



From the CEO

May Community Update

G'day all,

What a fantastic weekend with the Gift! It was great to see the community coming together over a range of events and activities despite the less than ideal weather on Sunday.

On Friday we had a packed schedule, starting with the basketball competition running all day at the outdoor courts. It was a great turnout with fierce competition. Rene and his team do a fantastic job and we want to cement this as a marquee event going forward. Well done to all the competitors.

This year the Leonora Inland Art Prize Inc joined with the Shire to present the Leonora Golden Gift Art Prize at the JG Epis Centre. The exhibition launched with an opening night on Friday including hors d'oeuvres, a courtyard bar, and the announcement of the winners.

We have some amazing artists in our community, my congratulations to all entrants and well done to everyone involved in organising the event. We will continue to work with the Leonora Inland Art Prize Committee with a view to making this an annual event. For information on winners and a walk through of the exhibition, take a look at the [Inland Art Prize Facebook page](#).

Friday night was capped off with the annual Golden Gift Auction held at the White House Hotel, hosted by Terry Demasson. It's always a great event with plenty of laughs, and this year over \$15,000 was raised. These funds go back into the Gift budget to help keep the Gift going strong.

On Saturday Hoover House hosted a community brunch. With an array of food on offer for only a gold coin donation, including pancakes, chicken wings, bacon, and pavlova, it proved very popular!

I'm reliably informed that the Leonora Golden Gift Bowling Competition is one of the premier events on the WA Lawn Bowls calendar, with a wait list of teams wanting to compete. The standards set by the teams was high, though the (un)luck of the draw saw the three Leonora teams playing in the same section and against each other. Despite some Sunday games in the rain, a great time was had by all and a fantastic job by Gonzo and the team.

The runners, of course, were also a feature, with the finals in particular great to watch. Listening to the runners' introductions was a reminder of the high calibre competitors attracted to this event each year. The work boot sprint saw some great competition, and we had a good number of locals participating across the weekend's running events. Unfortunately, the Criterium had to be cancelled due to the weather, but we still welcomed all the cyclists to town after the long and wet trip from Menzies.



Other community events such as the markets, kids' zone, food vans, fireworks, and some brilliant live entertainment and music all added to a great event. Thank you to everyone involved in making the weekend what it was.

Summary of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 21st May 2024

Our last Council meeting was held on the 21st of May. At this meeting the latest Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) was adopted by Council, a document that the Shire is required to have. The purpose is to undertake an assessment of all local facilities and where possible ensure facilities are accessible to everyone, including those living with a disability. An example of actions taken are the building of a ramp to the Recreation Centre.

Council also passed a budget amendment to repair the eastern end of the sealed runway at the airport. The Shire took advantage of contractors that were in the area which saved significantly on costs. Other items for the relatively short meeting were the monthly financial statements; as always, minutes from the meeting can be found on the Shire's [website](#).

General updates

Free to air TV

The replacement equipment for our free to air TV services was replaced on the 14th of May, and all channels were restored. SBS will soon be altering their transmission services, and we have ensured that the new equipment is set up to accommodate this change and avoid any service interruption.

Report an Issue

Also on the Shire's website is a new link to report issues. All matters raised will be treated confidentially, however, there is a requirement to leave your contact details. The link can be found [here](#).

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to either one of our Councillors or me.

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Document links:

Council meeting documents

www.leonora.wa.gov.au/council-meetings

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