

Shire CONNECT



Thank You to Our 2021 Trainees!

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We are always sad when the time comes to say goodbye, as the year draws to a close we are farewelling our two dynamite trainees, Kahlia Davidson and Sage Fiorenza who joined us earlier in the year.

Both Kahlia and Sage have brought a sense of lightness and enthusiasm to our Admin Building and Leisure Centre. We know that with their positive attitude as well as the experience they have each gained from their traineeship they will excel in their future endeavours.

Kahlia, our Customer Service and Admin Trainee, handled a diverse range of responsibilities including: Department of Transport licensing enquiries, incoming mail distribution, banking, facility hires, and updating noticeboards. During her time at the Shire, she has also received her Certificate III in Business and upskilled in records management. She has certainly left a positive impact on our customers. We have seen her grow into a confident and extremely capable employee who has become a valued team member. When asked the benefits of the Shire's traineeship, Kahlia said it is an amazing opportunity to learn a diverse range of customer

service skills, better understand the inner workings of Local Government and interact with Bridgetown and Greenbushes residents.

Sage, our Recreation and Culture Trainee, exhibited immense adaptability as he assisted multiple facilities including the Leisure Centre and Library. During his time with us he completed a Certificate III in Business and Administration and received his qualification in pool operations, which has led to ongoing employment with us at the Aquatics Complex. Over the 12 months in the role, Sage has assisted to develop budgets for programs, created a database for the Brierley Jigsaw Gallery by cataloguing over 300 items and always had a fresh perspective to offer. Sage says he has had some great mentors during his traineeship, including Renae from the Library, and Sonja and Aaron from the Leisure Centre who have helped him develop his workplace skills.

If working with us sounds interesting and you are keen to kick start your professional career we are currently seeking youth applications for both our Community Services and Customer Services Traineeships. Visit our website for more information.

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www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au

Have You Met Miss Rosie?

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Miss Rosie has been in town a few years now, you might have seen her out and about. She is none other than our community bus! Aptly named after her make and model, a Mitsubishi Fuso Rosa, Miss Rosie holds 19 passengers (excluding the driver) and 15 passengers (excluding the driver) when using wheelchair accessibility.

Residents and community groups alike are welcome to hire the bus. To drive

Miss Rosie, you must have your Medium Rigid (MR) License. If you wish to charge the passengers a fee, you must also have your Passengers Transport Driver (PTD).

As an example, the Bridgetown and Greenbushes CWA recently took the bus for an outing to their annual luncheon, this time in Yallingup. Do you have somewhere you would like to adventure? Reserve the bus by contacting Shire on 9761 0800.

A Quick Chat with Sue, Skate Park Bus Run Driver

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While our Youth Precinct is under construction, it didn't seem fair to leave the young people in our community without somewhere to hang out, and so the Skate Park Bus Run was suggested (thanks BYA). Every two weeks Sue, a former primary school bus driver, will be transporting our young people to nearby skate parks.

We were lucky to catch up with her to see how the bus service has been going so far. On the first two trips, she bussed 10-11 kids to Donnybrook and Manjimup.

"The kids have been very respectful

and grateful and I've had a really great experience driving them. It's wonderful that the Shire is putting together this service for them and they are looking forward to the new precinct!" Sue said.

If your land grommets are rearing to go for a skate, meet at the Bridgetown Town Square Carpark or the Greenbushes Roadhouse. (Keep a lookout on Facebook for pick up times). As a reminder please make sure they have a water bottle, snacks (or enough money to purchase), helmets, sunscreen, etc. Any changes to scheduling will be

announced the week leading up to the bus run.

Importantly, this service is transportation only – these are not supervised youth activities! The fee for the service is only \$2 per day.

The last two bus runs scheduled are Saturday 15 January 2022 (heading to Donnybrook) and Saturday 29 January 2022 (heading to Margaret River).

Need Help with Your New Year's Resolution?

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Oftentimes, a New Year feels both empowering and incredibly overwhelming – particularly when it comes to navigating the Health and Wellness space. If you are keen to improve your overall health you might like to start with a review of our "Be Well with Us" series of articles and interviews.

We are also here to support you increase your physical activity and exercise. We have some resources to help you get there including:

- 24/7 Gym Memberships
- Gym & Pool Memberships
- Pool Memberships (family & individual)
- Gym Appraisals
- Personal Training
- **Fit 4 Life Aquafit**
Tuesday 9:30-10:15am,
Thursday 5:15-6:00pm,
Saturday 10:00-10:45am
- **Fit 4 Life Circuit**
Tuesday 10:30-11:30am,
Thursday 10:30-11:30am
- **Fit 4 Life**
Monday 10:30-11:30am,
Friday 10:30-11:30am
- **Fit 4 Life Teenfit**
Tuesday 4:00-4:45pm,
Thursday 4:00-4:45pm

To find about more, please call the Leisure Centre on 9761 2966. Centre staff will be happy to give you a tour of the facilities and more detail on our services.

What is a Total Fire Ban?

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As it continues to get hot, hot, hot, it's important to know what your responsibilities are during a Total Fire Ban. The Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES) declare a Total Fire Ban on days when a fire is most likely to spread quickly (due to extreme fire weather) OR if there are already widespread fires and they don't have the resources to fight any new fires.

On Total Fire Ban days the lighting of open air fires or any other activity in the open area that is likely to cause a fire is banned.

Total Fire Bans affect everyone. You will be fined if you ignore or breach a Total Fire Ban (\$1,000 on the spot fine and if it is a serious breach you could get up to \$25,000 fine and/or be jailed for 12 months). Don't put people's lives and properties in danger.

Most importantly, it's critical that you have a Bushfire Safety Plan. To learn more about what you can and can't do on a Total Fire Ban day. Visit the DFES website which also has a helpful tool to help build your own Bushfire Safety Plan.

Our Year in Review

published 20 Dec 2021

What a year it's been! We've had record numbers of new residents moving to our Shire and as we continue to seek to deliver a range of services – we thought we would share a short overview of some of what's gone on!

This image is just a snapshot of how we keep the Shire running every day. We appreciate your patience, your support and most importantly, your customer service requests. When we are so busy, we can occasionally miss things, so we are

grateful for your notifications. If you are not familiar with a customer service requests, they are official requests for assistance which you can lodge through our website.

Our Year in Review snapshot can be found on the back of this edition of Shire Connect.



December Council Meeting Outcomes

published 23 Dec 2021

Council meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month except for December which is generally the third Thursday of the month, depending on when Christmas Eve and the holidays fall. The December Council meeting is always held in Greenbushes and Councillors enjoy the opportunity to receive questions from Greenbushes residents and enjoy finger food and beverages after the meeting.

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

- Pausing progress on the current position of Council regarding outsourcing visitor information service delivery to the Bridgetown Community Resource Centre pending two workshops in March 2022. One will be with community groups (including the Bridgetown CRC and Bridgetown & Greenbushes Business & Tourism Association) and one will be a Councillor workshop.
- Acceptance of the 2020/2021 Annual Report (including the annual financial report) and confirming the date of the Annual General Meeting of Electors on

Thursday 3 February 2022 in Council Chambers at 5:30pm.

- Setting of the ordinary meetings of Council dates for the 2022 calendar year.
- Adoption of the draft Plantation Applications Town Planning Scheme Policy TP.1 to proceed to public consultation (and future reporting back to Council after the consultation).
- Approval of \$5,000 sponsorship to assist Blackwood Youth Action's annual skate competition.
- Acceptance of \$5,000 grant funding to purchase iPads and deliver a 'digital inclusion' initiative at the Library.
- Acceptance of a tender from BRC Building Solutions Pty Ltd for the Bridgetown Railway Station Conservation & Renewal Project and undertake negotiations with the tenderer regarding identified aspects of the project.

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

Stay in the Loop: Foreshore Park

published 10 Dec 2021

As you know, we had quite the tumultuous winter here in Bridgetown. This put our existing, proposed and new trails for this project under duress. To mitigate future damage to these flood-prone areas, we consulted further with civil engineers who made recommendations to help us protect our trails.

We will be adopting these recommendations as we forge ahead with the Foreshore Park Redevelopment Project.

Some of the project elements that you may have already noticed are the new picnic shelter, interpretative signage, updated canoe landing and a boardwalk on the rectory trail. We expect to have this project completed in early 2022 and will continue to keep you updated.



Stay in the Loop: Greenbushes Youth Precinct Consultation

published 8 Dec 2021

Wheels are turnin' for the Greenbushes Youth Precinct! We hosted two community consultation sessions – one at the Greenbushes Primary School and the second at Thompson Park on 26 November. The outcomes will inform Council's decisions regarding the redevelopment of the existing skate park/ramp. We delivered the Thompson Park consultation session in partnership with Grow Greenbushes who provided a sausage sizzle sponsored by IGA and had over 40 people attend.

Community members engaged with Tim and Mat from Skate Sculpture, the consultants we worked with in designing the Bridgetown Youth Precinct. They guided the participants to share their vision and draw their own designs to have their ideas incorporated into the development of

concept plans.

A summary of the outcomes of this consultation process and 'where to from here' were presented by Megan Richards, Community Development Officer, at the December Council Meeting in Greenbushes.



Bridgetown-Greenbushes
Summer Outdoor
FILM FESTIVAL

— Wednesday 12 January —
RAYA AND THE LAST DRAGON
Memorial Park, Bridgetown



Times ARRIVE FOR 7:30PM
THE FILM WILL START AT 8:00PM
BYO PICNIC BLANKET, PILLOWS,
BLANKETS & SNACKS

Tickets
ADULT \$6.50
CHILD* \$3.50
FAMILY PASS** \$13.00
*UNDER 16 **2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN*

IN THE CASE OF INCLEMENT
WEATHER THIS FILM WILL NOT BE
SCREENED

DONNYBROOK

Bridgetown
Town Square Carpark
pick up: 9:30am
return: 4:30pm

Greenbushes
Greenbushes Roadhouse
pick up: 10am
return: 4:10pm

\$2 daily bus fare - scooters &
skateboards welcome -
limited space for bmx
anyone 10 years and under
must be accompanied by
someone 16 years or older

SATURDAY
15 JANUARY 2022

SKATE PARK BUS RUN

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MARGARET RIVER

Greenbushes
Greenbushes Roadhouse
pick up: 9:30am
return: 4:30pm

Bridgetown
Town Square Carpark
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2021 OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

Home sweet home
216

Building approvals granted
(52% increase from 2019)

60

hectare of bushfire mitigation
through prescribed burns and
mechanically treated areas.
*In consultation with our Local First
Nation Elders and Landcare Coordinator*

Responded to **22**

22,000 books
checked out at the library

1100+

community members staying well
with a Leisure Centre and/or
Aquatics Complex Membership

150+

maintenance callouts for
our community venues

1200 km of road graded

(That's the equivalent of driving to and from Esperance!)

Read all about it!

More than **200**
news articles published
about: Shire updates,
grant opportunities, and
community consultation

212 dogs registered
(30% increase from 2019)



THE Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes INVITES EVERYONE TO

Australia Day Breakfast

26 January 2022

BRIDGETOWN Aquatic Centre

Free Breakfast FROM 7:30AM

FREE Pool Entry UNTIL 10:00AM

AUSTRALIAN Citizenship Ceremonies &
Community Citizen of the Year AWARDS