000!). Failure

to register your dog as well as the wearing of dog registration tags have a \$200 penalty and of course dog attacks, which are always a serious matter and cause for concern, can incur fines ranging from \$3,000 - \$20,000 (and even the possibility of imprisonment). So let's not be complacent in our responsibilities as dog owners!

A copy of the brochure can be found here: [https://www.cgq.wa.gov.au/Profiles/cgq/Assets/ClientData/Laws\\_for\\_Responsible\\_Dog\\_Owners\\_brochure\\_forWeb\\_v2\\_0.pdf](https://www.cgq.wa.gov.au/Profiles/cgq/Assets/ClientData/Laws_for_Responsible_Dog_Owners_brochure_forWeb_v2_0.pdf)

## Red Tape Reduction

story originally posted: 8 Jul 2021

When we consulted with the community last September, October and November to develop our new Strategic Community Plan this was an issue that many of you identified as wanting to see us improve in. So we recently conducted a review of red tape across the organisation. This isn't something we will do once, it will be an ongoing practice. In the review we focused on our development services area (planning, building, and health). We identified the need to refine and reduce our town planning policies in order to reduce the complexity and detail required. We are also investigating an amendment to our town planning schemes to exempt more types of development from having to obtain approval and avoid the need to go through separate planning and building approval processes.

It is important to remember that the State Government, through the Auditor General, is equally keen for local governments to operate with policies and procedures to guide appropriate actions. This is because policies and procedures are critical for effective operation. They provide guidance to officers to ensure they are doing their jobs in alignment with Council intentions and relevant legislative requirements. The challenge we are facing now, in our industry and our community, is getting the balance right so that we comply with the Auditor General requirements but have flexibility and responsiveness as we go about providing our services to the community. We will continue to keep you posted on our progress and developments with regard to 'red tape reduction'.

Excessively Complicated Administrative Procedure



## August Council Meeting

story originally posted: 1 Sep 2021

Council meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month. A range of issues were addressed by Council at the August meeting including:

- Review of speed limit on sections of Turner and Kangaroo Gully Road
- Extension of lease agreement 150 Hampton Street Bridgetown (Bridgetown Community Resource Centre)
- Talison Lithium Mine Camp

• School Kiss and Drop Areas

You can refer to the August Council Meeting Minutes for more information on these items through our Council > Council Meetings section on our website.

Of note, there will be a Special Council Meeting to explore the Talison Lithium Mine Camp issue further on Thursday 9th September at 5.30pm.

## Local Government Elections

story originally posted: 30 Jul 2021

Government elections are held every 2 years and the next election date is 16 October 2021. Council members play an important community leadership role and being on Council is one way you can ensure community perspectives are heard and considered in local decision making. Nominations for the elections open 2 September 2021 and close on 9 September 2021. Anyone interested in nominating for the election must complete a local government online induction. The induction will give you a basic understanding of what is required from a council member and covers key topics such as:

- ♦ About government in Australia
- ♦ Local government in WA
- ♦ Local government decision making
- ♦ The role of council members
- ♦ Community, council members and local government employees
- ♦ Types of decisions by council members
- ♦ Qualities and skills of effective council members
- ♦ Code of Conduct
- ♦ Gifts and conflicts of interest
- ♦ Local elections
- ♦ Election campaigns

## Meals on Wheels in Greenbushes

story originally posted: 12 Jul 2021



Community Home Care (CHC) are looking to expand their Meals on Wheels service in Greenbushes. Currently, Meals on Wheels is available for Bridgetown residents each week day and the initial plan is to provide a service, one or two days per week (depending on demand).

Meals on Wheels is a service provided by volunteers in our community. Please contact Amanda at the CHC Office on 9761 1855 to register your interest or to confirm eligibility for Meals on Wheels.



# Funding For Bridgetown Tennis Club Change Room Redevelopment

story originally posted: 28 Jul 2021

We are excited to share that we received \$28,316 to assist with the redevelopment of the Bridgetown Tennis Club Change Rooms through the Community Sport & Recreation Facilities Fund. This funding is provided by the WA Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries.

The original tennis club building

including the change rooms was built in 1930, with an extension (now club room and bar) being built in 1993. The facilities have been well maintained over the years and are very similar in materials and presentation to the original 1930's build and fit-out. The change rooms are consequently dated and no longer in good working order. The last

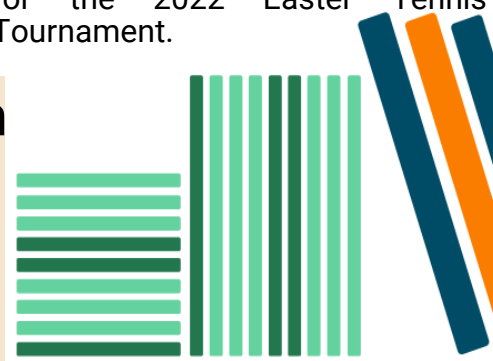
substantial works undertaken on either of the change rooms was around the 1950's when repair works were completed on the floor in the male toilets. The total project value is \$92,670 and the Shire will fund the balance of \$64,354. The works will be scheduled for completion in time for the 2022 Easter Tennis Tournament.

## Funding for Library Technology Program

story originally posted: 26 Aug 2021

We recently received \$5,000 from the State Library's Digital Inclusion Grant. This funding is for the purchase of 15 iPads and additional items including survivor cases, charge and sync cabinet, folio cases and keyboards as part of a program to reduce the barriers that exist around digital access and inclusion. This program will be delivered in the Bridgetown Library. Our Library staff will also receive

relevant training as part of this grant funding to provide on-training to members of the community who are not familiar with iPad use and technology. This program is aimed at building community capacity to use online technologies and services through community support, training and technical access. For more information please contact the Bridgetown Library on 9761 2503.



## Getting the Show Back on the Road Support for Ticketed Events

story originally posted: 25 Aug 2021

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries has a new funding opportunity to support the planning of live events in WA during a COVID-19 impacted period.

Ticketed and planned events such as music festivals, sporting activities, live music gigs and agricultural shows are supported through this program. Successful applicants could receive financial assistance for 75% of projected total gross ticket sales (capped at \$150,000) if the event is impacted by a COVID-19 lockdown. Applications close 17 February 2022.

If your group requires grant writing assistance, please contact Jo Moore, Manager at the Bridgetown Family & Community Centre.

## Southern Forest Arts Hub

story originally posted: 19 Jul 2021

On 7 July 2021, Southern Forest Arts (SFA) was announced as one of two new hubs for the expanding Regional Arts Network initiated by Regional Arts WA and supported by the Minderoo Foundation and the Ian Potter Foundation.

SFA is the hub for the Southern Forests and Valleys region encompassing the Shires of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Boyup Brook, Nannup and Manjimup.

The other new hub is based in Moora. There are existing hubs in Broome, Port Hedland/Karratha, the MidWest, Denmark, Margaret River and Ravensthorpe.

The hub creates an opportunity to work more strategically and collaboratively between the many diverse communities in the region, plus connect into a state wide network. The hubs funding provides for a paid coordinator for two days a week for one year. The SFA Hub Coordinator is Fiona Sinclair. Fiona has been the Artistic Director/General Manager of Southern Forest Arts for the past sixteen years. The position title has varied on occasion (including Project Coordinator, Secretary and slave) but the level of passion and commitment has been constant.





Where is Echidna going  
in his **RICKETY**  
old bus with a bag of  
**marshmallows?**

He's off to find his  
**AUSSIE** friends,  
Galah playing **guitar**  
and **Emu** cooking up a brew,  
to name a few!

**Thursday 30 September 2021**

## Children's Workshop & Book Launch

2:30 - 3:30pm

Children, Years 1-4

Meeting Room & Exhibition Space

5pm

All Welcome

Main Library Space

Children will laugh from the fun storytelling and hilarious illustrations.

"Where Ya Goin'?" a celebration of togetherness and friendship.

Written by **STEVE HERON** & illustrated by **Matty Mitchell**

To register for the free workshop, contact the Library  
To register for the free book launch, visit EventBrite



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# What's On

## BRIDGETOWN LEISURE CENTRE

Indoor Soccer (Teens)

Fridays

6pm to 7:15pm

Social Mixed Volleyball

Wednesdays

6pm to 9pm

## BRIDGETOWN FITNESS CENTRE

Fit4Life

Mondays & Fridays

10:30am to 11:30am

Fit4Life Circuit

Tuesdays & Fridays

10:30am to 11:30am

Fit4Life TeenFit

Tuesdays & Fridays

4pm to 4:45pm

## BRIDGETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Canasta (Bolivia) Card Players

Mondays

noon to 5pm

Tuesday Chats

Tuesdays

11am to 1pm

Games with Kaye

Tuesdays

3:15pm to 5pm

Rhyme Time

Wednesdays

10:15am - 11am

Friendship Club (Contact Enable for places)

Thursdays

10am to 2pm

Bridgetown & Manjimup Stamp & Coin Club

1st Thursday of every month

4:30pm to 7pm

Jigsaw Club

Thursdays

5pm to 7pm

Bridgetown Critique

Fridays

10am to noon

Pen & Publish

Fridays (fortnightly)

10am to 11:30am

Mah-jong

Fridays

1pm to 4pm

Games Club (Dungeons & Dragons)

Saturdays

9am to noon

## Community Citizen of the Year Awards



If you know someone, or a group,  
doing great things in our community,  
nominate them for a 2022 Australia Day Award.

There are four categories open:

- ▶ Citizen of the Year
- ▶ Youth Citizen of the Year
- ▶ Senior Citizen of the Year
- ▶ Active Citizenship (Group or Event)

Nominations close 31 October 2021 | [citizenshipawards.com.au](http://citizenshipawards.com.au)  
Local Government Recognising Community Champions

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Contact the Library for book club availabilities.