

Shire CONNECT

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www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au

Election Results

published 18 Oct 2021

With the recent local government election we have said goodbye to long standing Councillors Alan Wilson (13 years), Jo Moore (8.5 years) and John Nicholas (8.5 years) who all chose to retire from local government politics at the end of their existing terms.

Councillors Julia Boyle and John Bookless terms also expired at this election and both chose to

renominate and were successful in their election campaign. They, along with the other successful candidates Tracy Lansdell, Sean Mahoney, and Amanda Rose were sworn in to office just prior to a Special Council Meeting on the 18th of October. The purpose of this meeting was for the newly formed Council to elect their Shire President, John Bookless, and Deputy President, Sean Mahoney.



**Deputy President
Sean Mahoney**



Cr Tracy Lansdell



Cr Amanda Rose

Spring Ranger Reminders

published 1 Oct 2021

As flowers bloom and baby lambs frolic in green pastures, here are some friendly reminders from our Ranger! During this time of year, more people are out and about with their dogs, which oftentimes leads to increased dog attacks if we are not all being mindful of keeping our dogs on leads (unless in a designated dog exercise area). You can view the dog exercise areas on our website, <https://www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au/services/ranger-services.aspx>.

We have published past articles regarding responsible dog ownership and encourage you to please be considerate of the needs of other dogs and dog owners when

out and about! If you are in a public place that is not a dog exercise area your dog must be on a leash. Did you know a dog attack is considered such, even if a dog only chases another dog or human?

Additionally, when we start opening our windows to enjoy the spring breeze, we become more aware of barking dogs. Incessant barking is in violation of the *Dog Act 1976* and something we have regular complaints about!

We hope that this article is a quick reminder to keeping your dog happy, healthy and safe. Enjoy the sunshine!

Council Meeting Outcomes October

published 15 Nov 2021

Council meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month. November's meeting was the first ordinary council meeting since the recent local government elections.

A range of issues were addressed by Council at the October meeting including:

- Establishment of Council's Advisory Committee's and Delegates to External Committees
- Solar Power Replacements at Catterick and Maranup Bush Fire Stations
- Introduction of a new temporary bus fee and service

for travelling to skate parks outside of the Shire while the work is being done on the Bridgetown Youth Precinct

- Waiver of Stallholder Fees for Proposed Farmers Markets
- Suspension of Enforcement of Section 2 of 2021/2022 Firebreak & Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice (for an initial period of 2 weeks).

You can read the meeting agenda (with relevant attachments to officer reports) and formal minutes (outcomes) of the meeting on our website.

Singin' in the Shower (Being Waterwise!)

published 11 Oct 2021

Switching to a water efficient showerheads can save you up to 20,000 litres of water each year! We still have stock from the Waterwise Showerhead Swap Program, and a 4-minute shower hourglass to remind you when it's time to hop out! Waterwise even has a Spotify playlist with 4-minute songs. What a treat to conserve water while grooving to your favourite tunes!

Last year in Bridgetown we had 42 showerheads swapped which provided a combined annual water saving of 580,000 litres.

Here's a quick test to check your

showerhead efficiency:

- Place a 10 litre bucket under the showerhead and have the timer ready
- Start the timer as you turn the cold tap on full for 30 seconds
- Stop the timer and turn off the tap
- If your bucket is around half full you have a water efficient showerhead. If it's much more than half full you may have an old high flow showerhead.
- Empty the bucket onto your garden!

Free Screening Mammogram now in Bridgetown

published 1 Nov 2021

BreastScreen WA's FREE screening their lifetime. Screening mammogram service is in Bridgetown from 1 November to 10 December 2021 at the Town Square Car Park. breast cancers and takes only 15 – 20 minutes.

Breast cancer is the most common life threatening cancer for women with 1 in 7 women in Australia expected to develop breast cancer in All women 40 years and over are eligible for this free service. To make an appointment call 13 20 50 or book online.

SES Now Recruiting for Volunteers!

published 26 Oct 2021

State Emergency Services (SES) conduct a series of critically important response roles for our community, such as: land search teams, fire ground support, vertical rescue and flood. This essential service is now recruiting for volunteers.

If you wish to strengthen your community, achieve a sense of purpose with ongoing training and support, and form new friendships now is the time! If a natural hazard emergency were to affect Bridgetown, like a gusty storm, a 100-year flood or even an earthquake, you could help your community pull through the tough times.

It takes only a couple of minutes to register an expression of interest or you can learn more by contacting Bridgetown Unit Manager Richard Bothe by phone 0429 611 879 or by email, ses@bridgetown.wa.gov.au

Volunteers are highly valued with insurance to cover injury, support equipment, training and access to mental health support services.



Bushfire Mitigation Funding

published 5 Oct 2021

We have been successful in securing \$188,935 through the Mitigation Activity Fund Grants program to carry extra bush fire mitigation activities through the Shire. Activities include mechanical treatments to reduce fuel levels, creation of firebreaks and planned burns.

Before each bushfire season, the Bushfire Mitigation Coordinator identifies areas suitable for treatment using historical data and through observations. Prior to a prescribed burn our bush fire mitigation team check that tracks are clear, prepare the area by raking around old trees and then undertake a cold burn followed by mop-up.

The activities we will undertake are:

- 15 prescribed burns
- 16 mechanical treatments
- 1 track development
- 1 chemical treatment

You can check out the planned 2021/2022 mitigation works on our website.



Bridgetown Youth Precinct Project

published 12 Oct 2021

Works for the new Youth Precinct have started! The successful tenderer is Environmental Industries. We have had some challenges with most of our large development projects due to COVID-19 which has seen a national increase in construction across the country (and an average of a 30% price increase for civil works

on original estimations!)

From Monday 18 October through to mid-January the current Skate Park will be closed. We are currently looking at options to provide a transport service to the skate parks in Boyup Brook, Manjimup and Nannup on a regular basis. Because of the cost escalations this project will be delivered in two separate stages.

The first stage will include:

- Renewal of the existing skate park
- Adding a new skate bowl
- Adding a new pump track
- Realigning a footpath
- Landscaping improvements
- Adding new basketball surface and tower
- Connecting WIFI

The second stage will provide:

- New ablution facility
- Parkour Elements
- Water refill station

We are currently working with Blackwood Youth Action regarding hosting a skate comp to officially launch stage one when finished.

Revitalising the Admin Building Exterior

published 14 Oct 2021

Yes, we know it is has been a long time coming but we are delighted to advise that the historic Shire Administration Building is getting a face lift. The exterior painting will be the first 'touch up' in 30 years.

The building was formally the site of the former Mechanics Institute (1879), former Bridgetown State School (1870-1914) and the Shire Library! The architecture is considered to be Inter-War design, which combines Contemporary and Art Deco style.

Weather might impact our timeline, however we are hoping works will start the week of 18 October and

then finish mid-November. During this time we may have scaffolding in place and minor (temporary) changes to the access of the Shire Administration building. Footpaths around the building may also be (temporarily) closed at different times. Signage will be in place to ensure you know how to navigate around the building and find your way inside if you need to access our services during the works.

If you are interested in learning more about our history please visit our heritage webpage where you will discover over 500 pages of information is available for your reading pleasure.

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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

Contact the Library for more information
on (08) 9761 2503 or library@bridgetown.wa.gov.au



Our Corporate Business Plan & Strategic Community Plan

Contact the Shire's Community Services team to be sent a copy of the Corporate Business Plan or visit our website to read the online version of the CBP and the Strategic Community Plan. Scan the QR code to be taken directly to the Shire's Strategic Planning webpage with links to these documents & a feedback portal.